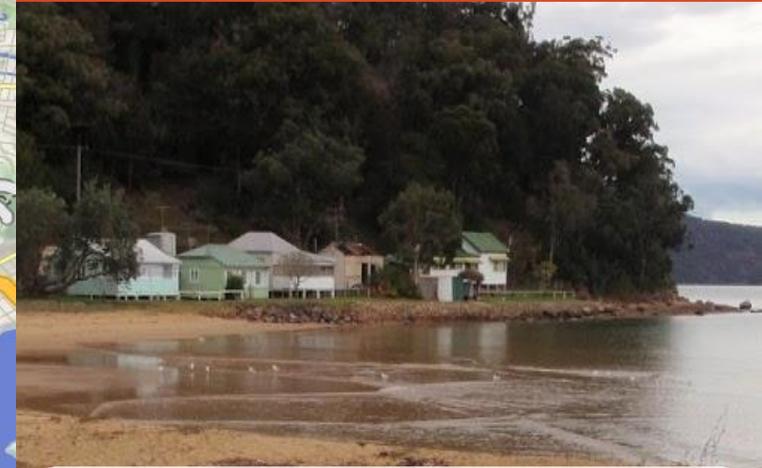
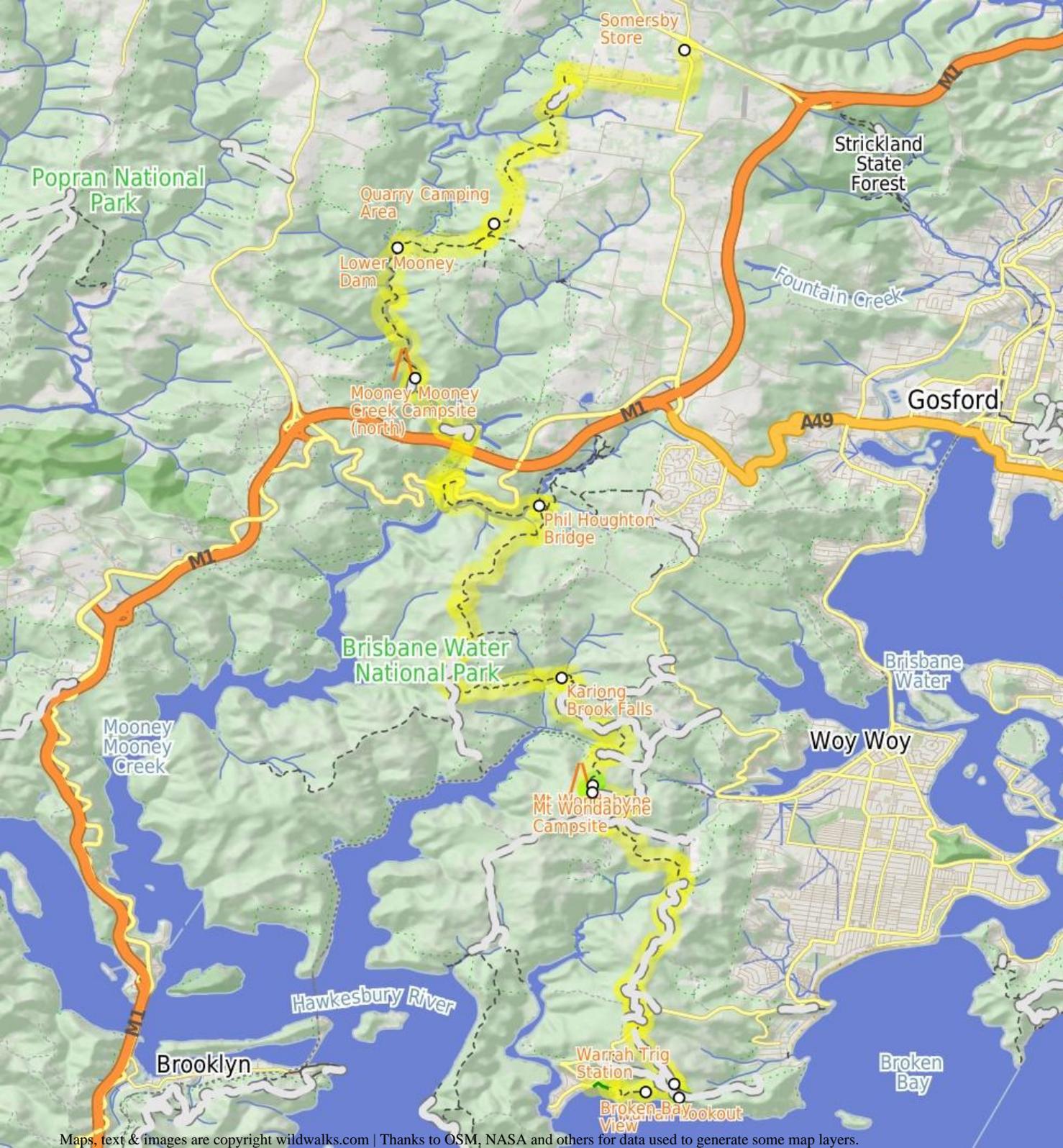


## Patonga to Somersby



**3 Days**

**Hard track**

**41.5 km One way**

**1811m**

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This three day walk follows the Great North Walk from Patonga, through Brisbane Waters National Park, to the Somersby General Store. The two campsites can be found near the summit of Mt Wondabyne, and along the banks of the Mooney Mooney Creek. Water is available from Kariong Brook and often from tributaries feeding into the Mooney Mooney Creek, and should be treated before drinking.

298m

Brisbane Water National Park

## Broken Bay View

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## Warrah Lookout

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## Mt Wondabyne Campsite

This basic campsite is found at the end of a management trail, near the base of Mt Wondabyne. The campsite is at the bottom of a small (east facing) rock wall and has trees surrounding much of the area, providing some shelter. There is an established fire circle and a basic seat. There is no water or other facilities. (There is also small cave suitable for sleeping a few people about half way up Mount Wondabyne).

## End of day 1

This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.

## Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an enjoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast ([BOM Hunter District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Brisbane Water National Park](#))
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

## Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

- T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

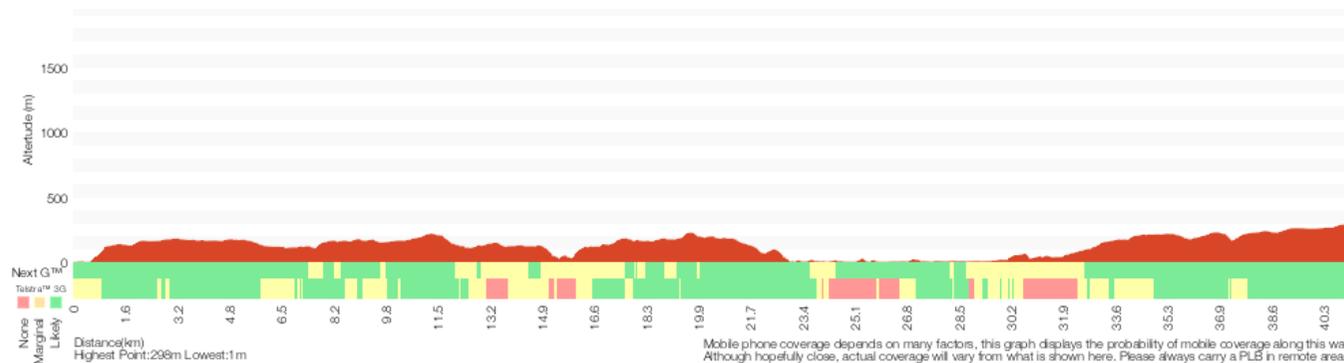
## Topo Maps

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include;

**1:25 000 Map Series:** 91313S GUNDERMAN, 91312S GOSFORD, 91312N WYONG, 91301N BROKEN BAY

**1:40 000 Map Series:** CMA Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park Tourist Map

**1:100 000 Map Series:** 9131 GOSFORD, 9130 SYDNEY



## Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



Grade 4/6  
Hard track

<b>Length</b>	41.5 km One way
<b>Time</b>	3 Days
<b>Quality of track</b>	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
<b>Signs</b>	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)

### Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

**Getting there** You can get to Patonga Wharf car park (gps: -33.5504, 151.2746) by car, ferry or bus. Ferry: There is no regular ferry service between Patonga and Brooklyn any more. You can easily grab a water taxi (about \$80+). If you are part of a large group they can also organise a larger boat carrying 35 passengers (about \$16 pp). Phone 0410 554 777 to book. Enjoy the boat ride. Ferry: Ferry service operates between Palm Beach and Bobbin head daily. Stopping at Patoonga Beach (and Cottage Point on request). Mon - Fri once a day (before lunch) Weekends and school holidays 3 times a day from Bobbin Head. (can get also get it later on the way to palm beach on request) Phone to confirm times on the day 0414466635 Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Somersby Store (gps: -33.3581, 151.2903) by car or bus. Bus: A bus service runs along Wisemans Ferry Rd passing Somersby store. The service runs between Gosford and Spencer only a few times a day. Please check timetable for more info or Phone Busway on (02) 4368 2277. The bus only picks passengers up to head to Somersby on the afternoon runs. Car: There is free parking available.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/pts>

### 0 | Patonga Wharf car park

*(360 m 7 mins)* From the car park at Patonga wharf, this walk follows the footpath beside Patonga Drive, keeping the water on the right. The road leads out of town passing beside 'Eve Williams Memorial Oval' for 70m to find a large 'The Great North Walk' sign opposite the toilet block. Soon after this sign, this walk turns right following the 'Boat Ramp' sign and GNW arrow post down along a side road for 220m to find a parking area beside Patonga's boat ramp. (Alternatively it is possible to walk along the sandy beach from the wharf to the boat ramp.)

### 0.36 | Warrah Reserve boat ramp

*(170 m 3 mins)* Continue straight: From the boat ramp, this walk follows the power lines across the car park, keeping the water to the right. The walk heads around the gate and continues to follow the power lines across the sand, coming to the eastern end of Patonga Beach and the 'Brisbane Water National Park' sign. This area of the beach is also know as 'Dark Corner'.

### 0.53 | Eastern end of Patonga Beach

*(590 m 21 mins)* Continue straight: From the eastern end of Patonga beach, this walk follows the 'Warrah Trig 1.7km' sign up the steps. The track winds up the side on the hill, turning left and following the ridge line uphill. Soon after passing up some stairs between the rock, the track comes to a lovely view across the water. Here, the track turns left and climbs up more steps before flattening out and passing a few more GNW arrows. Just after passing two GNW arrows next to each other (at the end of a large crack in the rock), the track passes a few large Sydney Red Gums and comes to an unfenced rock platform on the right - Broken Bay view.

### 1.12 | Broken Bay View

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large Sydney Red Gums, providing some shade. There are great views across the Hawkesbury River, along Cowan Creek and to West Head. The views to the left extend past Lion Island to Barrenjoey Head and out to the Pacific Ocean.

### 1.12 | Broken Bay View

*(330 m 6 mins)* Veer left: From the Broken Bay view, this walk follows Great North Walk arrows uphill along the track. The track winds gently through the bush, with the occasional water glimpse to the right. After a short time, the track comes to a clear intersection with the Pearl Beach / Patonga fire trail with a sign pointing back to 'Patonga'.

### 1.45 | Int of Pearl Beach / Patonga fire trail and Patong

*(370 m 9 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the Great North Walk arrow downhill along the wide management trail. After about 250m, the trail passes a track on the right (marked with 5 large boulders - this informal track leads to an unfenced view). The walk continues along the management trail for another 100m and comes to an intersection near the Warrah Lookout, and a sign pointing back to 'Patonga'.

### 1.82 | Optional sidetrip to Warrah Lookout

*(70 m 2 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads between the timber posts and follows the 'Warrah Lookout' sign along the sandstone footpath. The path leads through the bush for a short distance, coming to the fenced Warrah Lookout. (Beware of informal side tracks that lead to unfenced sections of cliff.) At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

### 1.82 | Warrah Lookout

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### 1.82 | Warrah Lookout intersection

*(310 m 7 mins)* Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Tony Doyle Track, Warrah Car Park' sign up the sandstone steps and footpath. After winding through and over some rock platforms, the path leads up the hill to two sets of timber staircases. At the top of the second set, the walk comes to the old Warrah Trig station (a green metal post).

### 2.13 | Warrah Trig Station

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### 2.13 | Warrah Trig Station

*(30 m 1 mins)* Continue straight: From Warrah Trig Station, this walk follows the sandstone steps and footpath down the hill towards the dirt road. The path soon passes a plaque and a sign pointing back along the 'Tony Doyle Track' and comes to the Warrah car park.

### 2.16 | Warrah Car Park

*(310 m 5 mins)* Continue straight: From Warrah car park, this walk follows the road off the sealed section and along the dirt. The road passes a larger dirt overflow car park, then ignores an old trail (on the right) to soon come to an intersection with a management trail and gate on the left side.

### 2.47 | Int of Warrah Trig trail and Warrah Trig Station R

*(940 m 17 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the dirt road north up a long and gentle hill. The road leads to an intersection with a track on the right marked with a Great North Walk arrow about 30m before Patonga Drive.

### 3.41 | Int of Warrah Trig Station Rd and Patonga Drive tr

*(280 m 5 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker around the drainage ditch to follow the track running parallel to Patonga Drive (keeping the road about 20m to your left). The track leads through the heath and scribbly gum forest for about 100m before passing some distant ocean views (on your right), where the track continues for another 150m to come to the sealed Patonga Drive. Here the walk follows the GNW arrow post across the road to a locked gate and management trail, marked with a 'Great North Walk' sign.

### 3.68 | Int of GNW and Patonga Dr

*(670 m 11 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign around the locked gate to follow the management trail away from the road. After about 100m, this walk comes to a clear three-way intersection marked with sign pointing back to 'Patonga'.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool' sign gently up along the wide trail. After about 200m, the trail bends left, then leads gently down for another 100m, coming to an intersection where the main trail bends right (and with the narrower Patonga Creek trail ahead), marked with a GNW arrow post.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north along the wide sandy management trail. The trail leads among the heath and large scribbly gums for about 270m to come to T-intersection with another wide trail, marked with a 'Patonga' sign pointing back up along the trail.

### 4.36 | Int of Hawkesbury track and Patonga Dr trail

*(2.1 km 37 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool' sign downhill along the management trail. Over the next 200m, the trail gently bends right then comes to an intersection (just before a large open rock platform), marked with a 'Girrakool' sign (pointing right).

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool' sign east uphill along the management trail. The trail leads up the hill for about 25m to head over a short rock platform where the trail continues fairly steeply uphill. The trail bends left and then winds gently around the side of the hill, enjoying some views along the way. The trail undulates for a while before leading gently down to pass a large clearing (on your left). Just past this clearing, the trail heads down (fairly steeply at first) for about 200m to enter a tall wooded forest and come to a clear three-way intersection, marked with a 'Sani Depot Trail' sign (on your right).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post downhill along the wide trail. The trail soon leaves the tall Sydney Redgums to lead down for almost 600m. The walk crosses a culverted creek (with sandstone blocks) and then the trail mostly flattens out. Here the trail continues for another 170m leaving the tall forest to walk through the open heath, passing near a small cliff (on your right), to come to an intersection with the faint track (on your left, this is just before the main trail bends right and starts to lead downhill again).

#### **6.41 | Int of Hawkesbury track and Van Dahls rest area tr**

*(590 m 12 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the wide trail downhill, keeping the valley to your left. The trail winds downhill for almost 600m, crossing a couple of culverted creeks, until, just after a left-hand bend, this walk comes to a notable rock platform (with an ephemeral creek) and filtered view down the valley (to your left).

#### **7 | Rock Platform**

*(520 m 12 mins)* Continue straight: From the rock platform, this walk follows the trail north up the side of the hill. The trail leads uphill for about 25m before bending left and leading downhill for about 80m, where the trail winds through a ferny valley with a scattering of cabbage palms (*Livistona australis*). Here the trail leads quite steeply uphill for about 200m, then more gently downhill for just over 200m more, to come to a Y-intersection with the signposted 'Great North Walk' track (on your left). (The trail ahead soon leads over Patonga Creek to the locked back gate of Woy Woy Landfill).

#### **7.52 | Int of Hawkesbury track near Patonga Creek**

*(2.3 km 52 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign downhill along the track. After just shy of 100m, the track crosses Patonga Creek among the moist cabbage palm forest. Soon after crossing this creek, the track begins to head quite steeply uphill for another 100m, passing a faint side track before climbing up some carved steps in the rock beside a sloped rock platform (on your left). The track continues steeply up for another 40m, where the track bends right (at the GNW arrow post) to head over a mostly flat rock outcrop. The track continues (with occasional glimpses of the Woy Woy landfill) gently uphill for just over 100m to pass another side track, then lead up a bit more steeply for just over 100m more (past a rock wall, on your left) to come to an unfenced clear view over Woy Woy landfill (where the track bends left).

Veer left: From the view point over Woy Woy Landfill, this walk heads west following the rocky track uphill, directly away from the view. The sandy track soon leads up a few rock steps and after about 130m, climbs up a few carved steps onto a fairly large rock platform, marked with a GNW arrow post. The track now undulates, following a series of GNW arrow posts (generally up) along a rocky ridge line, passing over many rock platforms for almost 1km (enjoying the distant views over Woy Woy Bay and the Brisbane Water, to your right) to come to the highpoint on this section of track. From here, the track continues mostly flat for the next 500m, then begins to head downhill for about 300m to come to a clear intersection with the signposted 'Dillons Trail'. There is a sign pointing back up the track towards 'Patonga'.

#### **9.79 | Int of Hawkesbury Track and Dillons Trail**

*(30 m )* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post west (in the opposite direction to the 'Patonga' sign. After about 20m, this short track leads to an intersection with the signposted 'Tunnel Trail'.

#### **9.82 | Int of GNW and Tunnel Track**

*(630 m 12 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post gently uphill along the 'Tunnel Trail'. After about 50m, the trail passes through a metal gate and fence then continues for just over 100m to come to the signposted intersection with the 'Rocky Ponds Trail', where a 'Patonga' sign points back down along the trail.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker and the 'Girrakool' sign north, gently uphill along the wide trail. The trail winds along the side of the hill for just over 450m, to come to a small crest and a clear three-way intersection with the signposted 'Mt Wondabyne' trail (on the left).

#### **10.44 | Int of Tunnel Track and Mt Wondabyne trail**

*(760 m 16 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker as well as the 'Mt Wondabyne' and 'Girrakool' signs uphill along the management trail. The trail winds up the hill for about 300m find a view of Mount Wondabyne - there are also nice views behind (and to the right) across Woy Woy and the Brisbane Water. The trail continues uphill for another 400m to end at a large clearing (turning circle) at the base of a rock wall. This is the Mt Wondabyne Campsite - there is also a sign pointing back down to 'Patonga'.

#### **11.2 | Mt Wondabyne Campsite**

This basic campsite is found at the end of a management trail, near the base of Mt Wondabyne. The campsite is at the bottom of a small (east facing) rock wall and has trees surrounding much of the area, providing some shelter. There is an established fire circle and a basic seat. There is no water or other facilities. (There is also small cave suitable for sleeping a few people about half way up Mount Wondabyne).

#### **11.2 | End of day 1**

This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.

### 11.2 | Mt Wondabyne Campsite

*(90 m 2 mins)* Turn right: From the clearing (campsite), this walk follows the 'Mooney Mooney rest area' sign north gently uphill along the rocky track. After about 90m, this track comes to a three-way intersection (with the Mt Wondabyne peak track, on the right), marked with a GNW arrow post.

### 11.29 | Optional sidetrip to Mt Wondabyne Peak

*(210 m 5 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the Mt Wondabyne peak track north-east as it heads uphill directly towards Mt Wondabyne. The track is leads gently at first then starts to climb up a series of rock ledges. After about 60m, the track passes a small cave (large enough for 2 or 3 people to lie in). The track then continues to climb for another 90m, up the rocky track then for through a grove of small trees, to come to the first peak. The faint track continues along the ridge for another 60m then comes to the main peak, where there is an old trig station and great panoramic views. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

### 11.29 | Mt Wondabyne

Mount Wondabyne is one of the most prominent peaks in Brisbane Water National Park. The long cone-shaped hill has a rocky top and is home to a trig station. Walkers can enjoy full 360-degree panoramic views from the top. To the east are good views over the Brisbane Water, Woy Woy and other central coast suburbs. West, down next to Mullet Creek, you can see some buildings near Wondabyne Station and the train line. Otherwise, most of the expansive views are over much of Brisbane Water National Park. There are some small trees providing limited shade, a great place to soak up the views.

### 11.29 | Int of GNW and Mt Wondabyne Peak tracks

*(950 m 21 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north, gently down along the rocky track, keeping the Mt Wondabyne Peak up to your right. After about 50m, the track enters a forest of trees and begins to head more distinctly downhill, passing a few large boulders for about 700m, then coming to a GNW 'Walker Register' tube on a post. After writing a comment, the walk continues down the track over a rock platform, and just past the rock platform the sandy track leads downhill for about 200m as it widens significantly and comes to a T-intersection with another wide trail. There is a 'Mt Wondabyne' sign here, pointing back up the hill.

### 12.23 | Int of GNW and Mullet Creek Trail

*(220 m 4 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post and 'Wondabyne Station' sign down a gentle hill as the trail bends right. The trail leads downhill and bends again to run parallel with the some power lines. Then about 35 meters past the second power pole, this walk comes to an intersection with a track (on your left), marked with a GNW arrow post.

### 12.45 | Int of GNW and Mullet Creek Trail (east)

*(830 m 18 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool' sign, heading under the power lines and down along the track to soon cross a small ephemeral creek. From the creek, this walk follows a rock platform for about 200m to then head over a section of timber boardwalk and past a few disused power poles. The track soon begins to climb and crosses a number of rock platforms for about 300m to come to a notably large rock platform with a wide view across the valley to Mt Wondabyne. Here the track continues up for another 250m to an intersection with a wide trail (at another rock platform), where a 'Patonga' sign points back down along the track.

### 13.28 | Int of GNW and Thommos Loop track

*(1.5 km 28 mins)* Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool' sign across the rock platform, keeping the valley to your left. The walk enjoys views of Mt Wondabyne (on the left) for about 130m to come to a particularly large rock platform. Here the trail leads down off this rock platform then winds along the side of the hill for about 1.3km (passing a pleasant grove of large Sydney Redgums) to lead up to an intersection (with a track on the left) where there is a sign pointing back to 'Patonga'.

### 14.77 | Int of the GNW and Patonga service trail

*(690 m 24 mins)* Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool' sign gently down along the narrower track. The track leads down for about 60m to pass over a rock outcrop and then 80m later, comes to a clearing that has been used as a campsite (on your left). From the clearing, the track continues down the hill for about 150m, stepping down the rocks and along a sandy track to then bend right at metal handrail. Here the rocky track becomes quite steep in places and winds down past some rock walls and among the grass trees for about 300m, where the track bends sharp right at the bottom of some steps in a cleft in the rock. The track continues down for another 100m to follow the steps down through the sandstone overhang, here the track bends left then right to wind down and cross the creek (that is often underground) and come to an intersection with a faint track in front of Kariong Brook Falls (on your right).

### 15.45 | Kariong Brook Falls

This tranquil spot of the Great North Walk is home to some lovely falls and a water hole. The eastern side of the creek has a tall sandstone cave and wall. After rain these falls can become very spectacular, other times is a cool place to rest. A great spot to stop for a snack.

### 15.45 | Kariong Brook crossing

*(2 km 47 mins)* Continue straight: From the Kariong Brook, this walk follows the track north-west away from the cliffs (initially keeping the waterfall to your right). The track initially leads fairly steeply out of the densely forested valley then leads more gently uphill for about 100m to pass alongside a long rock wall (on your right). From the end of the rock wall, the track starts to lead downhill for about 200m, to then head down the embankment and steps and cross Myron Brook on the sandstone rock platform, to the western bank. Continue straight: From Myron Brook, this walk follows the rocky track west up the steep hill. After about 400m of steep climbing, the track mostly flattens out to head up through the cleft in a rock and onto a flat rock platform. Here the track continues more gently uphill, crossing more rock platforms for just over 1km, through the heath and scribbly gums, before bending left around a rocky outcrop to come to a T-intersection with a wide management trail. There is large sign here, pointing back down to 'Patonga'.

### 17.42 | Int of GNW and Wondabyne trail

*(1.1 km 22 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool' sign uphill along the wide trail. After about 50m, this trail leads up onto a large rock platform. From the top of this platform, there are some distant views over Mooney Mooney Creek. The walk continues on the platform, following the scrape marks on the rock, tending right, to soon find the wide trail again. The trail undulates (moderately steeply in a few places) along the ridge line for about 900m to come to an intersection marked with a 'Girrakool' sign (pointing left), just before a 'No Entry Past This Point' sign.

### 18.54 | South end of Scopas Peak Track

*(1.2 km 23 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool' sign and GNW arrow post north along the clear track. After about 150m, the walk comes to a green painted metal box on a post (on your right), containing a Great North Walk intentions book. Continue straight: From the Great North Walk intentions book, after leaving

your comments, this walk heads north, gently up along the clear track. The track gently undulates along this ridge for about 750m, leading across a long sandy saddle to the base of Scopas Peak. Here the walk climbs steeply for about 230m, stopping occasionally to enjoy the view, up the series of rocks with cut steps and past a few rock walls. Near the top of this climb, the track bends left to lead up to a view point just to the west of Scopas Peak.

### 19.71 | Scopas Peak

*(3.1 km 1 hr 18 mins)* Veer right: From the view point just west of Scopas Peak, this walk heads north-east and gently downhill, initially keeping the distant views to your left. The track leads down, becoming notably steeper for about 300m to then cross over a long rock platform, with a series of GNW arrow posts guiding the way. After this rock platform, the track leads for another 250m, crossing a couple of small rock platforms before leading along a heathy track. About 400m along, the walk passes another view to Mooney Mooney Bridge, then comes to the edge of another large rock platform. A series of GNW arrow posts lead across this rock platform, generally heading away from Scopas Peak for about 400m, where the arrows lead off the rock platform and back onto a heathy track. The rocky track continues down along the ridge for just shy of 300m to come to the edge of another smaller rock platform with more with distant views. From here, the track leads downhill for about 600m, passing a couple of rocky outcrops and becoming progressively steeper until coming to the edge of an intermittent creek, which flows over the solid sandstone platform, at the bottom of the valley.

Continue straight: From the western bank, this walk crosses the intermittent creek which flows over the solid sandstone platform, to follow the track uphill. The rocky track initially leads gently uphill but soon leads steeply up for about 130m, where the track mostly flattens out to pass a sandstone overhang (on your right). Soon after this overhang, the track leads over a small gully then along the side of a longer rock wall with another tall sandstone overhang. The track continues gently downhill for another 300m, becoming a little steeper along the way, until just past a set of rock steps. Here the track begins to head steeply down the side of the hill for about 130m, first passing through a cleft in the rock then past a few rock walls. Just after a few switchbacks, this walk heads into a narrow gully, past a small 'Patonga' sign, then comes to a three-way intersection beside an intermittent creek, marked with a large 'The Great North Walk' sign with a 'Patonga Ferry' arrow pointing back up the hill.

### 22.85 | Int of Patonga Ferry and Girrakool tracks

*(220 m 9 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Piles Creek' sign down the track (keeping the valley to the right). The rocky track heads steeply downhill for about 170m to Piles Creek. Just past the old bridge, this walk climbs up the stairs to cross the Phil Houghton suspension footbridge, enjoying the views of the tidal Piles Creek. On the other side, this walk climbs down the stairs to an intersection beside a large clearing (and campsite, on your left).

### 23.07 | Phil Houghton Bridge

The Phil Houghton Bridge is a metal suspension bridge that crosses Piles Creek. It is part of the Great North Walk and replaces an older bridge, with part still visible upstream. The bridge can hold up to 8 people and feels very stable. There are great views both up and downstream half way across this bridge. There is a clearing on the northern side that people have used for camping.

### 23.07 | Phil Houghton Bridge

*(2.3 km 47 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection on the northern end of the 'Phil Houghton Bridge', this walk follows the 'Mooney Creek' arrow through the large clearing and campsite, keeping Piles Creek to your left. The track leads under a large dead tree then winds past some cliffs and among large

boulders for about 1km then crosses a short timber bridge with handrails. Just past this bridge, this walk heads over a short flat timber bridge, then about just shy of 150m later, heads along a section of timber boardwalk. From this tall eucalypt forest, this track contours around the side of the hill for about 500m, alongside Piles Creek, then starts to climb passing among the grass trees before heading down a handful of timber steps and coming to a three-way intersection marked with a 'Brisbane Waters National Park' sign, just before Mooney Mooney Creek.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post directly away from the face of the 'Brisbane Waters National Park' sign along the clear track, keeping Mooney Mooney Creek to your left. After about 100m, this walk crosses a green timber footbridge, then about 200m later comes to a small clearing and intersection just before the road bridge. Here the walk turns right, following the old management trail uphill through the tall forest for about 200m then heading around a locked gate. Just past the gate, this walk turn left and heads up the short steep bank to come to a T-intersection with the old Pacific Hwy, at a large gravel car park marked with 'Mooney Mooney Creek' Trackhead (just east of the Mooney Mooney Creek bridge).

#### **25.39 | Mooney Mooney Creek Trackhead**

*(1.5 km 27 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Newcastle' sign along the narrowing gravel verge, keeping the Old Pacific Hwy just to your right. After about 200m, this walk comes to then crosses the concrete road bridge over Mooney Mooney Creek, enjoying the view of the wide creek below. Once on the other side, this walk heads past a detailed 'Risk Warning' sign suggesting you be sensible as you cross the bridge (hope it is not too late) to then come to an intersection with Karool Rd, just on the other side of the highway (on your right).

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the gravel 'Karool Road' gently downhill, keeping Mooney Mooney Creek to your right. This road leads past a few homes for about 600m to then pass a notable houseboat house. About 250m past this house, this walk come to a Y-intersection, marked with a 'The Great North Walk' sign, just before the tall concrete Mooney Mooney Bridge.

Veer left: From the 'Y' intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign along the upper dirt road to pass under the Mooney Mooney (F3 freeway) Bridge. Just over 250m after passing under the tall bridge, this walk leads up to a large turning area just before the locked gate, marked with a 'Brisbane Water National Park' sign.

#### **26.89 | National Park Gate**

*(1.7 km 32 mins)* Continue straight: From the end of the dirt road (that branches of Karool Rd, just north of the Mooney Mooney Bridge), this walk heads uphill along the trail and around the locked gate next to the timber 'Brisbane Water National Park' sign. The trail leads uphill for about 200m to where the trail bends left to pass over the crest of the hill (passing a faint track on your left). Here the trail leads down the other side, still keeping Mooney Mooney Creek to your right for another 400m to come to an intersection marked with a GNW arrow post, beside a large grassy clearing and campsite (on your right).

Veer right: From the intersection just above the campsite, this walk follows the GNW arrow post down along the track, keeping the clearing and campsite to the right. The track soon leads over a small flat timber bridge then over the next 60m, the track heads under the high tension power lines (past the caution sign) and then along a short section of timber boardwalk. About 20m later, this walk veers right at a Y-intersection, then continues along the mostly flat track beside Mooney Mooney Creek for about 300m, to cross a small rocky tidal creek. The track then continues through the tall forest beside Mooney Mooney Creek for about 600m, passing a couple of she-oak stands before the track then bends left and comes to an indistinct intersection beside a timber

and metal footbridge.

#### **28.55 | Footbridge**

*(260 m 5 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk cross the timber and metal footbridge over a tidal, unnamed creek to then turn right and follow the track which soon bends left. Keeping Mooney Mooney Creek to the right, this track passes a small cliff then follows the mostly flat track through the tall forest for about 170m to come to a large clearing with tall blue gums and a metal fireplace (on your left), signposted as a 'Camping area'.

#### **28.81 | Mooney Mooney Creek Campsite (north)**

This signposted campsite is sits among the tall eucalypt and bracken fern forest beside the Mooney Mooney Creek. This is a very pleasant flat clearing to spend a night, there is a small metal fireplace hotplate and room for a small number of tents. There is No drinking water or other facilities at this campsite (Mooney Mooney Creek is salty at this point, treatable water may be found about 2km north).

#### **28.81 | End of day 2**

This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 2, happy camping.

### **28.81 | Mooney Mooney Creek Campsite (north)**

*(2.1 km 44 mins)* Continue straight: From the campsite, this walk follows the clear track north, keeping the wide Mooney Mooney Creek to your right. The clear, wide and mostly flat track leads alongside the creek for about 1.2km to come to the southern bank of Ausburn Creek (about 130m past a rock wall, on your left), a few metres above its confluence with Mooney Mooney Creek. Continue straight: From the south bank of Ausburn Creek, this walk crosses the narrow rock platform and creek, then follows the track fairly steeply uphill for about 200m. At the top of this climb, the track gently undulates alongside Mooney Mooney Creek for about 700m before heading down to find a large rock platform on the western bank of Mooney Mooney Creek. This large rock platform is a natural ford of the perennial Mooney Mooney Creek and is home to a scattering of small and large waterholes.

### **30.88 | Mooney Mooney Creek crossing**

*(1.2 km 28 mins)* Continue straight: From the bank of Mooney Mooney Creek, this walk crosses the wide rock platform and creek to find the track again on the other side. This creek may become impassable after heavy or prolonged rain. Here the walk turns left and follows the rocky track that leads gently up alongside the creek through the pleasant forest. After a little over 1km, the walk comes into view of the tailwater of the dam and then past a fenced cutting (on your right), the site of an old pump house. About 60m past this fenced area, the walk leads up along the now widening track to find the edge of the fenced lower Mooney Mooney Dam wall.

### **32.1 | Lower Mooney Dam**

Lower Mooney Dam is located on the Mooney Mooney Creek, about 21 km upstream from the Hawkesbury River. In March 1938 the Gosford Mayor turned the tap to add the water from this dam into the small town water supply of the time. It is a concrete arch dam, with a capacity of 1,000 megalitres, and was superseded by the more than 4 times larger 'Upper Mooney Dam' in 1982. There is a set of timber steps and a faint track that leads down to the waters edge on the uphill side of the dam wall, the dam wall is fenced and is clearly out of bounds. A sign reminds visitors that swimming is not allowed.

### **32.1 | Lower Mooney Mooney Dam**

*(1.7 km 40 mins)* Continue straight: From the lower Mooney Mooney Dam, this walk heads uphill along the old trail, initially keeping the water on your left. The trail leads up, enjoying the occasional glimpse of water (on your left) for about 400m to pass a washed-out section of the old trail. From here, the walk continues up along the trail for about 1.3km, getting steeper as it climbs, and comes to a three-way intersection marked with a 'Mooney Creek' sign pointing back downhill.

### **33.76 | Int of the dam trail and the old Somersby Falls tr**

*(530 m 13 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Reserve Road' sign uphill along the old trail, initially keeping the valley to your left. After about 180m, this walk comes to a faint intersection marked with a 'The Great North Walk' sign.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign downhill along the track for about 50m, to cross a small pleasant gully with an ephemeral creek. After this, the track starts to wind moderately steeply uphill then, soon after flattening out, it comes to a signposted 'Camping Area' with a metal fireplace.

### **34.29 | Quarry Camping Area**

This is a small signposted campsite set among heath, grass tress, scribbly gums and aother eucalypts. The clearing is flat and sandy and provides room to set up a few tents with and a small metal fireplace with hotplate. There is

no water or other facilities here.

### **34.29 | Quarry Camping Area**

*(590 m 11 mins)* Continue straight: From in front of the 'camping area', this walk heads gently uphill along the sandy track, initially keeping the camping area to your right. After about 220m of walking through this scribbly gum forest and passing a small informal campsite on the way, this walk comes to the quarry boundary fence and turns left. Following the fence for about 70m, the track leads to a section of timber boardwalk with a view (right) over parts of the quarry. The walk continues along the fence for just over 250m, crossing a small flat timber bridge to come an intersection with a dirt road (just past the locked gate).

### **34.88 | Quarry gate**

*(520 m 9 mins)* Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows GNW arrow marker gently downhill along the dirt road. This walk follows the road for about 400m to come to a large clearing with two large water reservoirs tanks. This walk continues past the two reservoirs (and past the treatment plant building, on your left) to come to a 'The Great North Walk' sign just in front of a small brick building.

### **35.4 | Somersby Reservoir**

*(1.2 km 25 mins)* Continue straight: From the brick building, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign gently downhill along the gravel trail (away from the water tanks) for a few metres before turning right onto a track, following a GNW arrow post. This track leads through the banksia and she-oak forest for just over 100m to pass a 'The Great North Walk' sign and then cross Reservoir Rd. On the other side of the road, this track continues gently down through the she-oak (*Casuarina glauca*) forest for about 150m before crossing a metal footbridge. On the other side of the bridge, this walk turns left and follows the track as it winds down through the heathy bushland, alive with wildflowers in spring, for about 400m and crosses a small ephemeral creek. The track then leads under a set of high tension power lines and then bends right and leads gently up for another 20m, coming to an intersection with a power line management trail.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail uphill, keeping the power lines just to your right. After about 40m, this walk follows the GNW arrow post left (ignoring the 'Private Property' trail ahead) as the track winds gently uphill for about 250m before veering left, ignoring another 'Private Property' track (on your right). The mostly flat track now leads along the side of the hill for about 100m before passing under another set of power lines and leading right, steeply up the short rocky hill. At the top of this hill, the track leads to the end of a trail, but immediately veers right to follow a track along a fence for about 60m before rejoining the same power line management trail.

### **36.6 | South end of Robinson Crk Track**

*(1.4 km 34 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post uphill along the wide management trail, following the power lines for about 100m before veering left to follow another GNW arrow post along a narrow track. The track leads into the bush among gymea lilies (*Doryanthes excelsa*) and eucalypts for almost 300m, crossing a couple of short flat timber bridges to then head along a few sections of timber board walk through a weedy section of bush. The track then continues gently downhill for another 150m to cross over a trail. Following the GNW arrow post, this track now begins to lead more steeply down for about 250m, passing through another large grove of gymea lilies, a small cave (on your left). The walk continues down the timber then stone steps to head into the dense moist forest and across a flat timber bridge, coming into view of the creek. Here the walk bends right and leads beside the creek for a short time before bending left, following the GNW arrow post across the creek flowing

over the mossy rock bed. Just downstream is a small pool and cascade. Here the walk starts to climb up the other side of the valley, soon crossing a small flat timber bridge. The track then winds steeply out of the ferny and densely forested valley, up a series of timber and stone steps for about 130m where another GNW arrow post marks the end of this section of steep climbing. This track now leads gently up among some tall eucalypts and past a large grove of gymea lily for about 230m to come to a T-intersection with a wide management trail.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post uphill along the wide sandy trail for about 40m to pass a faint trail (on your right). Then about 120m further up the main trail, this walk comes a T-intersection marked with a couple more GNW arrow posts.

### **38.02 | Int of GNW and Private Property south**

*(380 m 7 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post gently uphill along the sandy trail. The trail soon leaves the wooded forest and after about 120m, this walk veers left at an intersection in a clearing. After another 120m, the walk heads past a large grassy clearing (on your right) with some tall pine trees. The sandy trail continues for another 150m, past a few scribbly gums, and comes to a Y-intersection marked with a 'The Great North Walk' sign (pointing left).

### **38.4 | Int of GNW and Private Property**

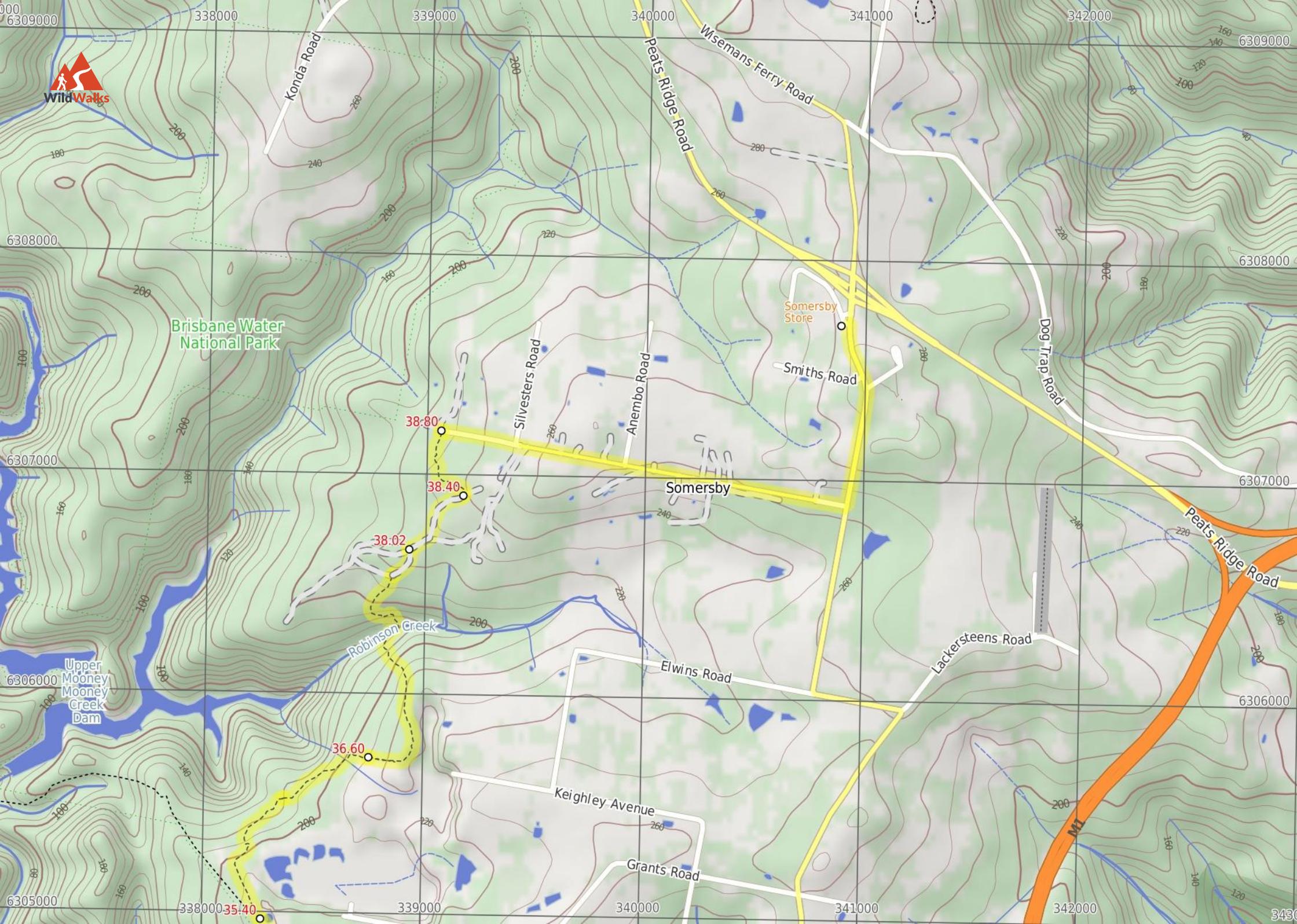
*(400 m 7 mins)* Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign along the track, initially keeping the sandy trail to the right for a short distance. The track soon bends left, then winds over a small rise through the scribbly gum forest for about 400m before heading over a short section of green boardwalk. A short distance later, this walk crosses a green timber footbridge and comes to an intersection at the end of the dirt Robinson Road.

### **38.8 | End of Robinson Road**

*(2.7 km 50 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post uphill along the gravel Robinson Rd for about 300m to then continue straight ahead along the sealed Silvester Rd. This walk heads along the sealed road for another 500m to pass an intersection with 'Anembo Rd', then continues along Silvester Rd. Over the next 1km or so, the walk travels among the rural properties, passing some distant views of the peaks in Brisbane Water NP (to your right), before turning left onto Wisemans Ferry Road at the T-intersection. From this intersection, this walk leads up along the narrow grassy verge beside the road for about 500m to pass the large communications tower (on your right), heads over the crest of the hill then down for about 250m to come to Somersby Store (on your left).

### **41.54 | Somersby Store**

Somersby Store offers a good place to have lunch or pick up the basic food supplies. The store serves hot food including burgers, chips, pies etc and cold drinks. Opening hours are 6am - 6pm Monday to Friday and 6.30am to 4pm on Saturdays (closed Sundays). There is a pay phone and a bus stop however services are limited to two buses a day. Contact details are (02)4372 1269, at 841 Wisemans Ferry Road Somersby, NSW 2250. The store owners are happy for you to phone ahead. If you are a large group you can order ahead to save the stress. I always encourage people to use local stores like this on track, but since it is a small store it is worth phoning ahead to see what they have what you want in stock.



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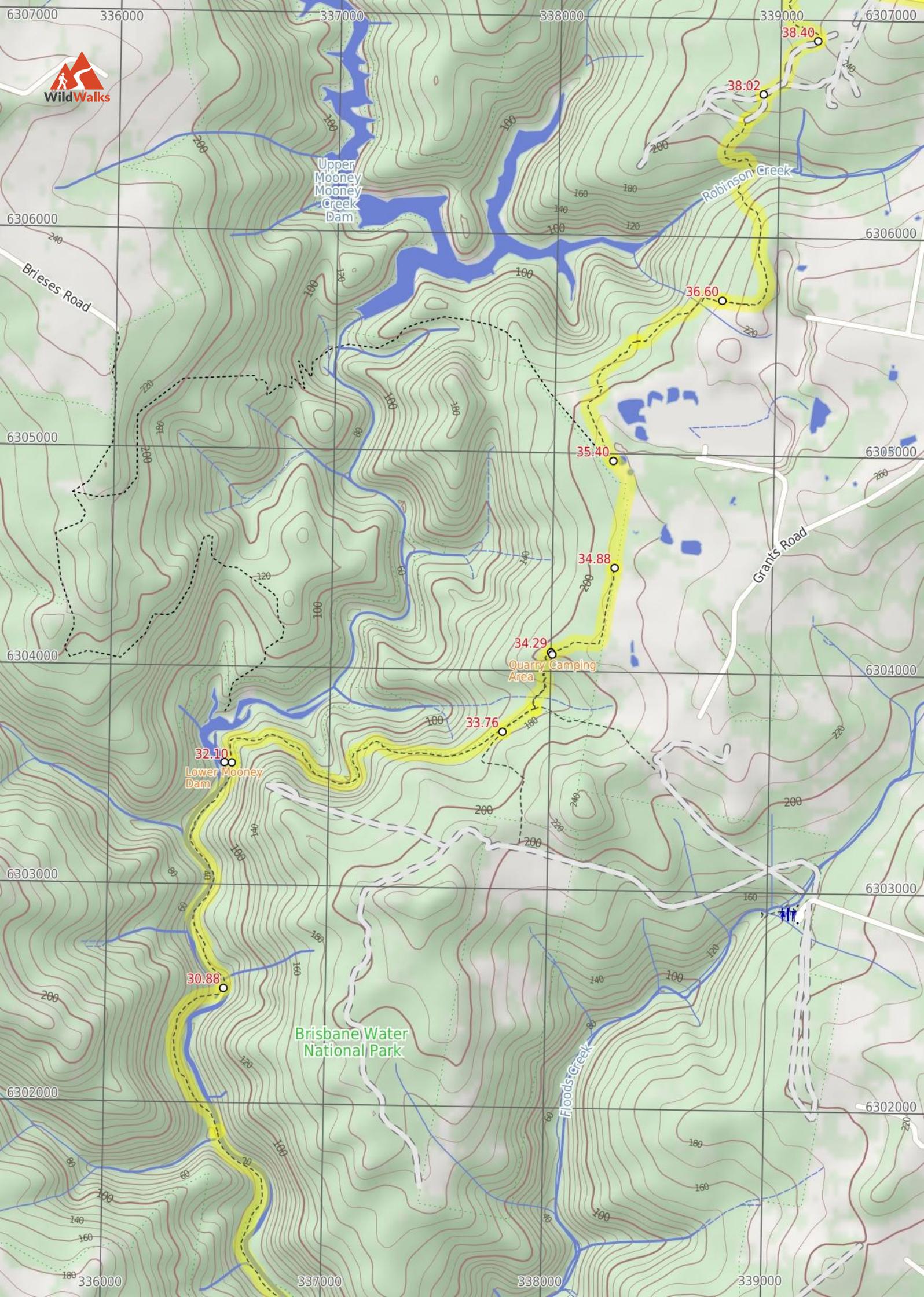
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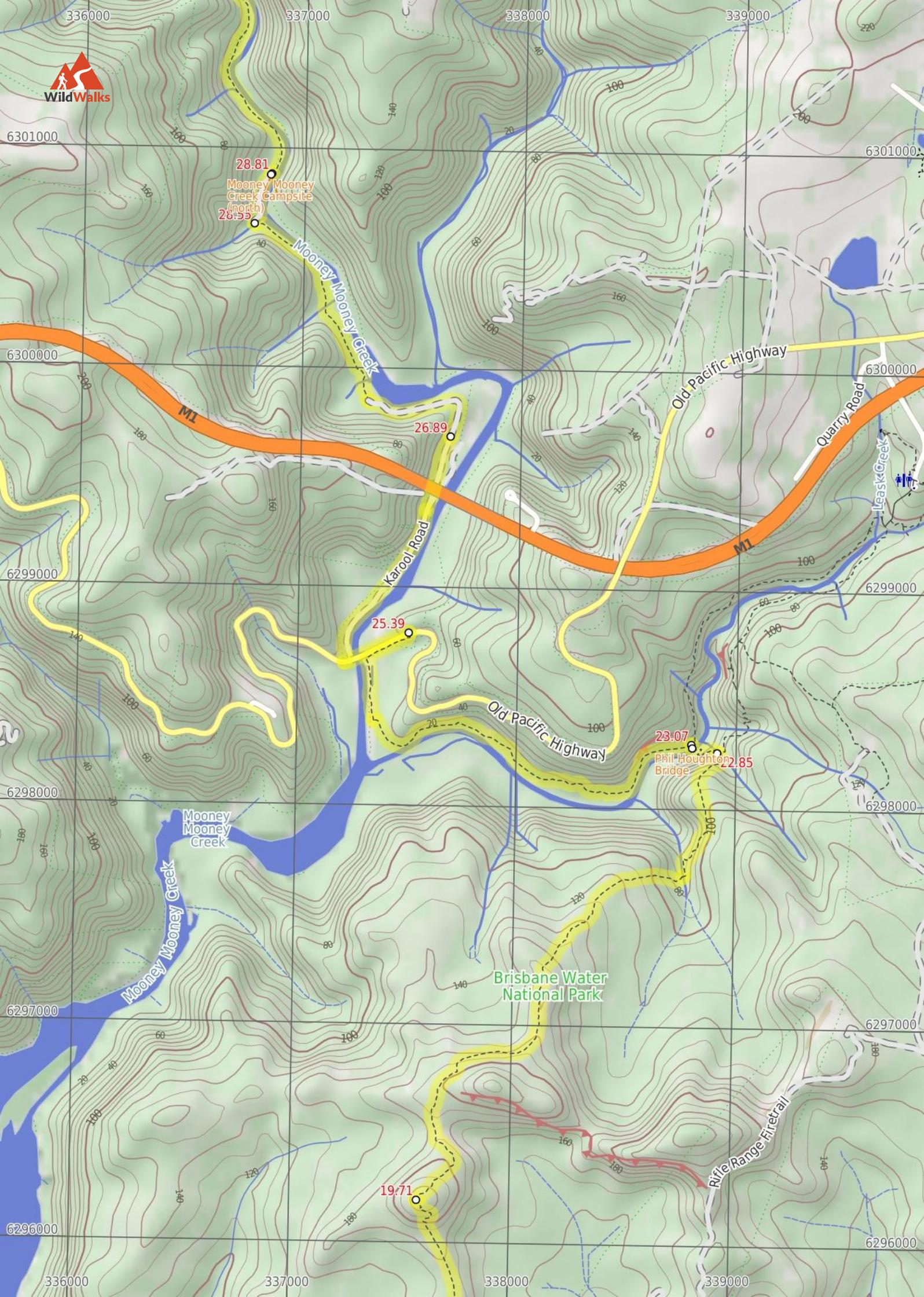
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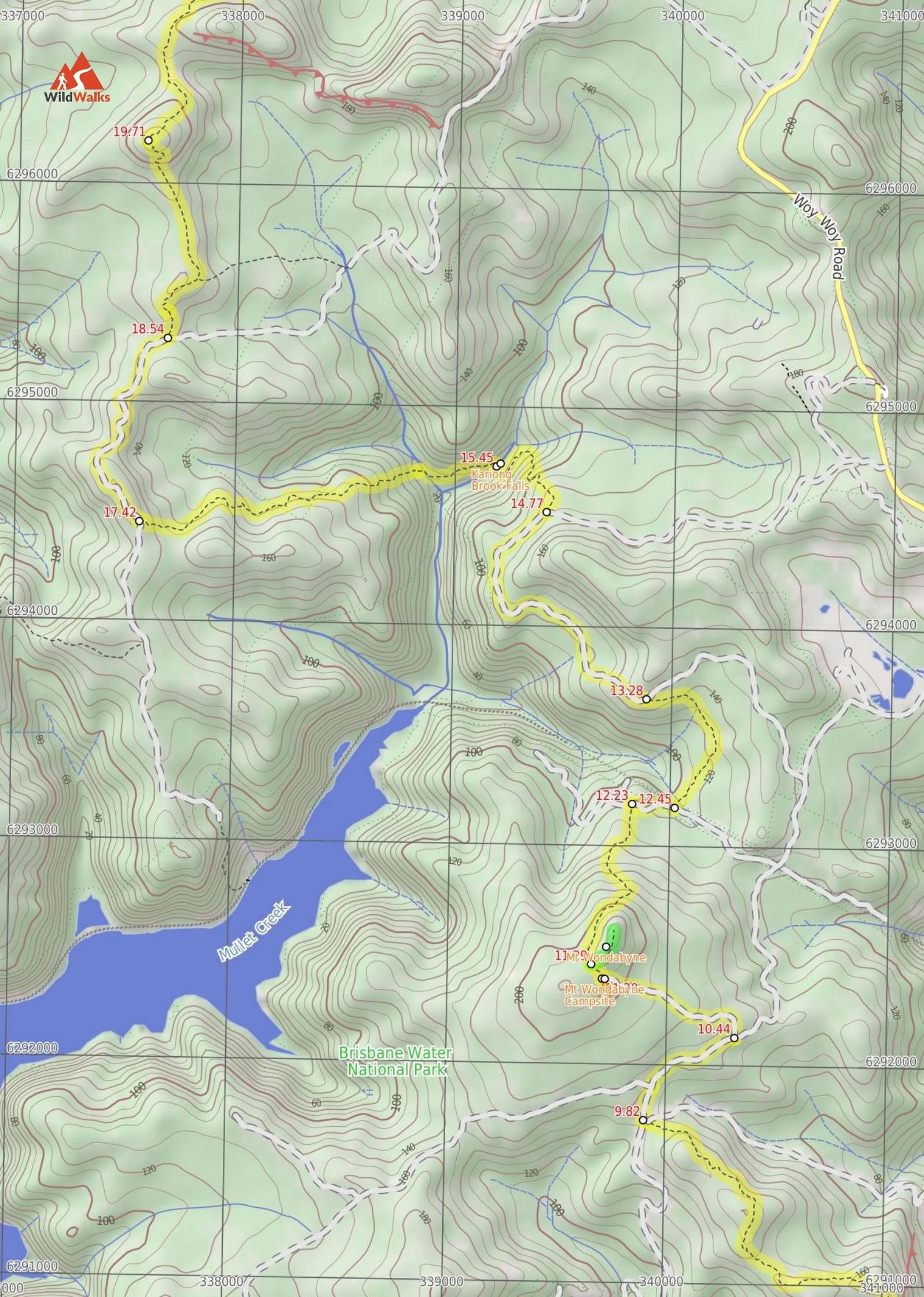
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Kahibah Road

Yarrabin Road

Neera Road

Jade Place

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Start	Patonga Wharf car park -33.5504,151.2746 (GR Broken Bay, 398864)	12 -12	360 m 7 mins	From the car park at Patonga wharf, this walk follows the footpath beside Patonga Drive, keeping the water on the right.
0.36	Warrah Reserve boat ramp -33.5508,151.2775 (GR Broken Bay, 401863)	2 -1	170 m 3 mins	Continue straight: From the boat ramp, this walk follows the power lines across the car park, keeping the water to the right.
0.53	Eastern end of Patonga Beach -33.5513,151.2791 (GR Broken Bay, 402863)	122 0	590 m 21 mins	Continue straight: From the eastern end of Patonga beach, this walk follows the 'Warrah Trig 1.7km' sign up the steps.
1.12	Broken Bay View -33.5515,151.2833 (GR Broken Bay, 406862)	14 0	330 m 6 mins	Veer left: From the Broken Bay view, this walk follows Great North Walk arrows uphill along the track.
1.45	Int of Pearl Beach / Patonga fire trail and Patonga track -33.5507,151.2864 (GR Broken Bay, 409863)	12 -26	370 m 9 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the Great North Walk arrow downhill along the wide management trail.
1.82	Warrah Lookout intersection -33.5523,151.2894 (GR Broken Bay, 412862)	0 -12	70 m 2 mins	Optional sidetrip to Warrah Lookout. Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads between the timber posts and follows the 'Warrah Lookout' sign along the sandstone footpath.
1.82	Warrah Lookout intersection -33.5523,151.2894 (GR Broken Bay, 412862)	39 0	310 m 7 mins	Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Tony Doyle Track, Warrah Car Park' sign up the sandstone steps and footpath.
2.13	Warrah Trig Station -33.5502,151.2882 (GR Broken Bay, 411864)	0 0	30 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From Warrah Trig Station, this walk follows the sandstone steps and footpath down the hill towards the dirt road.
2.16	Warrah Car Park -33.55,151.288 (GR Broken Bay, 411864)	2 -4	310 m 5 mins	Continue straight: From Warrah car park, this walk follows the road off the sealed section and along the dirt.
2.47	Int of Warrah Trig trail and Warrah Trig Station Rd -33.5475,151.2865 (GR Broken Bay, 409867)	20 -8	940 m 17 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the dirt road north up a long and gentle hill.
3.41	Int of Warrah Trig Station Rd and Patonga Drive track -33.5404,151.2816 (GR Broken Bay, 404875)	3 -6	280 m 5 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker around the drainage ditch to follow the track running parallel to Patonga Drive (keeping the road about 20m to your left).
3.68	Int of Great North Walk and Patonga Dr -33.5384,151.283 (GR Broken Bay, 406877)	5 -10	670 m 11 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign around the locked gate to follow the management trail away from the road.
4.36	Int of Hawkesbury track and Patonga Dr trail -33.5334,151.2817 (GR Broken Bay, 404883)	27 -77	2.1 km 37 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool' sign downhill along the management trail.
6.41	Int of Hawkesbury track and Van Dahls rest area track -33.5195,151.2867 (GR Broken Bay, 409898)	19 -24	590 m 12 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the wide trail downhill, keeping the valley to your left.
7.00	Rock Platform -33.5157,151.2884 (GR Broken Bay, 410902)	24 -27	520 m 12 mins	Continue straight: From the rock platform, this walk follows the trail north up the side of the hill.
7.52	Int of Hawkesbury track near Patonga Creek -33.5129,151.2898 (GR Broken Bay, 412905)	128 -86	2.3 km 52 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign downhill along the track.
9.79	Int of Hawkesbury Track and Dillons Trail -33.5019,151.2767 (GR Broken Bay, 399917)	1 0	30 m	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post west (in the opposite direction to the 'Patonga' sign).
9.82	Int of Great North Walk and Tunnel Track -33.5019,151.2765 (GR Broken Bay, 399917)	22 -9	630 m 12 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post gently uphill along the 'Tunnel Trail'.

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10.44	Int of Tunnel Track and Mt Wondabyne trail -33.4985,151.2809 (GR Gosford, 403921)	49 0	760 m 16 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker as well as the 'Mt Wondabyne' and 'Girrakool' signs uphill along the management trail.
11.20	End of day 1 -33.496,151.2744 (GR Gosford, 397924)	0 0	0 m	This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.
11.20	Mt Wondabyne Campsite -33.496,151.2744 (GR Gosford, 397924)	6 0	90 m 2 mins	Turn right: From the clearing (campsite), this walk follows the 'Mooney Mooney rest area' sign north gently uphill along the rocky track.
11.29	Int of Great North Walk and Mt Wondabyne Peak tracks -33.4954,151.2739 (GR Gosford, 397925)	20 -1	210 m 5 mins	Optional sidetrip to Mt Wondabyne Peak. Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the Mt Wondabyne peak track north-east as it heads uphill directly towards Mt Wondabyne.
11.29	Int of GNW and Mt Wondabyne Peak tracks -33.4954,151.2739 (GR Gosford, 397925)	11 -109	950 m 21 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north, gently down along the rocky track, keeping the Mt Wondabyne Peak up to your right.
12.23	Int of GNW and Mullet Creek Trail -33.4888,151.2759 (GR Gosford, 398932)	4 -14	220 m 4 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post and 'Wondabyne Station' sign down a gentle hill as the trail bends right.
12.45	Int of GNW and Mullet Creek Trail (east) -33.489,151.278 (GR Gosford, 400932)	50 -15	830 m 18 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool' sign, heading under the power lines and down along the track to soon cross a small ephemeral creek.
13.28	Int of GNW and Thommos Loop track -33.4845,151.2766 (GR Gosford, 399937)	34 -54	1.5 km 28 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool' sign across the rock platform, keeping the valley to your left.
14.77	Int of the Great North Walk and Patonga service trail -33.4768,151.2717 (GR Gosford, 394945)	21 -122	690 m 24 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool' sign gently down along the narrower track.
15.45	Kariong Brook crossing -33.4749,151.2693 (GR Gosford, 392947)	211 -64	2 km 47 mins	Continue straight: From the Kariong Brook, this walk follows the track north-west away from the cliffs (initially keeping the waterfall to your right).
17.42	Int of GNW and Wondabyne trail -33.4771,151.2518 (GR Gosford, 376944)	27 -40	1.1 km 22 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool' sign uphill along the wide trail.
18.54	South end of Scopas Peak Track -33.4696,151.2532 (GR Gosford, 377953)	80 -14	1.2 km 23 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool' sign and GNW arrow post north along the clear track.
19.71	Scopas Peak -33.4614,151.2523 (GR Gosford, 376962)	81 -271	3.1 km 1 hr 18 mins	Veer right: From the view point just west of Scopas Peak, this walk heads north-east and gently downhill, initially keeping the distant views to your left.
22.85	Int of Patonga Ferry and Girrakool tracks -33.443,151.267 (GR Gosford, 389983)	17 -47	220 m 9 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Piles Creek' sign down the track (keeping the valley to the right).
23.07	Phil Houghton Bridge -33.4426,151.2657 (GR Gosford, 388983)	88 -68	2.3 km 47 mins	Turn left: From the intersection on the northern end of the 'Phil Houghton Bridge', this walk follows the 'Mooney Creek' arrow through the large clearing and campsite, keeping Piles Creek to your left.
25.39	Mooney Mooney Creek Trackhead -33.438,151.2519 (GR Gosford, 375988)	31 -53	1.5 km 27 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Newcastle' sign along the narrowing gravel verge, keeping the Old Pacific Hwy just to your right.
26.89	National Park Gate -33.4299,151.254 (GR Gosford, 377997)	50 -47	1.7 km 32 mins	Continue straight: From the end of the dirt road (that branches of Karool Rd, just north of the Mooney Mooney Bridge), this walk heads uphill along the trail and around the locked gate next to the timber 'Brisbane W...
28.55	Footbridge -33.4211,151.2444 (GR Gunderman, 368007)	4 -6	260 m 5 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk cross the timber and metal footbridge over a tidal, unnamed creek to then turn right and follow the track which soon bends left.

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28.81	End of day 2 -33.419,151.2452 (GR Gunderman, 368009)	0 0	0 m	This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 2, happy camping.
28.81	Mooney Mooney Creek Campsite (north) -33.419,151.2452 (GR Gunderman, 368009)	94 -72	2.1 km 44 mins	Continue straight: From the campsite, this walk follows the clear track north, keeping the wide Mooney Mooney Creek to your right.
30.88	Mooney Mooney Creek crossing -33.4042,151.2422 (GR Gunderman, 365025)	71 -44	1.2 km 28 mins	Continue straight: From the bank of Mooney Mooney Creek, this walk crosses the wide rock platform and creek to find the track again on the other side.
32.10	Lower Mooney Mooney Dam -33.3949,151.2426 (GR Gunderman, 366036)	143 -25	1.7 km 40 mins	Continue straight: From the lower Mooney Mooney Dam, this walk heads uphill along the old trail, initially keeping the water on your left.
33.76	Int of the dam trail and the old Somersby Falls track -33.3936,151.2558 (GR Gosford, 378037)	37 -10	530 m 13 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Reserve Road' sign uphill along the old trail, initially keeping the valley to your left.
34.29	Quarry Camping Area -33.3903,151.2582 (GR Gosford, 380041)	14 -4	590 m 11 mins	Continue straight: From in front of the 'camping area', this walk heads gently uphill along the sandy track, initially keeping the camping area to your right.
34.88	Quarry gate -33.3868,151.2613 (GR Gosford, 383045)	10 -6	520 m 9 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows GNW arrow marker gently downhill along the dirt road.
35.40	Somersby Reservoir -33.3824,151.2613 (GR Gosford, 383050)	42 -46	1.2 km 25 mins	Continue straight: From the brick building, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign gently downhill along the gravel trail (away from the water tanks) for a few metres before turning right onto a track, fo...
36.60	South end of Robinson Crk Track -33.3758,151.2666 (GR Gosford, 388057)	88 -74	1.4 km 34 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post uphill along the wide management trail, following the power lines for about 100m before veering left to follow another GNW arrow post along a n...
38.02	Int of GNW and Private Property south -33.3673,151.2686 (GR Wyong, 389067)	15 0	380 m 7 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post gently uphill along the sandy trail.
38.40	Int of Great North Walk and Private Property -33.3651,151.2713 (GR Wyong, 392069)	1 -14	400 m 7 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign along the track, initially keeping the sandy trail to the right for a short distance.
38.80	End of Robinson Road -33.3624,151.2702 (GR Wyong, 391072)	80 -21	2.7 km 50 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post uphill along the gravel Robinson Rd for about 300m to then continue straight ahead along the sealed Silvester Rd.