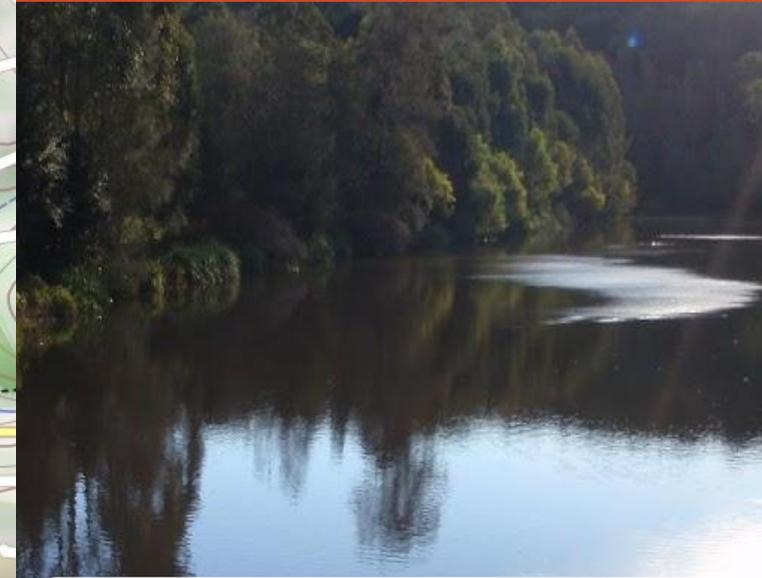


Riverside Walk



2 hrs

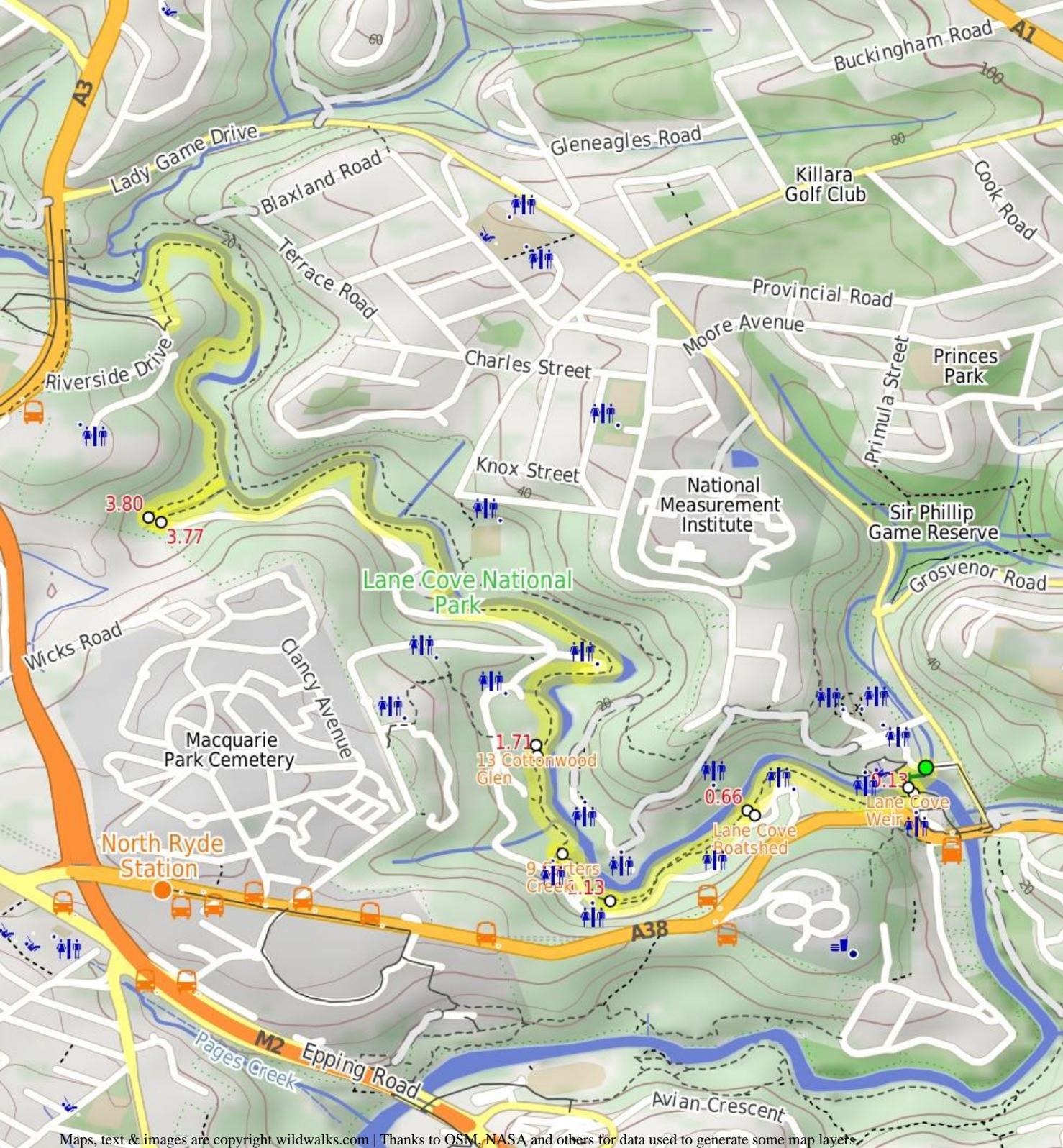
Hard track

5.3 km One way

▲ 117m

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This walk is a lovely stroll along one side of the Lane Cove River. The walk passes through many picnic areas, providing plenty of options for rests and food breaks (some having BBQ's). This walk is also good for taking a Frisbee or a ball along for the kids.



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 Max Allen Drive Bridge (gps: -33.7907, 151.156) by car or bus. Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

You can get back from Int. Riverside Trk and Riverside Dr at park entrance (gps: -33.777, 151.1381) by car or bus. Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

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

0 | Max Allen Drive Bridge

(130 m 2 mins) From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Sydney Cove' sign along the footpath past the garbage bins as the path bends right along the water's edge. The path leads past a picnic shelter and comes to another GNW marker and an intersection with a road next to the weir (on your left).

Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows GNW arrow post across the top of the weir to another GNW arrow post of other side of the weir, just past the sandstone pillars. After heavy or prolonged rain this crossing may be closed if water is flowing over the top.

0.13 | Lane Cove Weir

The Lane Cove River Weir was built in 1938 during the depression. The motivation for building the lake was to make the area more appealing for visitors' picnics. The weir created environmental issues such as silting and a decline in native fish populations. In much more recent years, a 'fish ladder' has been constructed to allow fish to undertake their natural migration route for breeding. The weir proved an easy way for walkers to cross the Lane Cove River whilst enjoying the views up and downstream.

0.13 | Lane Cove Weir South

(520 m 9 mins) Continue straight: From the southern end of the weir, this walk follows the sealed road up (away from the weir) for about 10m to turn right following the 'Riverside walking track' sign along the fenced timber boardwalk. After about 50m, this boardwalk leads past the fish ladder to come to a lookout (with stepped seats) and great views over the Lane Cove River. From the lookout, this walk continues along the boardwalk for about 80m (enjoying more river views) to then follow another 'Riverside walking track' sign along the edge of '3 Spoonbill' picnic area for about 130m, and come to '4 Illoura' picnic area (with toilets and water). This walk continues along the track beside the river for another 120m to pass below a large picnic shelter, then just over 100m later, this walk comes to the shop-front side of the sandstone boatshed building.

0.66 | Lane Cove Boatshed

Lane Cove Boatshed, in Lane Cove National Park, is situated on the bank of the (you guessed it) Lane Cove River. You can hire rowboats, kayaks, pedal boats, bikes and canoes, for different ways to enjoy the river. The shop also sells ice-creams, chips and drinks. The shed is open on weekend from 10am - 5pm. During summer school holidays, the shop is also open from 12-5pm. For more info, call Greg on 0418600695.

0.66 | Boat Shed

(470 m 9 mins) Continue straight: From the shop-front side of the boatshed, this walk follows the riverside track upstream, keeping the river just to your right. The track soon narrows and after about 80m, comes to a large clearing, the '7 Moola' picnic area (with toilets and water). The track leads over a small flat timber bridge in the middle of the picnic area to then find a NPWS arrow post on the far side. Here this walk follows the arrow along the track for about 70m to then climb up the metal staircase, where the track continues for another 180m, first up and over a rocky outcrop then along a flat track to find another large clearing. On the far side of this picnic area, just past the '8 Ironbarks' sign, this walk comes to a three-way intersection (with a concrete path on your left).

1.13 | 8 Ironbarks

(220 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the NPWS arrow post along the narrow management trail, keeping the river to your right. After about 60m, this walk heads around a locked gate, then heads up over the grass to find a picnic area. Here the walk heads over the timber bridge, past the '9 Carters Creek' sign and into the picnic area. The walk veers left across the picnic area to come back to the car park, just below the toilet block on the far side of the picnic area.

1.35 | 9 Carters Creek

Carters Creek Picnic Area is the ninth formal picnic space along this stretch of the Lane Cove River. This picnic area is home to a couple of sheltered picnic tables, a gas BBQ a large open grassy area, garbage bins, toilets and a car park. There is some limited access to the river view. A pleasant spot among the tall gums.

1.35 | 9 Carters Creek

(360 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the picnic area, this walk follows the NPWS arrow post across a small creek and up the footpath, away from the picnic area. From the the top of the small hill, the track now leads (keeping the river on your right) for almost 300m, passing through a re-vegetating tall gum forest then a pleasant she-oak stand, to come to a large gravel car park just before Cottonwood Glen picnic area.

1.71 | 13 Cottonwood Glen

Cottonwood Glen picnic area is a large open grassy spot on the bank of the Lane Cove River. There is a grove of trees along the edge of the river, but you can still get clear views across the water from the car park area. There are several picnic tables and a small toilet block just up the hill.

1.71 | 13 Cottonwood Glen

(2.1 km 35 mins) Continue straight: From the car park, this walk follows riverside walk arrow across '13 Cottonwood Glen' picnic area, over the small bridge, keeping the river on the right. Once back into the bush the track continues for approximately 400m to come to the '18 Korong' picnic area.

Continue straight: From '18 Korong' picnic area, this walk heads across the clearing and up the road to the sign marked '19 Halfway Point'. The walk passes this sign and the gate next to it, heading to the bottom of the grass clearing. The track then turns left and follows the Lane Cove River for approximately 1km, passing through some small clearings. The track then rounds to the left over a rocky section, then passes a creek fed by a drain high on the left. The track winds right, into the picnic area '20 Fern Valley' where there are picnic tables.

Continue straight: From Fern Valley, this walk heads north along the river. The track winds and undulates for approximately 1km, following the Lane Cove River. The track then turns left to head up Porters Creek for approximately 100m, then heads up some stairs to Porters Creek bridge, on Riverside Drive.

3.77 | Porters Creek bridge East

(30 m 1 mins) Turn right: At the bridge, this walk crosses the creek using the road/bridge, to the signposted intersection with the bush track, on the right.

3.8 | Porters Creek bridge West

(1.5 km 28 mins) Turn right: From Porters Creek bridge, this walk heads down the stairs and along the creek bank, with the creek on the right, for approximately 100m. The track then turns left to follow the Lane Cove River, on the right of the track, for approximately 400m, passing some cliffs on the left. From the cliffs, the walk continues for approximately 600m to lead left up some stairs to the signposted intersection on the road.