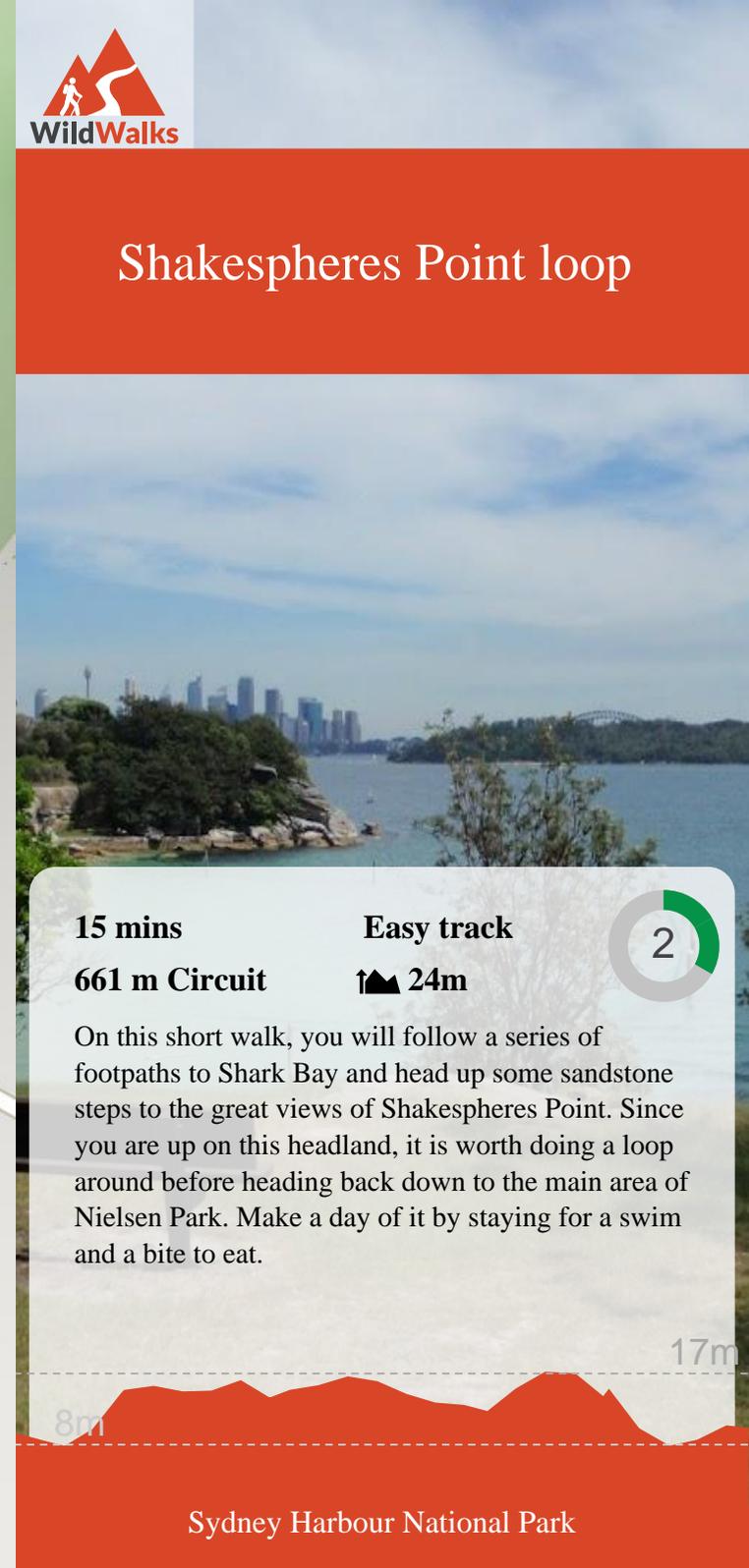


Shakespheres Point loop



15 mins

Easy track

661 m Circuit

↑ 24m



On this short walk, you will follow a series of footpaths to Shark Bay and head up some sandstone steps to the great views of Shakespheres Point. Since you are up on this headland, it is worth doing a loop around before heading back down to the main area of Nielsen Park. Make a day of it by staying for a swim and a bite to eat.

8m

17m

Sydney Harbour National Park

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 Greycliffe Ave Car Park (gps: -33.8508, 151.2686) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit, so you will finish back at the start.

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

0 | Greycliffe Ave Car Park

(70 m 1 mins) From the lower end of the car park on Greycliffe Ave, this walk heads around the gate and along the sealed path (driveway) towards the water, passing the 'Sydney Harbour National Park' sign. After 250m, the path leads to a four-way intersection just past the garbage bins.

0.07 | Optional sidetrip to Nielsen Park Cafe

(130 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads towards the water following the wide path. The path soon bends left (near the toilet block, on the right) and heads behind the beach, past the large information sign. Soon the path heads over the 'Dressing Pavilion' tunnel and, 250m later, comes to the front of the Nielsen Park Cafe with it's great water views. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

0.07 | Shark Bay

Located at the northern end of Nielsen Park, this beach faces north across Sydney Harbour. The sandy beach offers a swimming net enclosure, public toilets and change rooms, showers and is a popular place for people to simply relax. The beach is a focal point of Nielsen Park and also boasts a cafe. Protected by the harbour, there is no surf at this beach. The beach is not patrolled. This is a lovely spot, with natural shade not far from the beach.

0.07 | Nielsen Park Cafe

Open 8-5 daily, this historic cafe offers inside seating and a range of meals, including breakfast, sandwiches and hot food. This is one of a number of buildings in Nielsen Park which are available for functions. For further enquiries, contact 9337 1574. [More info.](#)

0.07 | Mid Nielsen Park Int

(50 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the path, past the bins and towards the staircase(keeping the water to your left). The walk heads up the sandstone staircase,

passing the female toilet block along the way, to a three-way intersection near a grassy clearing and Shakespheres Point.

0.12 | Shakespheres Point int

(140 m 3 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sealed path around the side of the hill, keeping the water and grassy clearing to your left. Soon the path leads through a grove of trees and past a group of garbage bins before coming to another grassy clearing with some bench seats and views - this is Bottle and Glass clearing.

0.26 | Bottle and Glass Clearing

(170 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the clearing, this walk heads away from the garbage bins, following the sealed path as it bends right (keeping the water to your left). The path heads gently downhill past the back of some houses and comes to an intersection and locked gate (near the intersection of Greycliffe Ave and Coolong Rd).

0.44 | Roundabout gate

(230 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the steeper path away from the gate (initially keeping the 'Sydney Harbour National Park - Nielsen Park' sign to your right). The path heads up a short, but moderately steep section and soon flattens out, wandering through a grassy clearing. As the path comes into view of the water, it leads to a three-way intersection (with steps on the left) just before Shakespheres Point.

Turn left : From the intersection, this walk heads down the stairs. The steps lead past the female toilet block and continues down to the open parkland area of Nielsen Park. The walk continues past the bin to a four-way intersection.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the wide sealed path (driveway) directly away from the water, past the garbage bins. The path soon leads past the 'Sydney Harbour National Park' sign and through the gate to Greycliff Ave.

