



Sydney to Boronia Park

2 hrs 30 mins

Moderate track

6 km One way

▲ 176m

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This walk is the southern most stretch of the Great North Walk and spends much of the time exploring the scenic and historic urban areas around Woolwich and Hunters Hill. Starting at the birth place of modern Sydney you soon enjoy a ferry ride across the world renowned harbour, passing the Opera House and heading under the Harbour Bridge. Once on dry land again you will explore the streets and some lovely pockets of remnant bushland of this peninsula. There are a few chances to stop at a cafe along the way before coming to open area at Boronia Park.

Hunters Hill LGA

The Obelisk

The Obelisk is Macquarie's tribute to the convict bridge and natural places. Some of the original stone with a bit of platinum rods can still be seen in the park. The obelisk is a regional landmark square walk in 1810, while the obelisk was erected by Colonel Macquarie (well actually the convicts did the heavy work) in 1818. For nearly 200 years this obelisk has stood as a reminder of the convict era. The obelisk is a regional landmark square walk in 1810, while the obelisk was erected by Colonel Macquarie (well actually the convicts did the heavy work) in 1818. For nearly 200 years this obelisk has stood as a reminder of the convict era. The obelisk is a regional landmark square walk in 1810, while the obelisk was erected by Colonel Macquarie (well actually the convicts did the heavy work) in 1818. For nearly 200 years this obelisk has stood as a reminder of the convict era.

Think before you TREK

where the harbour meets the city. Circular Quay is a transport hub. The Think before you TREK program developed by NSW Police & NSW Fire promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym. There are many small food kiosks and cafes as well as a McDonalds. Circular Quay is the site of Australia's first colonial settlement. In 1794, Thomas Muir was transported to Australia and later bought a farm and built a cottage on what we now call Circular Quay. Not a great deal is known about the traditional owners, as in 1789 almost half of this indigenous population died during a smallpox epidemic. It is reported that only three original people were left by 1791. In 1870 there were some original people living in the boat sheds (near the now Museum of Contemporary Art) when they were dispossessed of that space so it

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;

Woolwich Wharf

1:25 000 Map Series: 91303N PARRAMATTA RIVER

Woolwich Wharf, found at the end of Valentia Street, is a bit of a transport hub with a ferry terminal and a popular bus stop. There are public toilets in the bus shelter area, a public phone box and across the road is an open grass area and kids' playground in 'Valentia Street Reserve'. There is also a large sign highlighting the Great North Walk's presence.

Goat Paddock

Goat Paddock is the open area north of Woolwich Dock. The park has a path winding down through the middle, providing access to the waters edge. In 1835, the Clarke family received a grant of the land at the eastern end of the peninsula, what we now call Woolwich. In 1898, Morts Dock and Engineering Company bought this land and commissioned the excavation of the dock. The area is well maintained and is used by many locals for their morning strolls.

Before You walk

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 3/6
Moderate track

Length	6 km One way
Time	2 hrs 30 mins
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Signs	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)

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 walk's 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 The Obelisk (gps: -33.8633, 151.2102) by car, ferry, train or bus. Car: Parking fees apply in the area.

You can get back from Boronia Park (gps: -33.8272, 151.1381) by car or bus. 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/stbp>

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The Obelisk in Macquarie Place (Cnr of Bridge and Loftus Sts) is the original Mile Stone for 19th century roads in NSW. The surrounding park is the original town square built in 1810, while the Obelisk was erected by Governor Macquarie (well actually the Convicts did the heavy work) in 1818. For nearly 200 years this monument stood as the zero mile/km marker for all principal roads. There are a number of inscriptions including distance markers and "The Obelisk was erected in Macquarie Place A.D.1818, to Record that all the Public Roads Leading to the Interior of the Colony are measured from it. L.Macquarie Esq Governor". The park has a number of other historic items worth exploring.

0 | The Obelisk

(260 m 4 mins) From the tall sandstone obelisk (in Macquarie Place at the intersection of Bridge and Loftus Sts, Sydney), this walk heads down along the footpath beside Loftus St, towards the view of the Harbour Bridge. After about 80m, the footpath leads past 'Jessie Street Gardens', which is 'Dedicated to the achievements of Australian women' - definitely worth the time to read the plaques. From here, the walk continues down past McDonald's and across Alfred St to underneath the 'Circular Quay Railway Station' building.

0.26 | Circular Quay

Where the harbour meets the city, Circular Quay is a transport hub joining the busy ferry wharf with the train and bus services. The Quay provides great views of the Harbour Bridge, Opera House and several other popular sights of Sydney. There are many small food kiosks and cafes as well as a McDonalds. Circular Quay is the site of Australia's first colonial settlement. In 1794, Thomas Muir was transported to Australia and later bought a farm and built a cottage on what we now call Circular Quay. Not a great deal is known about the traditional owners, as in 1789 almost half of this indigenous population died during a smallpox epidemic. It is reported that only three Cadigal people were left by 1791. In 1879, there were some Aboriginal people living in the boat sheds (near the now Museum of Contemporary Art) when they were dispossessed of that space so it could be used for hosting an international exhibition. Now, Circular Quay is popular among visitors enjoying the sites, and also daily commuters.

0.26 | Circular Quay

(4.8 km 20 mins) Continue straight: From Circular Quay ferry terminal, this walk heads over to Wharf 5 and catches a ferry (about \$6) to Woolwich Ferry Wharf, Valentia St. A ferry leaves every 30-60 mins during the day. The trip is very pleasant and passes the Opera House, travels the under the Harbour Bridge, around Garden Island, near Cockatoo Island and on to Woolwich Ferry Wharf near the mouth of the Lane Cove River.

5.07 | Woolwich Wharf

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5.07 | Woolwich Ferry Wharf, Valentia St

(720 m 13 mins) Continue straight: From Woolwich Wharf (at the end of Valentia Street), this walk follows the footpath, past the toilets and the large 'Great North Walk' sign (and past the children's playground which is across the road) to the top of 'Valentia St'. The walk turns left and follows the tree-lined 'The Point Rd', which bends left and becomes 'Gale St'. Not far along Gale St, this walk comes to the front of the gates at the top of the signposted 'Goat Paddock' park (on your left)

5.8 | Goat Paddock

Goat Paddock is the open area north of Woolwich Dock. The park has a path winding down through the middle, providing access to the waters edge. In 1835, the Clarke family received a grant of the land at the eastern end of the peninsula, what we now call Woolwich. In 1898, Morts Dock and Engineering Company bought this land and commissioned the excavation of the dock. The area is well maintained and is used by many locals for their morning strolls.

5.8 | Goat Paddock

(80 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the gates at the top of 'Goat Paddock', this walk follows the footpath uphill beside Gale St, which soon bends right. The walk passes 'Woolwich Pier Hotel' (on the opposite side of the road), then veers left across the grass on the signposted 'Woolwich Lookout' park, and soon comes to the fenced lookout platform on the left, about 80m from the lookout.

5.87 | Woolwich Lookout

Woolwich Lookout is a fenced lookout atop of the cliffs at the western end of Woolwich Dock. There are great views down the sandstone cutting, through the dock at the mouth of the Lane Cove River and to North Sydney. In December 1901, the W. Solomon & Sons company (commissioned by Morts Dock and Engineering Company) completed the excavation of 85,000 cubic metres of sandstone to construct this dry dock. At the time, this 188 metres long, and 27 metres wide, pit was the largest dry dock in Australia. In 1963, the Army purchased the site and now it is managed by the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

5.87 | Woolwich Lookout

(590 m 13 mins) Continue straight: From 'Woolwich Lookout', this walk winds down the concrete footpath, initially keeping the water view to your left. Crossing the road, this walk then follows the GNW arrow post downhill along Edgecliff Rd, which soon bends right (enjoying the water views across to Cockatoo Island), then crosses Margaret St to become Alfred St. Continuing to the end of Alfred St, this walk comes to a short sandstone wall and a 'Kellys Bush' sign
Continue straight: From the end of Alfred St, this walk follows the 'Nelson Parade' sign up the sandstone steps. At the top of the steps, this walk turns right, following the 'Picnic Area' sign along the dirt track for about 80m to a three-way intersection just past a bench seat. This walk veers right, following the 'Nelson Parade' sign up the steps, passing a 'Kellys bush' information sign at the top of the hill, then leaves the park through a gap in the timber fence to come to a road beside Weil Park (a large playing field).

6.46 | Kellys Bush

In the late 1880s, pocket of bushland between Prince George Parade and Alfred St, Woolwich was set aside to act as a buffer zone between the Parramatta River and the Sydney Smelting Company. The area was named after the owner of the land and smelting company, T.H. Kelly. From the passion of the local people who fought to protect this area, Kelly's Bush is now owned by the Hunters Hill Council and cared for by a team of local bush regenerators.

6.46 | Top of Kellys Bush

(830 m 17 mins) Continue straight: From the top of Kellys Bush, this walk follows the GNW arrow gently uphill along Prince George Parade (directly away from the park). Soon after passing a set of swings (on the central reservation), this walk turns right (crossing over the other part Prince George Parade) to follow another GNW arrow post along 'Gladstone Ave' until coming to an intersection with 'Woolwich Rd'.
Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow west alongside Woolwich Rd for about 100m, then turns right across the road and heads to the end of Serpentine Rd. There are some GNW arrows here and a footpath on the left.
Continue straight: From the end of Serpentine Rd, this walk follows the GNW arrows down a few steps, then downhill along the footpath. The path soon leads down to Vernon St to turn left, following the street for about 30m. Here the walk turns right, leading down a pedestrian lane-way and steps between two house, coming to 'Morningside Reserve', beside Alexandra Bay on the Lane Cove River. Here the walk turns left, leading up along the grassy track reserve behind some houses for about 180m to turn left at a GNW post marking another pedestrian lane-way. The walk heads up this lane-way then up the steps to turn right on Vernon St, coming almost immediately to an intersection with Brookes St (on your right).

7.29 | Int of Brookes and Vernon Sts

(1.2 km 22 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads uphill along Vernon St which soon bends left. At the top of the hill, this walk turns right to follow the footpath beside Woolwich Rd for about 150m, then turns right down Futuna Lane. At the T-intersection, this walk turns left to follow Futuna St past the grand 'St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church' building and then come to another T-intersection. Here the walk crosses Crescent St and turns right a short distance and then left into Garrick Ave. At the end of Garrick Ave, this walk follows the GNW arrow along the zigzagging pedestrian lane way for about 170m to come to Passy Ave. Here the walk crosses the road and turns right, following the footpath for about 150m to then turn left onto Ambrose St. After a further 100m, the walk turns right at Ferry St to pass in front of the large sandstone 'All Saints Anglican Church' building. Just past this church, the walk passes a few shops to cross Alexandra St, then turns left. Just after crossing Ady St, this walk comes to 'Jaspers Restaurant', opposite more cafes and shops.

8.5 | Hunters Hill Shops

Just opposite the intersection of Alexandra and Ady Streets is a community shopping village in Hunters Hill. There are a few cafes and small restaurants set among a lovely series of sandstone buildings. You could even get your hair cut if so desired. The Ricciotti Deli Cafe open 7 days 0800-1700 (weekends 0800-1500) ph: (02) 9817-7388.

8.5 | Hunters Hill Shops

(1.4 km 26 mins) Continue straight: From in front of 'Jaspers Restaurant', this walk heads gently downhill along Alexandra St almost immediately passing 'Vienna' Cottage (an artisan's home built in 1871). This walk continues along beside Alexandra St for about 500m, passing the post office, Masonic Centre, town hall, Congregational Church, a tiny and very old-looking pharmacy to come to a four-way intersection with Mount St (on your right), opposite a children's playground. Here the walk follows the GNW post right and

downhill along Mount St to come to a waterfront intersection at the end of the street.

Turn left : From the northern end of Mount St, this walk follows the asphalt footpath behind Hunters Hill High School, whilst keeping the Lane Cover River to your right. The path leads past a few information signs, then bends left at the grassy clearing to head up the side of the school. The path leads up a small set of stairs and turns right on Reiby Rd, where the walk follows the road for 100m until the road bends right. Here, the walk crosses the road to follow the GNW arrow up to the right and along the concrete footpath, which leads under Burns Bay Rd (Fig Tree Bridge). Just after passing under the bridge, the walk heads left, diagonally up through Joubert Street Reserve to Joubert St (just downhill from the intersection with Figtree Rd).

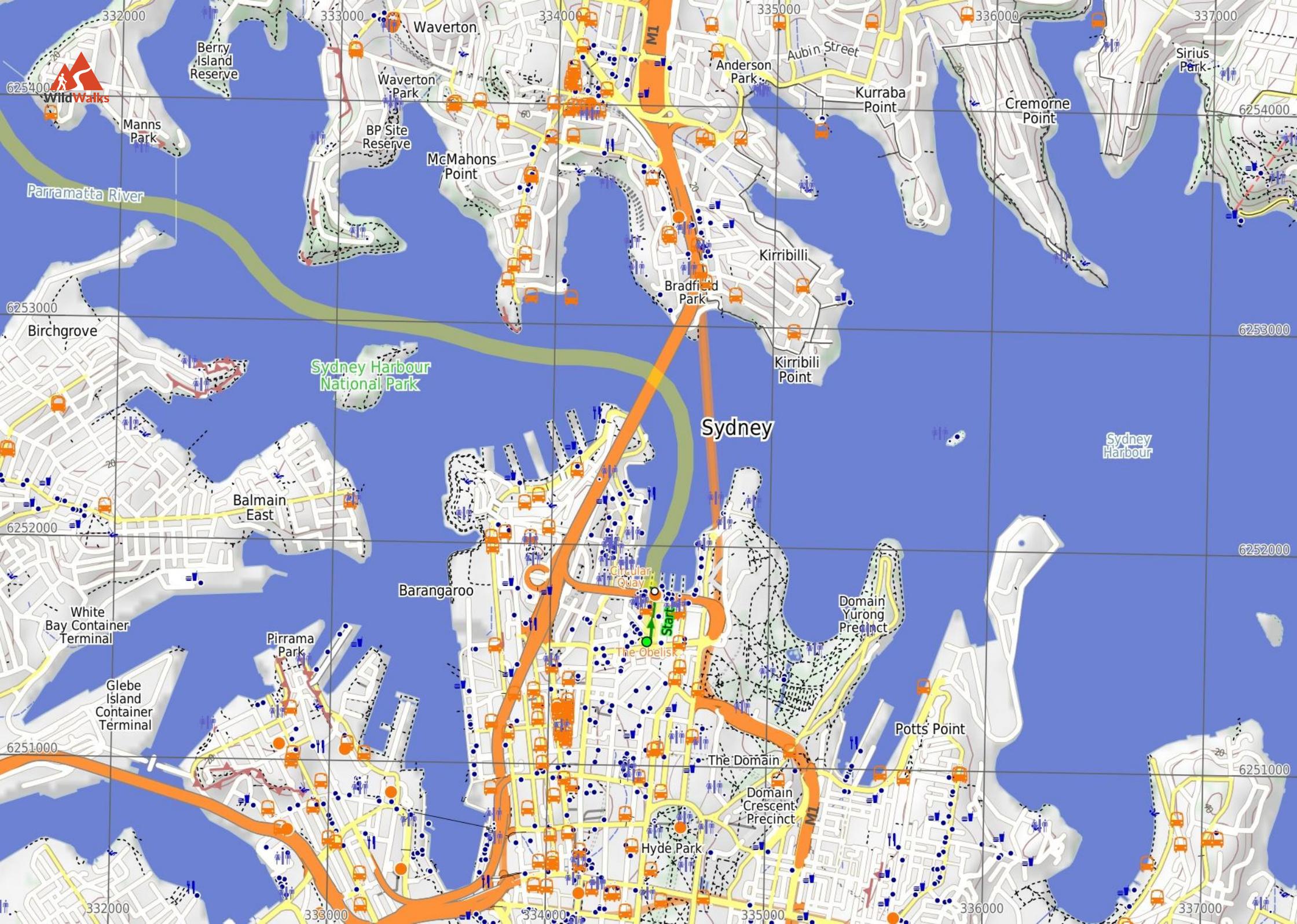
9.89 | Joubert Street Reserve

(930 m 17 mins) Continue straight: From Joubert Street Reserve, this walk crosses Joubert St and heads uphill to then turn right into Figtree Rd. The walk leads along the footpath beside Figtree Rd for about 350m, then turns right onto Ryde Rd (there is a Coles Express service station to your left, if you want a cold drink). Following the footpath alongside Ryde Rd for about 500m (passing St Joseph's College along the way), this walk comes to Boronia Ave, just beside Boronia Park.

10.82 | Boronia Park

Boronia Park is found at the intersection of Ryde Rd and Boronia Ave. The park is centered around a couple of large playing fields and a grand stand. Here you will find public toilets, tap water, electric BBQs and a children's playground. There is also shade from the trees and rain shelter to provide some relief on the hot or wet days.





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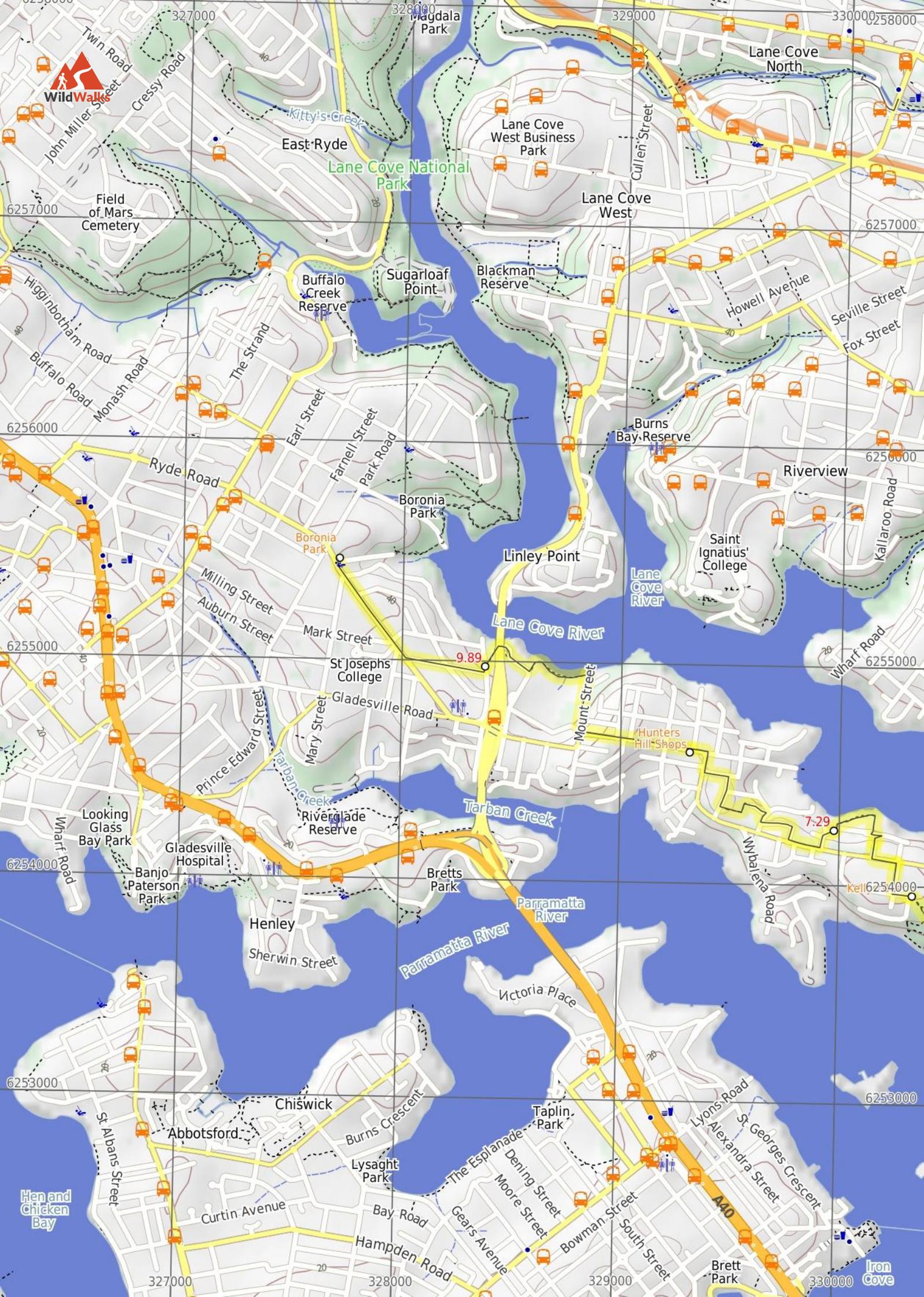
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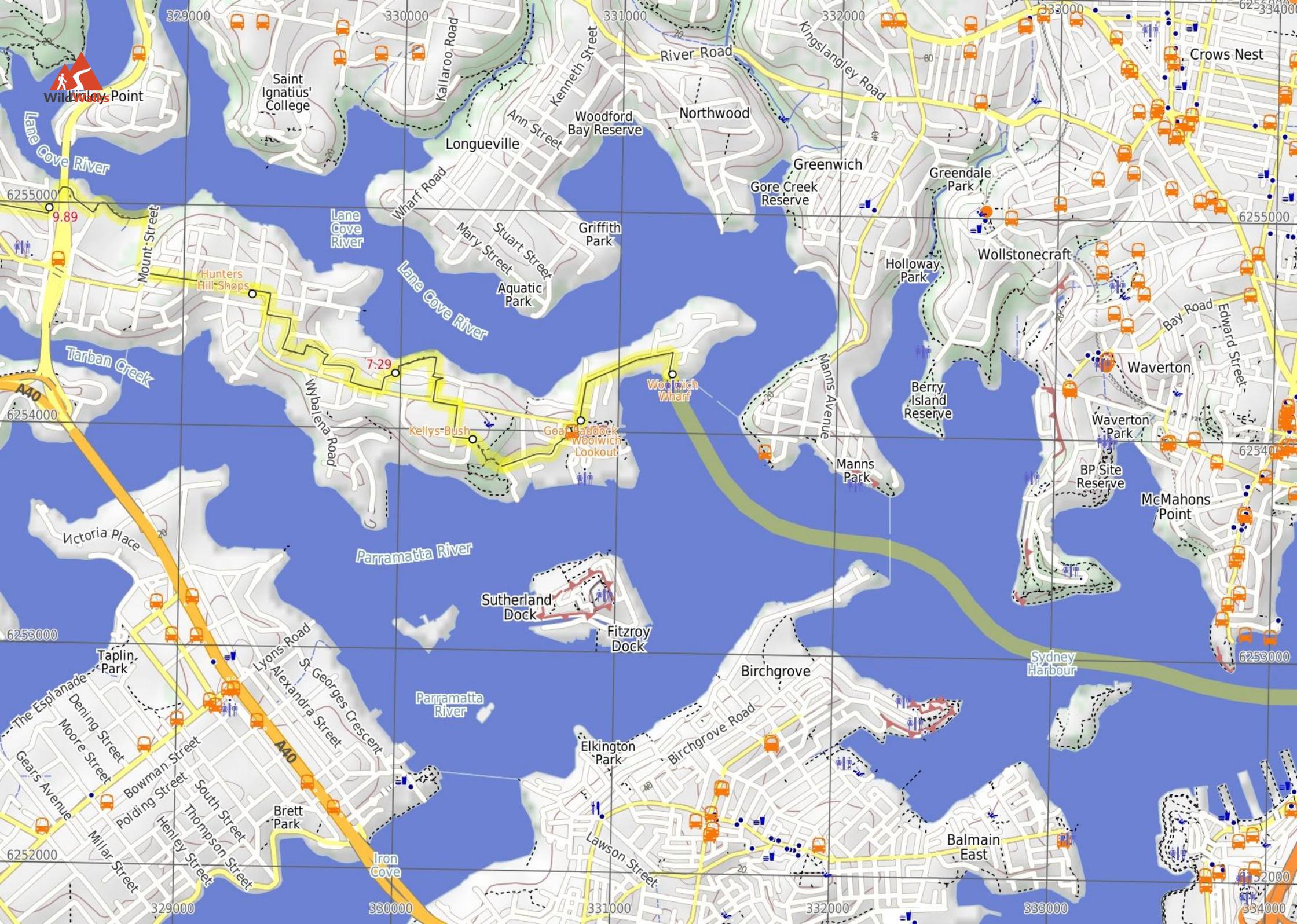
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Summary navigation sheet for the Sydney to Boronia Park



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
0.00	The Obelisk -33.8633,151.2102 (GR Parramatta River, 344516)	1 -5	260 m 4 mins	From the tall sandstone obelisk (in Macquarie Place at the intersection of Bridge and Loftus Sts, Sydney), this walk heads down along the footpath beside Loftus St, towards the view of the Harbour Bridge.
0.26	Circular Quay -33.861,151.2104 (GR Parramatta River, 345518)	2 -2	4.8 km 20 mins	Continue straight: From Circular Quay ferry terminal, this walk heads over to Wharf 5 and catches a ferry (about \$6) to Woolwich Ferry Wharf, Valentia St.
5.07	Woolwich Ferry Wharf, Valentia St -33.8386,151.1761 (GR Parramatta River, 312542)	23 -6	720 m 13 mins	Continue straight: From 'Woolwich Wharf' (at the end of Valentia Street), this walk follows the footpath, past the toilets and the large 'Great North Walk' sign (and past the children's playground which is across the ...
5.80	Goat Paddock -33.8403,151.1716 (GR Parramatta River, 308540)	1 -2	80 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From the gates at the top of 'Goat Paddock', this walk follows the footpath uphill beside Gale St, which soon bends right.
5.87	Woolwich Lookout -33.8407,151.171 (GR Parramatta River, 308540)	35 -11	590 m 13 mins	Continue straight: From 'Woolwich Lookout', this walk winds down the concrete footpath, initially keeping the water view to your left.
6.46	Top of Kellys Bush -33.841,151.1662 (GR Parramatta River, 303540)	27 -46	830 m 17 mins	Continue straight: From the top of Kellys Bush, this walk follows the GNW arrow gently uphill along Prince George Parade (directly away from the park).
7.29	Int of Brookes and Vernon Sts -33.8383,151.1625 (GR Parramatta River, 300543)	31 -24	1.2 km 22 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads uphill along Vernon St which soon bends left.
8.50	Hunters Hill Shops -33.8349,151.1555 (GR Parramatta River, 293546)	32 -45	1.4 km 26 mins	Continue straight: From in front of 'Jaspers Restaurant', this walk heads gently downhill along Alexandra St almost immediately passing 'Vienna' Cottage (an artisan's home built in 1871).
9.89	Joubert Street Reserve -33.8315,151.1453 (GR Parramatta River, 284550)	26 -3	930 m 17 mins	Continue straight: From Joubert Street Reserve, this walk crosses Joubert St and heads uphill to then turn right into Figtree Rd.