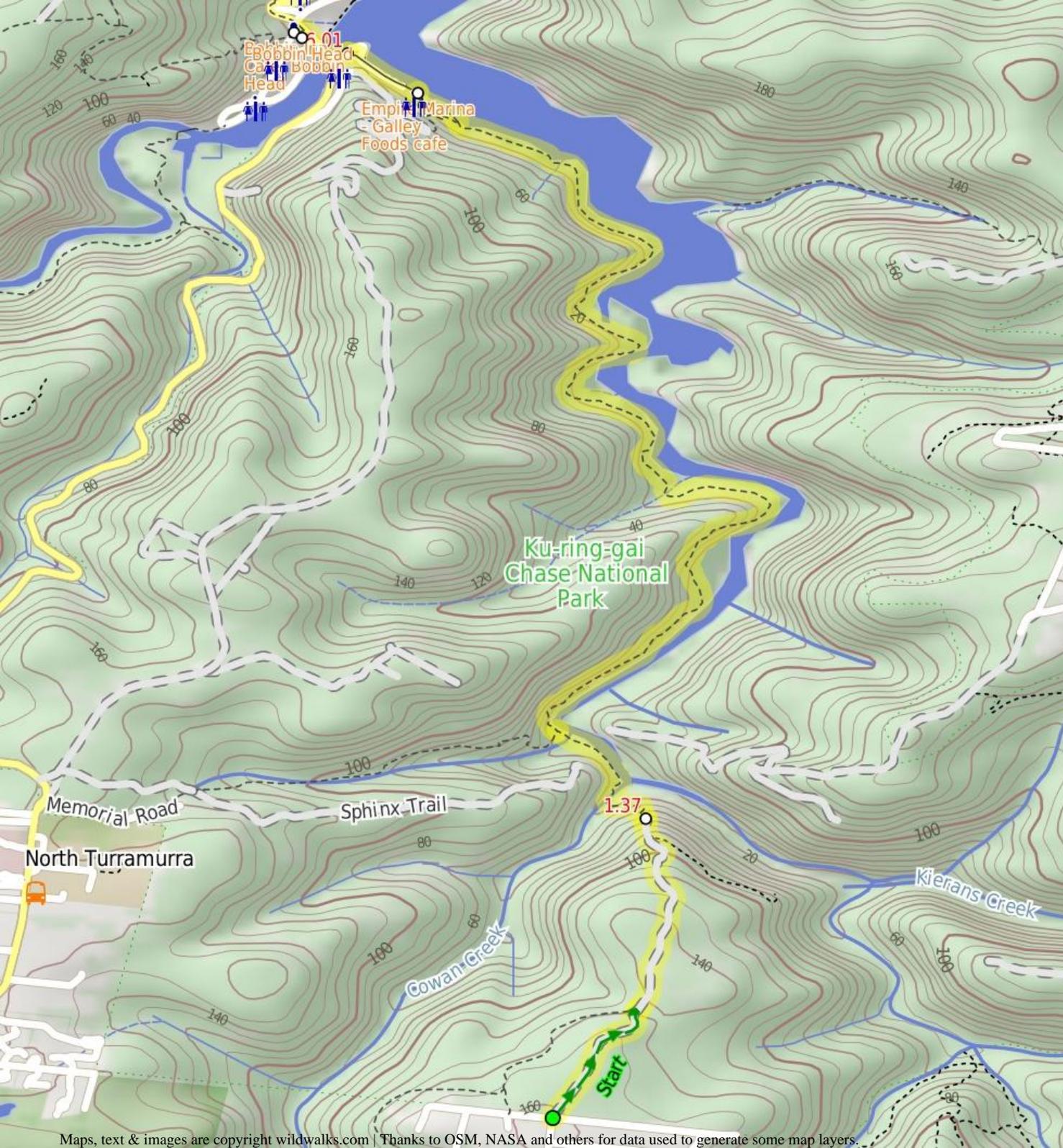


## Warrimoo Track to Bobbin Head



**2 hrs 45 mins**

**Moderate track**

**6.2 km One way**

**↑ 280m**

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The Warrimoo Track is a great walk for exploring the upper reaches of Cowan Creek. This walk wanders down the ridge to follow the bank of Cowan Creek to Bobbin Head. There are many different views to be seen and a variety of flora and fauna throughout makes this walk quite interesting. Enjoy a cool drink from the cafe at the end of the walk.

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Ku-ring-gai Chase 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 End of Warrimoo Ave (gps: -33.7006, 151.1656) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Bobbin Inn (gps: -33.6597, 151.1591). 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.tl/wttbh>

## 0 | End of Warrimoo Ave

*(1.4 km 28 mins)* From the car park, this walk follows the management trail through the bush for a while before winding down a gentle hill and coming to the signposted intersection with the Darri track.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the Bobbin Head arrow along the service trail (heading north west). The trail meanders through the bush for a while before winding steadily down a long hill to the end of the ridge. Here, the trail comes to a Memorial Chair at a lookout over Cowan Creek.

## 1.37 | Sonja Huddles Chair

*(4.4 km 1 hr 47 mins)* Continue straight: From the Memorial Chair, the walk heads down the rock steps and follows the bush track. The track winds steeply down the rocky hill and crosses Cowan Creek at the stepping stones. The track then continues along the edge of the creek (keeping the creek to the right) until coming to the signposted intersection with the Sphinx Track.

Continue straight: From the intersection this walk follows the 'Bobbin Head' arrow on the 'Warrimoo Track' sign along the clear track that leads through the mostly flat ferny section, keeping Cowan Creek some distance to your right. After about 100m the track leaves the ferns and passes under a set of high tension power lines where the track undulates along the side of the hill close to Cowan Creek crossing a few small gullies for about 900m to then pass along a long natural sandstone wall. About 150m after this wall the track leads just below a notable sandstone overhang (up to your left) where the track then starts to head downhill for just over 100m to a fairly open grassy salt marsh. The walk stays just to the left of the salt marsh then leads along the edge of a section of mangroves for 100m where the track bends left and leads along side the creek for another 100m to then cross a creek at a wide rocky gully. This is a pleasant cool spot with the usually small creek flowing over the sandstone rock platform with naturally carved holes. For the next 200m the track undulates gently along the foreshore through the casuarina forest to

come to a tall overhang that is on a rock platform right on the edge of Cowan Creek, a pleasant place to rest. This section of track may become covered with water at high tide. From the tall overhang the track continues along the shortening natural rock wall for about 150m to then lead along another section of mangroves for 150m. About 60m past the mangroves the track crosses a short flat timber bridge, then over the next 200m the track crosses a mossy gully and densely forested gully where the rocky track climbs over a rise, past some large smooth bark angophora's then down to another tall and long rock wall and some more pleasant water views. Just 20m past this rock wall the track bends left and leads alongside the edge of the mangroves for 200m, were again the track may be covered with water at high tides. From the end of the mangroves the rocky track climbs for about 200m before continuing along the water side through a casuarina forest as the track gently undulates over some rocky sections passing some pleasant water views for 400m to pass below another fairly large sandstone cave/overhang (up the hill to your left). Over the next 250m the track leads through a grassy section beside the creek before crossing a shallow gully over a scattering of sandstone blocks. Over the next 300m the mostly flat track leads through a tall wooded forest filled with ferns and crossing a few middens to come to an three-way intersection, just before the marina, marked with a 'Warrimoo Ave & Sphinx Memorial' sign pointing back along the track.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bobbin Head Picnic Area' sign along the mostly flat track following the foreshore, keeping the water and boats to your right. After about 30m this walk follows a fence and handrail behind a dry dock for 40m. Here the track narrows a bit to head between the rock face and buildings for 100m to turn right at a 'Warrimoo Track' sign and a yellow painted walker (on the ground). Here the walk heads through the hallway, past the public toilets to the water front of Empire Marina, beside the 'Kiosk' (on your right).

## 5.77 | Empire Marina - Galley Foods cafe

Empire Marina, in Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park, provides facilities and services for people on boats and on foot. The marina is home to "Galley Foods" kiosk and restaurant. The kiosk provides a variety of food priced between \$4-\$16, and is open from 8:30am to 5pm seven days. The restaurant requires reservations, and is open for lunch Thurs-Mon, breakfast on the weekend, and in dinner on Fridays and Saturdays in summer. Phone 9457 0477 [More info.](#)

## 5.77 | Empire Marina

*(240 m 4 mins)* Turn left: From beside the Kiosk at Empire Marina, this walk follows the concrete path keeping the water just to your right. After about 20m this walk follows the 'Bobbin Head Picnic Area' sign along the elevated path past a series of information signs about the local heritage, beside the car park for 150m to leave the marina through the lockable gate. This gate is locked outside of 'park operating hours', that is 8pm to 6am during daylight savings periods, and 5.30pm to 6am at other times of the year. Here the walk passes a sign pointing back to the 'Warrimoo Track' and continues along the waterside then through the car park for another 60m to find

another sign pointing back to 'Warrimoo Track', next to the 'Pay Here' station.

## 6.01 | Bobbin Head Wharf carpark

*(180 m 4 mins)* Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the driveway out of the car park a short distance to the intersection with Bobbin Head Road, just beside the bridge. Here there is a toilet block (ahead and on the left), a shelter and phone both (just to your left).

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath beside the road over the wide bridge, crossing Cowan Creek. On the far side of the bridge, this walk continues beside the road along side 'Orchard Park' to pass a side road (on the left). Just 60m later along the main road (Ku-ring-gai Chase Road) this walk comes to the end of a small set of car parks just beside the 'Bobbin Inn' building (on your left), home to cafe and 'information centre'.

## 6.19 | Bobbin Head

Bobbin Head is a historic recreation area which is still popular today, suiting the needs of many people. At the center of the Bobbin Head area is the old "Bobbin Inn", built in the 1930s - it is now the park information center and cafe. The area is popular with picnickers, boaters, walkers, canoeists, family groups and people who like to fish. Bobbin Head is roughly divided into three sections (north, south and east). Southern Bobbin Head is a popular picnic area for families and large groups. The area is surrounded by a car park and dotted with picnic tables, electric BBQs, shelters and a large playground. There are toilets nearby, and 'The Station' is a sheltered accessible area with BBQ and tables that can be booked NPWS. The northern Bobbin Head (Orchard Park) area is a more formal picnic area. There is a large picnic shelter, surrounded by 14 smaller octagonal shelters, each of these divided into 4 walled-off compartments, ideal for small groups. The eastern side of Bobbin head is dominated by the Empire Marina and public wharf. The marina is home to a nice restaurant and public toilets.

## 6.19 | Bobbin Inn Cafe

At the centre of Bobbin Head picnic area, in the old 'Bobbin Inn' building, is a cafe offering inside and outdoor dining, and a range of foods and drinks. Food includes fish and chips, wraps, focaccia, sandwiches and snack foods. Tea, coffee and cold drinks are also on offer. Opening hours are 9 - 4pm Mon to Fri (closed Tuesdays) & 9 - 5pm weekends. For more information, phone the cafe on 9457 7170. The NPWS Bobbin Head Information Centre is open 7 days a week (closed Christmas Day) 10 - 4pm (closed 12 - 12:30pm lunch). Ramp access available via on the southwestern corner of the building. Ramp access to the information centre through the cafe.