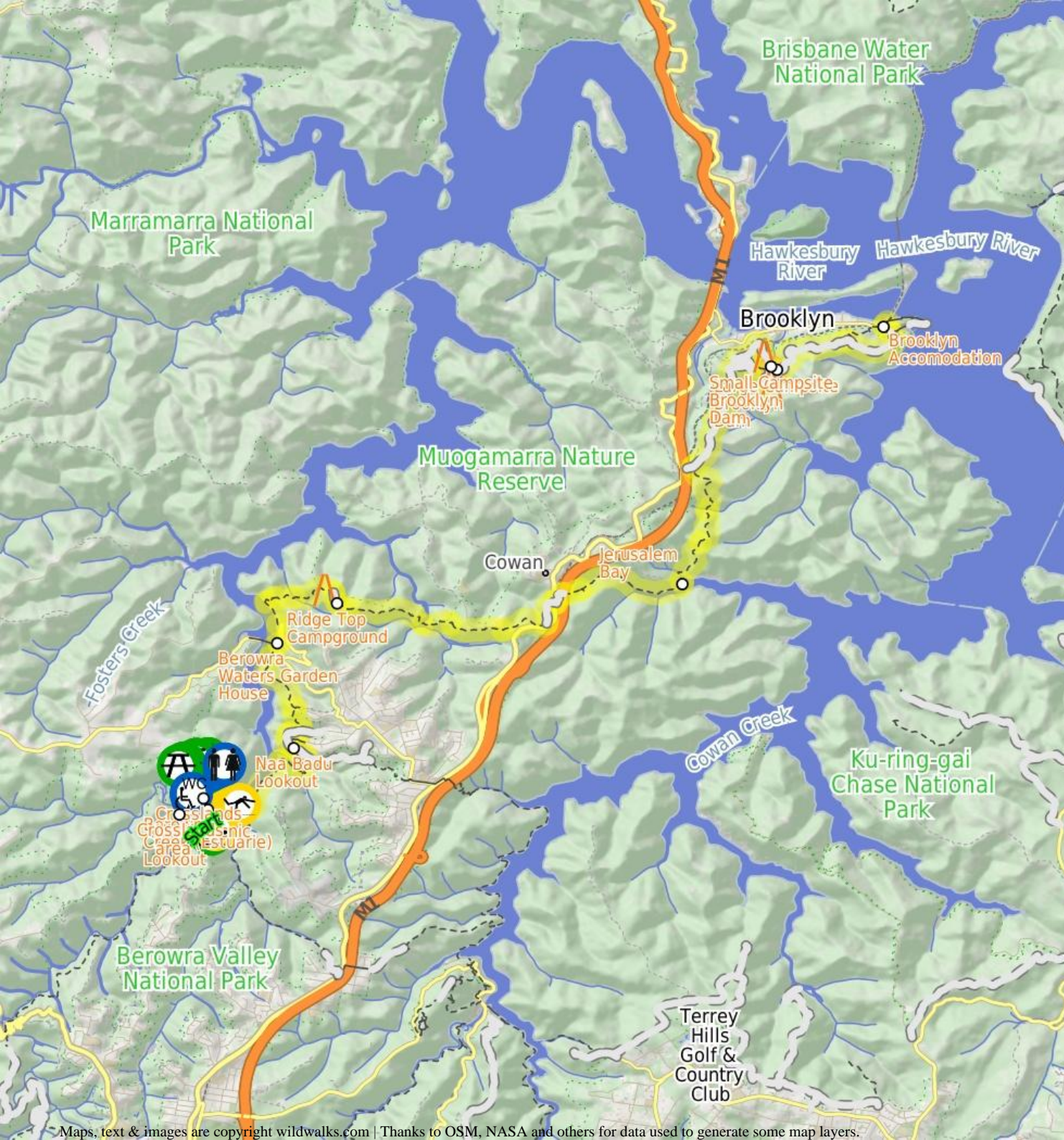


Crosslands to Brooklyn



2 Days

Hard track

27.4 km One way

▲ 1757m



From the Crosslands Reserve, this walk heads along the Great North Walk via Berowra Waters, Cowan, Jerusalem Bay and onto Brooklyn. This is one of the prettiest multi-day walks in the area. The walk explores two rivers and ridge tops, giving a great variety of views. The campsite is not the best, and you will need to carry in water.

1m

220m

Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

Crosslands

Crosslands Reserve is lovely and long mixed use picnic area, spanning along the edge of Berowra Creek. There are picnic tables, electric barbecues, toilets, car parking, a children's playground, garbage bins, camping area, toilets and town water. The southern part of Crosslands is managed by Hornsby Council and the northern half by the NPWS within the Berowra Valley National Park. The first inhabitants of this area were a subgroup of the Dharug people who enjoyed the sandstone caves, fish and abundant plant life in the area. It is now managed by Hornsby Shire Council, but in 1856 Matthew Charlton asked Burton Crossland to be caretaker on this area. Burton built a house and made a living by harvesting timber, growing fruit, fishing and boat-building.

Crosslands North Picnic area

The northern section of Crosslands is in Berowra Valley NP and is a less formal picnic area compared with the southern area. There is a toilet block and a few sandy beaches with direct access to the water. Here you will find a few picnic tables and shelters, as well as garbage bins. The eastern side is home to a boardwalk exploring the estuarine wetland. A pleasant area to rest and enjoy the water. Fires are only permitted in formally established fire places .

Berowra Creek (Estuarie) Lookout

The Estuarie lookout over Berowra Creek is found at the end of the wheelchair-accessible walk in Crosslands area. The timber lookout platform provides views great views over Berowra Creek, the timber fence is 95cm high. There are also information signs about the local flora and fauna and the 'Original Inhabitants'. There are two timber bench seats encouraging you to take some time to soak up this view.

Naa Badu Lookout

Naa Badu Lookout offers magnificent views south over Berowra Creek as well as over Sams and Calna Creeks. Naa Badu means 'See water' in the Aboriginal tribal language of the Dharug people. It is believed that Berowra Creek was the boundary between the Dharug and Guringai Aboriginal peoples. The lookout is fenced, has a bench seat, picnic table and a fair amount of natural shade.

Berowra Waters Garden House

#####CLOSED##### This picturesque little restaurant sits on the eastern side of Berowra Creek and is just a hop, skip and a jump from the ferry. With breakfast, lunch and dinner menus, the Garden House Restaurant is a great spot for those looking to tap into the Berowra Valley's full potential. For information on bookings and opening hours phone (02)9456 2955.

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 Metropolitan District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Berowra Valley National Park, Muogamarra Nature Reserve](#))
- 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.

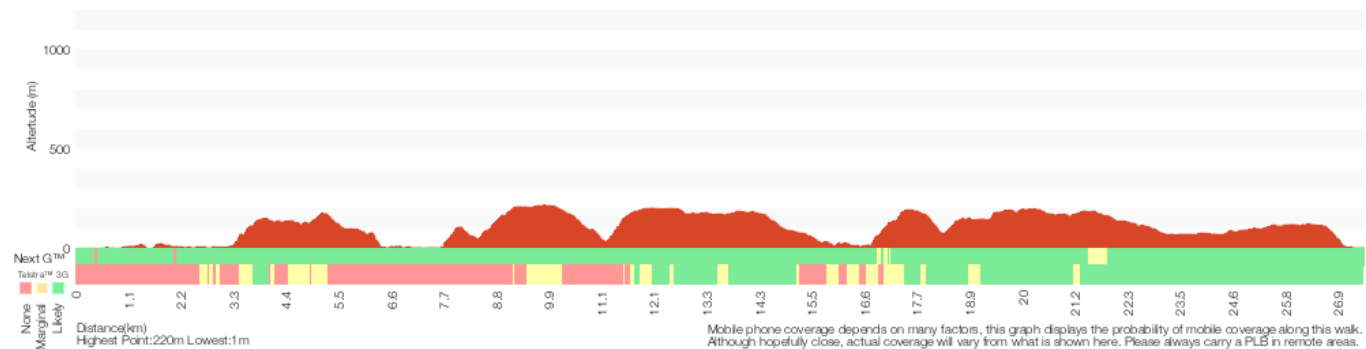
Topo Maps

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:91304S HORNSBY, 91304N COWAN

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

1:100 000 Map Series: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

Length	27.4 km One way
Time	2 Days
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Forecast, unforecast storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)
Infrastructure	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 walk 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 Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Crosslands Carpark (gps: -33.6287, 151.109). Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Hawkesbury River Railway Station (gps: -33.5472, 151.2266) by car, train 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/cttrc>

0 | Crosslands

Crosslands Reserve is lovely and long mixed use picnic area, spanning along the edge of Berowra Creek. There are picnic tables, electric barbecues, toilets, car parking, a children's playground, garbage bins, camping area, toilets and town water. The southern part of Crosslands is managed by Hornsby Council and the northern half by the NPWS within the Berowra Valley National Park. The first inhabitants of this area were a subgroup of the Dharug people who enjoyed the sandstone caves, fish and abundant plant life in the area. It is now managed by Hornsby Shire Council, but in 1856 Matthew Charlton asked Burton Crossland to be caretaker on this area. Burton built a house and made a living by harvesting timber, growing fruit, fishing and boat-building.

0 | Crosslands Carpark

(250 m 4 mins) From the car park, this walk follows the flat dirt path between the road (on the right) and creek (on the left). The path leads through the casuarina trees for about 120m to pass the boat ramp. After another 120m this walk comes to a locked gate at the northern end of the car park. There is also a wetland through the trees to the right worth noticing.

0.25 | Northern end of Crosslands Carpark

(260 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From the northern end of Crosslands car park (at the far northern end of Somerville Rd, Hornsby Heights), this walk follows the 'Newcastle' arrow on the large 'Great North Walk' sign around the locked gate and along the sealed old road. The walk continues along the old road for just over 150m passing 4 picnic tables to come to a y-intersection. At the intersection this walk veers right, past the 'Place of Winds' sign and wetland (on your right). This walk continues along this old road for a little longer, coming to an intersection marked with a large 'Crosslands' information board and 'Great North walk' sign. This is just on the edge of the northern picnic area, not far from the toilet block.

0.51 | Crosslands North Picnic area

The northern section of Crosslands is in Berowra Valley NP and is a less formal picnic area compared with the southern area. There is a toilet block and a few sandy beaches with direct access to the water. Here you will find a few picnic tables and shelters, as well as garbage bins. The eastern side is home to a boardwalk exploring the estuarine wetland. A pleasant area to rest and enjoy the water. Fires are only permitted in formally established fire places .

0.51 | Crosslands North

(220 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the intersection at the northern picnic area, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign along the timber boardwalk.

The timber boardwalk winds through the mangroves for about 60m, coming to a firm dirt track which leads for another 70m to a second timber boardwalk. The second boardwalk leads for another 70m, past 'Mangrove Food Cycle' information signs to come to an 3-way intersection in the boardwalk with the estuaries viewing platform boardwalk (on your left).

0.73 | Berowra Creek (Estuarie) Lookout

The Estuarie lookout over Berowra Creek is found at the end of the wheelchair-accessible walk in Crosslands area. The timber lookout platform provides views great views over Berowra Creek, the timber fence is 95cm high. There are also information signs about the local flora and fauna and the 'Original Inhabitants'. There are two timber bench seats encouraging you to take some time to soak up this view.

0.73 | Estuaries viewing platform

(780 m 20 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection at the estuaries viewing platform, this walk follows the timber ramp down to the dirt track and heads past the '..unsuitable for wheelchair access' sign. The track leads alongside the wide creek for about 200m to the 'All creatures great and small' information sign, then down a little way further to head along a short section of timber boardwalk. About 100m further along the rocky track, this walk comes to a lookout and a 'Catch the Threats' information sign, where the track continues past the bench seat and alongside the creek to the 'The Rock Club' information sign. The track then leads among some grass tress for just over 100m to the 'Bush Supermarket' information sign. Just past this sign, the track begins to climb fairly steeply up the stone and timber steps to the ridge line, marked with a GNW arrow and a 'Stop! Look! Listen! and Smell!' information sign.

Continue straight: From the ridge line, this walk follows the GNW arrow east downhill, initially keeping the 'Stop! Look! Listen! and Smell!' information sign on your right. The track bends left and follows the timber steps as the track winds steeply down the side of the hill. Near the bottom of the hill, the track passes a 'Rock n Roll' information sign then comes to a long, metal footbridge. The walk crosses the bridge over Calna Creek and comes to a signposted intersection, with a 'Fragile Marsh' information sign

1.51 | Calna Creek Ridge intersection

(1.1 km 27 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign along the timber boardwalk. The boardwalk leads for about 80m across the large open flat saltmarsh into the casuarina forest on the other side. Here the track bends left and leads along the side of the saltmarsh for almost 200m, where the rocky track leads a little further before coming alongside Berowra Creek's mangroves. The track continues to gently undulate along the side of Berowra Creek for about 650m among the casuarinas and grass tress, before heading up a fairly short, steep climb. At the top of this climb, the walk comes to a small, flat, pleasant clearing surrounded by large boulders.

2.66 | Sams Creek ridge clearing

(500 m 11 mins) Continue straight: From the clearing, this walk leads down the north eastern side of this ridge, keeping the main valley to your left. After about 100m this walk comes to another flat saltmarsh , where the track bends right to soon come to a large flat clearing beside Sams Creek (subject to flooding). The track then leads alongside Sams Creek (on your left) for about 350m when, just after climbing over a rock, the track comes to a 'Crosslands' sign pointing back along the track, beside the creek.

3.16 | Sams Creek Crossing

(670 m 30 mins) Turn left: From the south side of the creek, this walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign across the rocky Sams Creek. This creek may become impassable after heavy or prolonged rain. On the other side, the track

veers left, crossing a rocky gully and heads up the timber steps. The track now starts to climb steeply, zigzagging up the timber steps and a couple of staircases for just over 300m to find a bench seat in a small sandstone cave. After a rest, this walk continues up more steps (and staircases) for just over 150m, coming to a T-intersection with a wide service trail, where a 'Crosslands' sign points back down the track.

3.83 | Int of GNW and Berowra Link tracks

(260 m 7 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign gently down along the management trail, keeping the valley to your left. The trail gently undulates along the side of the hill, enjoying some glimpses up to the cliff faces (on the right). After about 180m, the trail crosses a concrete drain, then leads up the hill to find the signposted 'Naa Badu' lookout and its great view.

4.09 | Naa Badu Lookout

Naa Badu Lookout offers magnificent views south over Berowra Creek as well as over Sams and Calna Creeks. Naa Badu means 'See water' in the Aboriginal tribal language of the Dharug people. It is believed that Berowra Creek was the boundary between the Dharug and Guringai Aboriginal peoples. The lookout is fenced, has a bench seat, picnic table and a fair amount of natural shade.

4.09 | Int of Naa Badu Lookout

(540 m 11 mins) Continue straight: From the 'Naa Badu' lookout, this walk follows the management trail over the small rise and across the concrete ditch, keeping the valley to your left. The trail leads around the side of the hill for about 300m, gently undulating to come to an intersection with a narrow track and small clearing (on your left, as the trail bends right), just past the large scribbly gum. (This informal track leads down to an unfenced rock platform, with filtered views over Berowra Creek).

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the wide trail gently downhill as it bends right, keeping the valley to your left. After about 140m, the trail narrows a bit, leading down a few short but steeper sections to an intersection (with some steps on your left), where a 'The Great North Walk' sign points back up along the trail.

4.63 | Int of GNW and Berkeley Close service trail

(2.2 km 1 Hr) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign down the timber steps. The walk then crosses Banggarai Creek using a timber bridge, and leads up some timber steps. The rocky track then leads up some more timbers steps, between two rocks then over a few rocks, where the track then flattens out. The now flat, sandy track winds through the forest for about 150m and passes a timber seat, then leads down across a small gully before the track begins to climb again. The track leads up some more timber steps, then the walk climbs two metal pegs in the rock and continues to climb steeply up the rock and timber steps. After 60m, the track flattens out again, leading gently up through the scribbly gum and angophora forest for just over 100m to a three-way intersection marked with a couple of GNW arrow posts.

Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north-west down the sandy track, directly towards the valley. The track soon becomes rocky and leads fairly steeply down the hill for about 150m before mostly flattening out and coming close to the top of an unfenced cliff with good views over Berowra Creek. Here the rocky track continues more gently down along the top of the ridge for about 200m and comes to a large rock platform. This walk veers right to lead down the gap in the rock, climbing down some steel pegs to where the track flattens out again. The track leads across the saddle for about 60m then veers left and follows along the base of a long rock wall (on your right). Here the track leads down around the side of the ridge for just over 400m, passing some unfenced views for rock platforms

then down some sandstone steps to find a tall sandstone overhang with a timber seat. From this cave, this walk continues along the base of the rock wall, and soon bends left and winds fairly steeply down a series of rock and timber steps to come to the edge of Berowra Creek (where there is a 'no wash' sign facing the water from the rock platform). The track leads along the shore line for a short time to head onto the rock platform in Washtub Gully.

Continue straight: From Washtub Gully, this walk crosses the creek and follows the track, keeping Berowra Creek not far to your left. After about 50m, the track passes an old partially sunken boat, then about 100m further on, the track passes a view point that is an obviously popular (but not recommended) jumping spot. The track then soon leads up some steps and over a rise behind the 'Berowra Waters Garden House' restaurant, then heads down the steps to come to the signposted 'Berowra Waters Trackhead' on 'Berowra Waters Rd'.

6.83 | Berowra Waters Garden House

#####CLOSED##### This picturesque little restaurant sits on the eastern side of Berowra Creek and is just a hop, skip and a jump from the ferry. With breakfast, lunch and dinner menus, the Garden House Restaurant is a great spot for those looking to tap into the Berowra Valley's full potential. For information on bookings and opening hours phone (02)9456 2955.

6.83 | Berowra Waters track head

(390 m 8 mins) Continue straight: From 'Berowra Waters Trackhead', this walk follows the 'Newcastle' sign along 'Kirkpatrick Way' and across the culverted Franks Gully creek. As the walk crosses the gully, there is a picnic area and public toilet (and tap water) on your right. The walk continues along the road, keeping the water to your left for about 180m, then passing under the yellow boom gate. About 30m later, the walk stays left to head alongside the fenced car park. At the far end of this car park, the walk comes to a turning area at the end of Kirkpatrick Way.

7.22 | End of Kirkpatrick Way

(1.2 km 35 mins) Continue straight: From the end of Kirkpatrick Way, this walk follows the GNW arrow post along the track, keeping the water just to your left. This walk follows the rocky shoreline, enjoying the views of the water, the boats and houses on the other shore and the large rocks (up to your right). After about 450m, the track passes a large boulder and then turns right and climbs up a staircase, finding a small seat and viewing platform.

Veer right: From the seat and view, this walk follows the 'Cowan' sign steeply uphill, following the series of timber and rock steps. After about 50m, the track leads up beside a rock wall, and at the top, turns right and mostly flattens out for about 80m before starting to climb again. At the top of this hill, this walk comes to a small clearing (on the left, that has been used as a campsite) and a large unfenced rock platform with great views back over the valley (on your right).

Continue straight: From the view at the top of the ridge, this walk follows GNW arrow post east, directly away from the Berowra Water views and over the small rise. The track soon leads down off a rock, where the track bends right and starts to lead fairly gently downhill. The track then leads down a few short, steep, rocky sections before crossing a lovely creek, flowing over the sandstone rock platform. This creek may be slippery and can be particularly risky to cross after rain.

8.43 | Deep Bay Creek crossing

(840 m 32 mins) Continue straight: From beside the creek, this walk follows the GNW arrow post east, away from the creek, up the steep rocky hill. The track soon passes between two rock slabs, then passes a handrail to climb up two metal pegs beside some more hand railing. The track then continues to climb up for another 50m before mostly flattening out for about 150m. The track then starts to climb again and soon steps up a rock with two more metal

pegs. Then after another 70m, the track climbs up past a sandstone cave and heads up a crack in the rock with four metal pegs, then just past the next cave, goes up another rock with a single peg. A short time later, this walk leads up another rock with two pegs, where the track then leads up the steps through a cleft of a rock. Here the track mostly flattens out and leads gently uphill for almost 200m until crossing a small saddle, marked with a two GNW arrow post beside each other. The track then leads steeply up to a fair sized rock platform, with rewarding views back over Berowra Creek (on your left). From this view point, the track leads fairly gently uphill for almost 150m, coming to a T-intersection with a wide sandy management trail.

9.26 | Int of GNW and Coreen Close service trail

(220 m 4 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow along the sandy management trail, heading south. The trail immediately bends left and passes a track (on your right, that runs generally parallel to this trail). This trail leads down through the scribbly gum and heath forest, where the trail widens (after about 70m) and then comes to an intersection beside the large ridge top campsite. There is a 'Berowra Waters' sign here, pointing back along the trail.

9.49 | Ridge Top Campground

About 800m from Turners Rd, Berowra Heights lies this pleasant ridge top campsite. This is a fairly popular campsite on the Great North Walk, providing a flat area with plenty of shade. There are no facilities (or water) at this large campsite. A faint track leads west from the campsite to an unfenced cliff with great views over the Berowra Waters Valley.

9.49 | End of day 1

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

9.49 | Int of ridge top campsite and GNW

(1.7 km 37 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Cowan Station' sign, directly away from the campsite along the clear track. The track leads over a small rise and then heads down to a four-way intersection with a management trail (and the GNW track continuing ahead). Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post east along the track as it leads very gently downhill along the top of the ridge. Over the next 300m, the track passes a rock platform and comes to a second rock platform with more views and a 'Great North Walk' log book box on a post. After leaving your note (and reading through a few entries), this walk continues down along the top of the ridge for another 200m to step down off another rock platform (ignoring the track to your left). Here the walk starts to head downhill for the next 1km - initially the track leads down a series of short rocky steep sections, and passes some interesting large rock boulders along the way. As the track moves further into the valley, it becomes consistently steeper until leading down leading into the ferns and beside Joe Crafts Creek.

11.14 | Joe Crafts Creek crossing

(660 m 26 mins) Continue straight: From the western bank, this walk crosses Joe Crafts Creek and heads east up the clear track. This creek may be particularly dangerous to cross after heavy or prolonged rain. The track climbs up a series of stone steps, passing through a couple of cracks in the rock before a 'Great North Walk' sign about 60m from the creek. The rocky track continues to climb steeply up for about 300m, then climbs up a timber (and metal) staircase, followed by a few sections of handrail. Here the walk leads up around the base of rock wall and then climbs up the side to the top of the large, unfenced rock platform with great valley views. The walk continues up the ridge line for another 200m, very gently at first, then more steeply up the rocky sections. The track heads along the base of another rock wall, then up the stone steps and past the handrail to come to an intersection marked with a 'Great North Walk - Viewing Area' sign. The short track (on your right) leads to a seat at the edge of an unfenced cliff with views and a seat.

11.8 | Valley viewing area

(1.7 km 35 mins) Turn left: From the intersection near the 'viewing point', this walk heads gently uphill directly away from the viewing area, keeping the valley on your right. The track leads up a few short, moderately steep sections for about 100m, then the track heads much more gently up through the open scribbly gum forest for about 400m before passing under the power lines. Here, the walk turns left and follows the wide trail for about 40m and turns right (before the locked gate), following a GNW arrow post under another set of power lines. The walk follows the track through the pleasant forest for just shy of 300m then crosses the dirt Glendale Rd to find 'Berowra Waters' sign pointing back across the intersection. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Cowan' sign away from the dirt road and down along the rocky and sandy track. The track winds through the forest (with some interesting twisted, thin scribbly gums) for about 600m before bending left and following under a set of power lines. Near the Pacific Hwy (up to your right), this walk continues for about 150m and crosses over a very short section of timber boardwalk before climbing up a few steps to a T-intersection with a wide management trail.

13.51 | Int of GNW and Pacific Highway service trail

(500 m 11 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post gently downhill, keeping the valley views to your left. The trail gently winds behind some houses (up to your right) for about 400m before bending right and heading up through a weedy section. The walk then passes around a locked gate to come to an intersection with a footpath, just before

the Pacific Hwy and across from Cowan station. There is a large 'Great North Walk' sign here, pointing back to 'Sydney Cove'.

14.01 | Int of GNW and Pacific Highway service trail

(40 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the Great North Walk arrow across the Pacific Highway (be careful of traffic) to the ramp at the front of Cowan Railway Station.

14.05 | Cowan Station

(300 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the front of Cowan station, this walk follows the GNW arrow up the concrete ramp, turning right to cross the track at the controlled 'Pedestrian Railway Crossing'. The walk follows the ramp onto platform 1 (Sydney-bound side) then around the shelter to follow the GNW arrow post right, down the steps and through the gate. Here the walk crosses the train lines (train storage area) and turns left, following the 'Brooklyn' sign along the wide management trail. After 130m, the trail leads past an electrical switching area then turns right at the large 'Great North Walk' signposts. Here, the narrower trail leads between the fences over a small rise to cross the freeway on a large, fenced concrete bridge.

14.35 | Freeway Bridge

(2.2 km 50 mins) Continue straight: From the overpass, this walk heads away from the freeway and down the wide track. The track leads down a series of timber steps, then over a small rise (among the scribbly gums) where the track begins to narrow and lead more steeply down a rocky section. The walk then heads down a series of timber steps (passing a 'Great North Walk' sign), and crosses a short section of timber boardwalk. At the other end of the boardwalk, this track leads left over a rock platform (with a small creek flowing after rain) and then turns right to step off the rock platform.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads downhill along the rocky track. The track leads past a few rock walls over about 350m, then turns right onto, then steps down off, a long thin rock platform. The track continues down along the side of the valley for another 200m, passing into a much more lush and dense forest, where the track then crosses the creek at a large rock platform. On the other side of the creek, the track leads right down along the other side of the valley, passing a few small sandstone overhangs then a particularly broad angophora tree after about 500m. Soon after this angophora, the track leads down some rock steps then begins to widen for about 300m, and passes a small track (on your right) marked with a 'No Camping or fires allowed' sign. By this point, the broad waters (or mud flats, depending on the tide) of Cowan Creek are obvious, on your right. The walk now continues along the generally broad and flat track for another 500m, then climbs up a set of concrete steps, marked with a GNW arrow post. At the top of these steps is a large, fairly flat clearing with a 'No Camping' and a 'Great North Walk' sign and a great view up the middle of Jerusalem Bay.

16.5 | Jerusalem Bay

Jerusalem Bay, Ku-ring-gai National Park, is a nice bay east of Cowan Station. The bay is popular with bushwalkers as it is part of the Great North Walk. The bay is sometimes known for an iconic photo of the single palm in front of the water. The bay itself is also popular with boaters who can anchor in the bay. Jerusalem Bay can be accessed by the Hawkesbury River and Broken Bay or from Brooklyn or Cowan Railway Stations.

16.5 | Jerusalem Bay

(1.1 km 37 mins) Continue straight: From the clearing at Jerusalem Bay, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign, keeping the water to your right. The track bends left then leads down some sandstone steps (with a handrail). The track soon becomes fairly rough and follows the shoreline for about 200m before crossing a rocky and mossy gully. On the other side of this gully, the track tends right, following the GNW arrow post past a sandstone

overhang, and over a small flat timber bridge. Just past this bridge, the track bends left and starts to climb steeply up the particularly rocky track. After about 300m of climbing, the track passes a small clearing with a small seat (on your right). Over the next 400m, the rocky track still heads up, but is generally less steep. The walk then comes to a large rock outcrop, where the track turns right to head up through a rocky gully. About 60m after this climb, the track leads up another short climb to a rock platform, then a third consecutive climb leads up through a crack in a rock to find a much welcomed bench seat and 'Great North Walk - Track Register' log book box. From here, the walk follows the the track gently uphill for another 60m to a 'Jerusalem Bay' sign pointing back along the track, at the top of the ridge.

17.58 | Ridge Top

(760 m 18 mins) Continue straight: From the top of the ridge, this walk follows the 'Brooklyn Dam' sign, gently uphill, heading north through the tall heath. The mostly flat track leads through the forest, with an occasional glimpse to the freeway and down to Brooklyn. After about 400m, the track bends left and leads through a long cleft in the rock. Here the track start to head more and more steeply down for the next 350m, until heading down some timber steps which lead to Campbells Creek. The walk steps over the small (orange, polluted) creek to find a flat sandy clearing a few metres past the creek.

18.35 | Campbells Ck

(1.2 km 34 mins) Continue straight: From the small clearing, this walk follows the clear track away from the creek, and soon bends left then begins to climb. The rocky track climbs steeply for about 200m, passing among the grass trees and eucalyptus. The track flattens out and passes alongside a rock wall, then resumes the climb up the hill. At the top of this climb, the track passes a couple of small rock overhangs then climbs about halfway up a section of rock to follow the longer section of rock platform to the right. The track then gently undulates along the side of the hill, passing a section of hand rail after about 70m. The track then follows a series of small rock walls (on your left) for about 250m before climbing up onto a flat, sandy track. This soon leads to a faint intersection (with a track on your right, which goes to a large rock platform). From here, the sandy track stays mostly flat for about 300m before veering left at a GNW arrow post, leading up a more rocky section of track and then climbing up some steel pegs in the rock wall at the next GNW arrow post. Here the track leads up the short hill and comes to a T-intersection with a wide management trail, where a 'Jerusalem Bay' sign points back down the hill.

19.53 | Int. Jerusalem Bay Trk and Brooklyn Dam Service Tr

(4.1 km 1 hr 25 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Brooklyn' sign down along the wide management trail, initially keeping the power lines to your right. The trail gently undulates along the top of the ridge for about 700m, passing a few short side tracks (which lead to the power poles) and distant valley glimpses. The trail leads over a solid rock platform and less than 100m later, the walk leads past a track (on your right, which leads to a fenced view over the valleys, from the power pole). The walk continues along the main trail for another 90m then follows a GNW arrow post as the trail bends left, then right, to head downhill notably steeply for a short time. The trail then continues to undulate along the top of the ridge for about 1.2km, passing more side tracks to power poles (some with unfenced views). The walk then comes to a point where the trail bends sharply right, and there is a filtered view over the Hawkesbury River to Peats Ferry Bridge. From here, the walk heads quiet steeply down for about 400m to pass under some power lines, where the trail then bends sharply left (enjoying some filtered views down to Brooklyn Dam and the Hawkesbury, on your right), passing under then same power lines again. The trail soon flattens out, coming to a faint three-way intersection (with a re-vegetating track on your

right), marked with a 'Great North Walk' sign.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign along the wide management trail as it initially leads over a small rise then heads downhill, keeping the valley to your right. After about 300m, the trail turns sharp right at the T-intersection with another wide trail. This flat wide trail follows the power lines for about 250m to then veer left (at the Y-intersection), heading downhill away from the power lines. The trail leads downhill for just shy of 300m, passing the speed hump signs to then bend right at the large clearing (ignoring the fenced trail on your left). Then about 100m later, this walk ignores another fenced trail (on your left) as this trail is still bending right. Here the trail heads around the side of the hill for 400m to come to an intersection with a track (on your left, leading a few meters to the signposted campsite) marked with a GNW arrow post.

23.67 | Small Campsite Brooklyn Dam

The small campsite next to Brooklyn Dam, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, is a small grassy campsite which has room for approximately four sites. The close proximity to Brooklyn Dam means close water. The campsite also has a few tall shady trees and is a fuel-stove only site.

23.67 | Alternate Route NW Brooklyn Dam Campsite to NE Bro

(180 m 4 mins) Turn left: From this intersection, this walk follows the track east, away from the main trail and through the small 'Brooklyn Dam' campsite. On the other side of the campsite, the narrow track bends right and leads down into the gully, down a few concrete steps then heading alongside the small creek. Just before the dam wall, the track bends left, across the creek and up the short rocky hill to find a larger clearing. There is a good view over the dam (on your right). The track continues bending right through the clearing, and up a short hill to an intersection with the wide trail. Now Turn left to rejoin the main walk .

23.67 | NW Brooklyn Dam Campsite intersection

(790 m 15 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrows post south along the wide trail, soon passing alongside the dam (on your left). About 40m after passing edge of the dam wall, this walk comes to an intersection with a re-vegetating track (on your right) and a large 'Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park - Brooklyn Dam' sign (on your left). Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post along the wide trail, keeping the dam to your left. (This section of trail leads around to the far side of the dam.) After just over 250m, the trail crosses a small creek (at the apex of the dam) then continues bending left. The track passes some old concrete pipes (on your left) then after about 400m, the trail comes to an intersection with a clearing and dam wall (to your left).

24.46 | Large Campsite Brooklyn Dam

The large campsite next to Brooklyn Dam, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, is a spacious and well-maintained campsite which has room for plenty of tents. The close proximity to the dam means accessible water (treat before drinking). The campsite has many tall, shady trees and is a fuel stove only site. The concrete dam wall was built in 1884 to provide water for the steam trains passing about 500m to the north. The dam was enlarged six times before 1924, then in 1989 the dam was added to the expanded Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park.

24.46 | NE Brooklyn Dam Campsite

(1.6 km 34 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post uphill along the management trail, directly away from the dam. After about 30m, the trail bends right and passes a 'Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park - Brooklyn Dam' sign and continues uphill for another 150m, to where the trail becomes less steep (enjoying some filter views over the

Hawkesbury on your left) for about 180m. Here a GNW arrow post guides along a short track (on the left), that runs parallel before re-joining the main trail again a short distance later. The walk then continues uphill to veer right at a three-way intersection, under the power lines, then about 120m later, this walk veers right again at another three-way intersection. About 70m up from here, the walk veers left at another three-way intersection, this time the trail generally follows the power lines along the side of the ridge. After another 300m, the trail bends right and passes under a set of high tension power lines, then continues to gently undulate for another 600m to come to a three-way intersection (with a clearing and trail on your left) and a 'Cowan' sign pointing back along the trail.

26.02 | Int of Hawkesbury Track and Brooklyn Trail

(1.1 km 25 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Brooklyn Station' sign gently downhill along the management trail, keeping the Hawkesbury River glimpses to your left. The trail gently undulates for about 600m before bending left to find a large clearing and water glimpses. From the clearing, the trail starts to lead downhill towards the water, and after nearly 100m, the trail leads steeply down a short section of concreted trail. Just after this, the trail leads steeply again over a longer section of concrete, where the trail then leads through a rock cutting to find an even longer and steeper section of concrete trail. This section of concrete leads down for about 220m, sweeping left to head around a locked gate, past a large 'Great North Walk' sign to find the southern end of William St. Here the walk turns right to head down William St then across George St to find a few 'Great North Walk' signs on the corner.

27.14 | Int of George & William Sts

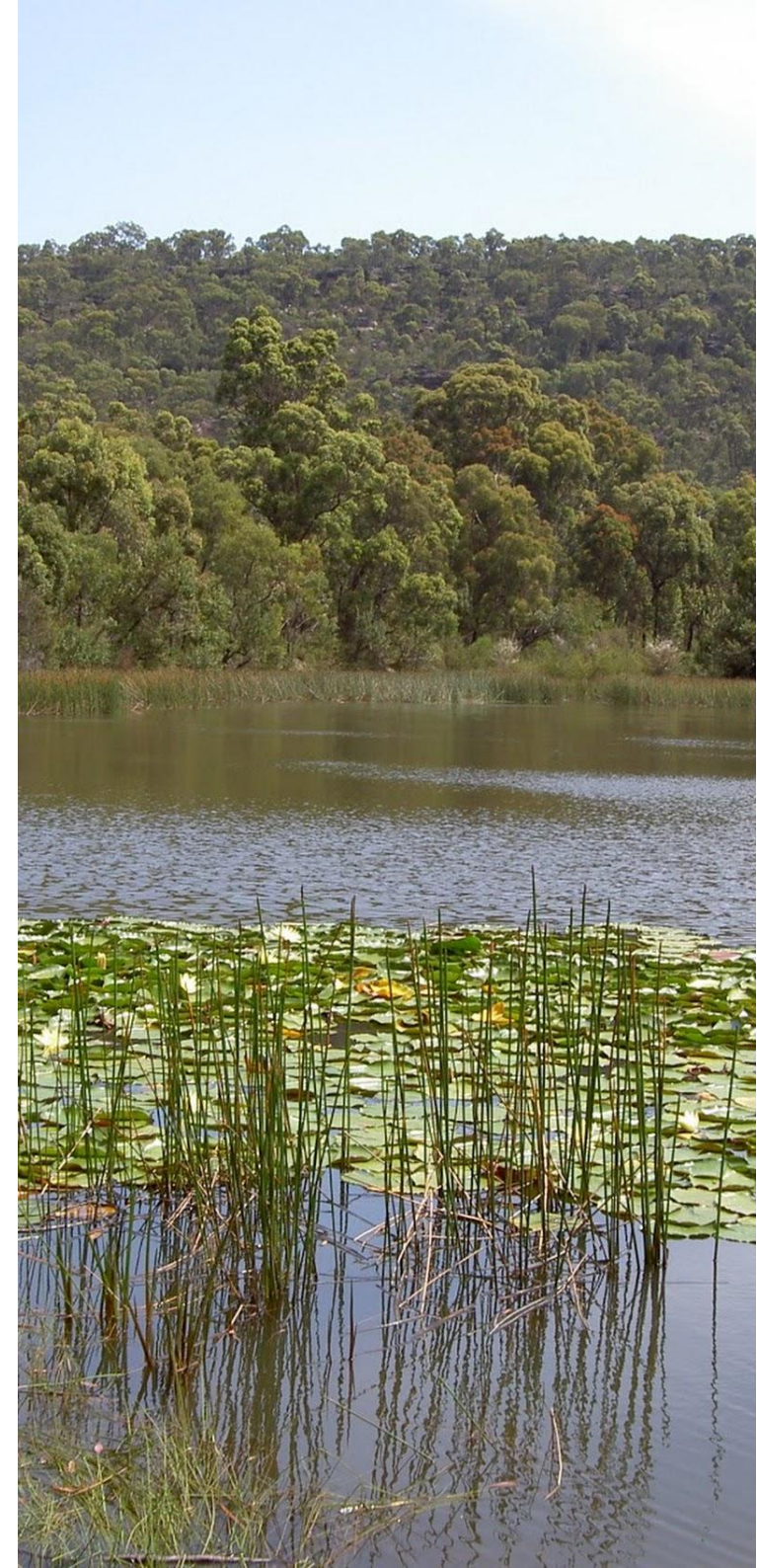
(200 m 4 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk - Direct Route' sign gently uphill along the footpath beside George St. At the top of this hill, the walk turns right onto 'Bridge St' and heads down past a cafe, post office and 'The Anglers Rest' (on the other side of the road) and crosses 'Brooklyn Rd' to find a phone box on the other side.

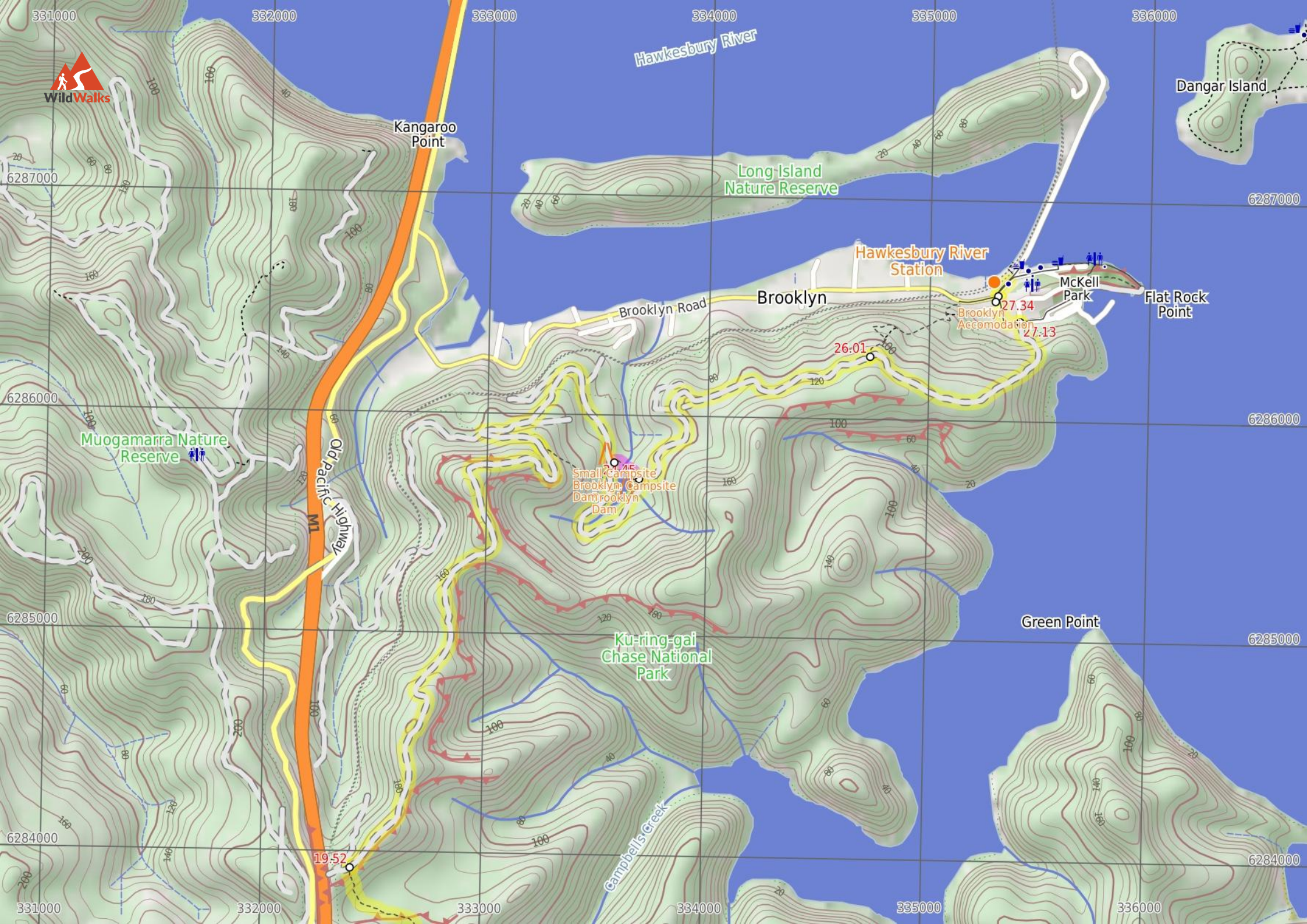
27.35 | Brooklyn Accomodation

Brooklyn is a lovely little village with plenty of holiday style accommodation. There are several small cafe/restaurants in the area, good choice for cooked meals. There are two options for overnight visits, both need to be booked in advance. Brooklyn Motel: Newly renovated accommodation on Bridge St, nearly opposite The Anglers Rest. This studio style accommodation starts from \$120 per night with a spa, television and free wifi. Ph: 99858540 or 0410454530. Breakfast can be organised for an extra fee. The Anglers Rest: Pub style accommodation on the intersection of Brooklyn & Dangar Rds. There are shared bathroom facilities. From \$60 single and \$90 a double. Breakfast not included (but you can grab breakfast from a cafe) PH:(02)9985-7257

27.35 | Int of Brooklyn AND Dangar Rds

(90 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath down along Dangar Road past the phone box, keeping the train line and road to your left. The path soon leads past the community centre then the blue painted 'JJs Brooklyn' fish and chip store to come to the sandstone 'Obelisk' commemorating the naming of the Hawkesbury River. This is just on the other side of the road, opposite some large 'Great North Walk' signs and the Hawkesbury River Railway Station.





Kangaroo Point

Hawkesbury River

Long Island Nature Reserve

Dangar Island

Hawkesbury River Station

Brooklyn

Brooklyn Road

McKell Park

Flat Rock Point

Brooklyn Accommodation

Muogamarra Nature Reserve

Old Pacific Highway M1

Small Campsite
Brooklyn Campsite
Dambrooklyn Dam

Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

Green Point

Campbell's Creek

19.52

26.01

27.34

27.13

6287000

6287000

6286000

6286000

6285000

6285000

6284000

6284000

331000

332000

333000

334000

335000

336000

331000

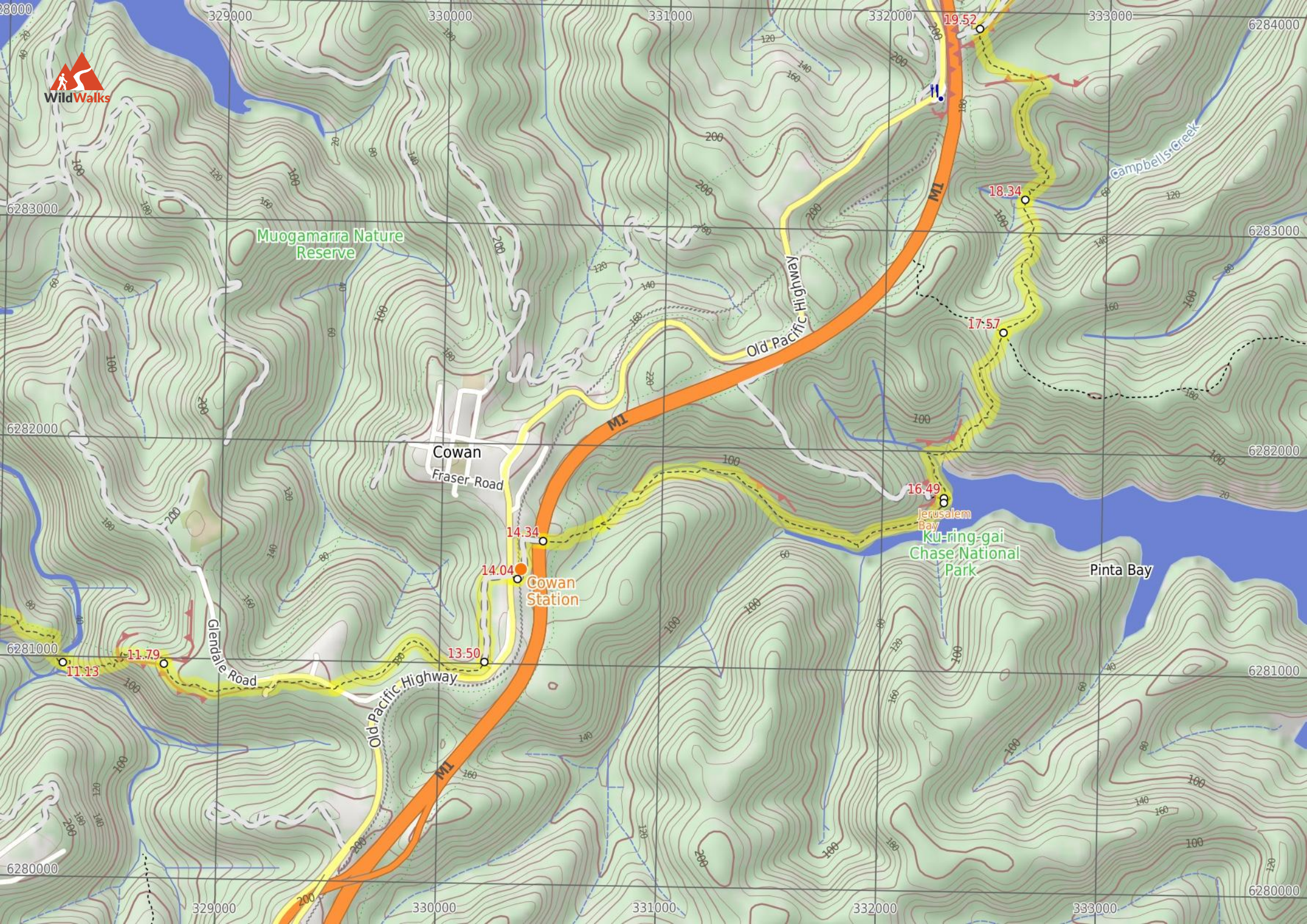
332000

333000

334000

335000

336000



Muogamarra Nature Reserve

Cowan

Fraser Road

Cowan Station

Jerusalem Bay

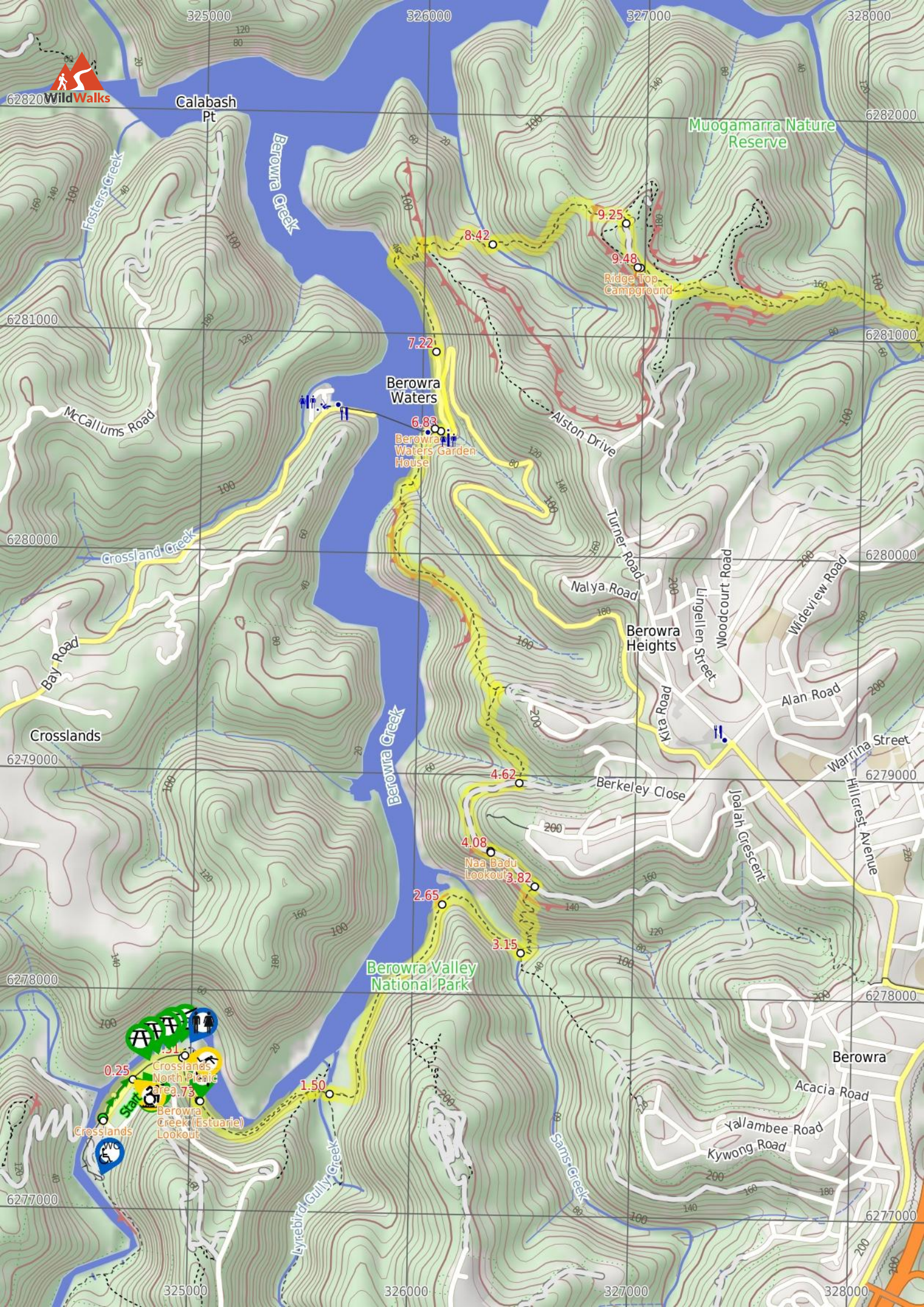
Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

Pinta Bay

Old Pacific Highway

Campbells Creek

Glendale Road



Summary navigation sheet for the Crosslands to Brooklyn



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Crosslands Carpark -33.6287,151.109 (GR Hornsby, 246774)	1 0	250 m 4 mins	From the car park, this walk follows the flat dirt path between the road (on the right) and creek (on the left).
0.25	Northern end of Crosslands Carpark -33.6271,151.1105 (GR Hornsby, 247776)	1 -2	260 m 4 mins	Continue straight: From the northern end of Crosslands car park (at the far northern end of Somerville Rd, Hornsby Heights), this walk follows the 'Newcastle' arrow on the large 'Great North Walk' sign around the lo...
0.51	Crosslands North -33.6262,151.1129 (GR Hornsby, 250777)	7 -5	220 m 4 mins	Turn right: From the intersection at the northern picnic area, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign along the timber boardwalk.
0.73	Estuaries viewing platform -33.628,151.1137 (GR Hornsby, 250775)	54 -57	780 m 20 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection at the estuaries viewing platform, this walk follows the timber ramp down to the dirt track and heads past the '..unsuitable for wheelchair access' sign.
1.51	Calna Creek Bridge intersection -33.6277,151.1202 (GR Hornsby, 256775)	67 -58	1.1 km 27 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign along the timber boardwalk.
2.66	Sams Creek ridge clearing -33.6199,151.1257 (GR Cowan, 261784)	20 -23	500 m 11 mins	Continue straight: From the clearing, this walk leads down the north eastern side of this ridge, keeping the main valley to your left.
3.16	Sams Creek Crossing -33.6219,151.1295 (GR Cowan, 265782)	181 -44	670 m 30 mins	Turn left: From the south side of the creek, this walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign across the rocky Sams Creek.
3.83	Int of Great North Walk and Berowra Link tracks -33.6192,151.1302 (GR Cowan, 265785)	19 -22	260 m 7 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign gently down along the management trail, keeping the valley to your left.
4.09	Int of Naa Badu Lookout -33.6178,151.128 (GR Cowan, 263787)	16 -26	540 m 11 mins	Continue straight: From the 'Naa Badu' lookout, this walk follows the management trail over the small rise and across the concrete ditch, keeping the valley to your left.
4.63	Int of Great North Walk and Berkeley Close service trail -33.615,151.1294 (GR Cowan, 265790)	140 -262	2.2 km 1 Hr	Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign down the timber steps.
6.83	Berowra Waters track head -33.6006,151.1256 (GR Cowan, 261806)	10 -15	390 m 8 mins	Continue straight: From 'Berowra Waters Trackhead', this walk follows the 'Newcastle' sign along 'Kirkpatrick Way' and across the culverted Franks Gully creek.
7.22	End of Kirkpatrick Way -33.5973,151.1254 (GR Cowan, 261809)	131 -87	1.2 km 35 mins	Continue straight: From the end of Kirkpatrick Way, this walk follows the GNW arrow post along the track, keeping the water just to your left.
8.43	Deep Bay Creek crossing -33.5929,151.1282 (GR Cowan, 263814)	187 -25	840 m 32 mins	Continue straight: From beside the creek, this walk follows the GNW arrow post east, away from the creek, up the steep rocky hill.
9.26	Int of GNW and Coreen Close service trail -33.592,151.1347 (GR Cowan, 269815)	2 -4	220 m 4 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow along the sandy management trail, heading south.
9.49	End of day 1 -33.5939,151.1354 (GR Cowan, 270813)	0 0	0 m	This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.
9.49	Int of ridge top campsite and Great North Walk -33.5939,151.1354 (GR Cowan, 270813)	24 -196	1.7 km 37 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Cowan Station' sign, directly away from the campsite along the clear track.
11.14	Joe Crafts Creek crossing -33.5972,151.1494 (GR Cowan, 283810)	158 -5	660 m 26 mins	Continue straight: From the western bank, this walk crosses Joe Crafts Creek and heads east up the clear track.
11.80	Valley viewing area -33.5972,151.1544 (GR Cowan, 287810)	58 -73	1.7 km 35 mins	Turn left: From the intersection near the 'viewing point', this walk heads gently uphill directly away from the viewing area, keeping the valley on your right.
13.51	Int of GNW and Pacific Highway service trail -33.5972,151.1701 (GR Cowan, 302810)	27 -13	500 m 11 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post gently downhill, keeping the valley views to your left.

Summary navigation sheet for the Crosslands to Brooklyn



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
14.01	Int of Great North Walk and Pacific Highway service trail -33.5936,151.1713 (GR Cowan, 303814)	0 -2	40 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the Great North Walk arrow across the Pacific Highway (be careful of traffic) to the ramp at the front of Cowan Railway Station.
14.05	Cowan Station -33.5938,151.1717 (GR Cowan, 303814)	8 -15	300 m 6 mins	Continue straight: From the front of Cowan station, this walk follows the GNW arrow up the concrete ramp, turning right to cross the track at the controlled 'Pedestrian Railway Crossing'.
14.35	Freeway Bridge -33.5922,151.1729 (GR Cowan, 305816)	61 -222	2.2 km 50 mins	Continue straight: From the overpass, this walk heads away from the freeway and down the wide track.
16.50	Jerusalem Bay -33.5905,151.1926 (GR Cowan, 323818)	201 -24	1.1 km 37 mins	Continue straight: From the clearing at Jerusalem Bay, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign, keeping the water to your right.
17.58	Ridge Top -33.5837,151.1955 (GR Cowan, 325825)	3 -120	760 m 18 mins	Continue straight: From the top of the ridge, this walk follows the 'Brooklyn Dam' sign, gently uphill, heading north through the tall heath.
18.35	Campbells Ck -33.5782,151.1966 (GR Cowan, 326832)	146 -39	1.2 km 34 mins	Continue straight: From the small clearing, this walk follows the clear track away from the creek, and soon bends left then begins to climb.
19.53	Int. Jerusalem Bay Trk and Brooklyn Dam Service Trail -33.5712,151.1943 (GR Cowan, 324839)	117 -228	4.1 km 1 hr 25 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Brooklyn' sign down along the wide management trail, initially keeping the power lines to your right.
23.67	NW Brooklyn Dam Campsite -33.5547,151.2071 (GR Cowan, 336858)	7 -7	180 m 4 mins	Alternate Route NW Brooklyn Dam Campsite. Turn left: From this intersection, this walk follows the track east, away from the main trail and through the small 'Brooklyn Dam' campsite.
23.67	NW Brooklyn Dam Campsite intersection -33.5546,151.2071 (GR Cowan, 336858)	15 -15	790 m 15 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrows post south along the wide trail, soon passing alongside the dam (on your left).
24.46	NE Brooklyn Dam Campsite -33.5553,151.2085 (GR Cowan, 337857)	86 -38	1.6 km 34 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post uphill along the management trail, directly away from the dam.
26.02	Int of Hawkesbury Track and Brooklyn Trail -33.5503,151.2198 (GR Cowan, 347863)	14 -127	1.1 km 25 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Brooklyn Station' sign gently downhill along the management trail, keeping the Hawkesbury River glimpses to your left.
27.14	Int of George & William Sts -33.5489,151.2272 (GR Cowan, 354865)	2 -5	200 m 4 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk - Direct Route' sign gently uphill along the footpath beside George St.
27.35	Int of Brooklyn AND Dangar Rds -33.5478,151.2261 (GR Cowan, 353866)	1 0	90 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath down along Dangar Road past the phone box, keeping the train line and road to your left.