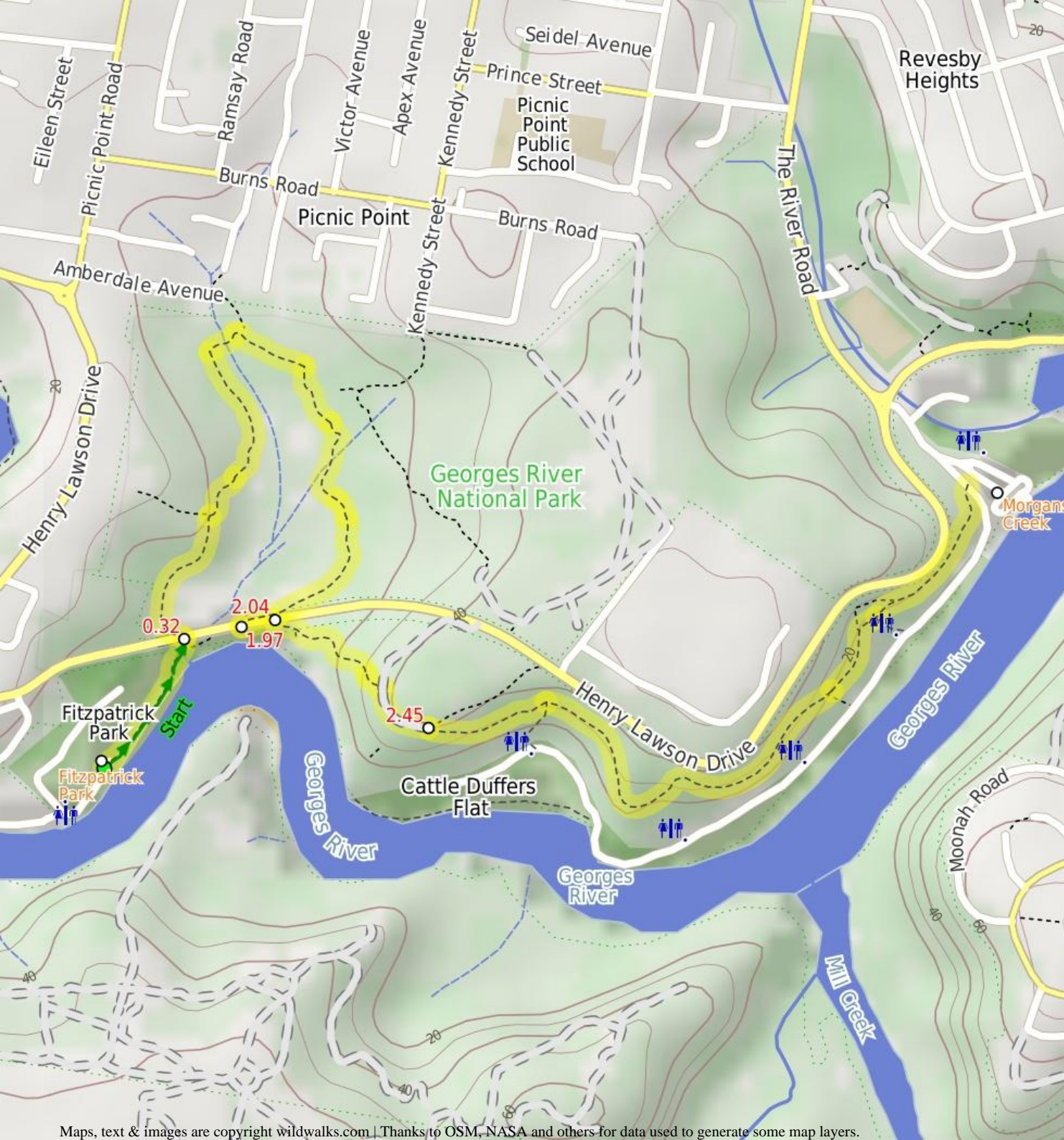




## Fitzpatrick Park to Morgans Creek via Yeramba Lagoon



1 hr 45 mins

Moderate track

3

4 km One way

147m

This walk starts from the end of the Fitzpatrick Park driveway and follows the Georges River through the park, where it comes to Yeramba Lagoon. From here the walk explores the lagoon, following the bush tracks around in a big loop before coming back to Henry Lawson Drive and continuing along the ridge track, winding along the hill to Morgan's Creek.

### **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 Fitzpatrick Park drive way (gps: -33.9812, 151.001) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Int of Morgans Creek and the Ridge Track (gps: -33.9758, 151.0187) 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/fptmcyv>

### **0 | Fitzpatrick Park**

This large park is situated on the Georges River and has the basic facilities such as water and toilets, as well as plenty of shade from trees and a lot of open space, making it a great spot for a family outing.

### **0 | End of Fitzpatrick Park drive way**

*(320 m 5 mins)* From the end of the driveway, this walk heads through the grassy park, keeping the river on the right. There is no 'real' track as such, the walk simply follows the bank of the Georges Rivers around the park. At the end of the park, this walk crosses Yeramba Lagoon creek bridge, then turns left and heads up to the gate on Henry Lawson Drive. From the gate, the walk crosses Henry Lawson Drive to the grassy strip through the gap in the safety railing on the other side.

### **0.32 | Int of Lagoon bushtrack and Henry Lawson Drive**

*(1.7 km 30 mins)* Veer left: From the the gap in the safety railing, this walk heads away towards the lagoon, across the grassy clearing. The track passes the faded information sign and crosses the short wooden bridge. The track continues winding through thick grass trees and bracken ferns to the bottom of a winding rock staircase. This walk heads to the top of these stairs then follows the bush track through the trees (keeping the lagoon on the right), winding along until coming to the intersection with the bush track, marked by a signpost with an arrow on it.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the arrow north (away from the sign on the left side of the track), heading along the bush track for a short while until coming down through a gap in a rock to the intersection with the lagoon bush track, marked by an arrow.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the

bush track heading north down the rocky hill (keeping the lagoon on your right). The track then heads around side of the lagoon, and passes through a patch of grass trees, continuing through the bush to the intersection just before the dense tree canopy.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading down under the thick leafy tree canopy. The walk crosses the creek and continues up the hill, winding to the top at an intersection with a bush track.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track down the gentle hill, passing the top of a large rock platform and continuing up the other side. At the top of the hill, the track comes to an intersection with the north-eastern bush track.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading south towards the lagoon, down the gentle rocky hill. The track is fairly flat for a short while before coming to a 'Y' intersection with the Lagoon and Sub Station tracks.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading down the rock outcrop (keeping the lagoon on the right). The track soon passes a burnt car and continues among some short grass trees to the water's edge. The track follows the lagoon for a short distance until turning up and away from the water, to the intersection with another bush track.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track downhill, keeping the lagoon on the right. After a short distance, the track comes to the birdwatchers' observatory frame (looks a little like monkey bars).

Continue straight: From the frame, this walk follows the bush track, keeping the lagoon on the right. The track soon starts winding down a rocky hill then crosses a short wooden bridge. This walk then heads up a short set of rock steps and across a grassy area to the Yeramba Lagoon car park on Henry Lawson Drive.

### **1.97 | Yeramba Lagoon carpark**

*(70 m 1 mins)* Turn left : From the car park entrance, this walk follows Henry Lawson Drive up the hill (with Georges River on the right) for just over 60m until coming to a faint intersection with the Ridgetop bush track, on the righthand side of the road.

### **2.04 | Int of Henry Lawson Drive and Ridgetop bushtrack**

*(410 m 9 mins)* Turn right: From the side of Henry Lawson Drive, this walk heads up the rocky bush track, winding past some small rock outcrops and continuing up the hill. The track continues almost to the top of the hill, where it flattens out and comes to the intersection of the unsignposted Ridgetop loop track.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading south-east through the bush, winding around for a short distance to the intersection of the Ridgetop service trail.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail heading south-east through the bush (with Georges River off to the right, though not visible). The walk passes an intersection with a bush track then continues along until coming to the intersection with the Ridge Track (not signposted).

### **2.45 | Int of Ridge Track and Ridgetop service trail**

*(1.6 km 38 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading through the thick scrub, away from the service trail and towards the river. The track bends around to the left and continues along the side of the ridge until coming to the intersection of the signposted 'Cattle Duffers Flat' track on the right. Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Morgans Creek' arrow along the bush track, crossing over some metal pipes and under two sets of power lines. The walk continues along the ridge for a while until it passing under a third set of power lines. The track then heads down the hill and across a small creek, to the intersection of an un-signposted bush track on the right.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading up through the thick bush and along the side of the ridge, keeping Georges River on the right. The track heads through some really nice sandstone rock formations, with plenty of gum trees and ferns around. As the track winds around a rock ledge, it comes to signposted track on the right (which heads down to Burrawang Reach).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Morgans Creek 500m' sign as it heads along the side of the ridge, with the Georges River visible through the trees to the right. The walk winds along until it turns down the ridge and heads down to the Georges River National Park driveway.

### **4.03 | Morgans Creek**

This large, riverside area starts at the intersection of Henry Lawson Drive and The River Road, following the 'Georges River National Park' sign down the driveway, where it passes a large car park for the boat ramp and bends around to the right, continuing along the side of the river with several picnic areas and plenty of open space. There are toilets and taps at the northern end of the reserve, at the car park for the boat ramp.