

## Garie Road to Era Loop



**2 hrs 15 mins**

**Hard track**

**5 km Circuit**

**▲ 271m**

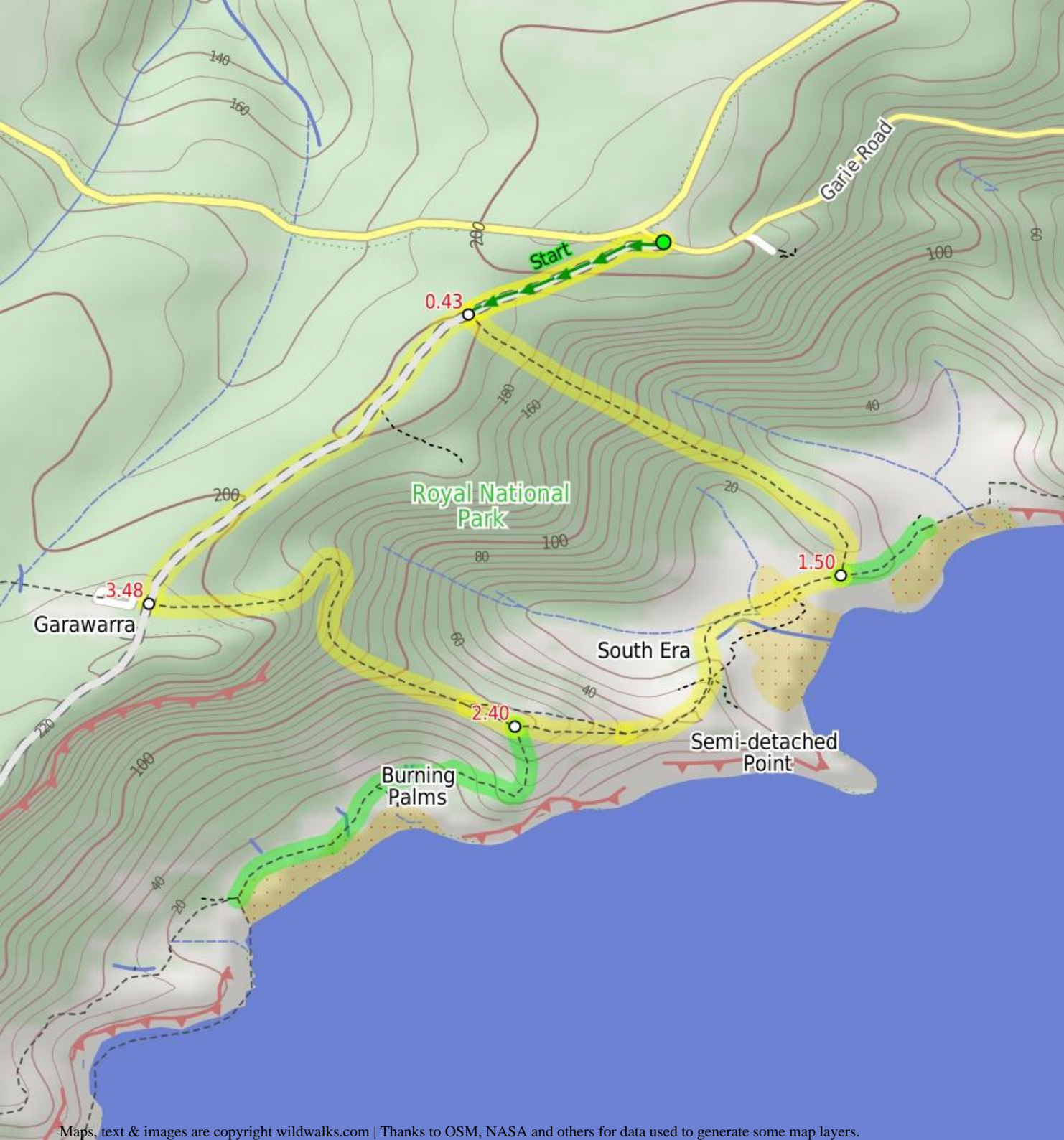
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This walk covers a great cross section of the environments in the Royal National park, with plenty of places to rest and take in the views. The walk follows the Squeeze Way from Garie Rd, then heads down Stockyard Spur to Era Gully. The walk then heads up to the old Garawarra Farm, via Burgh Ridge, and back along the road to the Squeezeway and Garie Rd. There are some optional side trips to North Era and to Burning Palms for people with extra time.

215m

6m

Royal 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** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Int. Garie Rd and The Squeeze way (gps: -34.1708, 151.0506). 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/grtel>

#### 0 | Int. Garie Rd and The Squeeze way

*(430 m 9 mins)* From the intersection, this walk heads away from Garie Rd and the gate towards the 'No parking along this road' sign and the 'No Stopping' signs. The walk then continues for approximately 200m along the relatively flat management trail, before heading downhill. The trail leads to the bottom of a small rise where there is an unmarked intersection with a bush track on the left. There is a round soccer ball-sized rock here.

#### 0.43 | The Squeeze way and Stockyard Gully Trk

*(1.1 km 26 mins)* Turn left : From the intersection, this walk heads away from the management trail, winding through the bush for approximately 50m before heading down the hill. The track follows the top of the ridge, winding down among many large rocks for approximately 100m, then continuing south-east down the hill to an area with an open, clear, forest floor. After approximately 100m, the forest floor becomes thick with grasses, and the walk continues through this to an open canopy, which overlooks houses to the right of the ridge. The walk then heads up through the open grass area to the intersection.

#### 1.5 | Optional sidetrip to North Era Bush Campground

*(230 m 5 mins)* Turn left : From the top of the ridge, the walk crosses the headland and open grassy area, down towards the beach (keeping the ocean to the right), coming to a 'North Era Bush Campground' sign just before the beach. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

#### 1.5 | Int. Stockyard Spur Trk and Coastal Walk

*(900 m 22 mins)* Turn right: From the top of the ridge, the walk heads down the hill, keeping the ocean to the left as it winds down between the cabins to the beach at the bottom. From here, the walk continues around the back of the beach following the coast, and up between the houses to the large clearing before the top of the hill. Here, the walk comes to an intersection with two rough bush tracks towards the top of the hill.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill and through the ferns, heading up and away from the cabins but still keeping the sea to the left of the track. This continues until the track

comes to a large sign saying 'Coast Track'.

#### 2.4 | Optional sidetrip to Burning Palms Beach (southern

*(940 m 18 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Burning Palms' along the bush track, winding down the side of the hill, past the cabins, then at the bottom the track joins onto a metal walkway that soon changes to a narrow bush track. This passes behind Burning Palms Beach until coming to a sign saying 'Otford via Palm Jungle'. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

#### 2.4 | Int of Coast Track and Burgh Ridge Track (Sth)

*(1.1 km 25 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads straight up the hill away from the sea. There are some magnificent views, both up and down the coast. Shortly after, the track comes to a clearing, and intersection with a bush track going off to the right, back down the hill.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading up the hill and away from the ocean, towards the thick forest at the top of the ridge. The track winds up the long hill to the treeline, where it continues up through the forest, climbing to the top of the long hill where it gradually flattens out and comes to the intersection of the 'Squeeze Way' service trail at the end of the Garrawarra Farm car park.

#### 3.48 | The Squeeze Way and Burgh Ridge track

*(1.5 km 28 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection the track heads away from the farm keeping the no stopping sign on the right of the service track. The track continues for some time relatively flat to lead down a small steeper section at the bottom of which is the intersection marked by a rock on the right of the track.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads along the flat of the management trail, keeping the 'No stopping' signs on the right. The trail continues for approximately 200m along the management trail, to wind onto Garie Rd.

