

## Green Point Drive Circuit



**2 hrs 45 mins**

**Moderate track**

3

**3.4 km Circuit**

**127m**

This walk takes in two of the best parts of Green Point Reserve, the quiet and secluded Green Point itself and the views at Sea Eagle Lookout. Starting at the high point of Green Point Drive entrance, you gradually descend to the foreshore, crossing over open grasslands and through eucalyptus forest. The lookout on the return journey has good seating to rest and enjoy the views. The side trip to Sea Eagle park offers excellent picnic facilities. A recommended walk.

1m

Lake Macquarie LGA

## Green Point Foreshore Reserve on Lake Macquarie

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## Green Point Reserve Entrance (Green Point Drive, Belmont)

At the end of Green Point Drive (in Belmont) is an entrance to Green Point Foreshore Reserve. Both walking tracks and cycling paths start from this entrance, giving the advantage of traveling downhill to the foreshore and enjoying views as you go. No facilities are here at this stage, other than a turning circle for vehicles, but this entrance will be developed at a later time.

## Green Point (on Lake Macquarie)

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## Sea Eagle Park

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## 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 Hunter District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Hunter](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ()
- 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;

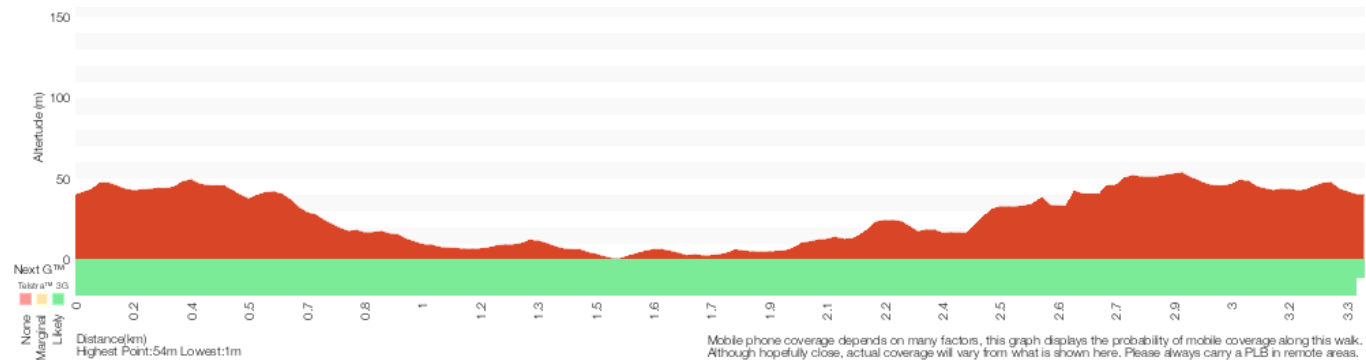
**1:25 000 Map Series:**92314N SWANSEA

**1:100 000 Map Series:**9231 LAKE MACQUARIE

## 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.

 <b>Grade 3/6</b> Moderate track	
<b>Length</b>	3.4 km Circuit
<b>Time</b>	2 hrs 45 mins
<b>Quality of track</b>	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
<b>Signs</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



Mobile phone coverage depends on many factors, this graph displays the probability of mobile coverage along this walk. Although hopefully close, actual coverage will vary from what is shown here. Please always carry a PLB in remote areas.

### 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** You can get to end of Green Point Drive (Green Point) (gps: -33.0241, 151.6405) by car or bus. 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/gpdc>

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### 0 | end of Green Point Drive (Green Point)

(400 m 8 mins) From the end of Green Point Drive (in Belmont), this walk follows the concrete footpath gently uphill between metal fencing, while initially keeping the 'Green Point Foreshore Reserve' sign on the left. This walk continues for about 100m, to find a 'No Dogs' sign. Then this walk continues, undulating for 300m with views and grasslands (on the right), until coming to a three-way intersection with a footpath and 'Green Point' sign (on the right).

### 0.4 | Int of Green Point Drive & Green Point Tracks

(840 m 16 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Green Point' sign and foot path gently downhill across grasslands and towards the distance views. This walk continues for about 230m, to find the footpath bends (to the right) with forest on the left. Then this walk continues, surrounded by forest (ignoring side tracks) for about 600m, until coming to a three-way intersection with a track and 'Walk Safe/Cycle Safe' sign (on the left).

### 1.25 | Int of Green Point AND Zig Zag Tracks

(250 m 5 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track gently downhill, while initially keeping the 'Walk Safe/Cycle Safe' sign on your left. This walk continues through forest for about 160m, until coming to a four-way intersection with a track and the grassed Green Point directly

ahead.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the track towards Green Point (and the water), while leaving the forest directly behind you. This walk continues for about 60m, passing across grasslands and towards a small clump of She Oak trees, until coming to the lake edge and Green Point.

### 1.5 | Green Point (on Lake Macquarie)

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### 1.5 | Green Point

(750 m 14 mins) Turn around: From Green Point (by the lake and small clump of She Oak trees), this walk follows the track across grasslands and towards the forest. This walk continues for about 60m, until coming to a four-way intersection with a track and forest ahead.

Turn right: From Green Point, this walk crosses over a timber footbridge and follows the track, while keeping the lake on your right. This walk continues through open eucalyptus forest, with occasional short sections of timber boardwalk for about 600m, until undulating moderately steeply and coming to a three-way intersection, with a concrete footpath and 'Green Point Drive' sign on the right.

### 2.25 | Int of Foreshore AND Green Point Drive Tracks

(190 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath gently downhill, while keeping the gravel track and 'Green Point Drive' timber sign on your right. This walk continues, undulating for about 180m, until coming to a three-way intersection, with a 'Lookout' sign on the left and a 'Getting about at Green Point' sign on your right.

### 2.44 | Optional sidetrip to Int of Foreshore Track & Sea

(80 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath gently downhill, while keeping the Lookout track on your left and the 'Getting about at Green Point' sign on your right. This walk continues for about 70m until coming to a three-way intersection, with a track and Sea Eagle Park on your left. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

### 2.44 | Sea Eagle Park

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### 2.44 | Int of Foreshore & Lookout Tracks

(110 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads up timber steps, directly away from the face of the 'Getting about at Green Point' sign. This walk continues gently uphill, with occasional timber steps (and passing a seat) for about 110m, until coming to the Lower Lookout above Sea Eagle Park (on the right).

### 2.55 | Sea Eagle Park Lookouts (lower, middle & upper)

These three lookouts (lower, middle and upper lookouts) are above Sea Eagle Park in Green Point Foreshore Reserve on Lake Macquarie and give great views across Lake Macquarie towards Swansea. The upper lookout has a picnic table in the shade behind the lookout, which gives relief on a hot day.

The upper lookout also a picnic table at the lookout, offering fabulous views to the south. Each of these lookouts has a bench seat and interpretative signs. White Bellied Sea Eagles have been known to nest nearby and are often seen flying in the area.

### 2.55 | Lower Lookout (Sea Eagle Park)

(140 m 4 mins) Turn left: From Lower Lookout, this walk heads gently uphill, while keeping the views on your right. This walk continues along the track for about 100m, using timber steps, until coming to Middle Lookout. Turn left : From the Middle Lookout, this walk heads up timber steps for 30m, until coming to the Upper Lookout (with Sea Eagle Park below).

### 2.69 | Upper Lookout (Sea Eagle Park)

(50 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the Upper Lookout, this walk follows the concrete footpath gently uphill and away from the viewpoint. This walk continues for 45m, until coming to a three-way intersection with a gravel track (on the right) and a picnic table (on the left just beyond).

### 2.74 | Int of Lookout & Linkage Tracks

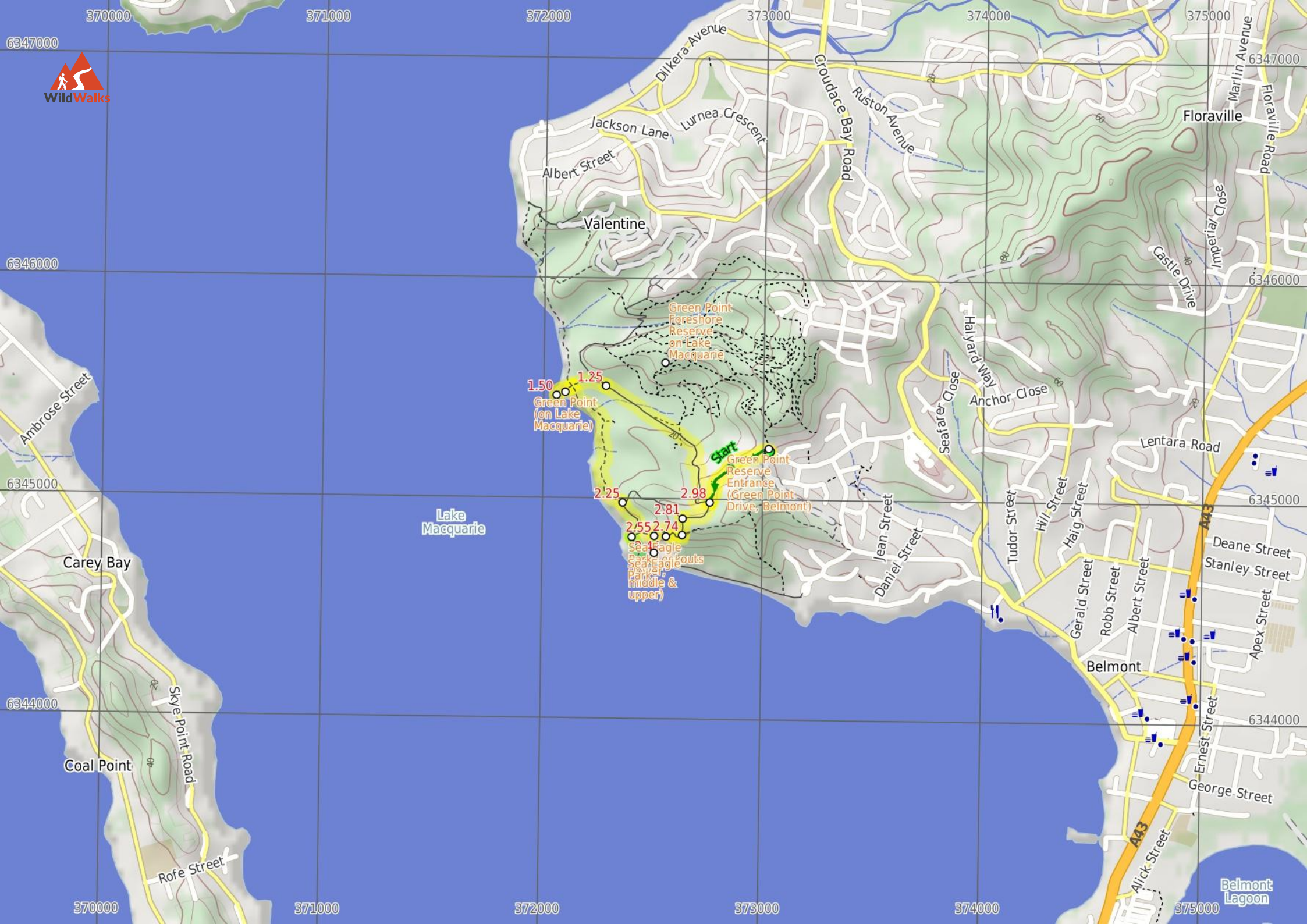
(80 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the three-way intersection, this walk follows the concrete footpath, while passing a picnic table (on the left) and initially keeping the views on the left. This walk continues through forest for about 80m, until coming to a three-way intersection with a 'Green Point Drive Entry 570m' sign (on the right).

### 2.81 | Int of Green Point Drive & Linkage Tracks

(170 m 3 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Green Point Drive Entry' sign and footpath gently uphill. This walk continues through forest for about 100m, to come to open grasslands and views (on your left). Then this walk continues for about 60m, until coming to a three-way intersection, with a 'Green Point' sign (on the left) and a metal seat (on the right).

### 2.98 | Int of Green Point & Green Point Drive Tracks

(400 m 8 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Green Point Entry' sign and concrete footpath gently uphill, while keeping the views over grassland on your left. This walk continues, gently undulating across grasslands for about 300m, to find a 'No Dogs' sign. Then this walk continues on the footpath (keeping a metal cabled fence on your left) for about 100m, until coming to the end of Green Point Drive (in Belmont).



## Summary navigation sheet for the Green Point Drive Circuit



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
0.00	end of Green Point Drive (Green Point) -33.0241,151.6405 (GR Swansea, 730452)	18 -12	400 m 8 mins	From the end of Green Point Drive (in Belmont), this walk follows the concrete footpath gently uphill between metal fencing, while initially keeping the 'Green Point Foreshore Reserve' sign on the left.
0.40	Int of Green Point Drive & Green Point Tracks -33.0262,151.6376 (GR Swansea, 728450)	10 -47	840 m 16 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Green Point' sign and foot path gently downhill across grasslands and towards the distance views.
1.25	Int of Green Point AND Zig Zag Tracks -33.0214,151.6325 (GR Swansea, 723455)	3 -12	250 m 5 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track gently downhill, while initially keeping the 'Walk Safe/Cycle Safe' sign on your left.
1.50	Green Point -33.0218,151.6301 (GR Swansea, 721455)	32 -8	750 m 14 mins	Turn around: From Green Point (by the lake and small clump of She Oak trees), this walk follows the track across grasslands and towards the forest.
2.25	Int of Foreshore AND Green Point Drive Tracks -33.0262,151.6333 (GR Swansea, 724450)	3 -11	190 m 4 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath gently downhill, while keeping the gravel track and 'Green Point Drive' timber sign on your right.
2.44	Int of Foreshore & Lookout Tracks -33.0276,151.6338 (GR Swansea, 724448)	1 -6	80 m 2 mins	Optional sidetrip to Int of Foreshore Track & Sea Eagle Park. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath gently downhill, while keeping the Lookout track on your left and the 'Getting about at Green Point' sign on your right.
2.44	Int of Foreshore & Lookout Tracks -33.0276,151.6338 (GR Swansea, 724448)	16 0	110 m 2 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads up timber steps, directly away from the face of the 'Getting about at Green Point' sign.
2.55	Lower Lookout (Sea Eagle Park) -33.0276,151.6349 (GR Swansea, 725448)	16 -9	140 m 4 mins	Turn left: From Lower Lookout, this walk heads gently uphill, while keeping the views on your right.
2.69	Upper Lookout (Sea Eagle Park) -33.0276,151.6359 (GR Swansea, 726448)	8 -2	50 m 1 mins	Turn left: From the Upper Lookout, this walk follows the concrete footpath gently uphill and away from the viewpoint.
2.74	Int of Lookout & Linkage Tracks -33.0275,151.6362 (GR Swansea, 726448)	6 -1	80 m 2 mins	Continue straight: From the three-way intersection, this walk follows the concrete footpath, while passing a picnic table (on the left) and initially keeping the views on the left.
2.81	Int of Green Point Drive & Linkage Tracks -33.0269,151.6362 (GR Swansea, 726449)	3 -8	170 m 3 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Green Point Drive Entry' sign and footpath gently uphill.
2.98	Int of Green Point & Green Point Drive Tracks -33.0262,151.6376 (GR Swansea, 728450)	12 -18	400 m 8 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Green Point Entry' sign and concrete footpath gently uphill, while keeping the views over grassland on your left.