



Barrenjoey Headland Circuit

 1 h to 1 h 30 min

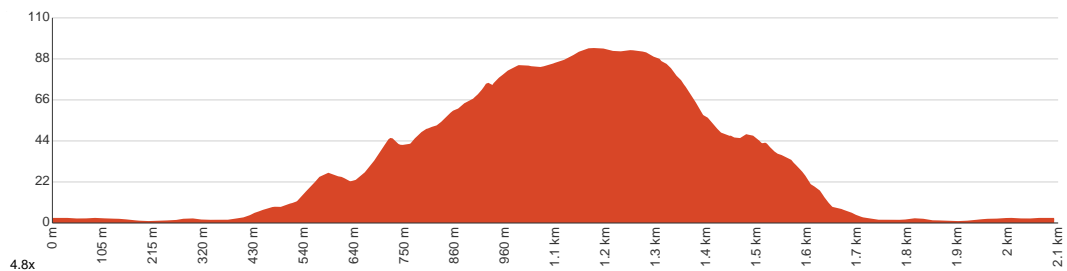

2.1 km
Circuit


↑ 108 m
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Hard track



Starting from the car park near Station Beach, Palm Beach, this walk takes you on a circuit on Barrenjoey Headland, visiting the same-titled lighthouse and the grave of George Mulhall along the way. A fantastic walk for those wanting a scenic journey on Sydney's northern beaches, this track features views of the central coast, Palm Beach, Broken Bay, Hawkesbury River and the South Pacific Ocean along with historic remnants of old lighthouses. Migrating whales can be observed northward from May till July and southward from August till October. There are newly constructed toilets and drinking fountains as well. Keep in mind that Council parking fees apply at the car park. Also, there are no bins so please take your rubbish with you. As this walk is in a national park; pets, drones and amplified music is not allowed. Let us begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

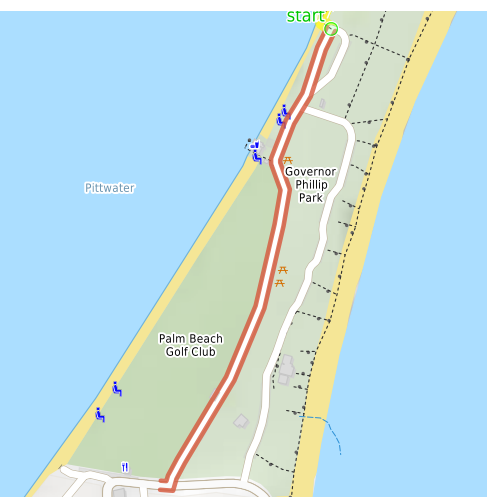


Class 4 of 6
Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Beach Road

- Turn on to then drive for 840 m



Before you start any journey ensure you;

- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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Broken Bay

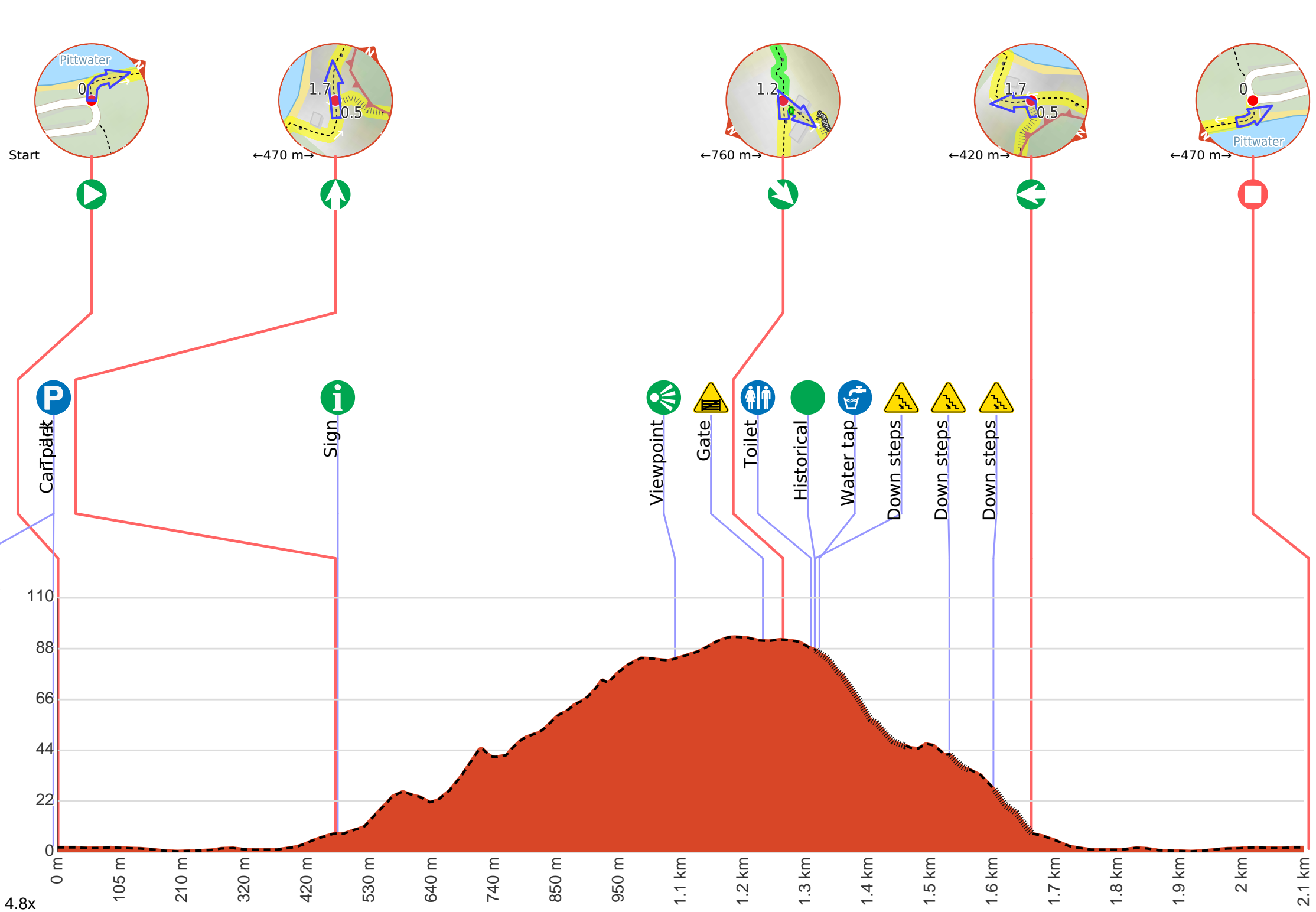


Pittwater

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Getting started: This walk starts from the car park at Station Beach (on the Pittwater side of the Palm Beach promontory, past the Palm Beach Golf Course and the boathouse wharf) At the northernmost end of the car park, this walk passes the 'Barrenjoey Head Aquatic Reserve' sign, heading north along Station Beach (keeping Pittwater to the left). The walk passes two distinct tracks on the right before coming to an intersection with a less-defined track, also on the right (and a 'This way to Lighthouse' sign), just before a small house. After turning right here, you'll come to a four-way intersection in about a hundred metres. Stay on the same track to continue along Barrenjoey Headland Circuit (clockwise).



Start.



There is a toilet (about 145 m back from the start).



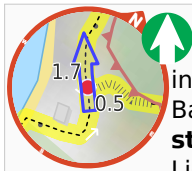
There is a car park (about 8 m back from the start).



After another 165 m **continue straight.**



After another 160 m **continue straight.**



After another 155 m (at the intersection of Smugglers Track & Barrenjoey Lighthouse Track) **continue straight**, to head along Barrenjoey Lighthouse Track.



Then pass the sign (on your right).

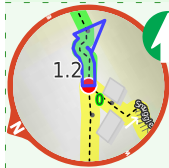


After another 570 m come to the viewpoint.



After another 150 m head through/around the gate.

Start of an optional side trip: Side trip along the eastern track on Barrenjoey Headland



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. at the intersection of Barrenjoey Lighthouse Track & Smugglers Track **Start** (a walking track).



Find the Barrenjoey Lighthouse at the start.



The Barrenjoey Lighthouse was the third light constructed on this headland, completed in 1881. Designed by James Barnet, the NSW Colonial Architect, and built for a cost of \$13,695 plus \$2,210 for the lamp, the light is at an elevation of 113m and can be seen to a distance of 19 nautical miles (35 km) out to sea. There are tours from 11am to 3pm for \$5 on Sundays featuring volunteer guides, excluding major public holidays and bad weather conditions.



Find the Gledhill Lookout at the start.



Find the Grave Of George Mulhall at the start.



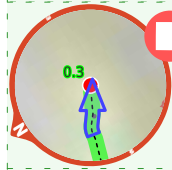
George Mulhall was the first principal lighthouse keeper of Barrenjoey headland, working in the permanent lighthouse from 1881 until he died from a stroke after being ill for 3 days. Although, Jervis Sparks states that he was "was struck down by a tremendous bolt of lightning" causing his death in June 1885. His son, George Mulhall Jr, was actually struck by lightning which burned his arm. .



After another 7 m find the "Site of the First Barrenjoey Lighthouses" (6 m on your right). In 1868, two wooden lighthouses, known as the Stewart Towers, were built at either end of the headland to guide ships in to port. These were later replaced by the current tower in 1881. Stewart Towers were tended by George Mulhall Snr and Jnr, the first principle keepers of the current lighthouse.



After another 205 m come to a viewpoint.



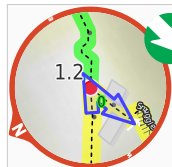
The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 260 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 1.2 km waypoint.



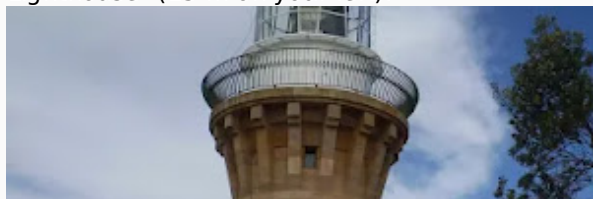
After another 35 m (at the intersection of Smugglers Track & Barrenjoey Lighthouse Track) **turn sharp right**, to head along Smugglers Track.



After another 50 m pass the toilet (15 m on your left).



After another 6 m find the "Barrenjoey Lighthouse" (25 m on your left).



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After another 8 m pass the water tap (20 m on your left).



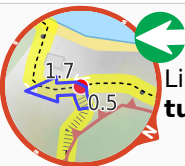
Then head down the steps (about 155 m long)



After another 75 m head down the steps (about 30 m long)



After another 45 m head down the steps (about 65 m long)



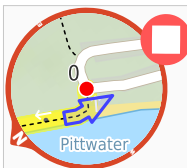
At the intersection of Barrenjoey Lighthouse Track & Smugglers Track **turn left** (a walking track).



After another 155 m **continue straight**.



After another 160 m **continue straight**.



After another 155 m come to the end.