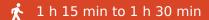


Canoon Rd to Whale Rock

(Darug Country)



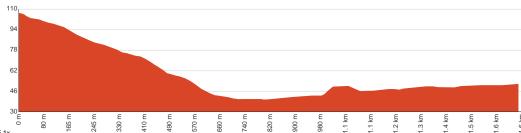


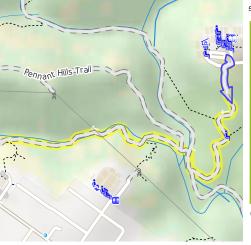






This walk goes to Whale Rock, from the sporting complex at the end of Canoon Rd, Turramurra. The walk follows Devlin's Creek for the most part, winding through the valley. A great way to see the Lane Cove Valley, and explore the sandstone and fern filled scenery. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darug people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



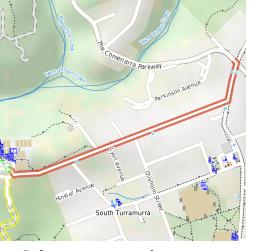


Class 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles

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Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
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	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From The Comenarra Parkway

- Turn on to Kissing Point Road then drive for 165 m
- Turn right onto Canoon Road and drive for another 970 m
- Turn right and drive for another 35 m

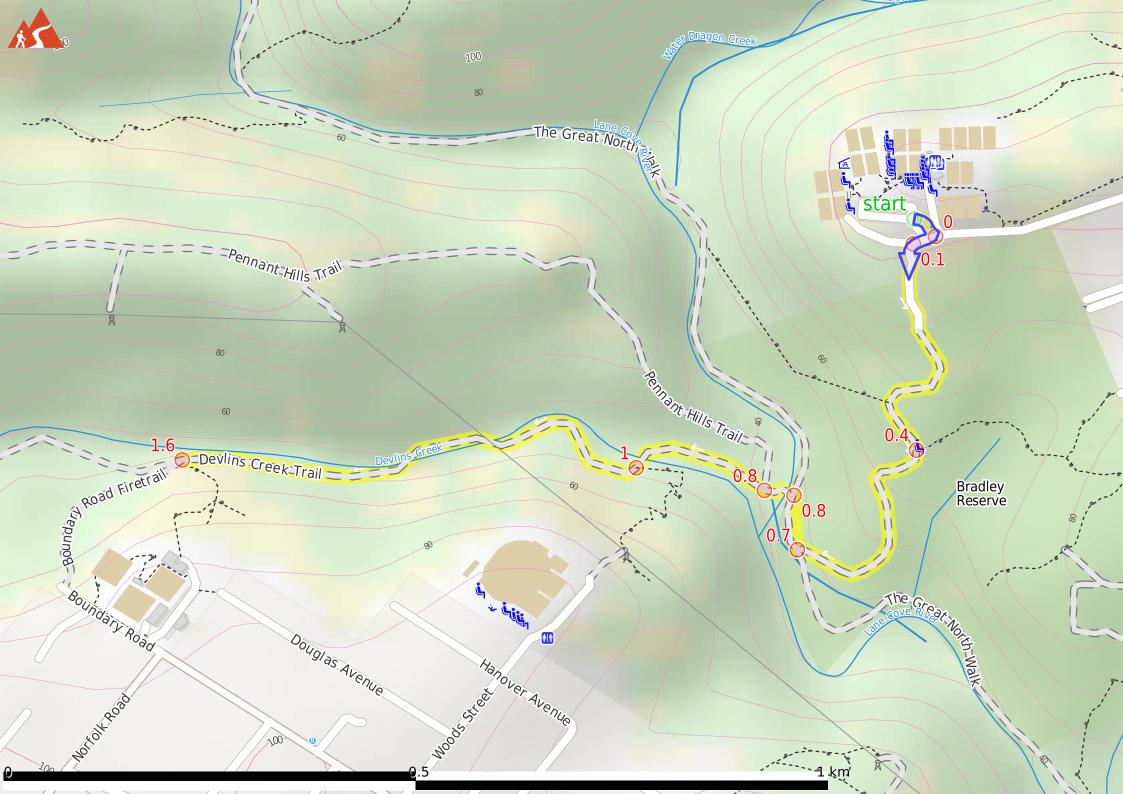


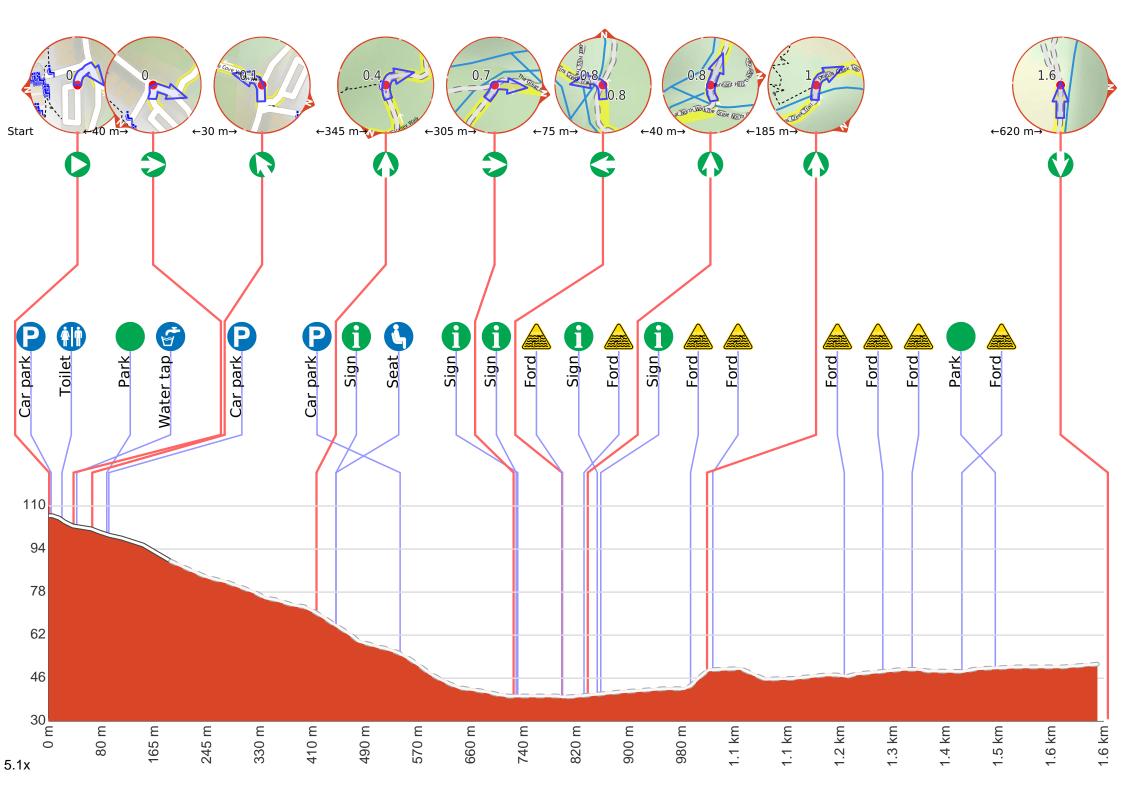
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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.







Getting started: From the tennis courts car park, the walk follows the service trail away from the courts. The trail passes through the metal gate and down the long hill, passing through another gate and arriving at the signposted intersection with the Step Track.

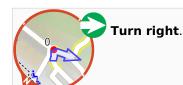
From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail down the long hill to the bottom of the valley, where it comes to the intersection with the Great North Walk trail.

From the intersection, the walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign gently downhill along the management trail, directly away from the face of the 'STEP Track' map/sign. Keeping the river to your left, the trail leads downhill for about 80m to come to a Y-intersection, where there is a 'Lane Cove Valley' map/sign and a 'Lane Cove River Park' sign pointing back along the trail. From the Intersection the track follows the lower branching serverice trail accross the river before climbing a small but steep bank. Immediately upon reaching the top of this small climb the track comes to an intersection of the Pennant Hills Park service trail.

From the intersection the track follows the North Epping arrow along the along the service trail heading away from the Lane Cove River and along the valley floor. During this section of the track there are several small asphalted creek crossings as the track winds all the way through the valley until reaching the Whale Rock. (near the intersection of the Boundary Road service trail).



- Find the car park at the start.
- Find the toilet at the start. , female.
- Find the Bradley Reserve at the start.
- Then pass the water tap (20 m on your left).





- After another 25 m to find the car park.
- After another 450 m pass the car park (265 m on your right).



- After another 30 m pass the sign (on your left).
- Then pass a seat (5 m on your left).

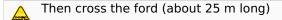


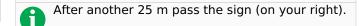
After another 280 m pass the sign (7 m on your left).

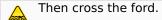


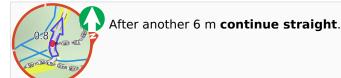
Then pass the sign (on your left).



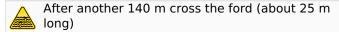








After another 20 m pass the sign (9 m on your right).



After another 9 m cross the ford.





After another 210 m cross the ford (about 30 m long)



After another 25 m cross the ford.



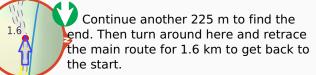
After another 45 m cross the ford (about 35 m long)



After another 90 m pass the "Ron Payne Park" (130 m on your left).



Then cross the ford.





About 15 m past the end is "Whale Rock".



This is a large boulder that looks eerily like a whale, complete with eye socket. It is a good place to break and climb around the Rock.