

## Currie Rd to Davidson Park

(Guringai Country)











Starting at Currie Rd in Forestville, this walk follows Middle Harbour to Davidson Park, under Roseville Bridge. There are two optional side trips, one to Natural Bridge and the other short one to Flat rock beach. The walk starts on a service trail, but mostly follows bush tracks, providing great views of Bantry Bay and Middle Harbour. There are plenty of spots to stop for a snack and enjoy the view. Davidson Park has great facilities for a picnic at the end of the walk. Let us begin by acknowledging the Guringai people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

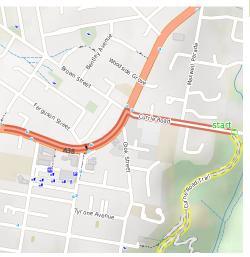


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0 5.8x	370 m	750 m	1.1 km	1.9 km	2.2 km	2.6 km	3 km	3.4 km	3.7 km	4.1 km	4.5 km	4.8 km	5.2 km	5.6 km	6 km	6.3 km	6.7 km	7.1 km	7.5 km

Class 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles							
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	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)						

Getting to the start: From Warringah Road, A38

• Turn on to Brown Street then drive for 540 m

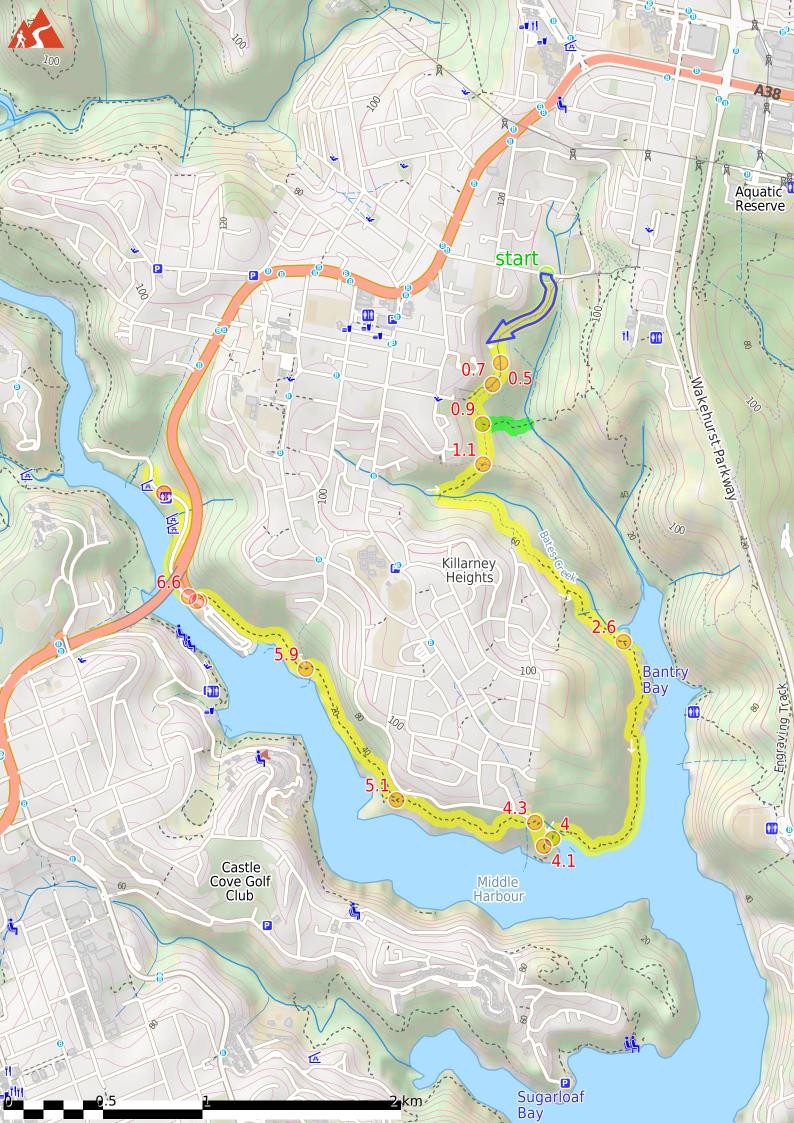


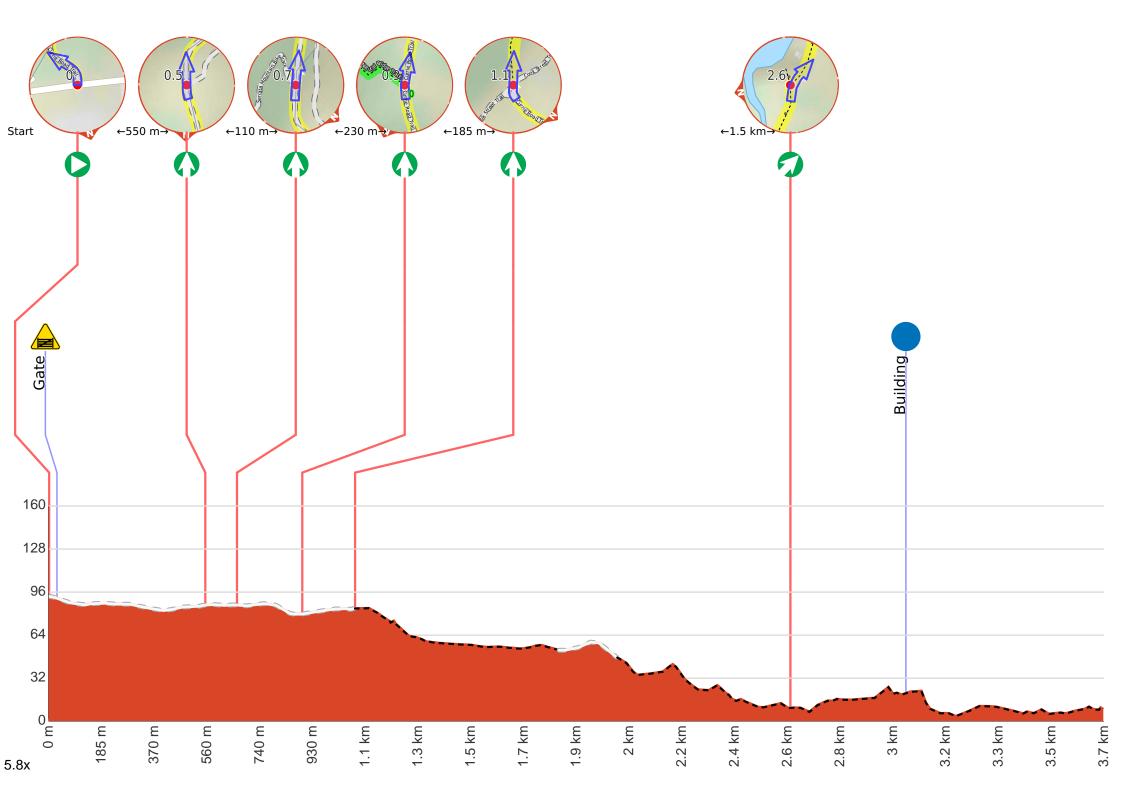
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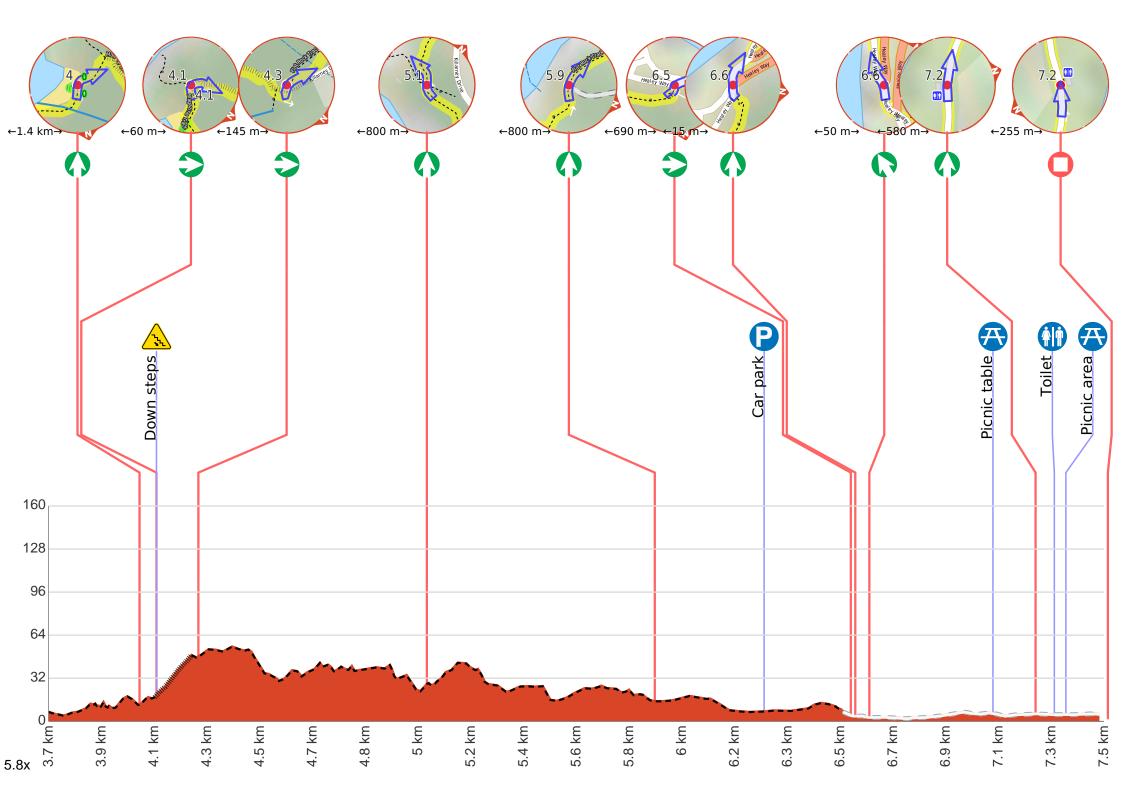
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are 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 intersection, this walk heads through the metal gate and along the service trail for a short distance before coming to some power lines. This trail follows the power lines through the bush, winding along beside the telegraph poles for a little while before coming to the intersection with the service trail that heads up the hill to the right. From the intersection, this walk follows the flat service trail heading south, in the opposite direction of the closest telegraph pole, winding alongside the power lines for a little while. The trail then breaks away from the power lines, heading through thicker vegetation until it comes to the signposted intersection of the Natural Bridge Track.

> At the intersection of Currie Road Trail & Currie Road Start heading along Currie Road Trail (a vehicle track).

After 25 m head through/around the gate.

After another 520 m continue straight, to head along Currie Road Trail.

After another 110 m (at the intersection of Currie Road Trail & Serrata Mountain Bike Track) continue **straight**, to head along Currie Road Trail.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Natural Bridge.



To start this optional side trip veer left here. at the intersection of Natural Bridge Track & Currie Road Trail **Start** heading along Natural Bridge Track (a walking track).

After another 220 m (at the intersection of Serrata Mountain Bike Track & Natural Bridge Track) continue straight, to head along Natural Bridge Track.



After another 70 m come to the end.

"Natural Bridge".



The Natural Bridge is a sandstone arch in Garigal National Park. The arch spans an unnamed creek feeding into Bantry Bay. The Natural Bridge track uses this arch to cross the creek, and is not always noticed by walkers as the surrounding vegetation hides the full view of the feature from the track. The arch has formed the eroding forces of water flowing down the creek. The arch provides an interesting natural feature to explore and enjoy.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 285 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 890 m waypoint.

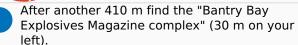
After another 230 m (at the intersection of Currie Road Trail & Natural Bridge Track) continue straight, to head along Currie Road Trail.



After another 185 m (at the intersection of Cook Street Trail & Currie Road Trail) continue straight, to head along Bates Creek Track (a walking track).



After another 1.5 km veer right, to head along Magazine Track.





The Magazine Buildings were the premier storage facility for merchants' explosives between 1915 and 1974. During this time, the carefully constructed building where crucial for the safe storage of explosives used for building public works such as the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and additionally used by the Australian Navy during World War II. There is currently no public access to the site, and the buildings are best viewed from across the water at Bantry Bay Picnic Area, or anywhere on the other side of Bantry Bay.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Flat Rock Beach.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. Start.



Then head down the steps



After another 10 m come to the end.

About 55 m past the end is "Flat Rock Beach".



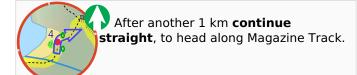
Flat Rock Beach is a small, south-facing beach on Middle Harbour, in Garigal National Park. The sand is deposited on a rock shelf that pokes through in places, forming interesting sculptures. The beach is frequented by walkers and boaters enjoying their day by the water. The beach can be accessed by a bush track from the end of Killarney Drive, Killarney Heights. Historically, the beach was a popular picnic area and serviced by a ferry in the early 1900's. Today, there are no facilities, but some shade is provided by the trees at the back of the beach.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 10 m to the main route.



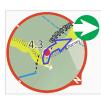
Back at the main route veer left and follow on from the 4 km waypoint.



After another 60 m **turn right**, to head along Magazine Track.



Then head down the steps (about 130 m long)

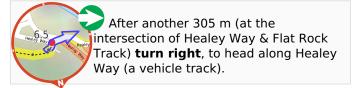


After another 15 m turn right.

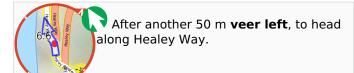




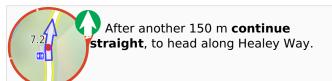
After another 380 m pass the car park (30 m on your left).



After another 15 m continue straight, to head along Healey Way.



After another 430 m pass the picnic table (30 m on your left).



After another 65 m pass the toilet (20 m on your left).



After another 40 m find the "Davidson picnic area" (30 m on your left).



Davidson Picnic Area is in Garigal National Park, under Roseville Bridge (access via Warringah Road, south bound lanes, or via many walking tracks in the area). The picnic area has a boat ramp, wheelchair-accessible toilets, large open grassy areas, picnic tables, free electric BBQ's, and a large rotunda. There are plenty of shady spots provided by the trees. The northern section of the picnic area has a small beach swimming area, and the southern section boasts a boat ramp. The park is open 6am to 8pm (6:30pm outside daylight savings time). Ticket machines are provided to pay the car access fee.



After another 150 m come to the end.