





# Camp Cove Cannon

(Cadigal & Birrabirragal Country)

 10 min to 15 min

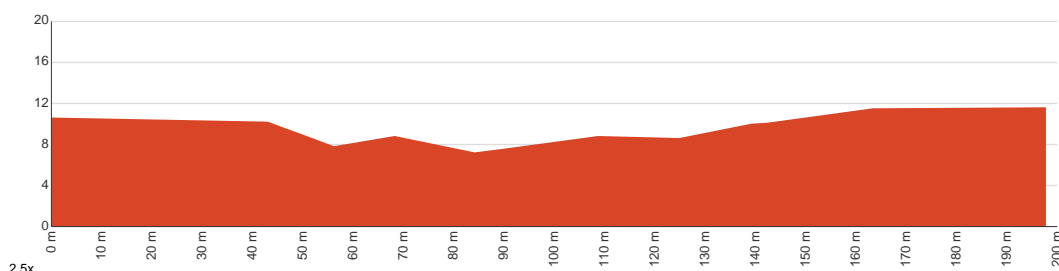
  
400 m  
Return

  
↑ 11 m  
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Easy track



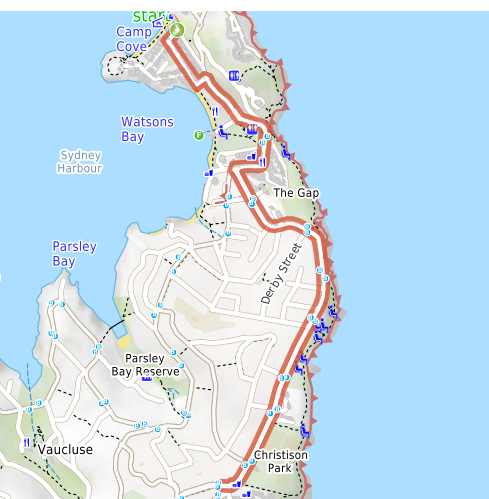
Spend some time relaxing and exploring Camp Cove - the first landing place for Europeans in Australia. On this walk, you will head across the northern end of Camp Cove Beach, up some steps to follow an old sandstone cobbled road. This road leads to a great vantage point, with views over the Sydney Harbour to the city. This spot is also host to a large (disused) gun, that once defended these shores. Plenty of history and beauty. Let us begin by acknowledging the Cadigal & Birrabirragal people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 2 of 6 Clear and well formed track or trail	
Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

**Getting to the start:** From New South Head Road

- Turn on to Old South Head Road then drive for 1.7 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Robertson Place and drive for another 130 m
- Turn slight left onto Military Road and drive for another 500 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Short Street and drive for another 280 m
- Turn right onto Victoria Street and drive for another 60 m
- Turn left and drive for another 6 m



## Before you start any journey ensure you;

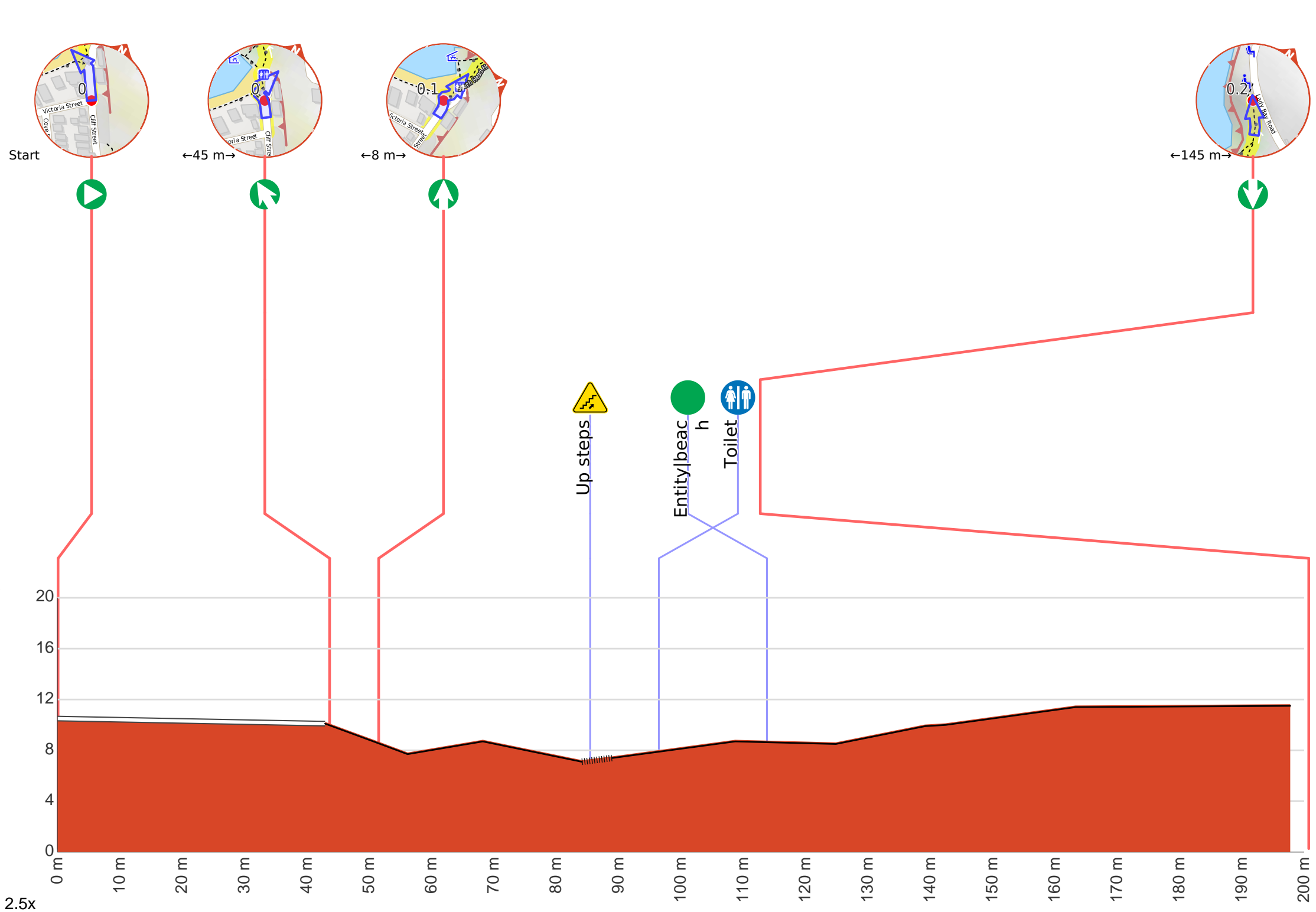
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

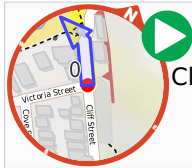
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**Getting started:** From the signposted 'Camp Cove Car Park, this walk follows the 'No Through Road' sign to the end of 'Cliff St'. The footpath leads past a 'Camp Cove timeline' information sign then, at the end of the road, turns left, coming to the front of the kiosk at the northern end of Camp Cove Beach.



At the intersection of Victoria Street & Cliff Street **Start** (a service road).



After another 45 m **veer left**.



After another 8 m **continue straight**.



After another 35 m head up the steps (about 5 m long)



After another 25 m find the "Camp Cove" (25 m on your left).



Camp Cove is home to a lovely, yellow sand, north-east facing beach. The cove is on the protected side of South Head and is a popular spot for swimming and relaxing on the beach. At the northern end of the beach is a kiosk, toilet block and an entrance to Sydney Harbour National Park. The cove was an important location to the Cadigal (Gadigal) people who gathered fresh water, shellfish, launched their canoes and buried some of their people nearby. This cove is also believed to be the first landing place for Europeans in 1788. The name Camp Cove was given during that landing and appears on the earliest maps of Sydney Harbour.



At the intersection of South Head Lighthouse Walk & South Head Heritage Trail **continue straight**, to head along South Head Heritage Trail (a footpath).



After another 6 m pass the toilet (5 m on your right).



Continue another 105 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 200 m to get back to the start.



"Cannon".



This cannon was placed here prior to 1890, along with the rest of this gun emplacement and rifle walls. The emplacement was designed to protect a military jetty and boat shed from the threat of an invasion. The 'Cobblestone Road' beside the cannon was built during the late 1870s or early 1880s and extends from the jetty in Camp Cove up to Hornby Road above. The road was built to carry supplies and ordnance from Camp Cove to the various military installations on south head.



About 20 m past the end is "Camp Cove Beach Lookout".



About 30 m past the end is a seat.