## Roseville to Macquarie Park

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Hard track


This walk starts at Roseville station and explores the streets and alleyways of Roseville before joining the main spine of the Great North Walk at Fullers Bridge. Here you head deeper into the bush to explore the eastern bank on the Lane Cove River. There is a great diversity of mostly dry forest and some great sandstone rock formation, as well as a side trip to Blue Hole to enjoy. Soon after Blue hole you leave the river (and GNW) to cross over De Burghs Bridge, past a few cafes and restaurants to find Macquarie Park railway station. 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 <br> Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely <br> Quality of track <br> Gradient <br> Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely <br> $(4 / 6)$ <br> Signage <br> Short steep hills (3/6) <br> Infrastructure <br> Experience Required <br> Deather Simited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6) |  |
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Getting to the start: From Gore Hill Freeway, M1

- Turn on to Pacific Highway Offramp, M1 then drive for 560 m
- Turn slight right onto Pacific Highway, A1 and drive for another 2.8 km
- Turn right onto Boundary Street, A38 and drive for another 10 m
- Turn slight right onto Boundary Street, A38 and drive for another 135 m
- Turn left onto Hill Street and drive for another 370 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 small shop on the bridge over Roseville Station, this walk heads towards the garden shop and the Pacific Highway, keeping the main station to your right. This walk then crosses the highway at the traffic lights and turns right. After about 40 metres (just past 'James Cafe'), this walk turns left into an alleyway. The walk continues down the lane for approximately 50 m to then cross Larkin Lane, coming to the top of some steps (on the left of a green power box). Continue straight: From near the end of Larkin Lane, this walk heads past the green power box and down the pedestrian laneway steps. After approximately 60 m , the lane leads down some more steps to find an intersection with another concrete footpath on the other side of Larkin St. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the steps, beside number 4 Larkin St. From the bottom of the steps, the walk heads along the pedestrian alley for about 40m, and then crosses a 60 m long bridge. On the other side of the bridge, this walk continues up the alley for about 80 m , coming to an intersection with Shirley Rd.


## Start.

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Then cross the bridge (about 15 m long)



After another 35 m turn left.

Then head down the steps (about 60 m long)

At the intersection of Larkin Street \& The Rifleway continue straight, to head along The Rifleway (a footpath).


After another 185 m (at the intersection of Shirley Road \& The Rifleway) turn left, to head along Shirley Road (a residential road).


After another 205 m (at the intersection of Shirley Road \& Alston Way) continue straight, to head along Shirley Road.
After another 290 m (at the intersection of Shirley Road \& Glen Road) continue straight, to head along Shirley Road.

After another 65 m (at the intersection of Shirley Road \& Toongarah Road) continue straight, to head along Shirley Road.
After another 7 m continue straight, to head along Shirley Road.

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After another 135 m (at the intersection of Abingdon Road \& Shirley Road) veer left, to head along Shirley Road.


After another 180 m (at the intersection of Longford Street \& Shirley Road) turn right, to head along Longford Street.


After another 2 m continue straight.

After another 210 m continue straight.


After another 155 m continue straight, to head along Blue Gum Creek Walking Track.

After another 25 m pass the Chatswood Rifle Range sign ( 25 m on your left).

At the intersection of Lady Game Drive \& Blue Gum Creek Walking Track turn left, to head along Lady Game Drive (a highway|tertiary).


After another 6 m cross the bridge (about 60 m long)


## turn right.

After another 150 m find the Riverside Cafe Bar
\& Grill store ( 45 m on your left).


The Riverside Cafe is found at the end of service road on the south-west corner of Fullers Bridge. The nicely renovated building looks over the Lane Cove River and is open 7 days, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. The food is cafestyle and meals are priced upwards from \$13. Ph: (02) 94123773.


After another 65 m continue straight.


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

Then pass the BBQ (20 m on your left).


After another 10 m find the Koonjeree Picnic Area ( 5 m on your left).


Koonjeree Picnic Area is at the southern end of Lane Cove National Park, just near Fullers Bridge. The picnic area boasts free gas barbecues, flushing toilets, town tap water, picnic tables and shelters, a large open area and car parking. On the bank of the Lane Cove River, this is a pleasant spot to enjoy the park.
Then find the Toilet ( 65 m on your left).


Male and female toilet block. Entrance is 75 cm wide with 29 cm steps, hand basins 87 cm high, cubical doors 65 cm wide, toilet seat 42 cm high. Male toilet has a urinal with 6 cm step. No handrails.


Two timber seats, 40 cm high, 38 cm deep and 1.8 m wide with a 35 cm backrest and no arm rests.


The edges of the weir are ungraded and there is a significant drop with water hazards. Keep clear of edges.
Then cross the bridge (about 10 m long)

After another 60 m find the Lane Cove Weir historical (on your left).


The Lane Cove River Weir was built in 1938 during the depression. The motivation for building the lake was to make the area more appealing for visitors' picnics. The weir created environmental issues such as silting and a decline in native fish populations. In more recent years, a 'fish ladder' has been constructed to allow fish to undertake their
natural migration route for breeding. The weir proves an easy way for walkers to cross the Lane Cove River whilst enjoying the views up and downstream.
After another 60 m find the Seat ( 9 m on your left).


A stone seat, 42 cm high, 60 cm deep and 1.7 m wide with a 22 cm high arm and 22 cm backrest.


## turn right.

After another 65 m find the BBQ ( 6 m on your
left).


Two free electric BBQs hotplates in sheltered picnic area. The BBQ table is 92 cm high, 2.05 m wide and 75 cm deep. Hot plates are $45 / 45 \mathrm{~cm}$.

After another 25 m pass the The Great North Walk sign ( 15 m on your right).
After another 15 m find the Picnic Table ( 10 m on your left).


Two timber slat picnic tables. The table is 79 cm high, 73 cm deep and 3.3 m wide. The seats are 46 cm high, 44 cm deep and 2.7 m wide (no backrest). Room for a few chairs at end. $4 \times 2.7 \mathrm{~m}$ slab.


After another 15 m continue straight, to head along Max Allen Road. straight, to head along Max Allen Road
After another 55 m (at the intersection of The Great North Walk \& Max Allen Road) continue straight, to head along The Great North Walk (a walking track).

After another 25 m pass the Great North Walk sign (on your right).

After another 135 m (at the intersection of The Great North Walk \& Lane Cove Depot Road) veer right, to head along The Great North Walk (a walking track).

After another 315 m cross the bridge (about 5 m long)

After another 200 m cross the ford

After another 130 m cross the bridge

Then head down the 7 stone steps (about 3 m long)
After another 55 m head down the 26 steps (about 20 m long)
Then cross the bridge (about 8 m long)

After another 40 m continue straight, to head along The Great North Walk.

After another 65 m pass the sign (on your right).

After another 25 m cross the bridge (about 7 m long)
After another 30 m cross the bridge (about 3 m long)
After another 10 m cross the bridge (about 5 m long)


After another 115 m cross the bridge (about 15 m long)After another 8 m head up the 11 steps (about 8 $m$ long)
After another 760 m come to the viewpoint.

After another 325 m cross the bridge (about 4 m long)
After another 100 m come to the viewpoint.
After another 190 m find the Sandstone caves cave or overhang ( 15 m on your left).


This fairly large sandstone overhang is found on the eastern side of the Lane Cove Valley. The walking track leads through the two caves that run in series, with the northern cave being larger. The lip of the overhang hangs down a bit, providing some extra protection from wind and rain. The cave also provide some shade and a cooler spot on hot days, and there are also a couple of well placed boulders forming nice seats.
Then cross the ford.

After another 215 m head up the 5 steps (about 2 m long)


After another 1 m turn left, to head along The Great North Walk.

After another 50 m pass the sign (on your right)


After another 45 m continue straight, to head along The Great North Walk.

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\text { After another } 130 \mathrm{~m} \text { cross the ford. }
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continue straight, to head along The Great North Walk.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Blue Hole.


Blue Hole is found in the Lane Cove River, downstream of De Burghs Bridge. Within Lane Cove National Park this small pleasent waterhole has a flat rock and small sandy beach on the north side of the river. The water is polluted by run-off and rubbish, especially after rain, so it is not suitable for swimming. It is still a pleasent place to relax and enjoy the valley
Turn around and retrace your steps back to the main route.
Back at the main route turn sharp right and follow on from the 6.9 km waypoint.

After another 70 m continue straight, to head along The Great North Walk.

- After another 115 m continue straight, to head along The Great North Walk.

After another 60 m pass the sign ( 9 m on your left).


After another 15 m turn right.


## After another 45 m turn sharp right.

After another 9 m cross the bridge (about 185 m long)

After another 100 m continue straight.

After another 215 m continue straight.


After another 60 m continue straight.


After another 15 m continue straight.


After another 135 m continue straight.


After another 125 m continue straight.


After another 140 m turn left.


After another 35 m turn right.


After another 100 m continue straight.

After another 135 m pass the Go Hun restaurant ( 15 m on your left).

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After another 15 m to find the end.

