



# Pearl Beach to Warrah Lookout

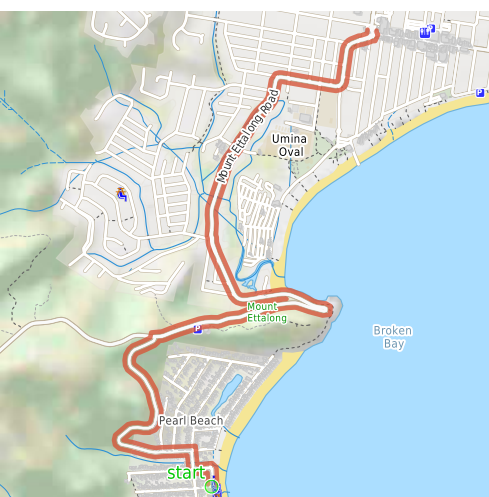
(Darkinjung & Guringai Country)

 1 h 45 min to 2 h

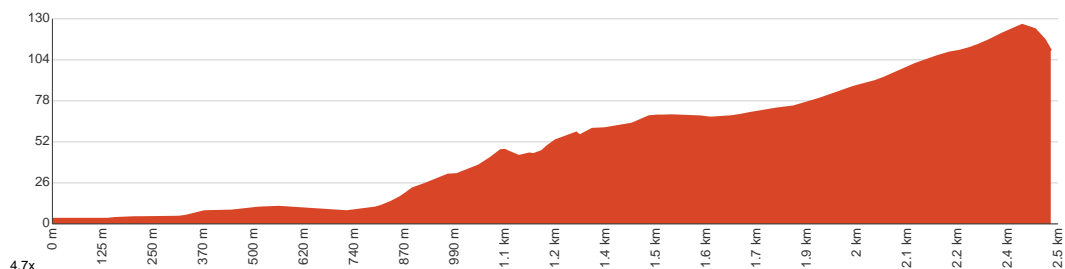
  
4.9 km  
Return

  
↑ 160 m  
↓ 160 m

  
Moderate track



This walk follows a wide trail then a track to the fantastic views from Warrah Lookout. From Pearl Beach, this walk follows the roads to the lower end of Pearl Beach / Patonga fire trail. Continuing up this trail, the walk passes some sandstone caves and further on, enjoys the fenced Warrah Lookout. There are some great views before returning the same way back to Pearl Beach. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darkinjung & Guringai 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

Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
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 Ocean Beach Road

- Turn on to Sydney Avenue then drive for 1.8 km
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Mount Ettalong Road and drive for another 1.9 km
- Turn left onto Pearl Beach Drive and drive for another 1.3 km
- Turn right onto Diamond Road and drive for another 110 m
- Turn left onto Emerald Avenue and drive for another 200 m

## Before you start any journey ensure you;

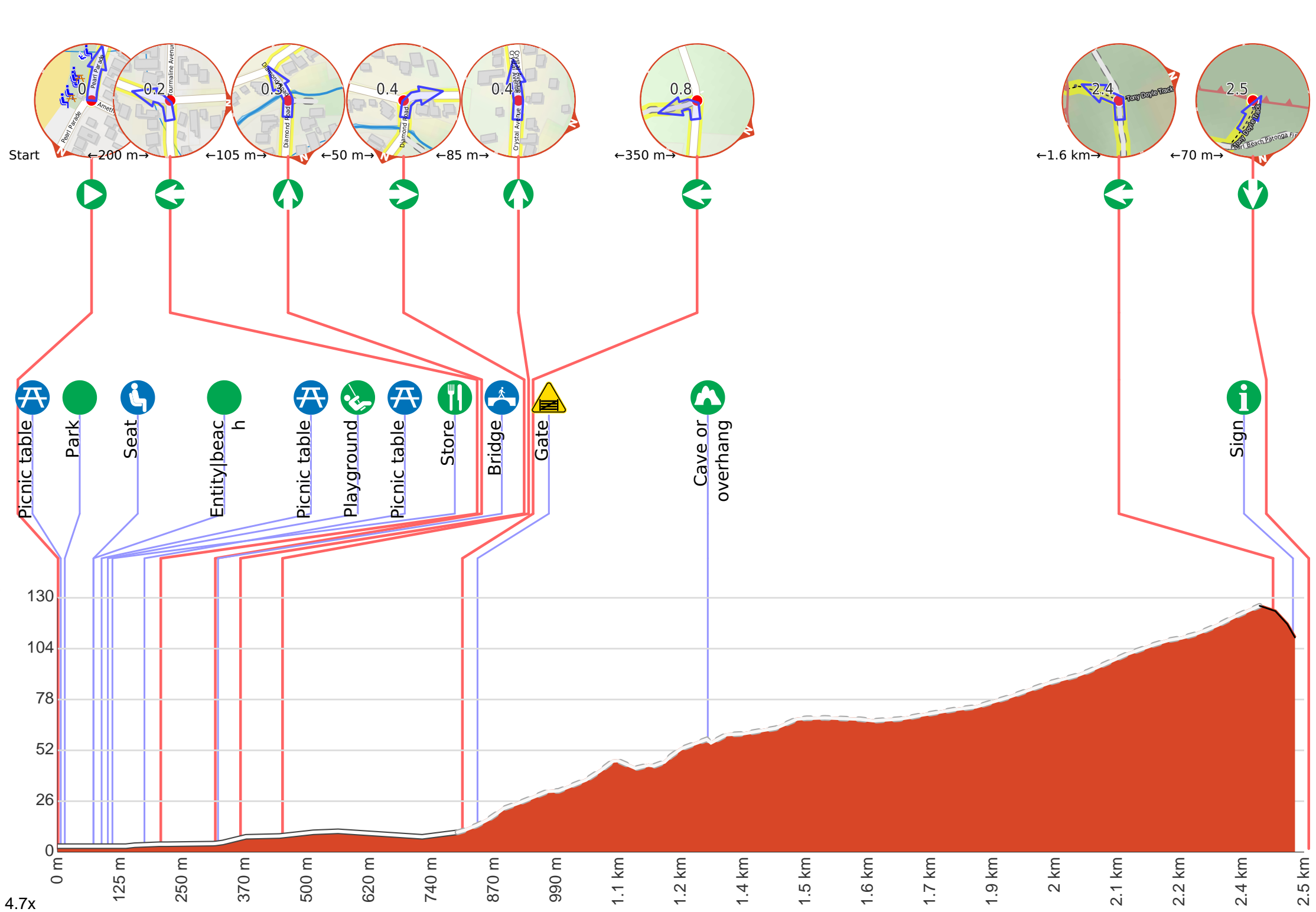
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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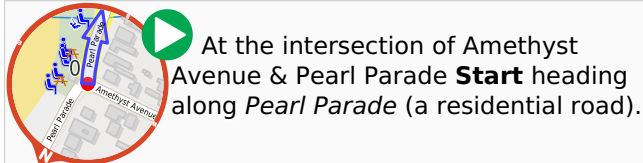








**Getting started:** From the toilet block and entrance to Pearl Beach, this walk follows Pearl Pde past the end of Amethyst Ave, keeping the ocean to the left. At the play equipment, the walk crosses the road and heads past the bus stop, coming to the Pearl Beach Cafe.



At the intersection of Amethyst Avenue & Pearl Parade **Start** heading along *Pearl Parade* (a residential road).



Find the picnic table at the start.



Find the Waterfront Reserve at the start.



After another 55 m pass a seat (25 m on your left).



Then find the "Pearl Beach" (35 m on your left).



Pearl Beach is a 1.2km long crescent-shaped, yellow sand beach. The beach has rocky points at either end - the southern end is home to an ocean pool and the northern end has the old Pearl Beach Road carved through the rock (no longer in use for cars). The beach has many access points and is popular for sunbathers, picnickers, and swimmers, although there is no surf life saver presence. The south-east facing beach is lined with houses in the northern section, and shade-providing trees in the south.



After another 15 m pass the picnic table (20 m on your left).



After another 10 m pass the playground (20 m on your left).



After another 70 m pass the picnic table (20 m on your left).



Then come to the "Pearl Beach General Store and Cafe".



The Pearl Beach General Store and Cafe (ph 02 4343 1222) is found at 1 Pearl Pde, Pearl Beach, and is open 7 days. The cafe provides breakfast, lunch and dinners for about \$20 a meal. The general store provides cheaper take-away meals and general supplies (including ice-creams). Across the road is Pearl Beach and some children's play equipment. Alternatively for a more refined dining experience, 'Pearls on the Beach' is found on the other side of the road, open Thursday to Sundays for lunch and dinner (ph 02 4342 4400).



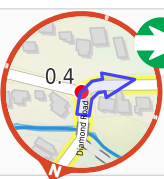
After another 95 m (at the intersection of Tourmaline Avenue & Diamond Road) **turn left**, to head along Diamond Road.



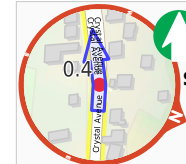
After another 105 m **continue straight**.



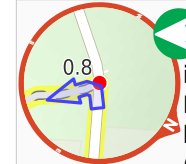
After another 5 m cross the bridge (about 15 m long)



After another 30 m (at the intersection of Crystal Avenue & Diamond Road) **turn right**, to head along Crystal Avenue.



After another 85 m **continue straight**, to head along Crystal Avenue.



After another 350 m (at the intersection of Crystal Avenue & Pearl Beach Patonga Firetrail) **turn left**, to head along Pearl Beach Patonga Firetrail (a vehicle track).



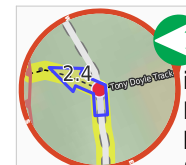
After another 30 m head through/around the gate.



After another 450 m find the "Pearl Caves" (9 m on your left).



Pearl Caves is an informal name for a couple of caves found on the Pearl Beach / Patonga fire trail. The two large overhangs are found near the base of a cliff. The caves look north and have outward-sloping floors. One cave has a few small columns and stalagmite/stalactite decorations growing at the back. To protect the caves (and yourself), the caves are best viewed from a distance.



After another 1.1 km (at the intersection of Tony Doyle Track & Pearl Beach Patonga Firetrail) **turn left**, to head along Tony Doyle Track (a footpath).



After another 40 m pass the sign (on your right).



(Warrah Lookout) Continue another 30 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 2.5 km to get back to the start.



"Warrah Lookout".



Warrah Lookout is a mostly fenced lookout on a large sandstone platform. The lookout provides fantastic views across the Hawkesbury River. From left to right, you can see along the escarpment which forms the southern boundary of Brisbane Water National Park, out to the Pacific Ocean, Barrenjoey Headland, West Head, along Cowan Creek, Juno Point and along the escarpment to Patonga. This is a great place to spend some time soaking up the views.