

Bungaroo and Founders Way Loop

🔆 1 h 30 min to 3 h





This circuit walk starts at Founders Way and follows the Bungaroo bush track through the national park to Middle Harbour Creek. There is an optional side trip to the creek crossing before returning, via the pipe bridge and the Pipeline Track. Along the Bungaroo Track there are plenty of opportunities to stop and take in the great forest like surroundings, in what is a tiny portion of the Garigal National Park. 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.



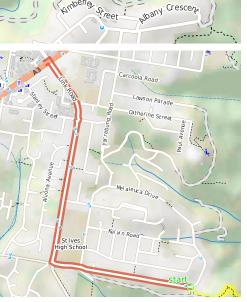
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Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
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 Mona Vale Road, A3

- Turn on to Link Road then drive for 500 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Horace Street and drive for another 1.1 km
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Hunter Avenue and drive for another 1.1 km



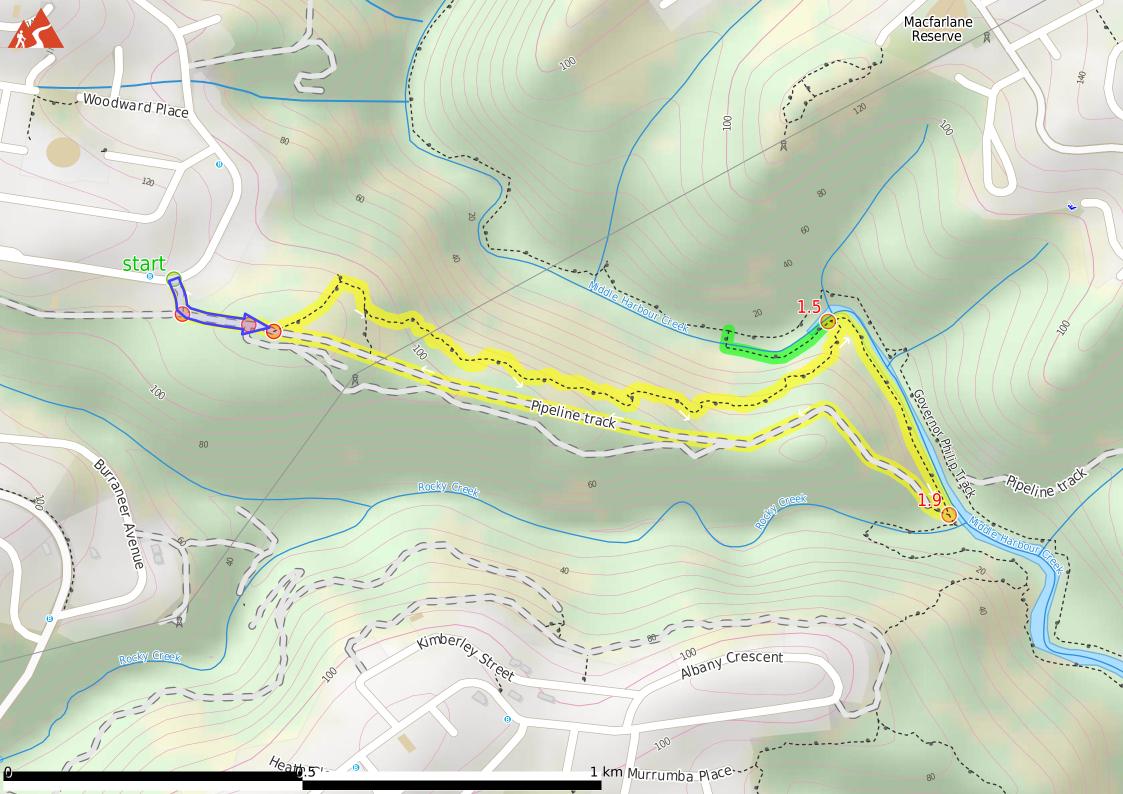
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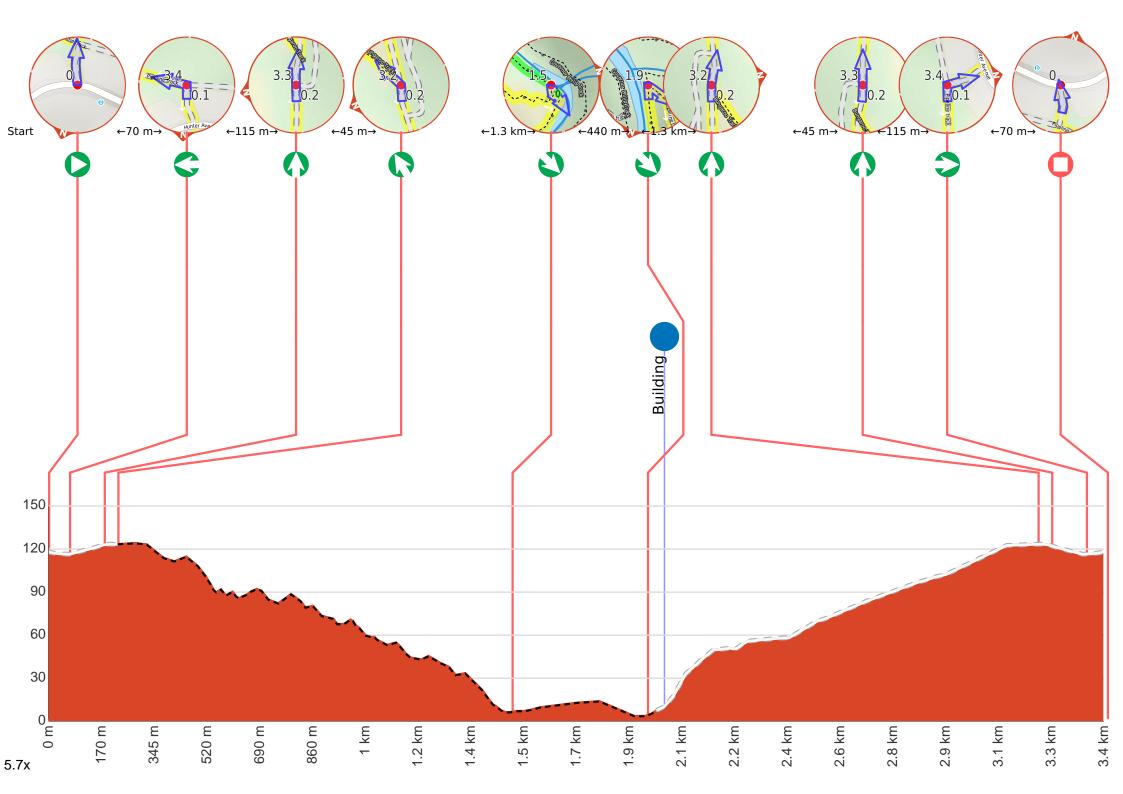
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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.

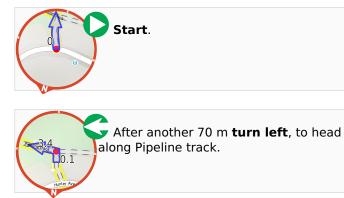


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Getting started: From the intersection, this walk follows the Founders Way service trail, heading away from the road and past a picnic seat, continuing along to the 'T' intersection with the pipeline track.



After another 115 m **continue straight**, to head along Pipeline track.



After another 45 m (at the intersection of Pipeline track & Bungaroo Track) **veer left**, to head along Bungaroo Track (a walking track).

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Int of Gov. Phillip and Bungaroo tracks.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. **Start** heading along *Bungaroo Track*.

After another 200 m cross the stepping stones

After another 30 m come to the end. After another 30 m come to the end.



Governor Arthur Phillip (first governor of NSW) described this section of the river as where "the flowing of the tide ceased". Phillip and his party of nine camped here in 1788 whilst looking for land suitable for farming. John White (Surgeon General) described the the area as "the most desert, wild and solitary seclusion that the imagination can form any idea of". Over the past 200 years the river has changed, but somewhere not far upstream of the stepping stone is Bungaroo.

Turn around and retrace your steps back the 230 m to the main route.

Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 1.5 km waypoint.



After another 1.3 km **turn sharp**

After another 490 m find the "Pipeline" (on your right).



This pipeline is unearthed at Hunter Street, St Ives, and travels through Garigal National Park, across Middle Harbour Creek to John Oxley Drive, Sorlie. The pipe carries water under pressure From Ryde to Pymble to the reservoir at Beacon Hill. The old smaller-capacity pipe can still be seen running parallel to the larger pipe.



Turn sharp right, to head along Pipeline track.

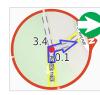
After another 470 m **continue straight**, to head along Pipeline track.



After another 800 m (at the intersection of Pipeline track & Bungaroo Track) **continue straight**, to head along Pipeline track.



After another 45 m **continue** straight, to head along Pipeline track.



After another 115 m turn right.

