



Cockle Creek Lookout

30 min to 1 h

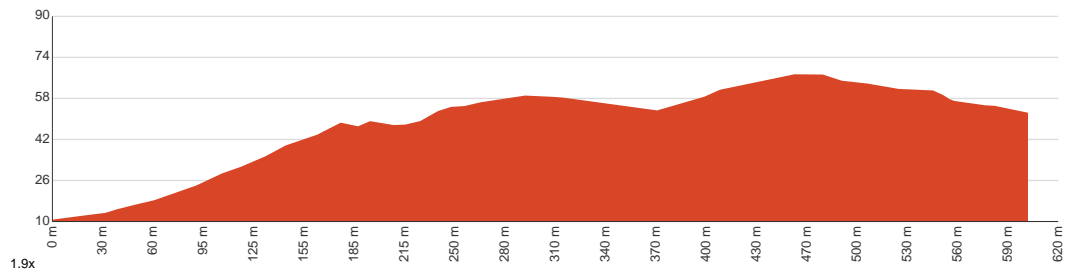
1.2 km
Return

↑ 89 m
↓ 89 m

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Hard track



This is a great walk for visitors looking for a reasonably short adventure after lunch. The leisurely walk starts from the cafe and information centre at Bobbin Head and follows the Warrimoo Track up the hill to the Cockle Creek Lookout, before returning along the same route. 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 Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
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)

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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100

Birrawanna Track

40

20

Apple Tree Bay Road

0.5

0.6

80

60

Birrawanna Track

Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Road

40

Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Road

Apple Tree Bay Road

Cowan Water

Foleys Bay

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start

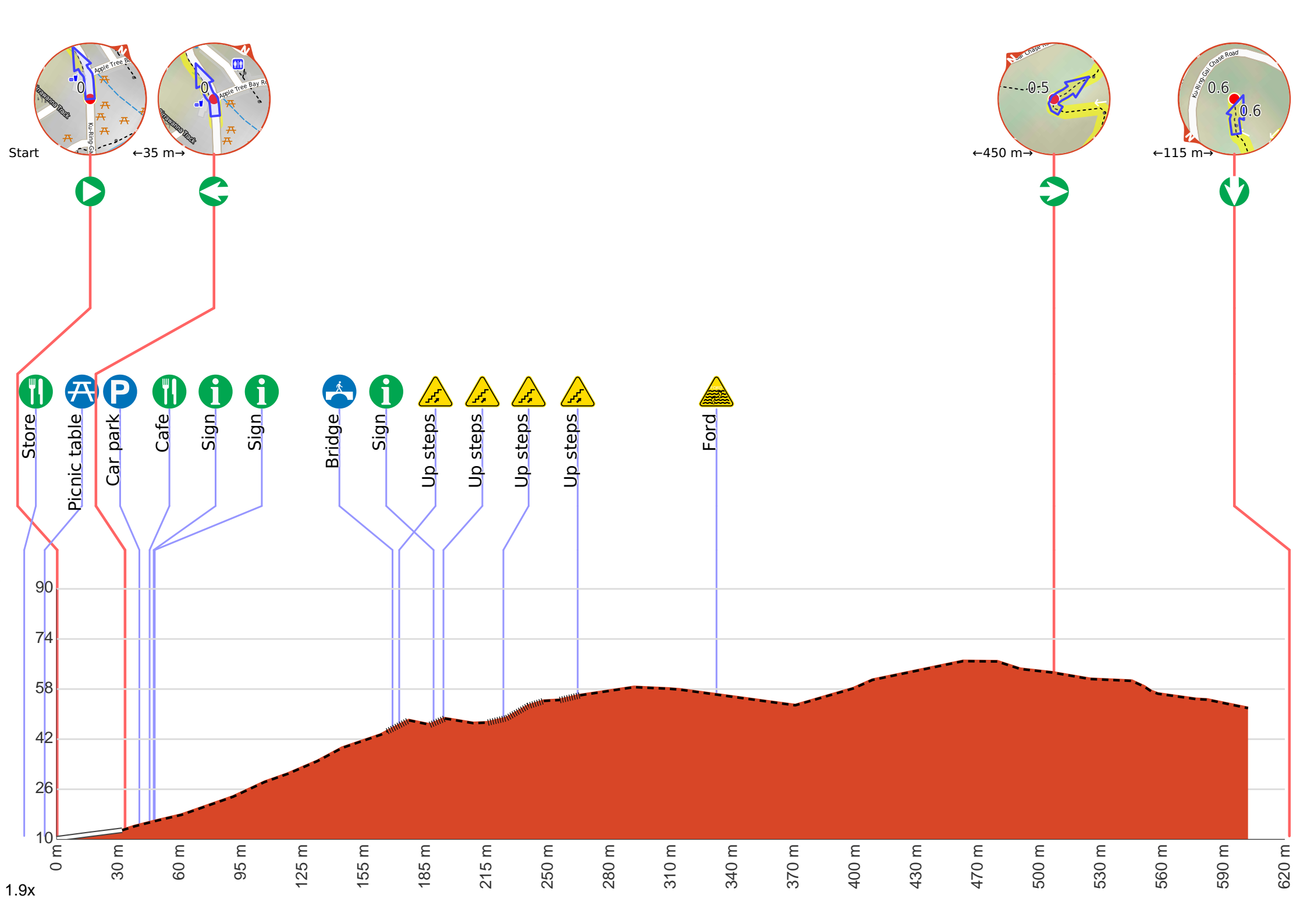
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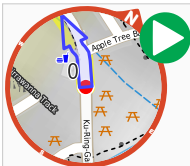
Birrawanna Track

Cockle Creek





Getting started: From the 'Bobbin Inn' cafe, this walk heads to the front of the building to the 'Information Centre' main entrance. From here this walk follows the 'Birrawana Loop Track' alongside the road a few meters to find a metal 'Welcome to the Cockle Creek Lookout Track' sign and map. Now the walk follows the track behind the safety barrier (keeping the road to your right) for about 70m to cross a small culverted creek and pass a few old a couple of picnic tables in a shaded and mossy gully. This walk continues for another 30m behind the safety barrier to come to the bottom of the signposted 'Birrawanna Track' steps.



Start.



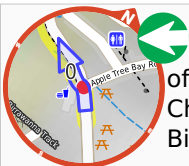
Bobbin Inn Cafe (about 35 m back from the start).



At the centre of Bobbin Head picnic area, in the old 'Bobbin Inn' building, is a cafe offering inside and outdoor dining, and a range of foods and drinks. Food includes fish and chips, wraps, focaccia, sandwiches and snack foods. Tea, coffee and cold drinks are also on offer. Opening hours are 9 - 4pm Mon to Fri (closed Tuesdays) & 9 - 5pm weekends. For more information, phone the cafe on 9457 7170. The NPWS Bobbin Head Information Centre is open 7 days a week (closed Christmas Day) 10 - 4pm (closed 12 - 12:30pm lunch). Ramp access available on the southwestern corner of the building. Ramp access to the information centre through the cafe.



There is a picnic table (about 25 m back from the start).



After another 40 m (at the intersection of Apple Tree Bay Road & Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Road) **turn left**, to head along Birrawanna Track (a walking track).



After another 7 m pass the car park (7 m on your right).



After another 5 m pass the "Bobbin Head Inn" (15 m on your left).



Then pass the "National Parks Information Centre" (10 m on your left).

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Then pass the "Welcome to Cockle Creek Lookout Track".



After another 115 m cross the bridge (about 3 m long)



After another 15 m pass the "Birrawana Loop Track" (6 m on your right).



Then head up the 30 steps (about 10 m long)



After another 10 m head up the 28 steps (about 7 m long)



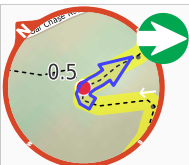
After another 20 m head up the 60 steps (about 30 m long)



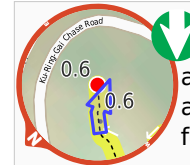
After another 8 m head up the 12 steps (about 10 m long)



After another 60 m cross the ford.



After another 165 m **turn right**.



(Cockle Creek Lookout) Continue another 115 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 600 m to get back to the start.



"Cockle Creek Lookout".



Cockle Creek Lookout is an informal lookout with no facilities, on the Birrawanna track in Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park. The lookout provides Glimpses of Cockle and Cowan Creeks. The area is surrounded by some beautiful gum trees and rock boulders, making it a nice place to sit and reflect on the surroundings.