

# Walking in Waverley & Woollahra

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Getting the most out of this map

The walking routes and connecting footpaths on this map offer comfortable and direct ways of getting around Sydney's East by foot. Though the region is hilly, the routes can be easily managed by reasonably fit walkers. Walking is a great way to cover short distances within your locality. On the flat you can easily walk a kilometre in 15 minutes - add more time for uphill. Of course you will get there even quicker if your route is mostly downhill.

Scale (kilometres)

Start

0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 1km

15 minutes walk





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in **WAVERLEY**  
& **WOOLLAHRA**

## Walking in Waverley & Woollahra

Home to famous landmarks, wonderful parks and beaches – and many hidden treasures – Waverley and Woollahra are among the most beautiful areas in Sydney.

You will discover peaceful harbourside locations, fantastic coastal views, historic tree-lined streets and quaint shopping villages by walking the area with friends or family.

Walking is a great way to keep fit and healthy and is the best way to take in the scenery. Just thirty minutes each day of moderate physical activity, such as walking, can help you maintain good health. Walking regularly to work, school, the shops, to visit friends or for recreation contributes to your physical activity needs.

Here is a selection of walking routes of varying lengths to guide you as you get fit exploring Sydney's East.

For more detailed descriptions of the walks go to Waverley and Woollahra Councils' websites:

[www.waverley.nsw.gov.au](http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au)

[www.woollahra.nsw.gov.au](http://www.woollahra.nsw.gov.au)



## WALKING TIPS

- Protect yourself against the sun by wearing a hat, SPF30+ sunscreen and suitable clothing.
- Try to avoid walking during the hottest part of the day.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Stay safe and use marked pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Please respect the environment – don't litter.
- Keep dogs on a short leash and pick up their waste.

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

For up to date public transport information contact The Transport Infoline, phone 131 500

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NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service

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## COASTAL WALKS

*The Coastal Walk, with spectacular ocean, harbour and cliff top views, is one of Sydney's great walks. The combination of beaches, parks and views make the Coast Walk unique. Begun as a state project during the 1930s, it now extends from Watsons Bay to Waverley Cemetery and on to Coogee.*

### INNER SOUTH HEAD TO CHRISTISON PARK

5km, approximately 3 hours



**Watsons Bay:** 324, L24, 325, Bondi Explorer

**Christison Park:** 386, 387, 324, L24, Bondi Explorer



**Watsons Bay Ferry**

This walk features uninterrupted views of the ocean, steep sandstone cliffs and the city skyline. Starting from Lady Bay and Hornby Lighthouse there are many tracks in this area that you can explore. The walk takes you through Sydney Harbour National Park, Gap Park, Signal Hill Reserve and Lighthouse Reserve on the way to Christison Park and Macquarie Lighthouse. The gullies along the walk shelter tall spreading figs, cabbage palms and tree ferns which contrast dramatically with the stunted tea tree, casuarinas, banksia, hakea and wattles of the cliff-top heaths.

Signal Station was built in 1842 to observe and assist in the control of shipping. About 100 metres from Signal Hill Reserve is a plaque and rock carving on the cliffs referring to the wreck of the 'Dunbar.' In 1857 this fast sailing ship miscalculated its entry into Sydney Harbour and was wrecked on the rocks below, with only one person surviving.

You can also discover the history of Macquarie Lighthouse and the site of Australia's earliest and longest continually operated light station. The current lighthouse has operated there since 1883.

## VAUCLUSE & DOVER HEIGHTS CLIFF WALK

4.5km, approximately 2 hours



**Vaucluse:** 324, L24, 386, 387, Bondi Explorer

**Bondi Beach:** X84, 333, 380, 381, 382, Bondi Explorer

The Vaucluse to Dover Heights Cliff Walk connects Christison Park to Bondi Beach, past even more spectacular coastal views.

At Raleigh Reserve you will see 20 million year old Hawkesbury sandstone cliffs up to 80 metres high. Diamond Bay and Eastern Reserves contain significant remnant vegetation, providing habitat to small reptiles such as geckos, water skinks and delicate skinks. A replica radio telescope in Rodney Reserve commemorates important astronomical discoveries in the 1950s.

### BONDI TO BRONTE

3.5 km, approximately 1 hour



**Bondi Beach:** X84, 333, 380, 381, 382, Bondi Explorer

**Bronte:** 360, 361, 378, Bondi Explorer

Starting at Australia's most famous beach, take this 3.5km walk to experience some of the most spectacular coastal scenery in Sydney.

This section of the Coastal Walk takes you past Bondi, Tamarama and Bronte Beaches, with highlights including The Bondi Surf Life Saving Club, Bondi Pavilion, Bondi Baths and Icebergs Club, Mackenzies Point and Bronte Park. This area also hosts the annual *Sculpture by the Sea* exhibition in October/November.

There is a medium gradient cliff-top path from Bondi to Tamarama with occasional seating and several staircases. All of the beachside parks offer picnic shelters, coin-operated barbecues, play areas, kiosks, toilets and change rooms.

## CENTENNIAL PARK GRAND DRIVE FOOTPATH



**Centennial Park:** 355, 378, 380, 352, 357, 359, 339, X39, 348, 374, 389, Bondi Explorer

Centennial Park boasts 189 hectares of parkland designed in the Victorian period tradition. Over a century ago Sydneysiders drove their carriages around the Grand Drive to take in the fresh air. Today, Centennial Park is a playground for walkers, joggers, roller-bladers and cyclists.

Walk the 3.6km pathway along the Grand Drive or enjoy wandering the extensive lawns. The parklands feature formal gardens, grand avenues, historic buildings and sporting fields.

Car-free days are held on the last Sunday of February, May, August and November.





## HARBOURSIDE WALKING ROUTES

*These routes take you through some of Sydney's most exclusive harbourside locations. Stroll through historic tree-lined streets and explore the rugged cliffs, secluded coves, magnificent beaches and remnant bushland of Sydney Harbour's eastern foreshores.*

*You can take on the whole walk or just a section – you will find breathtaking views in every one.*

### RUSHCUTTERS BAY TO ROSE BAY

5.5km, approximately 3 hours



**Rushcutters Bay:** 200, 324, L24, 325, 323, 327, 326, Bondi Explorer

**Rose Bay:** 323, 324, 325, Bondi Explorer



Rose Bay Ferry

The Rushcutters Bay to Rose Bay walk takes you past some of the best harbourside locations the Eastern Suburbs has to offer. Starting at Rushcutters Bay Park (a great spot for exercising, relaxing or just taking in the view), the walk along New Beach Road will take you past the Cruising Yacht Club to Yarranabee Park for views of Garden Island and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The beautiful McKell Park is built around the historic foundations of 'Canonbury' and 'Lansdowne' and boasts more breathtaking views.

After reaching Redleaf Pool, you can take a short diversion to the quiet secluded Blackburn Gardens beside the Woollahra Library. Or if you have time, take the 40-minute return circuit to Lady Martins Beach on Point Piper along Wolseley Road. Duff Reserve offers stunning harbour views and if you are feeling fit you can descend the stairs to the harbourside terrace and gazebo.

At Lyne Park the walk connects to the Rose Bay to Watsons Bay walk. Lyne Park was used for many years as a flying boat base, with the last commercial flight to Lord Howe Island



made in 1974. A seaplane service still operates from this location. Lyne Park is a great place for ball games, picnics, fishing or taking the toddlers to the playground.

### ROSE BAY TO WATSONS BAY

8km, approximately 4.5 hours



**Rose Bay:** 323, 324, 325, Bondi Explorer

**Watsons Bay:** 324, L24, 325, Bondi Explorer



Rose Bay Ferry  
Watsons Bay Ferry

Beginning at the Rose Bay Wharf, this walk follows the foreshore promenade past Tingira Memorial Park, Percival Park, and Dumaresq Reserve to join the Hermitage Foreshore Scenic Walk. This walk features spectacular harbour views, remnant heaths, woodland and patches of rainforest.

The walk takes you to Nielsen Park which hosts one of the best harbour beaches in Sydney with brilliant white sand, clear water, picnic areas and a shaded promenade. You can make a stop along this route at the historic house museum, Vacluse House or have a quick swim at Parsley Bay, a popular family destination with an enclosed swimming area and picnic facilities. From Fitzwilliam Road you will need to take the public walkway next to No 43a to continue down to the reserve. This area includes a short bushland circuit which takes you to a secluded waterfall at the head of the gully.

Robertson Park contains an historic obelisk commemorating the completion of the first road to South Head in 1811. From here you can link up with the Coast Walk or walk up the hill through Robertson Park to the Gap.

## BEACH AND HARBOUR LINK ROUTES

### ROSE BAY TO BONDI BEACH

3km, approximately 1 hour



**Rose Bay:** 323, 324, 325, Bondi Explorer

**Bondi Beach:** X84, 333, 380, 381, 382, Bondi Explorer



Rose Bay Ferry

The Rose Bay to Bondi Beach link walk connects the ferry at Rose Bay to all of the attractions of Bondi Beach via a scenic walk through the local area. It also serves as a link between the Harbourside walking routes and the Coastal Walks.

Follow this route past the Woollahra Golf Course and Plumer Road shops – a great place to stop for a coffee or a bite to eat. Continue along past the Eastern Suburbs Rugby Club and the Royal Sydney Golf Course, site of the Australian Open.

### BONDI BEACH TO DOUBLE BAY

5km, approximately 2 hours



**Bondi Beach:** 333, 380, 381, 382, Bondi Explorer

**Double Bay:** 326, 323, 324, 325, Bondi Explorer



Double Bay Ferry

This walk, from famous Bondi Beach to exclusive Double Bay, offers spectacular views, parks, cafes and shops. Enter Cooper Park via Bellevue Road. The park's tranquil bushland setting is a great spot for a picnic, away from the city and traffic. You will also find plenty of stairs, so be prepared for a good workout!

Take a break at Double Bay to enjoy the village atmosphere, boutiques and eateries that make this area unique.

From Steyne Park you can catch a ferry at the wharf or continue along the Rushcutters Bay to Rose Bay Harbour Walk.

## GREEN LINKS WALKING ROUTES

*The Eastern Suburbs offer amazing outdoor amenities, a beautiful coastline, harbour and kilometres of green parklands. Waverley Council's Green Links routes aim to improve the access and visibility of pedestrian links between parks, beaches, schools and shopping centres so people can walk confidently and safely throughout the area.*

### CENTENNIAL PARK TO BONDI BEACH (VIA BONDI JUNCTION)

3.2km, approximately 45 minutes



**Centennial Park:** 355, 378, 380, 352, 357, 359, 339, X39, 348, 374, 389, Bondi Explorer

**Bondi Beach:** X84, 333, 380, 381, 382, Bondi Explorer

It is sometimes faster and certainly more pleasant to walk the scenic downhill route between Centennial Park and Bondi Beach than to drive or catch the bus. Follow this Green Link route along Oxford Street shopping strip, down beautiful residential streets between Old South Head Road and the beach. You will find several green spaces along the way, including Centennial Park, Thomas Hogan Reserve, Dickson Park, Forest Knoll Ave and Bondi Park.

### BRONTE PARK TO TAMARAMA PARK

0.5km, approximately 15 minutes



**Bronte:** 360, 361, 378, Bondi Explorer

**Tamarama:** 361, 360, Bondi Explorer

This short link provides a connection between two stunning coastal parks – and an alternative to the crowded coastal path along Tamarama Marine Drive. Take advantage of stunning ocean views from Mirimar Avenue and follow the stairs from Wolaroi Crescent down to Tamarama Park.

### BONDI JUNCTION TO QUEENS PARK

2.7km, approximately 30 minutes return



**Bondi Junction:** 378, 389, 380, 200, 313, 314, 316, 317, 326, 327, 348, 352, 353, 355, 357, 359, 360, 361, 381, 382, X84, 386, 387, X89, 400, 410

**Queens Park:** 357, 359, 313



Eastern Suburbs Illawarra Line

This pleasant walk takes you from the shopping and transport hub of Bondi Junction to the lush green of Centennial and Queens Park, via beautiful tree-lined streets and heritage listed properties. Centennial Park offers recreation for walkers, joggers, roller-bladers and cyclists. It is also a great location for a picnic.

### QUEENS PARK TO BRONTE PARK RETURN (VIA MACPHERSON ST & CHARING CROSS)

3.1km, approximately 45 minutes return



**Queens Park:** 357, 359, 313

**Bronte:** 360, 361, 378, Bondi Explorer

These two routes form a loop between Queens Park and Bronte Park, providing a link to both the coastal walk and beaches. Follow the walk past commercial centres, schools and parks as well as Waverley Cemetery. One of Sydney's largest and best known old cemeteries, it is the last resting place of Henry Lawson, Dorothea Mackellar, Henry Kendall, Lawrence Hargrave, Harry Rickards, Edward Hargraves, Queenie Paul and Fanny Durack, to name just a few.

Chesterfield Parade provides a pleasant walk beneath huge overhanging trees, while the south-eastern corner of Queens Park has great views to the city. You will also catch fabulous views of the ocean and Bronte Beach along the way.

### BONDI JUNCTION TO TAMARAMA PARK AND BRONTE PARK

Bondi Junction to Tamarama Park

2.1 km, approximately 30 minutes

Bondi Junction to Bronte Park

2.2 km, approximately 30 minutes



**Bondi Junction:** 378, 389, 380, 200, 313, 314, 316, 317, 326, 327, 348, 352, 353, 355, 357, 359, 360, 361, 381, 382, X84, 386, 387, X89, 400, 410

**Tamarama:** 361, 360, Bondi Explorer

**Bronte:** 360, 361, 378, Bondi Explorer



Eastern Suburbs Illawarra Line

This walk connects the Coastal Walk to Bondi Junction, via Waverley, Tamarama and Bronte Parks.

Bronte Park, in a sheltered valley behind the beach, is ideal for family picnics. The park retains much of its 1920-40 period layout and character, including pathways, picnic huts, children's train track, Norfolk Island Pines and Canary Island Palms. Behind the park lies Bronte Gully, once the extensive garden of the Bronte House Estate. The walk takes you among the trees beside what was once a natural creek, leading to a waterfall, which is particularly picturesque after rain. Tamarama Park was once home to Royal Aquarium and Pleasure Grounds, later becoming Wonderland City. Today, Tamarama Beach is an attraction in itself and a popular surfing location.

