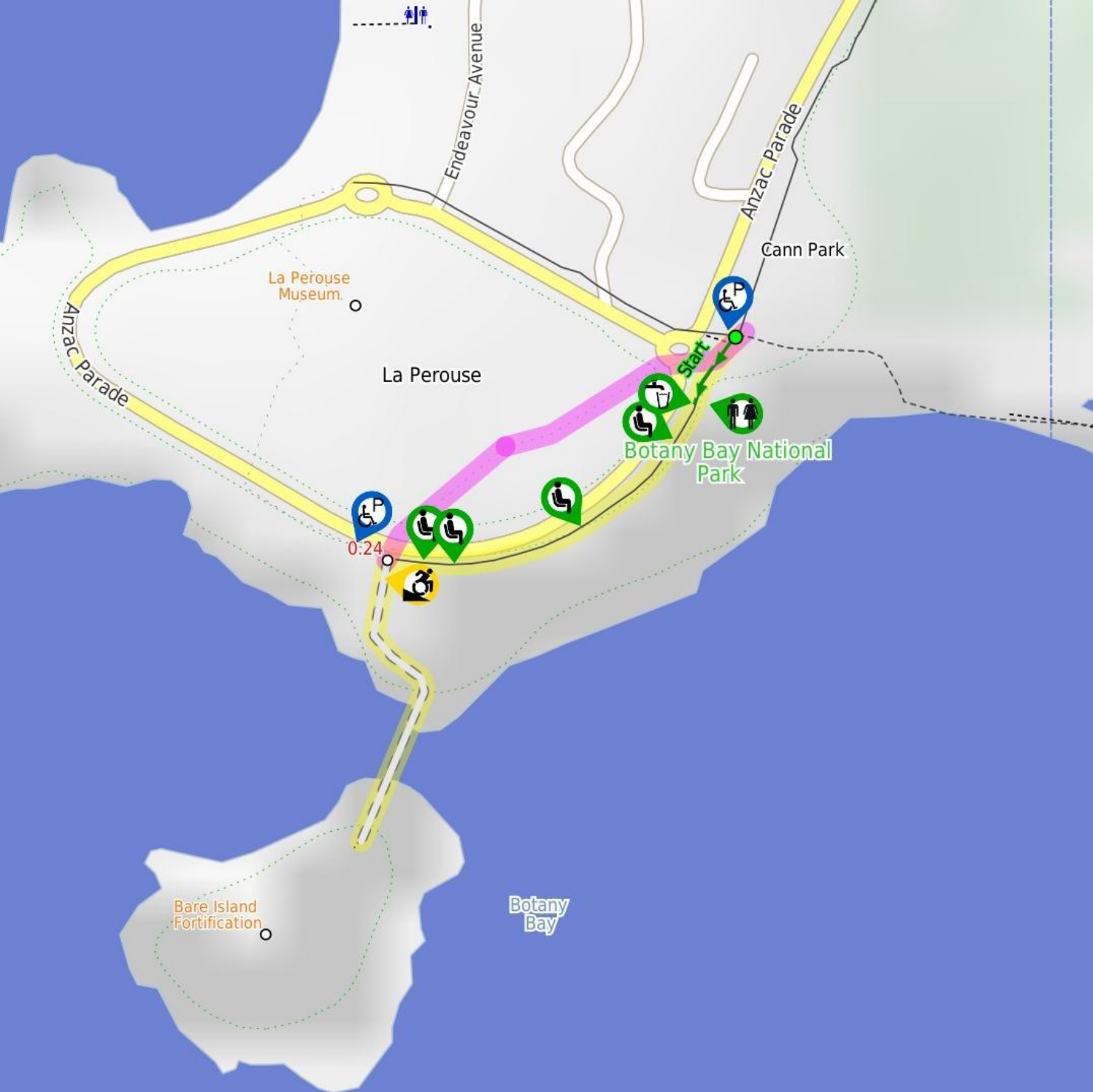


## Bare Island Walk



**30 mins**

**Easy track**

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**866 m Return**

**22m**

A wonderful and easy way to explore the beautiful and historic tip of La Perouse. Bare Island is a small island, which you can walk to across a large timber bridge. The island was originally fortified to prevent foreign invasion, however, it has also been a retirement home and is now a museum and tourist attraction managed by NSW Parks and Wildlife Service. The main part of the island is locked but you can book a tour on Sundays. There is also a set of steps at the end of the bridge to get access to the rock platform of the island. Make a day of it by enjoying the local cafe, beaches and other museums in the area.

13m

19m

Botany Bay National Park

### Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

**Getting there** You can get to Southern end of Cann Park (gps: -33.9886, 151.2336) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a return walk, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/bhw>

#### 0 | Southern end of Cann Park

*(240 m 4 mins)* From the southern end of Cann Park (Anzac Parade, La Perouse), this walk follows the wide concrete footpath downhill keeping Anzac Parade to the right. After 50m the path leads past a toilet block and drinking fountain then continues past the open grassy area and drinking views for another 20m to find a few metal bench seats. The walk continues gently downhill along the footpath beside the grassy area with water views for 170m passing several seats (evenly spaced) to come to an intersection at the top of a concrete driveway marked with a large 'Botany Bay National Park' sign. There are parking areas including a mobility parking bay (on the right).

#### 0.24 | Alternate Route Southern End of Cann Park to Top o

*(230 m 4 mins)* Turn left: From the southern end of Cann Park (Anzac Parade, La Perouse) and 'Congwong Beach Walk' sign, this walk initially follows a footpath toward the water and a stone tower) for about 20m (past the road intersection) then turns right to cross Anzac Pd to find a 'Botany Bay National Park' sign. This walk then passes between timber posts, walking across grass for about 50m, until coming to the locked stone tower (The Barrack Tower).

Continue straight: From the stone tower (The Barrack Tower), this walk heads gently downhill, towards the water, over grass for about 80m. The walk then heads down the steps and across Anzac Rd so find a few seats at the top of Bare Island Trail beside the large 'Botany Bay National Park' sign. Now Continue straight to rejoin the main walk .

#### 0.24 | Top of Bare Island trail

*(190 m 4 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads away from Anzac Parade and seats following the (initially moderately steep) driveway downhill toward Bare Island, past the

large 'Botany Bay National Park' sign. This walk continues to follow the concrete then asphalt driveway for about 80m to find the start of the 100m long (3.8m wide) timber bridge. This walk crosses the bridge, until coming to a large metal gate and a 'Bare Island Fortification' sign behind the gate. There are great views from the bridge. Bare Island is generally locked but guided tours are available.

#### 0.43 | Bare Island Fortification

In 1885 the Bare Island Fortification on the northern side of Botany Bay was built in order to prevent foreign invasion and protect the water supply of the new colony. While the building is now accessible for tours, originally the only way of getting onto the island was by flying fox. The fortifications were decommissioned in the early 1900s. In 1912, Bare Island became a retirement home for war veterans from the Crimea, Sudan and China campaigns. It continued to operate as a retirement home until 1963, after this the Randwick District Historical Society became caretakers of the island. In 1967 it was passed onto the New South Wales Parks and Wildlife Service for use as a museum and tourist attraction. The Bare Island fort has now been declared a historical site. The Bare Island Fortification is available for tours on Sundays in the afternoons, for more information on how to book tours call 1300 072 757. There are many steps on the tour and is not considered wheelchair accessible. Bare Island is also one of the most popular scuba diving sites in New South Wales. From the gate on the far side of the timber bridge is a steep set of timber steps that lead down to the rock platform , only access at low tide and seas.

#### 0.43 | La Perouse Museum

The La Perouse museum, in Botany Bay National Park, is housed in the historic cable station at La Perouse. The museum contains much information regarding Bare Island, the fate of La Perouse himself and Botany Bay National Park. There are many relics from ship wrecks, with maps and scientific instruments dating back to the 16th century. The museum contains over 2000 items, with one of the most significant collection items being a complete Atlas of the Voyage of La Perouse, consisting of 72 coloured drawings and maps, featuring places the expedition visited between 1785 and 1788. The museum is open Thursday to Sunday 10am to 4pm, closed Christmas Day.. Access to the building is via a steep staircase. [More info.](#)





This page is designed to give you a sense of the facilities that help improve access for people with disabilities or mobility restrictions. See tracknotes and map for navigation, point of interest and other information. See the Accessibility Details page for specific information about each facility.

**Parking:** There are 1 designated accessible parking areas on this walk.

**Toilets:** There are 0 toilets on this walk.

**Seats:** There are 4 seats on this walk. They are on average 80m apart, with a maximum gap of 70m.

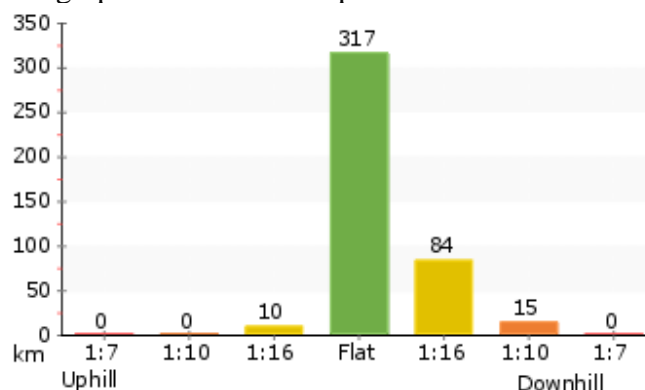
## Surface

The walk is all on wide concrete footpaths and 100m across a timber bridge.

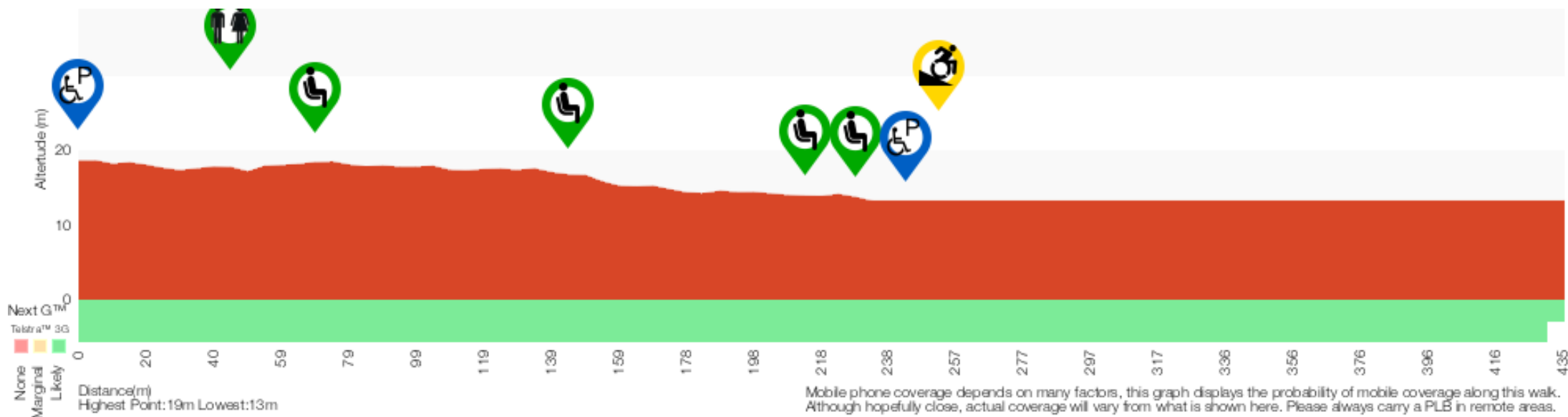
## Steepness

No steps, mostly gentle slopes, with the top of the Bare Island trail having a steep section. (The alternate route, Bare Island tour and museums all have steep stairs).

This graph shows how steep the track is.



Grade 2/6 Easy track		
<b>Length</b>	866 m Return	
<b>Time</b>	30 mins	
<b>Quality of track</b>	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)	
<b>Signs</b>	Clearly signposted (1/6)	
<b>Experience Required</b>	No experience required (1/6)	
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)	
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)	



Mobile phone coverage depends on many factors, this graph displays the probability of mobile coverage along this walk. Although hopefully close, actual coverage will vary from what is shown here. Please always carry a PLB in remote areas.





**1 Parking Accessible (0m)**  
 There are more than 50 car parking bays in the area. Two are marked mobility parking bays. The mobility parking area is concrete, 2.6m wide and 6m deep, with a shared 2m gap between the parks.



**2 Potable Water (40m)**  
 Drinking water fountain. 90cm high with concrete base.



**3 Toilet (40m)**  
 Male and female toilet block. Entrance is 85cm wide, hand basins 81cm high, cubical doors 58cm wide, toilet seat 43cm high. Male toilet has a urinal with 18cm step. No handrails.



**4 Seat (70m)**  
 2 metal mesh bench seats, 42cm high, 35cm deep and 1.8m wide with a 60cm high backrest and 20cm high arm rests.



**5 Seat (140m)**  
 2 metal mesh bench seats, 42cm high, 35cm deep and 1.4m wide with a 60cm high backrest and 20cm high arm rests.



**6 Seat (210m)**  
 2 metal mesh bench seats, 42cm high, 35cm deep and 1.4m wide with a 60cm high backrest and 20cm high arm rests.



**7 Seat (230m)**  
 Two timber slat bench seat, 45cm high, 37cm deep and 1.7m wide with no arm or backrest.



**8 Parking Accessible (240m)**  
 There are more than 50 car parking bays in the area. There is one marked mobility parking bay here. The mobility parking area is asphalt, 2.3m wide and 4.8m deep, with a shared 2m clearing beside the park.



**9 Wheelchair Step (250m)**  
 The concrete trail at here is moderately steep for about 20m.