



Garawarra Farm carpark to figure eight pools

2 hrs 30 mins

Hard track

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6 km Return

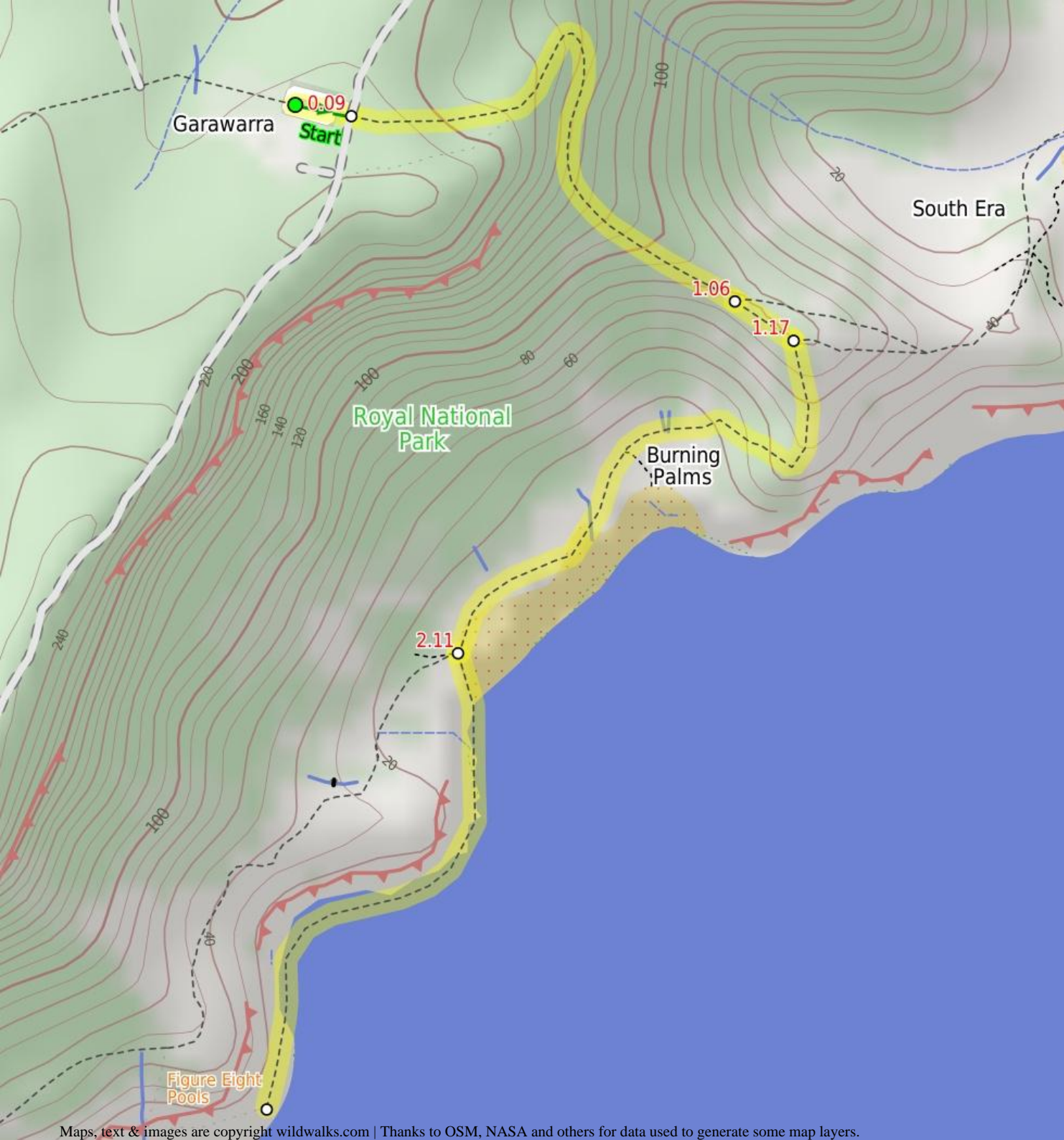
273m

This return walk starts from the old Garawarra Farm car park and heads down the ridge through the Royal National Park, to the coast. The walk then follows the coast, through Burning Palms beach, and around the base of the headland to the famous Figure Eight Pools. This walk explores 4 distinct environments and gives a great cross section of what the park has to offer. The Figure Eight pools are on an ocean rock platform. Rock platforms can be very dangerous places, especially at high tide and during high seas. Only plan to visit the rock platform at low tide and low seas (see BOM website for forecast). Please also wear appropriate footwear for the walk and rock platforms.

215m

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Royal 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 Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Garawarra Farm Carpark (gps: -34.1801, 151.0393). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

This is a return, 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/gfcifep>

0 | Figure Eight Pools Safety

The Figure Eight Pools have become very popular. Many people visiting the area are not well prepared and placing themselves and others in danger. Please ensure you have enclosed and sturdy shoes (thongs are not enough). There are no public facilities on the walk, please carry plenty of water, food and other supplies needed. Wear appropriate clothes for the walk. It is very very important that you only plan to visit the rock platform at low tide (check tides at <http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/tides/#!/nsw-port-kembla>) It is also very very important to ensure the sea&swell forecast is 1.5m or less

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<http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/charts/viewer/index.shtml?type=igWaveHgt&tz=AEDT&area=SEAU&model=WR> Even in perfect forecast conditions, always keep an eye on the sea (never turn your back to the ocean) and stay well back from the ocean edge of the rock platform. Diving and jumping in any rock pools is likely to cause serious injury. Mobile phone reception is very limited on the walk and not available all the way. Please watch this video and read the article to better understand the risks. <http://bit.ly/1kZ3AbM>. Stay safe and have fun.

0 | Garawarra Farm Carpark

(90 m 1 mins) From the Garawarra Farm car park, this walk heads east out of the car park to turn right onto the main dirt road (that leads into the car park). A short distance down the road this walk comes to an intersection just beyond the locked gate marked with a 'Coast Walk' and a 'Garawarra Ridge Management Trail' signpost.

0.09 | The Squeeze Way and Burgh Ridge track

(970 m 23 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the Burning Palms, Era and Garie arrows on the Coast Walk signpost, winding along the bush track and down the long hill. The track gradually steepens and becomes a little rougher, winding down onto the ridge line and all the way along, until it breaks out of the trees and continues down through the short scrub

and blade grass to the intersection of the bush track on the left.

1.06 | Int of Burgh Ridge Track and Era Track (West)

(110 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading towards the ocean, following the ridgeline to the signposted intersection of the 'Coast Walk'.

1.17 | Int of Coast Track and Burgh Ridge Track (Sth)

(940 m 18 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Burning Palms' along the bush track, winding down the side of the hill, past the cabins, then at the bottom the track joins onto a metal walkway that soon changes to a narrow bush track. This passes behind Burning Palms Beach until coming to a sign saying 'Otford via Palm Jungle'.

2.11 | Burning Palms Beach (southern end)

(900 m 16 mins) Veer left: (only to be attempted at low tide and low swell) From the beach, this walk follows the rocky passage beneath the rocky headland (keeping the headland to the right). The walk rounds the first prominent headland to a creek that drops off the cliffs above. This walk heads out onto a second prominent headland to the Figure 8 Pools. There are a number of Figure 8-shaped pools, but one main one. The pools are towards the sea, in line with the gully.

3 | Figure Eight Pools

The Figure Eight Pools are on the rock shelf, south of Figure Eight Pools gully, near Burning Palms. There are a number of circular sinkholes in the rock, and a few of them have joined over time to form a figure '8' shape. Two sink holes in particular have joined to form a very spectacular figure '8' shape in the rock. The safest time to visit the pools is at low tide when there is only a very low swell in the ocean.

