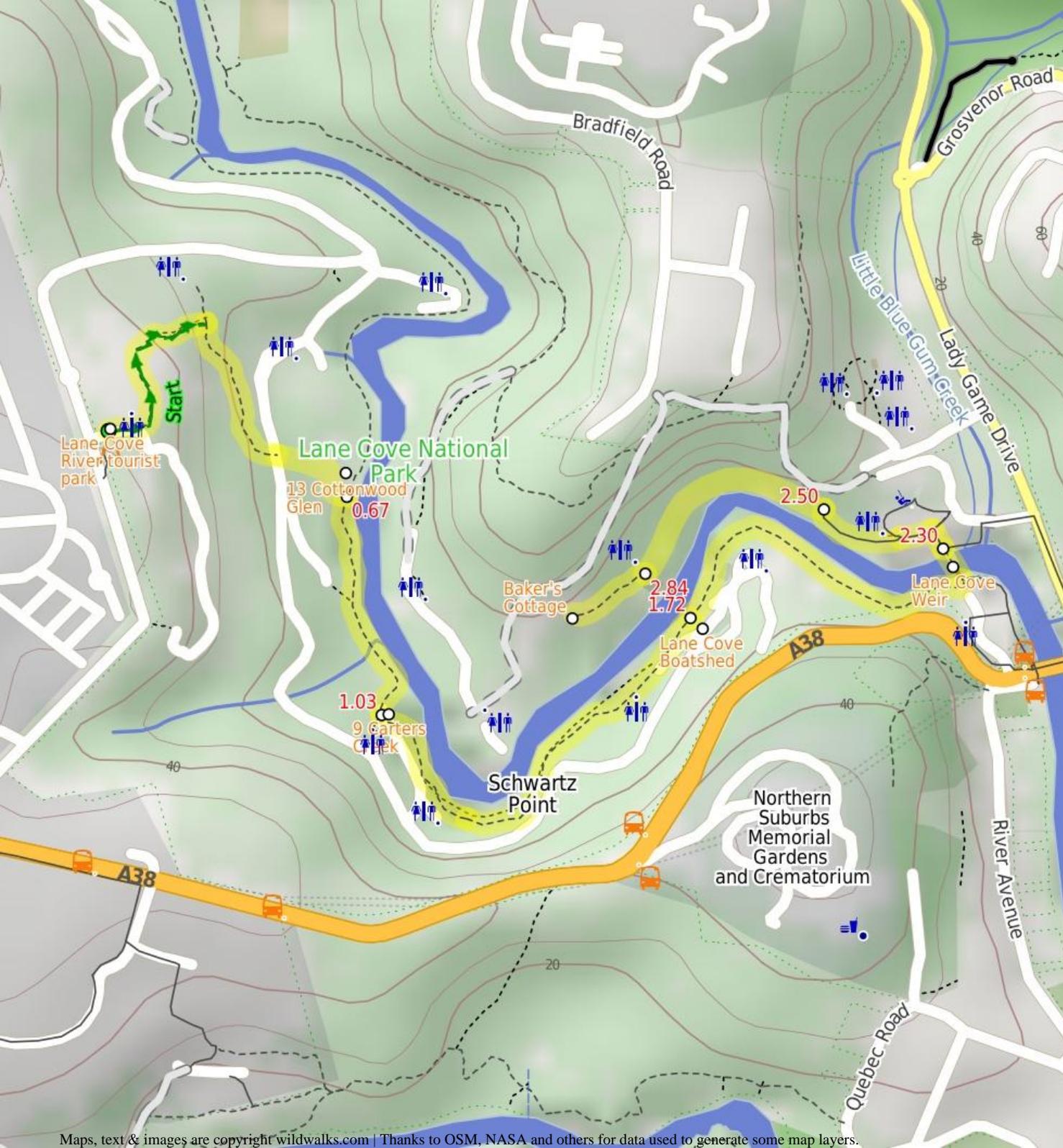


Lane Cove Tourist Park to Baker's Cottage



2 hrs 30 mins

Moderate track

3

5.9 km Return

▲ 163m

From the Tourist Park, this walk heads down to the other side of the Lane Cove River, to Baker's Cottage. The walk passes the Lane Cove River Boat Shed and a play ground for the kids with plenty of open areas to run and play. Baker's Cottage, perched up a slight hill, is worth the short distance with its unique history and age of the structure. Grab an ice-cream from the boat shed or hire a boat and go for a paddle. Spend some time and enjoy the park and bush lands.

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Lane Cove 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 walk 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 Lane Cove Tourist Park (gps: -33.7894, 151.1433). Car: There is free parking available.

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/lctptbsxx>

0 | Lane Cove River tourist park

This is a well-established caravan park on the edge of Lane Cove National Park, offering a variety of camp sites from tent to powered sites for caravans and even en suite cabins. The campsite is a great point to access many wonderful walks in Lane Cove Valley. There are many facilities including a laundry, toilets, showers (including facilities for people with disabilities and with infants), recreation room, Internet kiosk (with free access to Wildwalks.com), wireless Internet, BBQ's and a pool. There is bike hire available and the reception has basic supplies for sale (bread, milk, snacks, newspapers).

0 | Lane Cove Tourist Park

(670 m 14 mins) From the office of the 'Lane Cove Tourist Park', this walk heads down the internal road, past the boom gates for about 50m to turn left just past the laundry. The walk then continues along this road as it bends right after about 100m, then leads down to a T-intersection. Just on the other side (and to the left) of this intersection, there is a set of steps beside the large 'Lane Cove National Park' sign. From this concreted section between sites 152 and 151, this walk follows the sign down the stone steps for about 60m, where the track then leads gently down to a T-intersection marked with a timber signpost (beside a large scribbly gum).

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows 'Lane Cove River Weir' sign south down the hill. The track leads gently down the side of the hill for about 80m to pass a 'Native Flora' information sign, then about 90m later passes a 'Bush Regeneration' information sign among the ferns. Just 30m past this sign, the track leads over a small metal bridge beside the tall fern trees and 'Native Fauna' information sign. Here the track continues for a short distance to come to an intersection with Riverside Drive, where a 'Tourist Park' sign points back up the hill.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Riverside walk' arrow post down the steps and then follows the road down past the '12 Blackbutt' picnic area. Soon the road leads to a Y-intersection and veers right down to the car park beside '13 Cottonwood Glen' picnic area and the Lane Cove River.

0.67 | 13 Cottonwood Glen

Cottonwood Glen picnic area is a large open grassy spot on the bank of the Lane Cove River. There is a grove of trees along the edge of the river, but you can still get clear views across the water from the car park area. There are several picnic tables and a small toilet block just up the hill.

0.67 | 13 Cottonwood Glen

(360 m 6 mins) Turn right: From the car park on the south side of

'Cottonwood Glen', this walk follows the NPWS arrow post along the track into the bush, keeping the river to your left. The track leads along side the river for about 300m, first through a lovely she-oak stand, then through a re-vegetating tall gum forest before heading down a sealed footpath to come to a car park (beside the toilet block) at Carters Creek picnic area.

1.03 | 9 Carters Creek

Carters Creek Picnic Area is the ninth formal picnic space along this stretch of the Lane Cove River. This picnic area is home to a couple of sheltered picnic tables, a gas BBQ a large open grassy area, garbage bins, toilets and a car park. There is some limited access to the river view. A pleasant spot among the tall gums.

1.03 | 9 Carters Creek

(690 m 13 mins) Continue straight: From in front of the toilets at Carters Creek picnic area, this walk heads across the grass clearing and across the small timber bridge to come to the car park. After crossing the car park, this walk continues over the grass, beside the road, keeping the river to your left, and then veers left and follows the NPWS arrow post down around the locked gate. Here the walk follows the narrow trail for about 60m to come to an intersection with a footpath on your right, just before the '8 Ironbarks' sign and picnic area.

Continue straight: From the intersection just west of '8 Ironbarks', this walk follows the track through the picnic area, keeping the river on the left. On the far side of the picnic area, this walk follows the NPWS arrow post for about 180m up over a rocky outcrop to then head down a metal staircase. The track winds down alongside the river for another 70m to come to the edge of another large grassy clearing. Here, this walk heads across '7 Moola' picnic area (with toilets and water), crossing a small flat timber bridge in the middle. The track soon leaves this clearing and continues for another 80m to come to the shop-front side of the sandstone boatshed building.

1.72 | Lane Cove Boatshed

Lane Cove Boatshed, in Lane Cove National Park, is situated on the bank of the (you guessed it) Lane Cove River. You can hire rowboats, kayaks, pedal boats, bikes and canoes, for different ways to enjoy the river. The shop also sells ice-creams, chips and drinks. The shed is open on weekend from 10am - 5pm. During summer school holidays, the shop is also open from 12-5pm. For more info, call Greg on 0418600695.

1.72 | Boat Shed

(580 m 10 mins) Continue straight: From the shop-front side of the boat shed, this walk follows the riverside track, keeping the river to your left. After about 40m, this walk veers left at the Y-intersection and continues alongside the river for another 90m to pass below a large picnic shelter. The walk continues along the track for another 120m to pass alongside '4 Illoura' picnic area (with toilets and water). The walk continues alongside the river for another 70m to then pass through '3 Spoonbill' picnic area. From the far side of this picnic area, the walk follows the path, and then fenced boardwalk, for about 80m to come to a lookout (with stepped seats) and great views over the Lane Cove River. From this lookout point, this walk continues up along the boardwalk for about 50m (passing the fish ladder) to turn left onto the sealed drive and come to another intersection just before the weir.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post across the top of the weir to another GNW arrow post at the top of the steps (on your right), just on the other side of the weir. After heavy or prolonged rain this crossing may be closed if water is flowing over the top.

2.3 | Lane Cove Weir

The Lane Cove River Weir was built in 1938 during the depression. The motivation for building the lake was to make the area more appealing for visitors' picnics. The weir created environmental issues such as silting and a decline in native fish populations. In much more recent years, a 'fish ladder' has been constructed to allow fish to undertake their natural migration route for breeding. The weir proved an easy way for walkers to cross the Lane Cove River whilst enjoying the views up and downstream.

2.3 | Lane Cove Weir North

(210 m 5 mins) Continue straight: From the weir, this walk follows the footpath straight up the hill for approximately 20m to the large concrete area of the intersection.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads away from the road following the signs to the toilets. This walk continues to the point where the track splits.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads away from the clearing and past the toilet block on the right. The walk heads across and up the hill for approximately 50m to the intersection with the road.

2.5 | Int. Max Allen Dr and Jenkins Hill Trk

(330 m 7 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill with the river below, on the left. The walk meets a clearing on the left marked as '28 Turrumburra Flat'. This walk passes a parking area on the left, and toilets on the right. The road then comes to a signposted intersection, on the right.

2.84 | Int. Opposite Bakers Flat

(120 m 3 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads up the stairs tending right, up the hill. The walk passes a sign about native grasses before continuing right, to Baker's Cottage.

2.96 | Baker's Cottage

Baker's Cottage was built in 1865 as the residence of William Baker and his family. The cottage once stood in the middle of a well-kept garden and orchard. The cottage itself was once larger, with more rooms and a verandah surrounding it. The residence changed hands only twice, and was then appropriated by the Minister of Lands in 1938.