This pleasant walk follows the Great North Walk from Berowra Station down to Berowra Waters. On this walk you will spend much of the time on ridges enjoying scattered views across the Berowra Creek Valley, there are especially good views from Naa Badu Lookout. The walk crosses a few moist and cool gullies and scrambles for a few rocky outcrops. There are some steep climbs, and some pleasant strolls alongside the Berowra Creek. A short side trip at the end of the walk uses the ferry to cross the creek, to a cafe where you can grab a well deserved ice cream or bite to eat.
From the entrance to Berowra train station, this walk follows the Berowra Waters’ arrow on the ‘Great North Walk’ sign, crossing the highway at the traffic lights. On the other side of the highway, this walk turns left and follows the footpath past a series of local shops and cafes for about 150m, then turns right onto Berowra Waters Rd. The footpath passes the post office then Caltex service station, then the walk crosses ‘The Gully Rd’. Continuing along the Berowra Waters Rd footpath, this walk passes the park and then crosses the road just to the right of the roundabout. Turning left in front of the community hall, this walk immediately turns right at Crowley Rd, and comes to the open grassy area behind the community hall, where a sign in the park points back to ‘Berowra Station’.

0.71 | Crowley Road track head

(900 m 21 mins) Turn right: From the small park on Crowley Rd, this walk follows the ‘Crosslands’ sign downhill, tending left behind the houses. The track soon bends right and leads quite steeply down a series of steps for about 120m, then tends right and flattens out on an unfenced rock platform. From here, the track leads down a metal staircase then heads fairly steeply downhill along a rocky track. The track begins to flatten out over the next 400m, crossing the gully twice, then leads down to a three-way intersection marked with a couple of arrow posts.

0.61 | Int of Berowra service trail and GNW

(1.1 km 27 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the Great North Walk downhill, with a couple of arrow posts. From here, the walk crosses a concrete drain, then leads up the hill to find the signposted ‘Naa Badu’ lookout and its great view.

2.98 | Naa Badu Lookout

Naa Badu Lookout offers magnificent views south over Berowra Creek as well as over Sams and Calma Creeks. Naa Badu means ‘See water’ in the Aboriginal tribal language of the Dharug people. It is believed that Berowra Creek was the boundary between the Dharrug and Guringai Aboriginal peoples. The lookout is fenced, has a bench seat, picnic table and a fair amount of natural shade.

2.98 | Int of Naa Badu Lookout

(540 m 11 mins) Continue straight: From the ‘Naa Badu’ lookout, this walk follows the management trail over the small rise and across the concrete ditch, keeping the valley to your left. The trail leads around the side of the hill for about 300m, gently undulating to come into an intersection with a narrow track and small clearing (on your left, as the trail bends right), just past the large scribbly gum. (This informal trail leads down to an unfenced rock platform, with filtered views over Berowra Creek).

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the wide trail gently downhill as it bends right, keeping the valley to your left. About 140m, the trail narrows a bit, leading down a few short but steeper sections to an intersection (with some steps on your left), where a ‘The Great North Walk’ sign points back up along the trail.

3.52 | Int of GNW and Berkeley Close service trail

(570 m 18 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the ‘Berowra Waters’ sign downhill. The track then crosses Banggarai Creek using a timber bridge, and leads up some timber steps. The track continues right then leads up some more timber steps, between two rocks then over a few rocks, where the track then flattens out. The now flat, sandy track winds through the forest for about 150m and passes a timber seat, then leads down across a small gully before the track begins to climb again. The track leads up some more timber steps, then the walk climbs two metal pegs in the rock and continues to climb steeply up the rock and timber steps. After 60m, the track flattens out again, leading gently up through the scribbly gum and angophora forest for just over 100m to a three-way intersection marked with a couple of GNW arrow posts.

4.09 | Int of GNW and Currawong Road track

(1.3 km 33 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north-west down the sandy track, directly towards the valley. The track soon becomes rocky and leads fairly steeply down the hill for about 150m before mostly flattening out and coming mostly flat to the top of an unfenced cliff with good views over Berowra Creek. Here the rocky track continues more gently down along the top of the ridge for about 200m and comes to a large rock platform. This walk veers right to lead down the rock platform, climbing down several rock stumps to find a tall sandstone overhang with a timber seat. From this cape, this walk continues along the base of the rock wall, and soon bends left and winds fairly steeply down a series of rock and timber steps to come to the edge of Berowra Creek (where there is a ‘no wash’ sign facing the water from the rock platform). The track leads along the shore line for a short time to head onto the rock platform in Washbunt Gully.

5.4 | Washbunt Gully Creek

(320 m 9 mins) Continue straight: From Washbunt Gully, this walk crosses the creek and follows the track, keeping Berowra Creek not far to your left. After about 50m, the track passes an old partially sunken boat, then about 100m further on, the track passes a view point that is an obviously popular (but not recommended) jumping spot. The track then soon leads up some steps and over a rise behind the ‘Berowra Waters Garden House’ restaurant, then heads down the steps to come to the signposted ‘Berowra Waters Trackhead’ on ‘Berowra Waters Rd’.

5.72 | Berowra Waters Garden House

This picturesque little restaurant sits on the eastern side of Berowra Creek and is just a hop, skip and a jump from the ferry. With breakfast, lunch and dinner menus, the Garden House Restaurant is a great spot for those looking to tap into the Berowra Valley’s full potential. For information on bookings and opening hours phone (02)9456 2955.

5.72 | Optional sidetrip to Berowra Waters Marina

(480 m 9 mins) Turn left: From ‘Berowra Waters trackhead’, this walk follows ‘Berowra Waters Rd’ downhill for 100m past the ‘Berowra Waters Garden House’, letter box and phone box to the ferry. After waiting to be directed onto the ferry, this walk crosses Berowra Waters. The ferry runs 24hrs a day 7 days a week, but is closed for service on the second Tuesday of each month from noon to 2.30pm. There is no charge. On the other side, this walk follows the footpath between the road and the water for 150m to come to the shops at the Berowra Waters Marina (on your right). At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn sharp left.

5.72 | The Fish Café

This seafood restaurant is located on the western side of the Berowra Waters Ferry, and offers casual dining with a great menu, overlooking the marina and river. The restaurant is open 7 days a week for breakfast and lunch, and dinner available on Friday through Sunday. The cafe is open 8:30 – 9:00pm Wed-Sun and closes at 3pm Mon & Tuesdays. Takeaway is also available, and the nearby reserve provides picnic tables, toilets, children’s playground and parking. Kayak hire is available from the marina building. The Fish café is located at 199 Bay Road, Berowra Waters, and the phone number is (02)9456 4665.