This walk gives you the chance to explore the bush and wetlands alongside the Lane Cove River, from Boronia Park to the new underground train station at North Ryde. You will visit several mangrove wetlands, some dry eucalypt forests and have the opportunity to rest and fill up your water bottle at a few well maintained parks. This walk follows the GNW most of the way, until soon after passing under Epping Road where you take a detour up through the Riverside Corporate Park to Delhi Rd and the train station.
**Boronia Park**

Boronia Park is found at the intersection of Ryde Rd and Boronia Ave. The park is centered around a couple of large playing fields and a grand stand. Here you will find public toilets, tap water, electric BBQs and a children's playground. There is also shade from the trees and rain shelter to provide some relief on the hot or wet days.

**Mangrove viewing platform**

This timber viewing platform is found on bank on south-west of the confluence of the Lane Cove River and Buffalo Creek. This area is affected by the tides so the view is constantly changing. The lookout platform provides an opportunity to view the mangroves community and the eroded sandstone ruins.

**Buffalo Creek Reserve**

The Buffalo Creek Reserve is found off the side of Pittwater Rd, just south of Buffalo Creek. The reserve is home to a large wetland, car park, large children's playground, picnic shelters, BBQ's, toilets and town water on tap. The children's play area, on the western side of the reserve, is very popular. There is a large playing field and a second smaller picnic area on the eastern side (where the Buffalo Creek boardwalk starts).

**Magdala Park**

Magdala Park, found at the end of Magdala Rd, North Ryde, is home to a large playing field with a baseball diamond in the corner and a smaller playing field to the north. There is a car park, public toilets, sheltered picnic tables, children's playground, garbage bins, and town water on tap. There are a few Great North Walk signs highlighting the direction of the walk as it winds across the open grassy area.

**Before You walk**

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an enjoyable and safer walk.

Before setting off on your walk check

1) Weather Forecast ([BOM Metropolitan District](#))
2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region, unknown](#))
3) Park Alerts ([Lane Cove National Park](#))
4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

**Think before you TREK**

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

- **T**ake adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- **R**egister your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- **E**mergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- **K**eep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

**Topo Maps**

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include:

1:25 000 Map Series: 91303N PARRAMATTA RIVER
1:100 000 Map Series: 9130 SYDNEY

**Grade**

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.

![Grade 3/6](#)

**Moderate track**

- **Length**: 7.2 km One way
- **Time**: 2 hrs 45 mins
- **Quality of track**: Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
- **Signs**: Directional signs along the way (3/6)
- **Experience Required**: Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
- **Weather**: Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
- **Infrastructure**: Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)

**Mobile phone coverage**

Mobile phone coverage depends on many factors, this graph displays the probability of mobile coverage along this walk. Although hopefully accurate, actual coverage will vary from what is shown here. Please always carry a PLB in remote areas.
You can get to Boronia Park (gps: -33.8272, 151.1381) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available. You can get back from North Ryde Train Station (gps: -33.7944, 151.138) by car, train or bus. Car: Parking fees apply in the area.

Boronia Park

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Boronia Park (550 m 11 mins) From the intersection of ‘Boronia Ave’ and ‘Ryde Rd’ (beside ‘Boronia Park’), this walk follows ‘Boronia Ave’ downhill for just over 250m to the end of the road.

Continue straight: From the end of Boronia Avenue, this walk follows the GNW arrow post up the rocky track for about 100m to come to a T-intersection with Princes St. Here the walk turns left and heads up the road away from the water view for about 50m, coming to an intersection with another track and a large green ‘The Great North Walk’ signpost (on your right).

Princes St trackhead

(560 m 11 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the ‘Buffalo Ck. Park’ arrow down along track. Veering right after about 50m, this wide track then leads through the casuarina forest for a short time, then bends left and heads up the road past some sandstone ruins (on your right).

Continue straight: From the bend in Pains Rd (near house number 4), this walk follows the GNW arrow along the clear track, leading gently uphill (initially keeping the concrete platform and going up and down a few steps to come to a ‘Coastal Wetlands’ information sign. Having moved away from the road, the track now heads along a timber boardwalk that winds through the mangroves and wetlands to cross Kitty Creek on a bridge. Just on the other side of the bridge, this walk comes to a T-intersection with a sign pointing back to ‘Sugarloaf Point’.

Optional sidetrip to End of Lane Cove River track

(90 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk steps down off the main track and leads along the raised mound through the tunnel of mangroves. The track heads under a small timber bridge at higher tide, but at lower tides it leads to the edge of the open Lane Cove River. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

Int of GNW and the Lane Cove River track

(510 m 10 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow up the steps. The track bends right and comes to an intersection with the signposted ‘Access to Barons Cres’ track on your left, just below the large concrete building. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post along the clear track, leading gently uphill (initially keeping the concrete building and Barton Cres track on your left). The fairly flat, rocky track leads through the forest, keeping the Lane Cove River not far to your right. After about 300m, the track leads up some steps to a boulder outcrop with good views over the river. The track continues for another 100m to a small clearing and a timber viewing platform (on your right).
gap in the fence and turns left, heading over the grass to the intersection with a concrete footpath at the base of the large transmissions tower, where a sign points back to 'Sydney Cove'.

Turn right: From the transmissions tower, this walk follows the 'Newcastle' sign downhill along the concrete footpath away from Magdala Park. The path soon turns right and leads over the 'Clifford Love' footbridge. The 150m-long bridge leads over Lane Cove River and then over the 'National Starch' factory, to find a footpath on the other side. The footpath leads around the edge of the fenced car park and comes to the footpath beside Epping Rd, just beside the traffic lights at Mowbray Rd.

5.39 | Int. opposite end of Mowbray Rd
(720 m 15 mins) Continue straight: From the traffic lights, this walk heads downhill towards the bridge, crossing the factory driveway. Just over 100m past the driveway, the shared footpath leads to an intersection marked with a GNW arrow post, and a set of steps (on the left).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post down across the main bridge span, keeping the traffic to your right. After almost 100m, this walk comes to the other side of the bridge, where there is an intersection with another set of stairs (on your left) and another GNW arrow.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post down the stairs and towards the water. At the bottom of the stairs, the walk turns left and follows the footpath under the bridge then up a few steps to a signposted intersection, just on the other side of the bridge.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Lane Cove National Park - Fairyland Track' sign down along the dirt track, keeping the filtered view of Lane Cove River to your right. The track soon leads down some timber steps, past a short rock wall and across two short flat timber bridges. The walk continues up some steps and across a timber bridge with a hand rail. The rocky track then leads downhill for about 100m before going gently uphill past the high tension transmission tower, to then come to a signposted intersection, just after passing under the power lines.

6.11 | Int. Scenic Trail and GNW
(220 m 5 mins) Turn around: From the intersection, this walk heads away from the face of the NPWS 'No dogs permitted' sign under the power lines, immediately veering right to head up towards the large corporate building. After about 10m, this walk comes to an intersection at the bottom of some timber stairs (on your right), marked with a 'What can you see?' information sign.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the timber staircase to then follow the '0.8km scenic trail' arrow post gently uphill. From this sign, the track leads up over a series of rocks and up a few rock steps (ignoring a track on your right) for about 40m to pass an 'Aboriginal uses for plants' information sign. Here the walk continues up the stone steps to then follow alongside a wire fence for just shy of 100m (behind the Honeywell building). The walk then follows one of a few tracks that continues straight to come to a T-intersection with a sealed road, just at the far corner of the 'Honeywell' building.

6.32 | Intersection behind Honeywell
(890 m 16 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk crosses the road and follows the footpath uphill alongside the sealed road. After about 150m, this walk turns left onto Richardson Pl to follow the footpath uphill for about 70m and then come to another footpath after crossing the T-intersection with Julius Ave.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads north following the footpath beside Julius Ave gently uphill. After just shy of 100m, this walk leaves the 'Riverside Corporate Park east Entrance' and turns left at Delhi Rd. The walk now follows the footpath (past a bus stop and post box) for 270m to come to the traffic lights at the intersection of Delhi Rd & (the other end of) Julius Ave at the 'Riverside Corporate Park West Entrance'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this crosswalk Julius Ave and follows the footpath alongside Delhi Rd (on the other side of the road from Macquarie Park Cemetery). After about 60m, this footpath leads past 'Delhi Convenience Store' (open 7am-7pm M-F & 10am-4pm weekends Ph: 02 9889 8822) and continues (crossing a driveway with traffic lights) for about 200m to come to the entrance of 'North Ryde' train station.
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