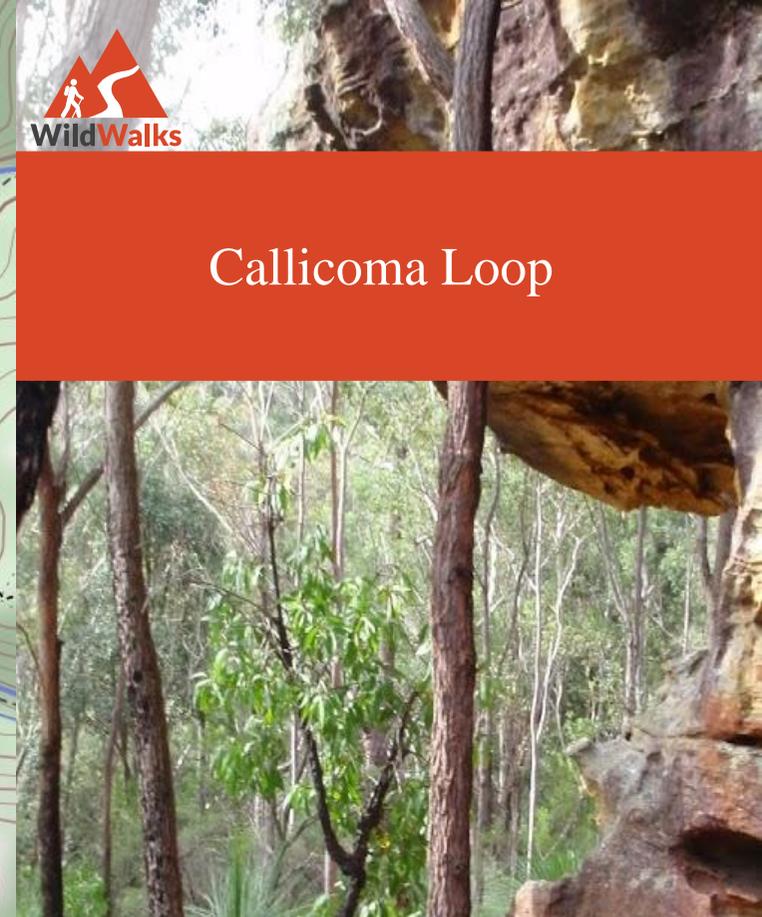
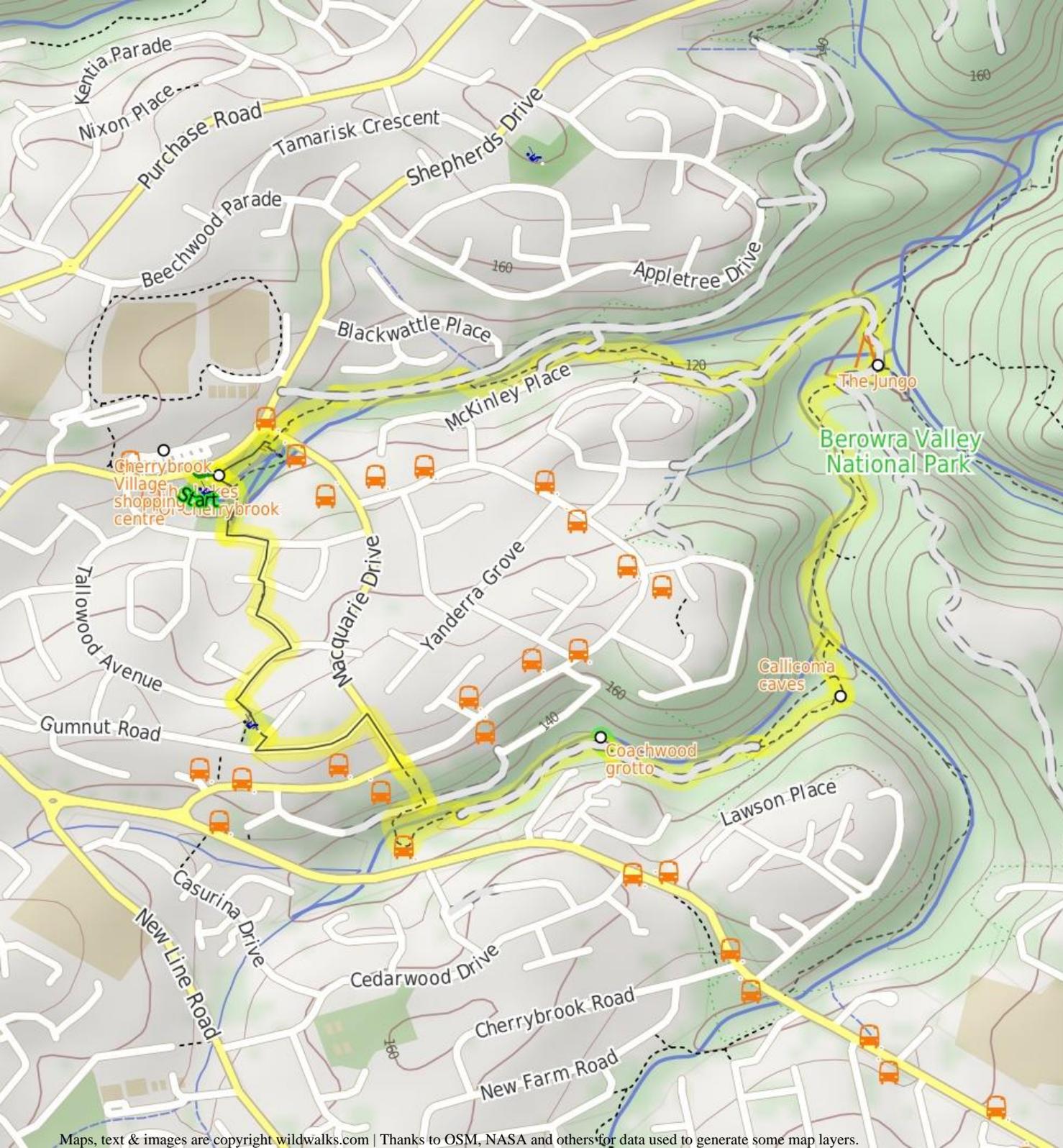


## Callicoma Loop



**2 hrs**

**Hard track**

**5.1 km Circuit**

**▲ 153m**



This great circuit walk passes through some really nice forest around the fringe of Cherrybrook. Highlights of the walk include some beautiful rock overhangs at the 'Callicoma Caves', and the atmospheric 'Coachwood Grotto'. The walk starts and finishes at the pleasant Lakes of Cherrybrook park.

98m

174m

Berowra Valley National Park

## Cherrybrook Village shopping centre

The Cherrybrook Village shopping centre is located at 41/47 Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook. There are a number of local cafes and eateries here, plus some franchises such as Subway and Gloria Jeans, making a great stop for walkers. There is also a Woolworths supermarket. The centre is open 9:00-5:30 Mon-Wed & Fri, 9:00-9:00 Thu, 9:00-5:00 Sat and 10:00-4:00 Sun. Some of the cafes and eateries open directly outside so they may be open longer hours. [More info.](#)

## The Lakes Of Cherrybrook

The Lakes Of Cherrybrook is a park at the intersection of Shepherds Dr and Macquarie Dr, Cherrybrook. The lakes featured in the park were formed when the local creek was dammed for the benefit of farmers. The park has a free electric BBQ, sheltered picnic tables, taps and bubblers as well as a playground for the kids. There is a large shopping centre nearby. There are several signposted buswalks in the area, including the 5.1km 'Callicoma Walk' loop track.

## The Jungo

The Jungo is a relatively small clearing and campsite near the junction of Berowra and ZigZag Creeks at a well signposted intersection. There is often water in the creeks (treat well before drinking) but there are no facilities. Speculation on the source of the name 'Jungo' includes the Aussie tendency to abbreviate words ('Junction' gets corrupted to 'jung-o' etc) as well as a possible derivation from one of a few similar sounding aboriginal words.

## Callicoma caves

The Callicoma caves are a series of large sandstone overhangs on the Callicoma Walk near Cherrybrook. These beautiful sandstone overhangs are a highlight on the walks in the area. The sandstone has some beautiful texture and golden colouring.

## Coachwood grotto

This beautiful, shady spot is beside Nyrippin creek, on the Callicoma Walk near Cherrybrook. The 'grotto' is an open area, shaded by Coachwood trees, with a curved section of low cliffs across the creek, giving an 'amphitheatre' feeling. This is a very atmospheric spot to sit and relax for a while.

## 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](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Berowra Valley 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** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep 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:**91304S HORNSBY

**1:100 000 Map Series:**9130 SYDNEY

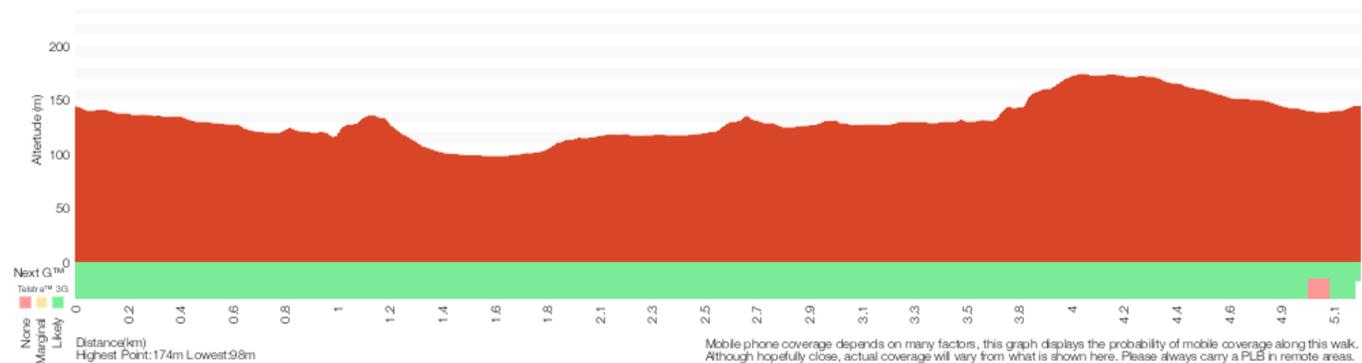
## Grade

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 4/6  
Hard track

<b>Length</b>	5.1 km Circuit
<b>Time</b>	2 hrs
<b>Quality of track</b>	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
<b>Signs</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



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.

### 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 Top of The Lakes Of Cherrybrook park (gps: -33.7217, 151.0442) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit, 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/cl>

### 0 | Cherrybrook Village shopping centre

The Cherrybrook Village shopping centre is located at 41/47 Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook. There are a number of local cafes and eateries here, plus some franchises such as Subway and Gloria Jeans, making a great stop for walkers. There is also a Woolworths supermarket. The centre is open 9:00-5:30 Mon-Wed & Fri, 9:00-9:00 Thu, 9:00-5:00 Sat and 10:00-4:00 Sun. Some of the cafes and eateries open directly outside so they may be open longer hours. [More info.](#)

### 0 | Top of The Lakes Of Cherrybrook park

*(50 m 1 mins)* From below 50 Shepherds Drive, opposite the shopping centre, the walk follows the concrete footpath into 'The Lakes Of Cherrybrook' park, keeping the playground to the right. The footpath comes to the signpost for 'Callicoma Walk' just before the unfenced lakes.

### 0.05 | The Lakes Of Cherrybrook

The Lakes Of Cherrybrook is a park at the intersection of Shepherds Dr and Macquarie Dr, Cherrybrook. The lakes featured in the park were formed when the local creek was dammed for the benefit of farmers. The park has a free electric BBQ, sheltered picnic tables, taps and bubblers as well as a playground for the kids. There is a large shopping centre nearby. There are several signposted buswalks in the area, including the 5.1km 'Callicoma Walk' loop track.

### 0.05 | Lakes trackhead

*(120 m 2 mins)* Veer left: From the 'Callicoma Walk' signpost, the walk follows the 'Sydney Cove' arrow along the concrete footpath, keeping the lakes on the right. The walk passes a free BBQ and picnic shelters on the left, and a couple of viewing platforms on the right before coming to an intersection just before the road and beside a low handmade stone wall.

### 0.17 | Int at stone wall

*(180 m 3 mins)* Turn right: From behind the low stone wall, the track follows the concrete footpath down the hill through the graffiti-covered tunnel, emerging in a clearing behind the 'Cherrybrook Girl Guides' building.

Veer right: From the clearing, the walk follows the bush track, initially keeping the Girl Guides hall on the left. The track passes a shortcut track on the right before coming to a 'T' intersection with a management trail marked with track arrows.

### 0.35 | Int. of Blackwattle Trail and Callicoma Walk

*(230 m 4 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail down the hill, keeping the houses to the left, arriving at the signposted intersection at the top of the stairs (with a track on the right).

### 0.59 | Top of the Disturbed Creek stairs

*(170 m 3 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, the walk goes down the steps towards the creek. Immediately after crossing the creek, on concrete stepping stones, the walk bends to the left, following the 'Callicoma Walk' arrow. The walk soon crosses some old concrete slabs and then drops down some more steps. After following the creek, on the left, for a short distance the walk comes to an intersection (with a management trail coming down the hill on the right).

### 0.76 | Int of Callicoma Walk and McKinley trail

*(100 m 2 mins)* Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail down the hill, keeping the creek on the left and soon arrives at a fork intersection.

### 0.85 | Int of Callicoma Walk and Disturbed Creek trail

*(180 m 4 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track, keeping the creek on the left and immediately passes a 'Callicoma Walk' signpost. The walk continues along the well formed bush track and climbs steeply to an intersection marked with a 'Callicoma Walk' and red GNW signpost.

### 1.04 | Int of Callicoma Walk and Pogson Dr management tra

*(610 m 13 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the asphalted management trail up, over the hill, keeping the houses up to the right and soon arrives at an intersection marked with a 'Callicoma Walk' and red GNW track marker.

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Callicoma Walk' arrow down the management trail (no asphalt), keeping the power lines to the left. The walk descends steeply for a while then flattens out and soon comes to an intersection with the Great North Walk.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign along the wide trail as it bends left and leads downhill along the concrete section. The trail leads down across a usually small creek, then heads up to the well-signposted intersection beside the Jungo campsite, where a 'Fishponds' sign points back down along the trail.

### 1.65 | The Jungo

The Jungo is a relatively small clearing and campsite near the junction of Berowra and ZigZag Creeks at a well signposted intersection. There is often water in the creeks (treat well before drinking) but there are no facilities. Speculation on the source of the name 'Jungo' includes the Aussie tendency to abbreviate words ('Junction' gets corrupted to 'jung-o' etc) as well as a possible derivation from one of a few similar sounding aboriginal words.

### 1.65 | The Jungo

*(90 m 2 mins)* Turn right: From 'The Jungo', the walk follows the 'Callicoma Walk' arrow along the management trail which climbs steeply and soon comes to the intersection (with the management trail going up the hill to the left and the red Great North Walk marker pointing straight ahead).

### 1.74 | Int of Stringybark Ridge Management Trail and GNW

*(880 m 18 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the red Great North Walk marker along the bush track. The track undulates while following Berowra Creek (keeping the creek to the right) before crossing it on a metal foot bridge. The walk continues along the other side of the creek before crossing Nyripping creek using concrete stepping stones. Immediately after the crossing, the walk arrives at the signposted intersection (with the 'Callicoma Walk' going to the right).

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Callicoma Walk' arrow along the bush track keeping (not crossing) Nyripping creek to the right. The track soon swings up the hill to the left, away from the creek. The walk soon climbs some stone cut steps to the intersection at the top of a rocky

outcrop.

Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the faint bush track, going steeply up the hill. The walk climbs up for a short distance, then arrives under a large overhang, marked with a number '6' sign.

### 2.61 | Callicoma caves

The Callicoma caves are a series of large sandstone overhangs on the Callicoma Walk near Cherrybrook. These beautiful sandstone overhangs are a highlight on the walks in the area. The sandstone has some beautiful texture and golden colouring.

### 2.61 | Callicoma Caves

*(210 m 5 mins)* Veer right: From the number '6' sign under the large overhang, the walk follows the bush track, around the rocks and base of the small cliffline (keeping them to the left). The walk passes under more large overhangs before dropping to an unmarked 4-way intersection.

### 2.83 | Nyripping Creek four ways

*(300 m 6 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track steeply down the steps towards the creek, where it bends to the left, onto an old management trail. The walk follows the management trail, keeping the creek on the right, before reaching a signposted intersection for the 'Callicoma Walk'.

### 3.13 | Int Callicoma Walk and power line access trail

*(30 m )* Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Callicoma Walk' arrow down the steps, towards the creek on the right. The track goes a short distance before reaching an intersection marked with an '8' sign.

### 3.16 | Optional sidetrip to Coachwood grotto

*(20 m 1 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the steps steeply down the hill, soon coming to the viewing spot. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

### 3.16 | Coachwood grotto

This beautiful, shady spot is beside Nyripping creek, on the Callicoma Walk near Cherrybrook. The 'grotto' is an open area, shaded by Coachwood trees, with a curved section of low cliffs across the creek, giving an 'amphitheatre' feeling. This is a very atmospheric spot to sit and relax for a while.

### 3.16 | Number 8 sign

*(330 m 5 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail, keeping the creek on the right, passing several sewer inspection points, before reaching an intersection marked with an arrow marker (with steps going steeply down to the right).

### 3.49 | Int of sewer management trail and Callicoma Walk

*(390 m 10 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the steps steeply down the hill before meandering along the creek, on the right, then crossing the creek on concrete stepping stones. The walk follows the bush track up the hill a short distance before turning right at a 'T' intersection with an old management trail (just behind a house). Soon after this, the walk comes to an intersection marked with 'Callicoma Walk' arrows.

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Callicoma Walk' arrow steeply up the steps and soon arrives at Francis Greenway Drive.

### 3.87 | Francis Greenway Dr trackhead

*(1.1 km 19 mins)* Continue straight: From the 'Callicoma Walk' signposted track head at the end of Macquarie Dr (intersection with Francis Greenway Dr, Cherrybrook), the walk follows Macquarie Dr up the hill. The walk soon turns left into Gumnut Rd (look for the Callicoma Walk track marker on the corner) and continues to the intersection with Holly Rd (another track marker

here). From here, the walk goes a short distance along Holly Rd and crosses to the 'Callicoma Walk Track marker near the small gate into 'Gumnut Playground'.

Turn left: From the 'Callicoma Walk' track marker on Holly Rd, the walk goes through the gate and across 'Gumnut Playground' (there is a drinking bubbler near the fence). The walk goes out the gate on the opposite side and down a set of wooden steps to reach an arrow track marker beside Tallowwood Ave.

Turn right: From the arrow track marker beside Gumnut Playground, the walk follows Tallowwood Ave gently down the hill, passing Sheoak Cl, then turning left into Ivy Pl (track marker at this intersection). Just before the end of Ivy Pl, the walk turns right and follows a concrete path between the houses (between 12 & 14 Ivy Pl). From the end of this path, the walk crosses Rossian Pl and continues along Glentrees Pl, then turns left into Kenburn Ave ('Callicoma Walk' track marker at this intersection). A short distance along Kenburn Ave, the walk arrives at the entrance to 'The Lakes Of Cherrybrook'.

#### **4.94 | Kenburn Ave entrance to lakes park**

*(210 m 4 mins)* Turn right: From 'The Lakes of Cherrybrook' signpost on Tallowwood Ave, the walk follows the bush track into the park. The walk soon turns right at a junction with a 'Callicoma Walk' track marker, going down the steps and crossing a small bridge. The walk continues on the track as it skirts around the lake, to the left, dropping down a few steps and arriving at an intersection with an asphalted footpath and another bush track (There is a track marker just before the intersection).

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the asphalted footpath across the bridge, towards the playground. After crossing the bridge, the footpath becomes concrete and bends to the right and soon reaches the large walking track signpost with 'Callicoma Walk' at the top.

Turn left: From the 'Callicoma Walk' signpost intersection, the walk goes up the hill on the concrete footpath, keeping the playground on the left. At the top of the concrete footpath, the walk comes to Shepherds Drive, opposite the shopping centre and just below 50 Shepherds Drive.





Dural Nature Reserve

Trevors Lane

Burrawang Street

Berowra Valley National Park

Cherrybrook Village shopping centre

Berowra Valley Regional Park

Thornleigh Station

Pennant Hills Station

Hastings Road

New Line Road

Jenner Road

Hancock Drive

Purchase Road

Tamarisk Crescent

Appletree Drive

Hillgate place

Rogans Hill

New Line Road

Gumnut Road

Coachwood grotto

Callicoma caves

David Road

John Road

New Line Road

Cesurina Drive

Wearne Avenue

Vaughan Avenue

Bellamy Street

Stevens Street

Castle Hill Road

Robert Road

Franklin Road

Edward Bennet Drive

Hull Road

Victoria Road

Leith Road

Albion Street

Victoria Road

Dean Street

Victoria Road

6268000

6267000

6266000

6265000

6268000

6267000

6266000

6265000

317000

318000

319000

320000

321000

322000

317000

318000

319000

320000

321000

322000

## Summary navigation sheet for the Callicoma Loop



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Top of The Lakes Of Cherrybrook park -33.7217,151.0442 (GR Hornsby, 188670)	0 -4	50 m 1 mins	From below 50 Shepherds Drive, opposite the shopping centre, the walk follows the concrete footpath into 'The Lakes Of Cherrybrook' park, keeping the playground to the right.
0.05	Lakes trackhead -33.7218,151.0447 (GR Hornsby, 188670)	1 -4	120 m 2 mins	Veer left: From the 'Callicoma Walk' signpost, the walk follows the 'Sydney Cove' arrow along the concrete footpath, keeping the lakes on the right.
0.17	Int at stone wall -33.7211,151.0456 (GR Hornsby, 189671)	4 -7	180 m 3 mins	Turn right: From behind the low stone wall, the track follows the concrete footpath down the hill through the graffiti-covered tunnel, emerging in a clearing behind the 'Cherrybrook Girl Guides' building.
0.35	Int. of Blackwattle Trail and Callicoma Walk -33.7201,151.047 (GR Hornsby, 190672)	0 -7	230 m 4 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail down the hill, keeping the houses to the left, arriving at the signposted intersection at the top of the stairs (with a track on the right).
0.59	Top of the Disturbed Creek stairs -33.7198,151.0495 (GR Hornsby, 193672)	0 -8	170 m 3 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, the walk goes down the steps towards the creek.
0.76	Int of Callicoma Walk and McKinley trail -33.7194,151.0511 (GR Hornsby, 194672)	5 -3	100 m 2 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail down the hill, keeping the creek on the left and soon arrives at a fork intersection.
0.85	Int of Callicoma Walk and Disturbed Creek trail -33.7191,151.052 (GR Hornsby, 195673)	13 -6	180 m 4 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track, keeping the creek on the left and immediately passes a 'Callicoma Walk' signpost.
1.04	Int of Callicoma Walk and Pogson Dr management trail -33.7196,151.0537 (GR Hornsby, 197672)	8 -38	610 m 13 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the asphalted management trail up, over the hill, keeping the houses up to the right and soon arrives at an intersection marked with a 'Callicoma Walk' and red GNW ...
1.65	The Jungo -33.7195,151.0578 (GR Hornsby, 200673)	3 0	90 m 2 mins	Turn right: From 'The Jungo', the walk follows the 'Callicoma Walk' arrow along the management trail which climbs steeply and soon comes to the intersection (with the management trail going up the hill to the left a...
1.74	Int of Stringybark Ridge Management Trail and GNW -33.7198,151.057 (GR Hornsby, 200672)	38 -8	880 m 18 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the red Great North Walk marker along the bush track.
2.61	Callicoma Caves -33.7265,151.0571 (GR Hornsby, 200665)	9 -14	210 m 5 mins	Veer right: From the number '6' sign under the large overhang, the walk follows the bush track, around the rocks and base of the small cliffline (keeping them to the left).
2.83	Nyrrippin Creek four ways -33.7276,151.0553 (GR Hornsby, 198663)	7 -5	300 m 6 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track steeply down the steps towards the creek, where it bends to the left, onto an old management trail.
3.13	Int Callicoma Walk and power line access trail -33.7278,151.0525 (GR Hornsby, 196663)	0 0	30 m	Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Callicoma Walk' arrow down the steps, towards the creek on the right.
3.16	Number 8 sign -33.7276,151.0523 (GR Hornsby, 196663)	2 0	20 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Coachwood grotto. Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the steps steeply down the hill, soon coming to the viewing spot.
3.16	Number 8 sign -33.7276,151.0523 (GR Hornsby, 196663)	4 -2	330 m 5 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail, keeping the creek on the right, passing several sewer inspection points, before reaching an intersection marked with an arrow marker (...)
3.49	Int of sewer management trail and Callicoma Walk -33.729,151.0495 (GR Hornsby, 193662)	38 -7	390 m 10 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the steps steeply down the hill before meandering along the creek, on the right, then crossing the creek on concrete stepping stones.
3.87	Francis Greenway Dr trackhead -33.728,151.0483 (GR Hornsby, 192663)	17 -35	1.1 km 19 mins	Continue straight: From the 'Callicoma Walk' signposted track head at the end of Macquarie Dr (intersection with Francis Greenway Dr, Cherrybrook), the walk follows Macquarie Dr up the hill.
4.94	Kenburn Ave entrance to lakes park -33.7231,151.0448 (GR Hornsby, 188668)	6 -4	210 m 4 mins	Turn right: From 'The Lakes of Cherrybrook' signpost on Tallowwood Ave, the walk follows the bush track into the park.