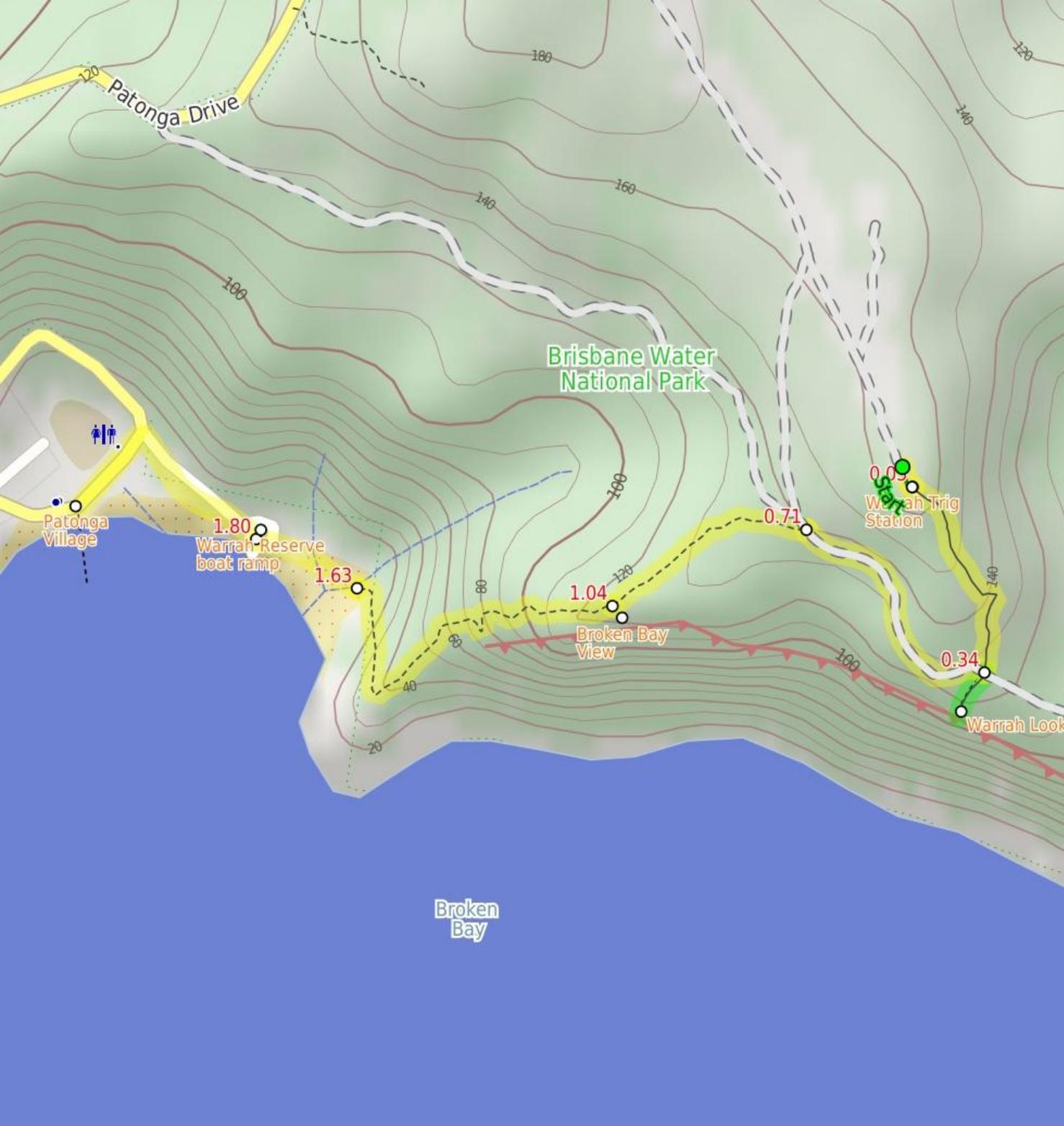


Warrah Trig to Patonga



1 Hr

Moderate track

2.2 km One way

▲ 39m



This walk starts at the top of the ridge and leads through a field of wildflowers (in spring and early summer), past some panoramic water views and down to Patonga Village for fish and chips. Starting on the Tony Doyle Track, this walk passes the old Warrah Trig and then visits Warrah Lookout, a great site. After a short walk along a wide trail, you then follow the Patonga Track down the hill, passing some large angophoras and more water views before heading down to the beach at Patonga.

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Brisbane Water 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 Warrah car park (gps: -33.55, 151.288). Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Patonga Wharf car park (gps: -33.5504, 151.2746) by car, ferry or bus. Ferry: There is no regular ferry service between Patonga and Brooklyn any more. You can easily grab a water taxi (about \$80+). If you are part of a large group they can also organise a larger boat carrying 35 passengers (about \$16 pp). Phone 0410 554 777 to book. Enjoy the boat ride. Car: There is free parking available.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/wtpp>

0 | Warrah car park

(30 m 1 mins) From Warrah car park, this walk follows the 'Tony Doyle Track' sign up the steps and sandstone footpath. The path winds a short distance up to a rock platform with the old Warrah Trig station, and offering filtered distant views.

0.03 | Warrah Trig Station

Warrah Trig Station is part of a national geodetic survey established during the 1970's. The 'Triangulation station' (aka trigonometrical or trig station) is a distinct marker once clear of trees, and would have been visible for many kilometers in the area. There are many such trig stations around Australia, which were used to help in surveying. Each station has a known position and altitude, which allows surveyors to use triangulation and determine another point's location. With advances in technology, these trig stations have been abandoned and superseded. The trig station is now surrounded by trees, with some filtered views along the Hawkesbury River. The area is rich with wildflowers in spring.

0.03 | Warrah Trig Station

(310 m 7 mins) Continue straight: From the trig station, this walk heads toward the water view, down the timber staircase. At the bottom of the timber stairs, the walk follows the sandstone footpath (and another set of timber stairs) and stone steps, winding down the hill. The footpath passes over and between a few rock platforms on the way. The path leads to a signposted intersection with the Pearl Beach / Patonga fire trail and a sign pointing back up to 'Warrah Car Park'.

0.34 | Optional sidetrip to Warrah Lookout

(70 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk

heads between the timber posts and follows the 'Warrah Lookout' sign along the sandstone footpath. The path leads through the bush for a short distance, coming to the fenced Warrah Lookout. (Beware of informal side tracks that lead to unfenced sections of cliff.) At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

0.34 | Warrah Lookout

Warrah Lookout is a mostly fenced lookout on a large sandstone platform. The lookout provides fantastic views across the Hawkesbury River. From left to right, you can see along the escarpment which forms the southern boundary of Brisbane Water National Park, out to the Pacific Ocean, Barrenjoey Headland, West Head, along Cowan Creek, Juno Point and along the escarpment to Patonga. This is a great place to spend some time soaking up the views.

0.34 | Warrah Lookout intersection

(370 m 9 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows 'Patonga' sign uphill along the management trail. After 100m, the trail passes a track on the left (marked with 5 large boulders - this informal track leads to an unfenced view). This walk continues along the management trail and, after a short steeper uphill section, the trail comes to an intersection with the signposted 'Patonga' track on the left.

0.71 | Int of Pearl Beach / Patonga fire trail and Patong

(330 m 6 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the Great North Walk arrow and 'Patonga' sign along the narrow track. The track winds gently through the bush, with the occasional water glimpse to the left. After a short time, the track leads to a few large Sydney Red Gums and a large unfenced rock platform on the left (just before a few Great North Walk arrow markers) - this is the Broken Bay view.

1.04 | Broken Bay View

Broken Bay View is an informal, unnamed and unfenced vantage point at the top of the cliffs, east of Patonga. The large rock platform has a number of large Sydney Red Gums, providing some shade. There are great views across the Hawkesbury River, along Cowan Creek and to West Head. The views to the left extend past Lion Island to Barrenjoey Head and out to the Pacific Ocean.

1.04 | Broken Bay View

(590 m 21 mins) Veer right: From Broken Bay view, this walk follows the GNW arrows down the hill along the track. After a little while, the track heads down between some rock and comes to an unfenced rock platform with great views across the water. Here, the track turns right then soon heads down some steps between more rocks, after which the track flattens out for a while. Near the end of the ridge, the track turns right and heads down to the beach. The track comes out at the eastern end of Patonga Beach, at a GNW signpost and next to some beach cottages. This area is also known as 'Dark Corner'.

1.63 | Eastern end of Patonga Beach

(170 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the eastern end of the beach, this walk follows the power lines across the sand, keeping the water to the left. The walk soon heads around the gate, across the car park and comes to the Warrah Reserve boat ramp.

1.8 | Warrah Reserve boat ramp

Warrah Reserve boat ramp provides a large car park and access to both the boat ramp and Patonga Beach. There are garbage bins, a picnic table and information board. The boat ramp offers good views along the beach to 'Dark Corner', found at the eastern end of Patonga Beach.

1.8 | Warrah Reserve boat ramp

(360 m 7 mins) Continue straight: From the boat ramp, this walk follows the road, keeping the water to the left for 220m to then turn left, following a GNW arrow post, down along Patonga Drive. The walk then soon leads past a 'The Great North Walk' sign opposite the toilet block and continues down past 'Eve Williams Memorial Oval' for 70m to a car park at Patonga Wharf, opposite some shops. (Alternatively it is possible to walk along the sandy beach from the Boat ramp to the wharf.)

2.16 | Patonga Village

Patonga Village is a lovely small township on the Hawkesbury River. Just near the ferry wharf are a few helpful facilities: The Eve Williams Memorial Oval, where you will find a large pavilion, drinking water and public toilets. A fish and chips shop (and general store) is open reasonable hours, where you can buy lunch, a coffee and basic supplies (fishing needs, milk, canned food). Patonga Beach Hotel is available for a cold drink at the bar or a meal on the deck, or even overnight accommodation (from \$242 a couple) ph: 02 4379 1111.