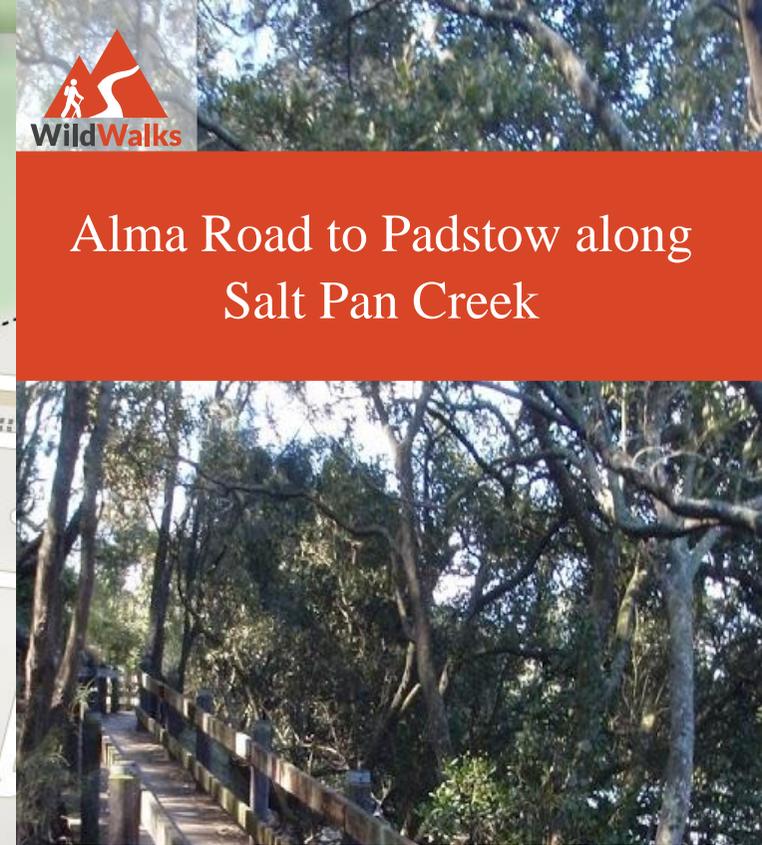
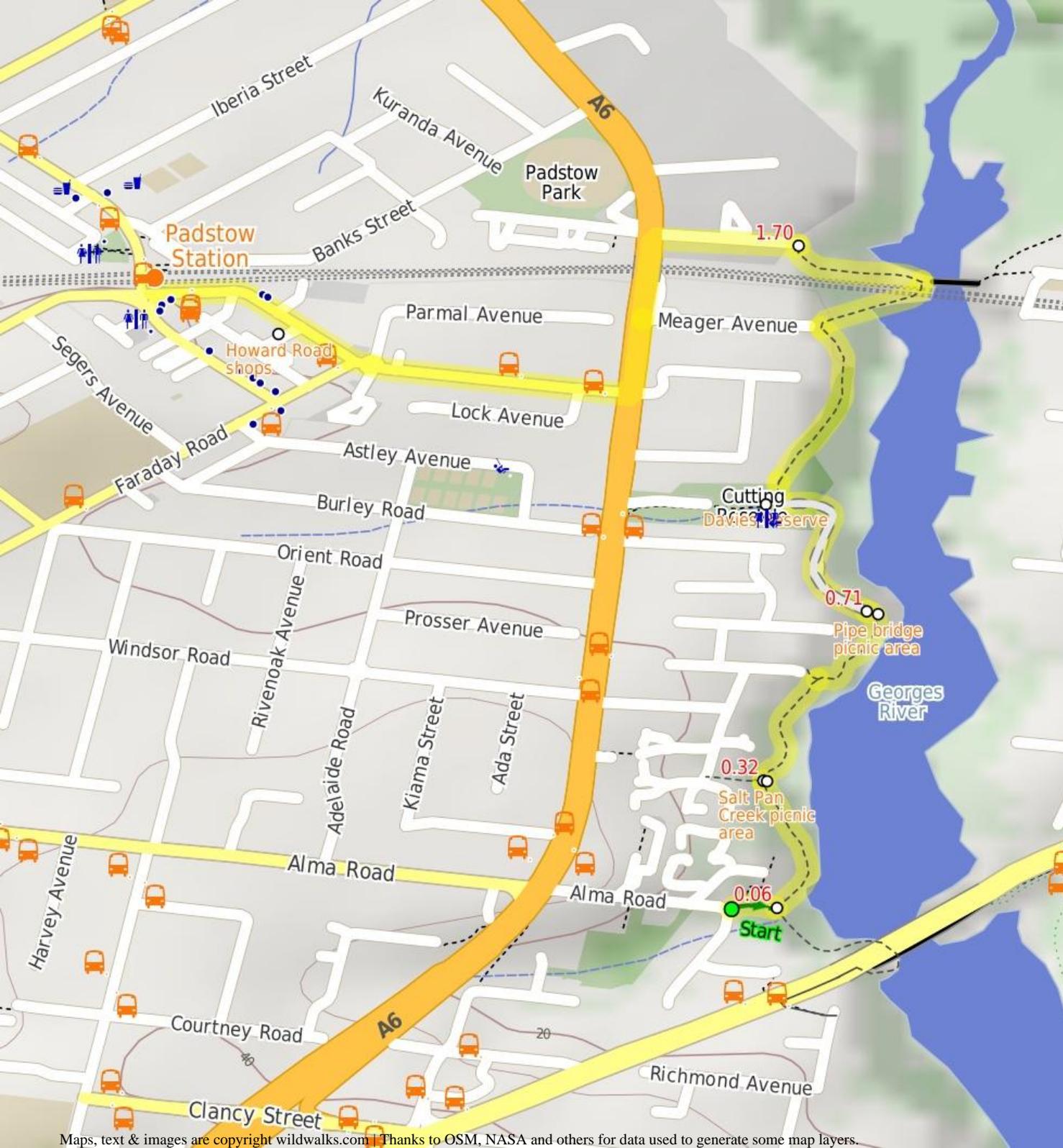


Alma Road to Padstow along Salt Pan Creek



1 Hr

Moderate track

2.8 km One way

52m

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This short walk starts from the corner of Alma Road and Wainright Avenue and follows the footpath down to Salt Pan Creek walk. The walk then follows the creek upstream along the boardwalks and bushtracks, passing a few great picnic areas and parks to the end of Bridge Street. From here the walk follows the roads across the railway bridge and along to the Padstow train station, where there are a few shops.

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 Corner of Alma Road and Wainwright Avenue (gps: -33.9627, 151.0395) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Padstow Railway Station (gps: -33.9519, 151.032) by car, train or bus. 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/artpaspc>

0 | Corner of Alma Road and Wainwright Avenue

(60 m 1 mins) From the intersection of Alma Rd and Wainwright Ave, the walk follows the footpath between the wooden posts and into the bush. The footpath heads down the short hill until coming to the boardwalk on Salt Pan creek walking track.

0.06 | Bottom of Alma Road track

(260 m 5 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath north (keeping the river on the right) onto a bush track and then up some wooden steps. The track continues along for a while until it drops down some more steps to the Salt Pan creek picnic area.

0.32 | Salt Pan Creek picnic area

This small picnic area on the Salt Pan Creek walking track can be accessed directly from the stairs at the end of Werona Ave. This clearing provides a couple of picnic benches and tables, natural shade and a small, grassy clearing. The space is big enough for a bit of running around or to spread out a picnic blanket. The picnic area is on the edge of Salt Pan Creek, with dense mangroves along to river bank. There are a number of houses overlooking the area from the cliffs above.

0.32 | Salt Pan Creek picnic area

(390 m 7 mins) Continue straight: From the picnic area, this walk follows the bush track up the steps (keeping the river on the right) and winds along the side of Salt Pan Creek until it drops back down some steps onto a boardwalk. The track

continues along the boardwalk, alongside the creek, until it comes to the bottom of Weenamana Place steps on the left.

Continue straight: From the bottom of the steps, this walk follows the boardwalk as it winds alongside the river (keeping the river on the right), through mangroves for a short while. Soon the boardwalk becomes a bush track and continues to the picnic area under the large pipe bridge.

0.71 | Pipe bridge picnic area

This small picnic area has a collection of low picnic tables in a grassy clearing by the edge of the Salt Pan Creek. The large pipe bridge crossing the creek provides some shade during the heat of the day. There are no water or toilet facilities. The unfenced edge of the picnic area provides clear access to the creek. This is one of the few spots along Salt Pan Creek walk where there is a clear view of the creek.

0.71 | Picnic area at base of Pipe Bridge

(280 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the picnic area, the walk follows the hardened management trail (keeping the creek on the right) as it winds along the side of the river. The walk passes a fenced-off area on the left before it turns left heads up the hill, coming near to the play equipment at Davies Reserve.

0.99 | Davies Reserve

This park can be accessed from the end of Tallawarra Ave or directly from Davies Road in Padstow. The Reserve is one of the spots along the Salt Pan Creek walking track. The facilities provided at this reserve include play equipment, a toilet block and picnic tables and seats. There is plenty of open space, and shade from a few large trees. There is parking for about 20 cars.

0.99 | Davies Reserve

(700 m 13 mins) Turn right: From Davies Reserve, this walk follows the fenced boardwalk running parallel to the power lines, keeping Salt Pan Creek on the right. The track passes through the wetlands for a short distance, coming to an intersection with the Truro Parade boardwalk on the left. Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk continues along the short board walk (keeping the power lines above to the right). Soon the boardwalk joins onto a hardened footpath, which continues along through the grass clearing, running parallel to Salt Pan Creek. The track passes behind a number of houses, and then passes a couple of transmission towers as the footpath tends left to the end of Meager Avenue.

Veer right: ###This section of the track is closed for End of 2010 to sometime in 2011. Please walk along Meager Ave to Davies Rd as an alternate route### From the end of Meager Ave, the walk follows the footpath lined with wooden posts (with the white house at no.2 initially on the left) into the bush

and down the gentle hill. After a short distance, the footpath joins a board walk and continues through some mangroves and out to the creek edge. The boardwalk then turns left, crossing under the railway bridge to the intersection with the Salt Pan Creek footbridge on the right.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the boardwalk around the creek's edge (keeping the train line on the left) and through some mangroves for a short distance, until coming to a concrete footpath. This path continues past a transmission tower to the end of Bridge Street.

1.7 | End of Bridge Street

(1.1 km 19 mins) Turn left: From the car park at the end of the street, this walk follows the foot path along Bridge Street to the 'T' intersection of Davies Road, where the walk turns left. Following the footpath, this walk soon crosses the railway bridge and comes to the intersection with Meager Avenue. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads south (away from the trail line) along Davies Road, along the footpath. After a short while, the walk turns right into Ryan Rd, crossing at the traffic lights. This walk follows the footpath through the suburbs to cross, straight ahead at the roundabout, onto Howard Road. The road then passes a few shops and comes to the Padstow railway station on the right.

2.84 | Howard Road shops

This row of shops on Howard Road, near Padstow Railway Station, consists of quite a number of stores including grocery, newsagents, pharmacies, small restaurants and cafés, among many others. More shops can be found on the same block, on Padstow Pde or Faraday Rd, as required.