

Bellamy St to De Saxe Cl dog walking trail

15 mins

Moderate track

529 m One way

↑ 36m

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This short walk follows a concrete management trail between Bellamy St and De Saxe Close. This is one of a few dog friendly bushwalks in the Berowra Valley Regional Park. You walk through some beautiful bush with a good array of grass and eucalyptus trees. At the bottom of the valley a bridge spans ZigZag Creek allowing you to keep your feet dry. There are also some good information signs explaining the rich history of the railway line and quarry that once passed through here. The authorised dog walk exits up the steps to the base of De Saxe Cl. We have also include an alternate exit, staying on the main trail to then end of Timbarra Rd for those walking without dogs.

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 End of Bellamy St (gps: -33.7288, 151.0698) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from End of De Saxe Close (gps: -33.7255, 151.0695) by car 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/bstdscdwt>

0 | End of Bellamy St

(220 m 4 mins) From the end of Bellamy St (Pennant Hills), the walk passes around the locked metal gate and follows the 'To Westleigh' arrow downhill along the concrete management trail. After about 25m this walk leads past a picnic table (on the left) then over the next 50m this walk continues downhill past the 'Halls Camp' information sign, the 'Natures Filter' to come to an intersection with a dirt track (the Great North Walk) marked with an arrow pointing back up to 'Bellamy Street'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Jungo' arrow downhill along the wide concrete trail for 25m to cross over the culverted creek (with a green rail on one side). The walk continues down into the valley along the concrete trail for another 110m to come to a signposted intersection marked with a 'Great North Walk' sign (on your left), just before 'Zig Zag Creek' and the long bridge.

0.22 | Zig Zag Creek Bridge int

(160 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads gently downhill to then cross 'Zig Zag Creek' on the 40m long bridge (with handrails) to find the 'Zig Zag Siding' information sign on the far side. The bridge path now merges back to the main wide trail and heads steeply uphill for about 50m (with a handrail on the left side). The trail then mostly flattens out for about 50m and leads gently up to the front of the old 'Thornleigh Quarry', marked with a plaque on a large stone.

0.37 | Old Thornleigh Quarry

The old Thornleigh Quarry is located beside the Heritage Trail in Thornleigh, within Berowra Valley Regional Park. The quarry dates back to 1883 and was initially a source of 'ballast' for portions of the Sydney (Homebush) to Newcastle (Waratah) rail link. There is a firm, flat dirt track that leads about 40m from the concrete trail to the centre of the old quarry. You will find a series of log seats in this amphitheatre making this a pleasant spot to sit and enjoy the intriguing mix of nature and history. A book is available with some detail on this quarry and the associated zigzag railway: 'Sydney's Forgotten Quarry Railways' by John Oakes, ISBN 0 9757870 3 9

0.37 | Thornleigh Quarry

(110 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the front of the old Thornleigh Quarry, this walk follows the wide concrete trail gently uphill, initially keeping the quarry to the right, passing 'The Quarry' information sign. The trail meanders through the bush for about 100m to come to an intersection at the base of a set of timber stairs (on the right).

0.48 | Alternate Route Int of Heritage Trail and De Saxe

(140 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the concrete management trail gently uphill keeping the valley to the left. After about 40m the trail leads along the side of a small rock wall to pass a 'Berowra Valley Regional Park' map sign then about 25m later the trail leads past the old girl guide hall. The walk continues along the concrete trail for another 50m to pass a 'Heritage Trail' sign then head around the gate to come to the end of Timbarra Rd (Westleigh).

0.48 | Int of Heritage Trail and De Saxe Cl trail

(50 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk goes up the wooden steps and soon arrives at the end of De Saxe Cl.

