

## Bellamy fire trail

30 mins

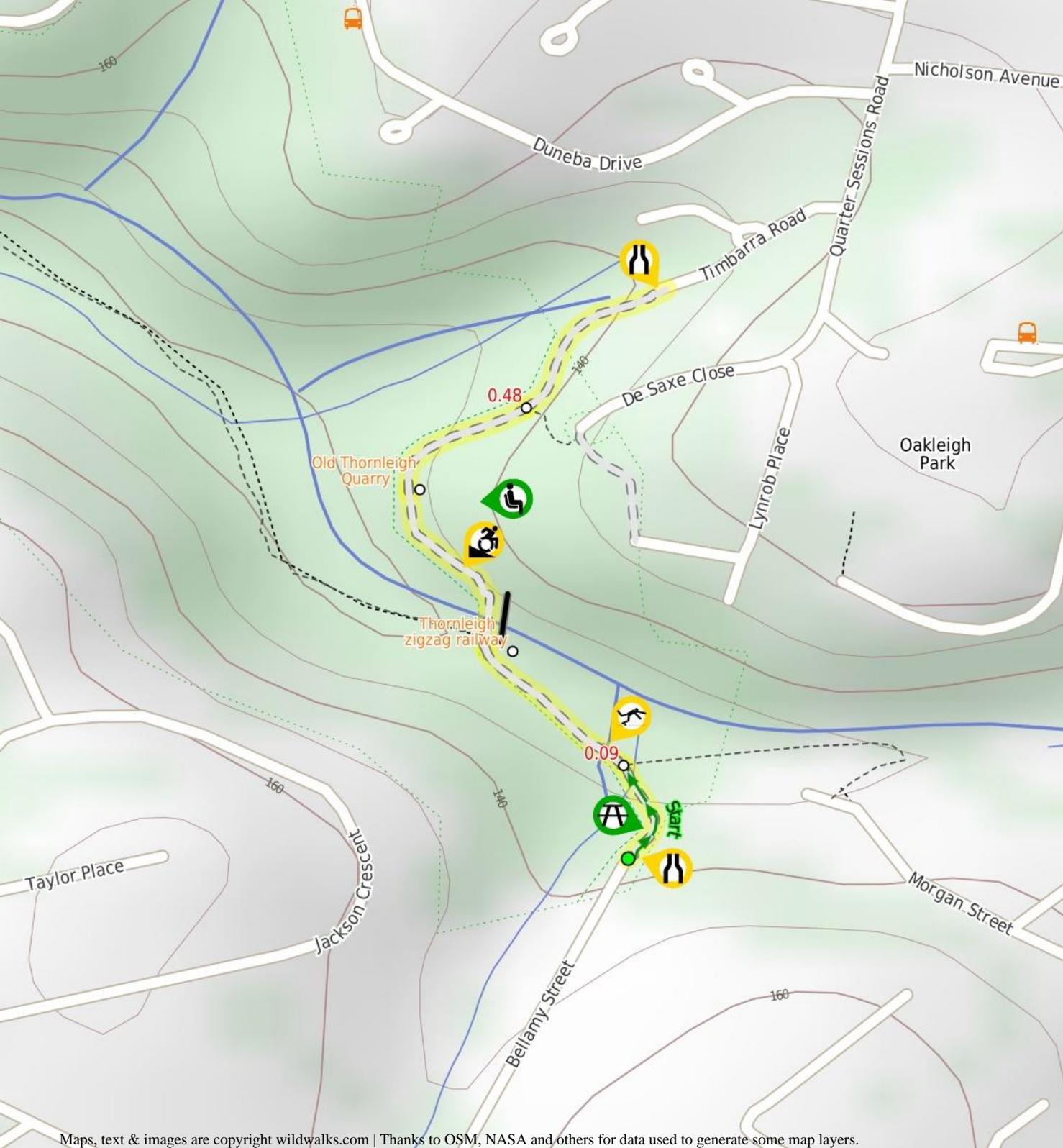
Moderate track

3

619 m One way

▲ 34m

This walk follows a wide concrete trail through Berowra Valley Regional Park, through lovely bushland and the site of the historic Zig Zag railway. The railway is long gone, but the quarry site is interesting to explore and crossing Zig Zag Creek on the bridge gives a lovely view down on the fern trees. Stop and read the information signs along the way, bring your dog for a walk or use this trail for fitness training. The trail on the north side of Zig Zag Creek is very steep for about 50m, otherwise, this walk is easy to follow. To save the car shuttle you can just allow extra time and retrace your steps back to the start.



130m

154m

Berowra Valley 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 End of Bellamy St (gps: -33.7288, 151.0698). Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from End of Timbarra Rd (gps: -33.7243, 151.07). 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/bft>

### **0 | End of Bellamy St**

*(90 m 2 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'.

### **0.09 | Int of Bellamy trail and Morgan Rd tracks**

*(130 m 2 mins)* 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 | Thornleigh zigzag railway**

The Thornleigh zigzag railway originally ran from the main rail line near Thornleigh to a historic quarry, near present day De Saxe Cl, Thornleigh. There are only minor fragments still visible today. The 'Heritage Trail' in Thornleigh has interpretive signs for the railway and the old Thornleigh Quarry. A book is available with some detail on railway and associated quarry: 'Sydney's Forgotten Quarry Railways' by John Oakes, ISBN 0 9757870 3 9

### **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**

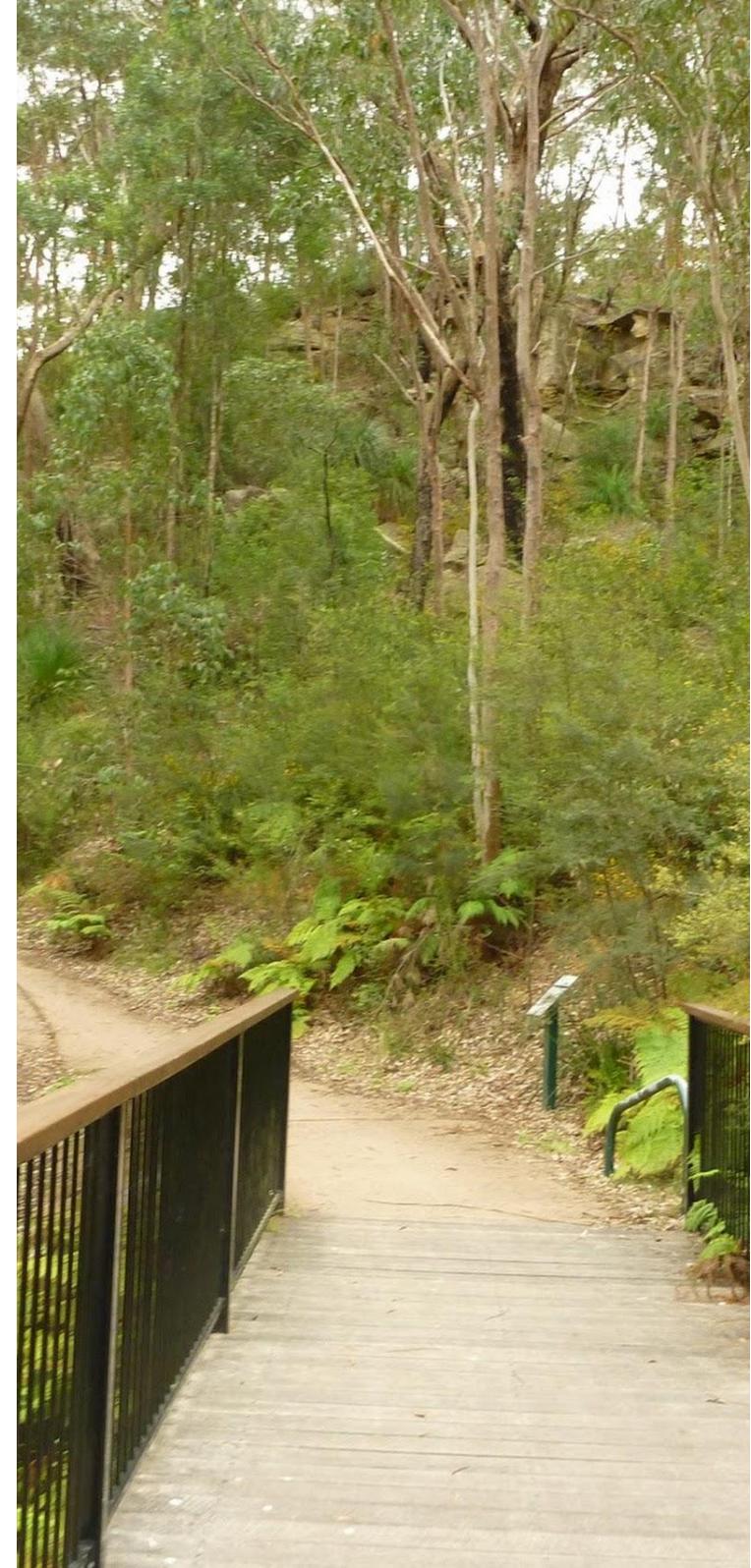
The old Thornleigh Quarry is located beside the Heritage Trail in Thornleigh, within Berowra Valley Regional Park. The quarry dates back to 1883 and was initially a source of 'ballast' for portions of the Sydney (Homebush) to Newcastle (Waratah) rail link. There is a firm, flat dirt track that leads 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 | Int of Heritage Trail and De Saxe Cl trail**

*(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).





This page is designed to give you a sense of the facilities that help improve access for people with disabilities or mobility restrictions. See tracknotes and map for navigation, point of interest and other information. See the Accessibility Details page for specific information about each facility.

**Parking:** There are 0 designated accessible parking areas on this walk.

**Toilets:** There are 0 toilets on this walk.

**Seats:** There are 2 seats on this walk. They are 360m apart.

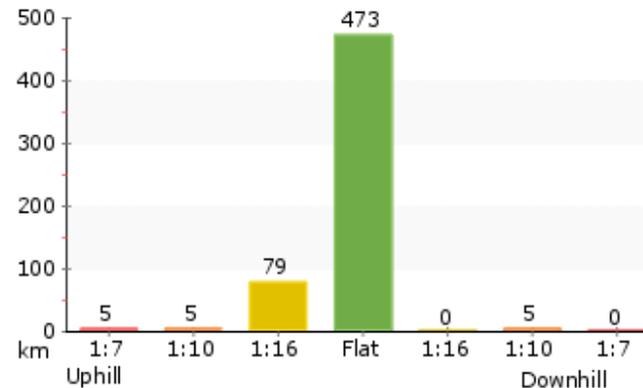
## Surface

This walk follows a 3.3m wide concrete trail for most of the length, with just over 50m at 2.5m (when crossing Zig Zag Creek Bridge). There is a 73cm pinch point beside the gate at Timbarra Rd.

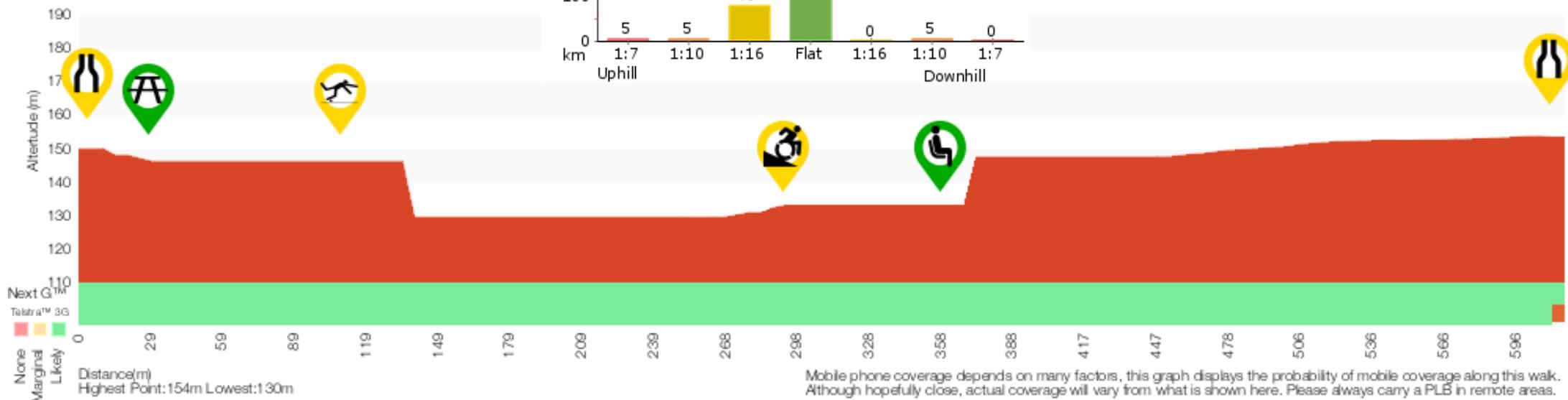
## Steepness

This walk heads moderately steeply down to the creek, then very steeply up on the northern side of Zig Zag Creek. If using a wheelchair assistance is most likely to be required.

This graph shows how steep the track is.



| 3                          |   | Grade 3/6<br>Moderate track |  |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Length</b>              | 619 m One way   |                             |  |
| <b>Time</b>                | 30 mins   |                             |  |
| <b>Quality of track</b>    | Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)                          |                             |  |
| <b>Signs</b>               | Clearly signposted (1/6)  |                             |  |
| <b>Experience Required</b> | No experience required (1/6)  |                             |  |
| <b>Weather</b>             | Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)                 |                             |  |
| <b>Infrastructure</b>      | Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6) |                             |  |





## 1 Pinch Point (0m)

Pinchpoints beside metal gate. The flattest gap beside the gate is 85cm wide, the bollards closer to the fence are 1.1m apart, but require going over grass and uneven ground. Gate and bollards are 1m high.



## 2 Picnic Table (30m)

A timber slat picnic table and bench seat. The table is 80cm high, 71cm deep and 2.4m wide. The seats are 45cm high, 29cm deep and 2.07m wide. On a 3x3m concrete slab about 7m walk over rough grass from the trail.



## 3 Trip Hazard (110m)

Unfenced and unmarked edge with potential 80cm or higher fall into the creek. Keep clear of the culverts edge when crossing.



## 4 Wheelchair Steep (290m)

A 45m long section of concrete trail (3.3m wide) that is very steep. There is a metal handrail on one side for most of the steep section. If using a wheelchair assistance is very likely required.



## 5 Seat (360m)

Nine timber log seats in old quarry. The seats are 3.7m wide and typically 50cm high. Access is over a flat dirt path 40m from the concrete trail.



## 6 Pinch Point (610m)

Pinchpoint beside metal gate. The gap beside the gate is 73cm wide. Gate and bollards are 1m high.