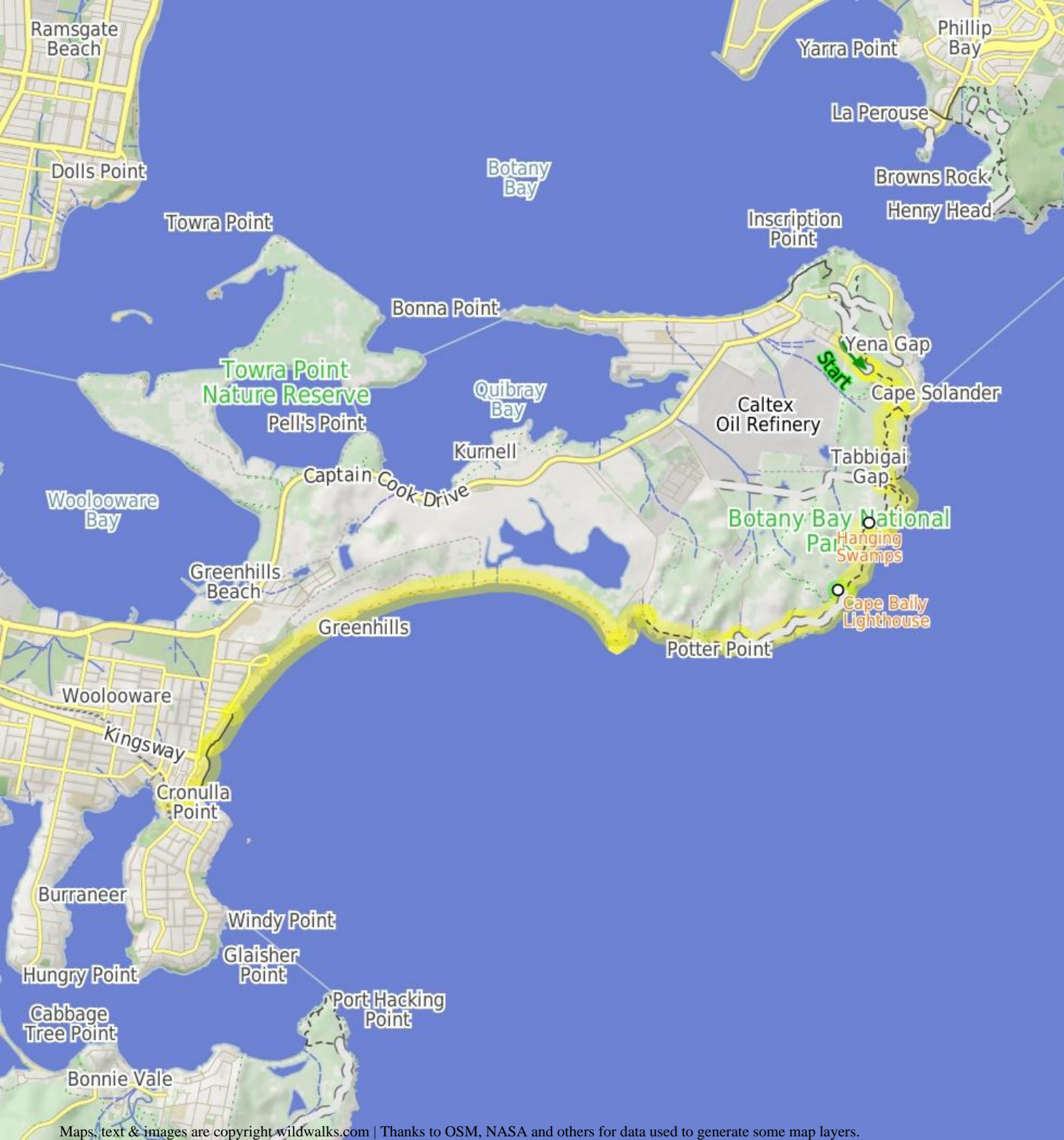


Botany Bay Coastal Walk



4 hrs 15 mins

Hard track



12.7 km One way  **192m**

This great coastal walk follows the coastline from the cliff tops near Kurnell, south to the Boat Harbour Aquatic Reserve, and around the coast to Cronulla station. Other great features of this walk are the many rock formations around the coast, the small sand dunes along the track, the hanging swamps and the Cape Bailey lighthouse. For a more relaxing finish you could stop off at the ocean pools in Cronulla before heading to the train station.

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Hanging Swamps

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Cape Baily Lighthouse

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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, unknown](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Botany Bay 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:91294N PORT HACKING

1:100 000 Map Series:9129 PORT HACKING

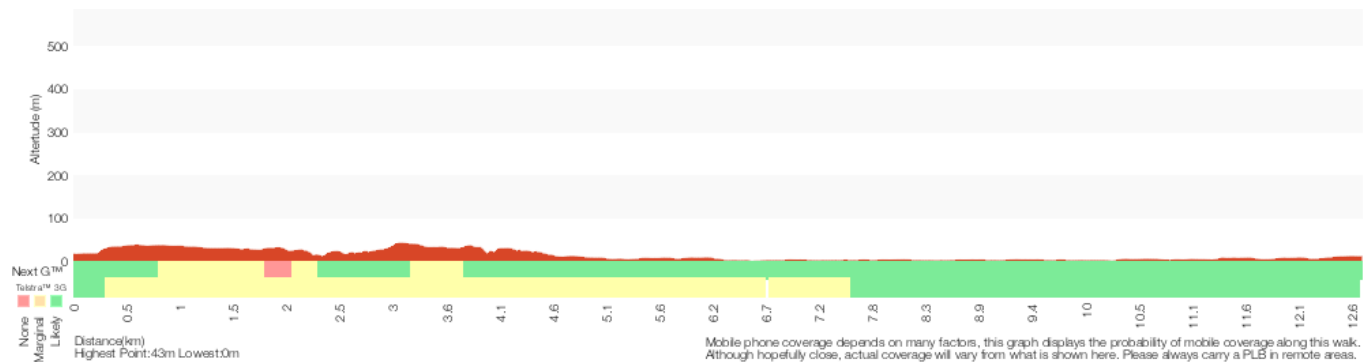
Grade

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

Length	12.7 km One way
Time	4 hrs 15 mins
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



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 walk's 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 Polo Street (gps: -34.0105, 151.2228) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Cronulla Station (gps: -34.0559, 151.1514) 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/f>

0 | End of Polo Street

(400 m 8 mins) From the end of the Polo St, this walk heads around the metal National Parks gate and south-east along the service trail, with some power lines on the right-hand side. As the track heads further south-east, the track steadily climbs up to the top of a gentle hill and continues along until it comes to the intersection of the Cape Bailey walk and the radar service trail.

0.4 | Int of Cape Bailey track and water tank service tr

(690 m 11 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail heading east (with the water tank on the right) for a very short distance until it comes to the intersection with a link bush track on the left. Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk initially heads east, then turns right along the wide bush track, keeping the water tank and the radar on the right as it winds through the heath forest, coming to a four-way intersection with a wide management trail.

Veer left: From the intersection, the walk heads south (with the water tank directly behind) along the sandy bush track, and then along the rock-shelf until coming to an intersection marked by several arrows.

1.09 | Int of Cape Bailey and car park tracks

(1 km 17 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads south (keeping the ocean to the left, about 150m away) along the rock and the sandy track, through the low dense scrub. Along this part of the track, there are several sections where wind and water erosion has developed small holes along the rock shelf that give it a very interesting look. After some time, this walk passes a small bush track on the left (which heads out to the coast), and shortly after this, comes to an intersection with a service trail at Tabbigai Gap.

2.1 | Tabbigai Gap Track Int

(840 m 19 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk initially heads east along the track nearest to the coastline, keeping Tabbigai Gap to the left. The thin track follows the coastline, tending right, occasionally heading into heavy heath and scrub. There are some great views over the surrounding coastline and the ocean. The track continues inland a little and joins up with another defined track, coming in sharply from the right.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads south-west along track beside the cliffline, gradually turning to the west (along the northern side of Blue Hole Gap) until coming to a small climb inside a sand dunes. On the far side of the dune (about 30m), there is an intersection with a wide sandy track to the right, and a narrower one on the left.

2.94 | Hanging Swamps

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Bailey walk. They are home to a number of different plants and animals like reeds and frogs. Hanging swamps are formed on high ground when rainfall seeps out of surrounding hills and accumulates in a slight depression, over time forming a swamp. Interestingly, they are sometimes difficult to see from far away as the thick build up of reeds and other plant life often cover the water.

2.94 | Sand dune int

(950 m 18 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the narrow bush track that heads west to the top of the dunes. (From the top of the dune there are some great views of the hanging swamp straight ahead). The track then turns left and drops off the top of the sand dune, keeping the swamp on the right. The track then climbs a sandy hill to some more views before turning left and heading along a sandy track, through several more large sand dunes. After these dunes, the track starts to flatten out and widen, to head along to an intersection with a bush track (which heads to the lighthouse).

3.89 | Optional sidetrip to Cape Bailey Lighthouse

(80 m 2 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sandy bush track, heading up and away from the ocean. The track is relatively defined for most of the way, however in the last 20m the track becomes quite overgrown and a little less defined (the lighthouse is always visible). Once at the lighthouse, there are good views inland, however the views to the east are largely blocked by the high scrub. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

3.89 | Cape Baily Lighthouse

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3.89 | Int of Cape Bailey lighthouse track

(690 m 16 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail south, along the coastline (keeping the ocean on the left). The trail winds down through tall heath for approximately 300m to the open rock platform. The walk bends right and continues south, down the hill and along the edge of the scrub for approximately 380m more. Here, the walk comes to the start of a track that leads back into the scrub.

4.58 | Rock platform

(700 m 12 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail as it heads south-west off the rock platform (keeping the ocean on the left) and down the grassy hill, passing a few small tracks, coming to the end of the clear management trail. From here, the walk follows the coast (ocean on the left), cutting across the mouth of the sand dunes and bending around to the right and up the gentle hill to the Sir Joseph Banks Drive car park.

5.28 | Sir Joseph Banks Drive Carpark

(1.1 km 19 mins) Turn around: From the car park, this walk heads south-west along the bush track, initially heading towards the ocean, and tending right onto a long rock platform, keeping the ocean to the left, until coming to the 'Boat Harbour Aquatic Reserve' signpost.

Continue straight: From the 'Boat Harbour Aquatic Reserve' sign, this walk heads west along the coast, keeping the ocean on the left as it winds around to a small shelly beach. From the beach, the walk heads north up the grassy hill, following the bush track as it winds along the coast. The track cuts across the mouth of some sand dunes and follows an old disused pipeline

around the coast, as it bends around to the north and winds in towards the bay. The walk follows the track down a thin concrete path that drops down to the beach.

6.39 | Boat Harbour Beach (east)

(460 m 8 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the beach west around the bay, keeping the ocean on the left as it winds around to the point at the other side of the bay (where the beach bends to the right), noticeable by the rocks that extend out into the ocean.

6.84 | Pimelwi Rocks

(4.5 km 1 hr 11 mins) Turn right: From the point, the walk heads north west along the very long stretch of beach with the South Pacific Ocean on the left. The walk continues along the beach for approximately 4.5 kilometres, until it passes the Elouera Beach Surf Life Saving Club, and heads up the short ramp to the intersection with the Elouera Beach footpath.

11.37 | Louera Beach footpath (east)

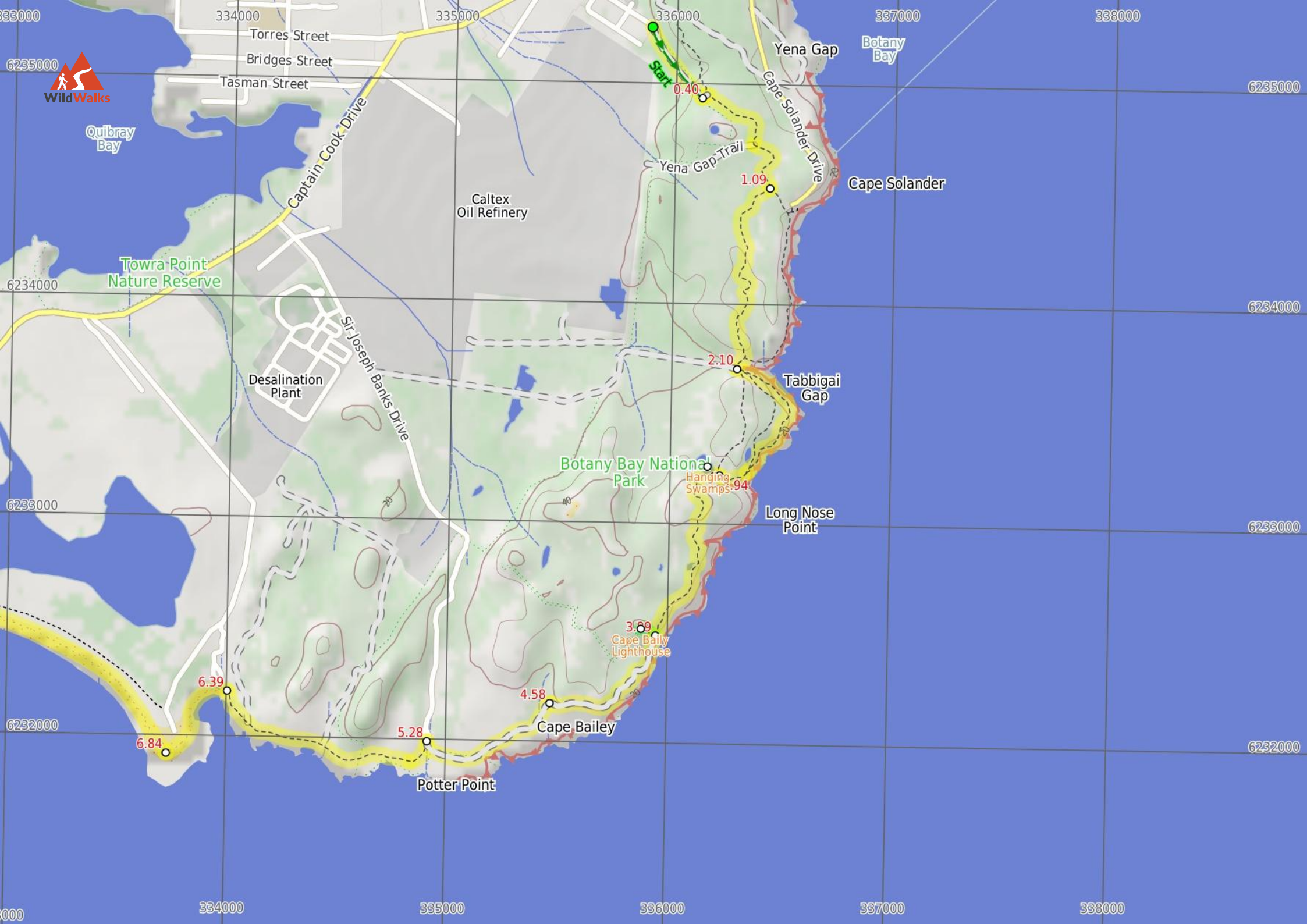
(960 m 16 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the footpath south. The footpath runs along the back of the beach, providing great views to the east across the ocean. The footpath passes a set of concrete stairs and continues further before turning back up to the intersection of Prince street. From here, the walk follows the footpath south to the corner of the car park and the intersection of the ocean pools footpath (near the North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club).

Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the footpath past the North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club. The footpath passes the end of the beach, and continues south, passing the rocks and ocean pools, to the northern corner of Cronulla Park.

12.33 | Cronulla Park

(350 m 6 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the footpath into the park, towards the carpark on the other side. The walk continues past the first two intersecting footpaths and turns right onto the third. The walk follows this footpath to Gerrale street and crosses at the pedestrian crossing.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the wide laneway running between the buildings. The walk crosses Surf lane at the pedestrian crossing and continues between the park and the row of shops before it comes to, and crosses, Cronulla street at the traffic lights to reach Cronulla train station.



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Botany Bay National Park

Hanging Swamps

Cape Bailey Lighthouse

Potter Point

Torres Street
Bridges Street
Tasman Street

Captain Cook Drive

Sir Joseph Banks Drive

Caltex Oil Refinery

Yena Gap

Botany Bay

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Bate Bay Road

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Greenhills Beach

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Summary navigation sheet for the Botany Bay Coastal Walk



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	End of Polo Street -34.0105,151.2228 (GR Port Hacking, 359353)	19 -2	400 m 8 mins	From the end of the Polo St, this walk heads around the metal National Parks gate and south-east along the service trail, with some power lines on the right-hand side.
0.40	Int of Cape Bailey track and water tank service trail -34.0134,151.2252 (GR Port Hacking, 361349)	6 -7	690 m 11 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail heading east (with the water tank on the right) for a very short distance until it comes to the intersection with a link bush track on the left.
1.09	Int of Cape Bailey and car park tracks -34.0171,151.2285 (GR Port Hacking, 364345)	10 -19	1 km 17 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads south (keeping the ocean to the left, about 150m away) along the rock and the sandy track, through the low dense scrub.
2.10	Tabbigai Gap Track Int -34.0245,151.2269 (GR Port Hacking, 363337)	41 -40	840 m 19 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk initially heads east along the track nearest to the coastline, keeping Tabbigai Gap to the left.
2.94	Sand dune int -34.0289,151.226 (GR Port Hacking, 362332)	28 -22	950 m 18 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the narrow bush track that heads west to the top of the dunes.
3.89	Int of Cape Bailey Lighthouse track -34.0355,151.2229 (GR Port Hacking, 359325)	8 0	80 m 2 mins	Optional sidetrip to Cape Bailey Lighthouse. Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sandy bush track, heading up and away from the ocean.
3.89	Int of Cape Bailey lighthouse track -34.0355,151.2229 (GR Port Hacking, 359325)	25 -42	690 m 16 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail south, along the coastline (keeping the ocean on the left).
4.58	Rock platform -34.0382,151.2177 (GR Port Hacking, 355322)	5 -14	700 m 12 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail as it heads south-west off the rock platform (keeping the ocean on the left) and down the grassy hill, passing a few small tracks, com...
5.28	Sir Joseph Banks Drive Carpark -34.0398,151.2116 (GR Port Hacking, 349320)	15 -18	1.1 km 19 mins	Turn around: From the car park, this walk heads south-west along the bush track, initially heading towards the ocean, and tending right onto a long rock platform, keeping the ocean to the left, until coming to the '...
6.39	Boat Harbour Beach (east) -34.0377,151.2018 (GR Port Hacking, 340322)	4 -5	460 m 8 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the beach west around the bay, keeping the ocean on the left as it winds around to the point at the other side of the bay (where the beach bends to the right), not...
6.84	Pimelwi Rocks -34.0403,151.1988 (GR Port Hacking, 337319)	23 -18	4.5 km 1 hr 11 mins	Turn right: From the point, the walk heads north west along the very long stretch of beach with the South Pacific Ocean on the left.
11.37	Louera Beach footpath (east) -34.0475,151.1582 (GR Port Hacking, 300311)	11 -13	960 m 16 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the footpath south.
12.33	Cronulla Park -34.055,151.1547 (GR Port Hacking, 297302)	5 -1	350 m 6 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the footpath into the park, towards the carpark on the other side.