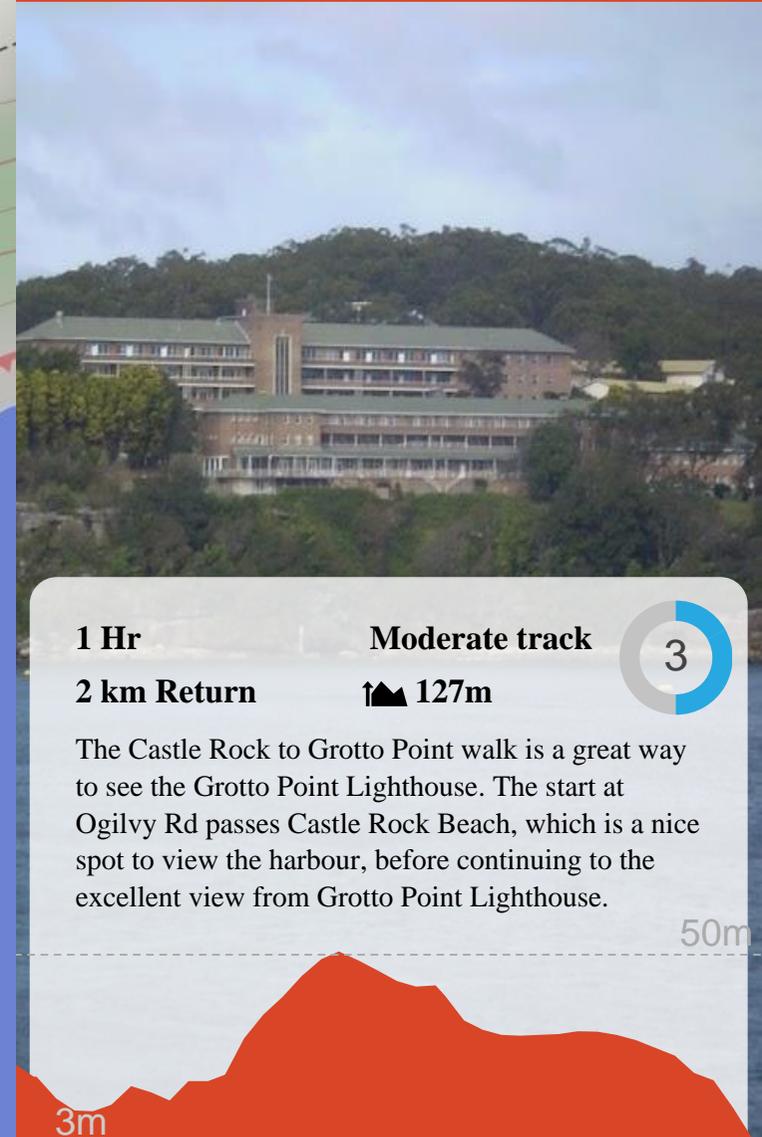
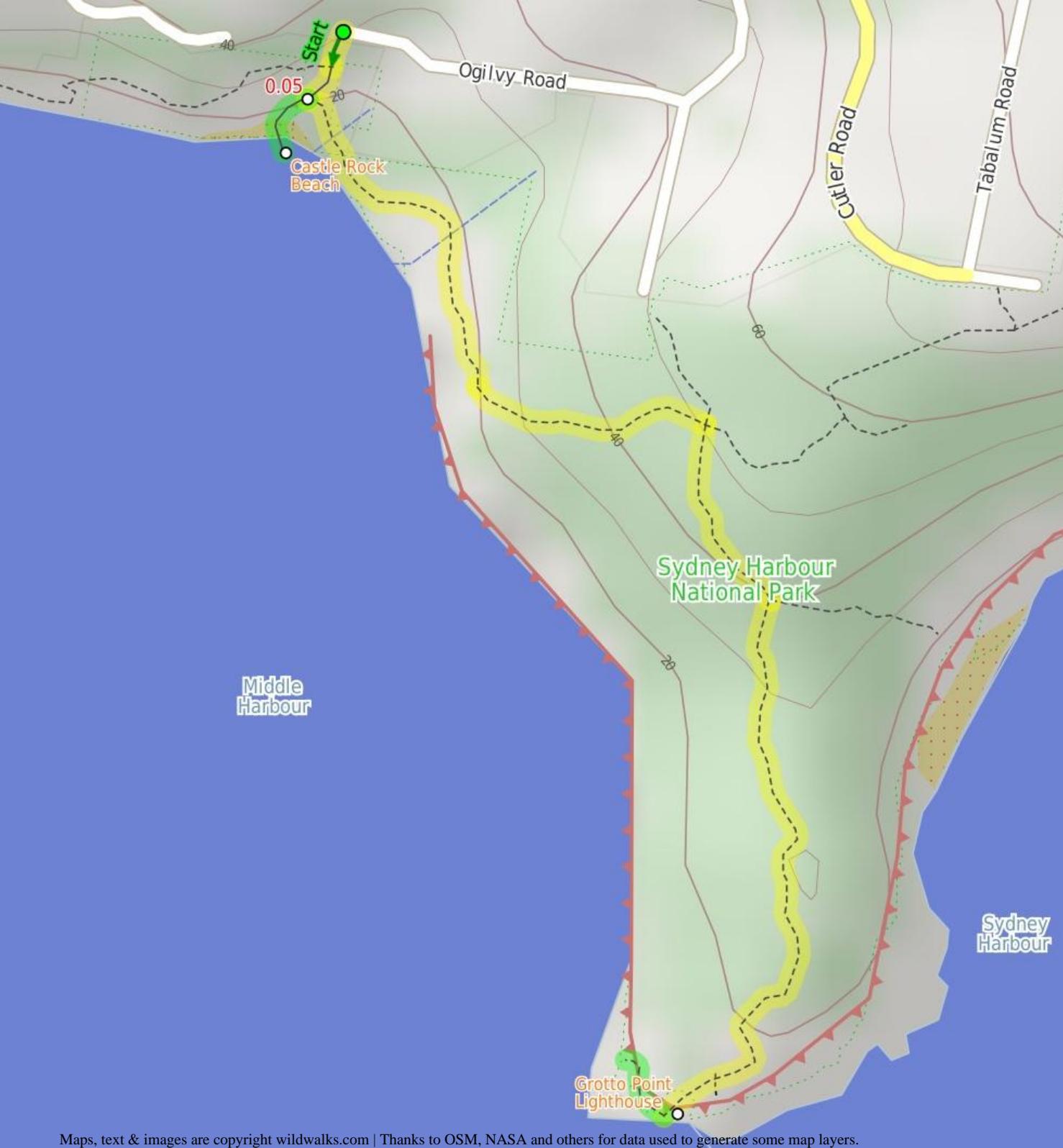


# Castle Rock to Grotto Point Lighthouse



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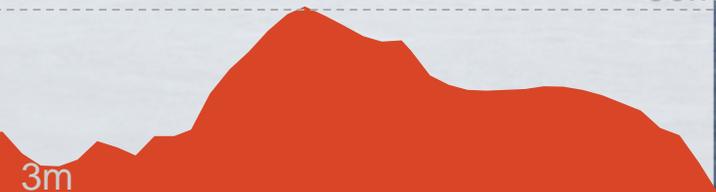
**Moderate track**

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**2 km Return**

**127m**

The Castle Rock to Grotto Point walk is a great way to see the Grotto Point Lighthouse. The start at Ogilvy Rd passes Castle Rock Beach, which is a nice spot to view the harbour, before continuing to the excellent view from Grotto Point Lighthouse.



Sydney Harbour 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** You can get to End of Ogilvy Rd (gps: -33.811, 151.2595) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a return, so you will finish back at the start.

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

### **0 | End of Ogilvy Rd**

*(50 m 2 mins)* From the end of Ogilvy Rd, walk follows the 'MSW To the Spit' sign on the telegraph pole, down the stairs to a 4 way sign posted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Manly Scenic Walk' arrow down the concrete steps towards the water, to the signposted intersection of the 'Manly to Spit' and 'Castle Rock' beach tracks.

### **0.05 | Optional sidetrip to Castle Rock Beach**

*(50 m 1 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk leads down the concrete steps to Castle Rock Beach. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

### **0.05 | Castle Rock Beach**

Castle Rock Beach can be found a short walk down from the Manly-to-Spit walking track, near Ogilvy Road. This small, secluded beach is a great spot for those wanting a quieter day at the beach, instead of the more popular and larger beaches in the area.

### **0.05 | Int of Manly to Spit Track and Castle Rock Beach s**

*(950 m 22 mins)* Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Manly' arrow up the rock steps. The bush track soon crosses a short boardwalk and continues along the rocky track that follows the side of the hill. Soon, the track turns down the hill and winds down to the bottom and steeply back up via concrete steps. The walk then flattens out and crosses a wooden bridge. From the bridge, the track continues up some rock steps, winding up and along the side of the hill, passing

some fenced-off rock platforms and coming to the fenced rest area with a bench seat.

Continue straight: From the rest area, this walk follows the bush track up the rock steps and along the side of the hill, keeping the water to the right. The track continues steadily up to the 4-way signposted intersection.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the Grotto Point Lighthouse arrow along the rocky bush track, winding down a gentle hill, coming into more dense bush as it winds to the intersection of the Grotto Point Lighthouse and the Grotto Point Cliffs tracks.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk winds down the hill, passing an old, blank signpost. The track wanders through dense bush and along the ridge, flattening out for a while until it drops down another hill towards the end of the point, coming to the Grotto Point Lighthouse.

### **1 | Grotto Point Lighthouse**

Surrounded by a white picket fence, the small Grotto Point Lighthouse overlooks Middle Head. The light was designed in the early 1900s by the architect Maurice Festu to assist ships entering the harbour. Construction started in 1910, with the lighthouse being commissioned on September 1 1911.

### **1 | Optional sidetrip to Old concrete bunker**

*(50 m 1 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads around the right-hand side of the lighthouse and along the bush track, passing a green post and continuing down some tall brick steps to the concrete roof of an old bunker. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn sharp left.

