Casuarina Track (Davidson Park to Ferguson St)

# 1 hr 45 mins 3.8 km One way

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# Hard track

Starting at Davidson Picnic area, this walk follows the ridge above Middle Harbour Creek, giving some great views along the way. The walk explores the sandstone formations, and passes an aboriginal midden along the way. Soon after passing the national park office, the walk finishes at the end of Ferguson St in Forestville.

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#### 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 Bottom of the Casuarina Steps (gps: -33.7676, 151.2024) by car or bus. Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

You can get back from End of Ferguson St (gps: -33.7566, 151.2105) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

Find up to date and more information inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <a href="http://wild.tl/ctptfs">http://wild.tl/ctptfs</a>

## 0 | Davidson picnic area

Davidson Picnic Area is in Garigal National Park, under Roseville Bridge (access via Warringah Road, south bound lanes, or via many walking tracks in the area). The picnic area has a boat ramp, wheelchair-accessible toilets, large open grassy areas, picnic tables, free electric BBQ's, and a large rotunda. There are plenty of shady spots provided by the trees. The northern section of the picnic area has a small beach swimming area, and the southern section boasts a boat ramp. The park is open 6am to 8pm (6:30pm outside daylight savings time). Ticket machines are provided to pay the car access fee.

## 0 | Bottom of the Casuarina Steps

(1.9 km 48 mins) From the intersection, this walk follows the Casuarina Stairway up the long wooden staircase, climbing the long hill to the top where it comes to the lookout (and a bush track continuing along the side of the hill).

Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk follows the bush track, meandering along the side of the hill for a little while before it climbs up a short but steep rocky hill. The walk flattens out again and continues along the side of the hill for a while before crossing a small stream at some boulders. After the stream crossing, this walk climbs up a small hill and across a few rock platforms as it starts to undulate along the side of the hill. It then passes under some power lines, and climbs steeply up the hill to the large power line tower, which it passes around (keeping the tower to the right), to the intersection of the Boree Road service trail at the Casuarina Track sign.

**1.88** | Alternate Route Int of Casuarina Track and Boree R (*110 m 2 mins*) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail, heading away from the power line tower and through the bush until coming to the end of Boree Road a short while later.

#### 1.88 | Int of Casuarina Track and Boree Road service trai

(1.4 km 34 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track opposite the service trail, heading north away from the power line tower and along the rocky bush track. The walk undulates up and down the side of the hill for a while before coming to a large rocky outcrop. After this, the track starts to wind down the long hill, until it flattens out again and passes under a long rock overhang, then continues down the side of the hill until it comes down to the signposted intersection of the 'Carrol Creek Track' at the end of a service trail, and at the top of some concrete stairs.

#### 3.3 | Int of Casuarina and Carroll Creek Tracks

(410 m 11 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail, heading up the long gentle hill which progressively steepens as it passes a short loop trail on the right, and winds up to the intersection with an asphalt service trail. (Note: The National Parks Depot is just down the hill along the asphalt trail to the right)

# 3.7 | Int of Carrol Crk and Northern Beaches Area Depot

(120 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the driveway, crossing under the power lines and passing the 'Northern Beaches Area Office and Depot' on the right (and a small car park on the left). Not much further up, the driveway passes through a white gate and comes to the end of Ferguson Rd, Forestville.

