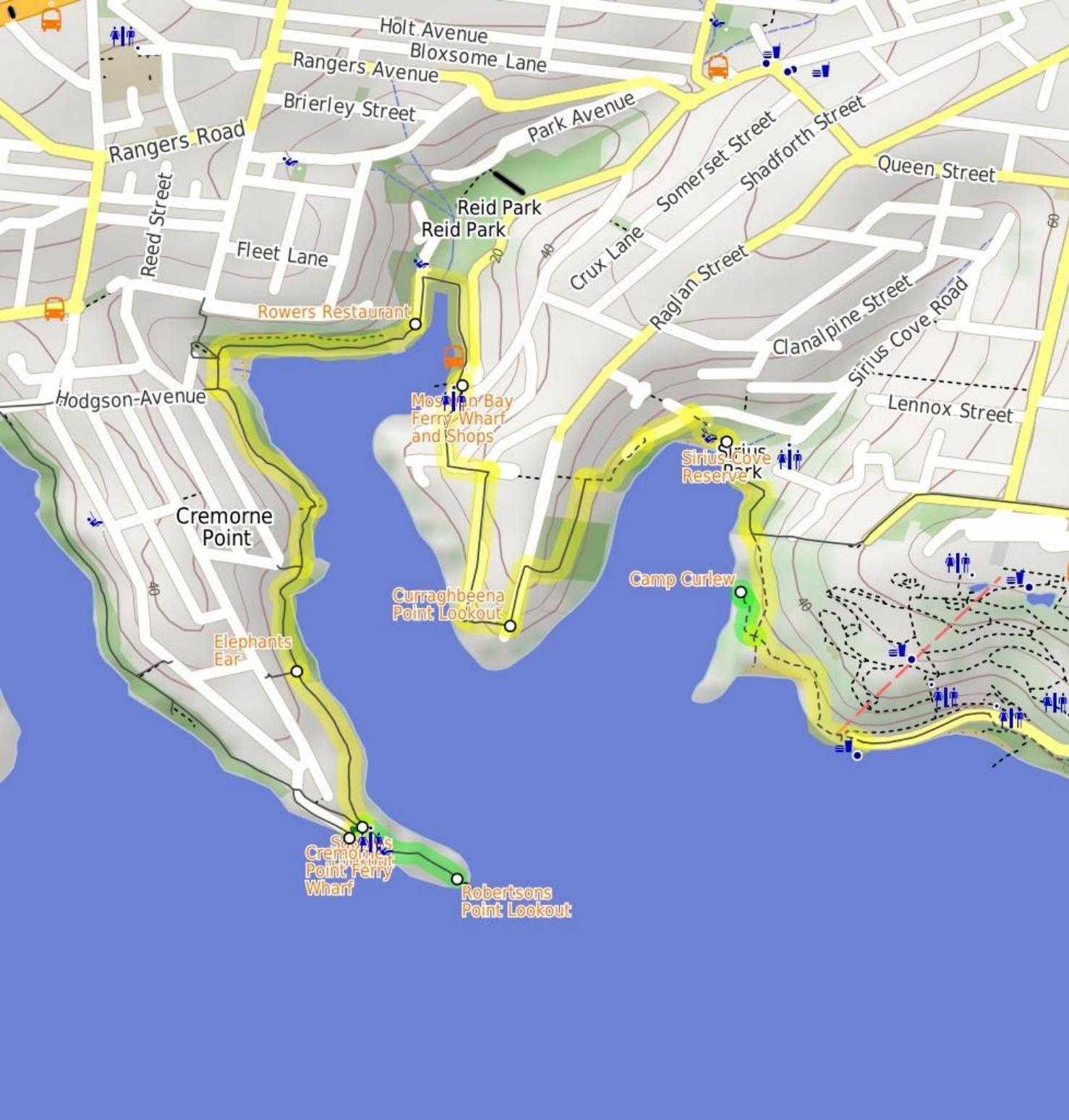


Cremorne Point to Taronga Zoo



1 hr 45 mins

Moderate track



4.2 km One way

▲ 218m

This delightful walk from Cremorne to Taronga Zoo enjoys stunning harbour views and a number of sites to explore along bushland and suburban tracks. Starting from Cremorne ferry wharf, there is an option for a closer look at Robertsons Point lighthouse before continuing around Cremorne Reserve into Mosmans Bay. The walk continues through Little Sirius Bay, and offers the chance to visit historic Camp Curlew before finishing at the scenic Taronga Zoo wharf. A great way to enjoy a few hours exploring this beautiful harbour.

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Cremorne Reserve

Cremorne Point Ferry Wharf

Cremorne Point Ferry Wharf marks the first stop on the Mosman Ferry Service. The wharf is home to Sophie's Place cafe, serving coffee, food and drinks. A public phone, public toilets and a children's playground can all be found within 100m of this wharf. [More info.](#)

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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 ()
- 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:91303N PARRAMATTA RIVER

1:100 000 Map Series:9130 SYDNEY



Mobile phone coverage depends on many factors, this graph displays the probability of mobile coverage along this walk. Although hopefully close, actual coverage will vary from what is shown here. Please always carry a PLB in remote areas.

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 3/6
Moderate track

Length	4.2 km One way
Time	1 hr 45 mins
Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Signs	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
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 Cremorne Point Ferry Wharf (gps: -33.8476, 151.231) by car, ferry or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Taronga Zoo Wharf (gps: -33.8457, 151.2398) by car, ferry 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/cptz>

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0 | Cremorne Point Ferry Wharf

(40 m 1 mins) From the entrance to Cremorne Point Ferry Wharf, this walk crosses Milson Road to the base of the staircase on the other side of the road. Here the walk turns right to head up the steps past the lookout and monument to 'Sophie Vaillant' to an intersection with a few other footpaths.

0.04 | Sophies Lookout

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0.04 | Optional sidetrip to Robertsons Point Lookout

(200 m 3 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the footpath directly away from the house, heading towards the toilet block and playground. The path leads past this park area and heads into the bush, then passes a couple of information signs to find a concrete rock cairn, built for the 'Clan of Donnachaidh' in 1988 (each rock has its town of origin carved in it). The walk then continues along the path past a picnic table (with views and some shade) to find the lookout at Robertsons Point. (There is a track with steps and ladder that continues further down to the very tip of the point for the adventurous). At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer right.

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0.04 | Sophies Lookout

(370 m 7 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads along the footpath, keeping the houses to your left (that is, use the footpath on the far side of the houses from the wharf and road). The footpath leads behind the houses, enjoying the water views (on your right) and after about 250m, the path leads past a 'The Illustrated Sydney News' information sign. Here the walk continues for a short time further to a clear three-way intersection and a

drinking fountain.

0.41 | Elephants Ear

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0.41 | Elephants Ear

(1.2 km 25 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads along the main foreshore track, keeping the house to your left. The path almost immediately passes the northern end of the signposted 'Elephant's Ear' garden and continues past some other exotic gardens behind the houses, whilst keeping the water views to your right. After 200m, the path leads to an information sign about the constructed environment and then to a clearing with a sandstone rotunda. There is a four-way intersection just above the 'Sydney Amateur Sailing Club' (on your right).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Old Cremorne Wharf' sign sign gently uphill along the path, keeping the water to your right. The path soon comes to another intersection where this walk tends right, following the path for about 120m (passing a few informal side tracks) to find some large sandstone boulders and the entrance to the 'Old Cremorne' Ferry Wharf.

Turn left: From the Old Cremorne Ferry Wharf entrance, this walk follows the footpath away from the power lines keeping the water to your right. The path leads up the hill and after 180m, the path heads up a set of steps. The path continues to enjoy water views (to your right), passing behind a row of houses. Soon the path bends left to pass a 'Cremorne Point' sign and find a clear three-way intersection and a bench seat.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bromley Ave' sign along the footpath (not actually a road) between the row of houses to find a four-way intersection at the last house, number five.

Continue straight: From 5 Bromley Ave, this walk heads down the steps and follows the path to cross the timber bridge over the valley. The walk bends right and follows the path for 250m, enjoying the water views to your right. The path then passes a 'Harnett Park' sign (and ignores the upper track on your left), then heads down some steps and turns left. The walk heads past the 'Rowers Restaurant' to a car park and the Mosman Bay Marina.

1.57 | Rowers Restaurant

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1.57 | Mosman Bay Marina

(400 m 7 mins) Continue straight: From Mosman Bay Marina, this walk follows the waterside footpath, keeping the water to your right. The path soon bends right to round to the apex of Mosmans Bay opposite 'Reid Park' and a children's playground. Here the walk continues around the bay and after 110m, comes to a large rock commemorating 'H.M.S Sirius'. The walk then continues 90m to the bush shelter and the entrance to Mosman Bay Ferry Wharf.

1.96 | Mosman Bay Ferry Wharf and Shops

Mosman Bay ferry wharf, located on Avenue Rd, is nestled in the deep Mosmans Bay, opposite the marina. The wharf houses Wharf's cafe. Open weekdays 7am-2pm and weekends 7am-4pm, for more information call (02)

9968-3569. Across the road is Mosman Wharf Store, selling groceries and snacks, newspapers, bait and travel tickets. Open weekdays 7am-7pm, Sat 8am-6pm & Sun 8am-2pm, for more information, call (02) 9969 9369.

1.96 | Mosman Bay Ferry Wharf

(610 m 14 mins) Turn left: From Mosman Bay Ferry Wharf, this walk heads up the steps opposite the wharf, next to the 'Mosman Wharf Store'. This path continues up the hill and up some more steps, and then crosses a minor road and heads up a ramp. Here the walk turns right and follows Mosman St. Mosman St soon bends left (and becomes Trumfield Lane) which continues up the hill to a 'T' intersection with McLeod St. This walk crosses McLeod St to find a driveway (just a bit to the right) and turns left, following the steps and footpath up the hill. This footpath soon leads to an intersection with Musgrave Street.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads downhill along 'Musgrave St' towards the distant water views. At the end of the street, the walk comes to a turning area, bus stop, shelter and the entrance to the 'South Mosman Wharf'.

2.57 | South Mosman Wharf

(90 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the shelter at the entrance to South Mosman Wharf, this walk heads downhill to soon turn left and heads up the steps next to the 'Exploring Curlew Camp Artists' Walk' sign. Soon the walk turns right at the 'T' intersection partway up the stairs then continues up ignoring the private property side paths to find the end of a short road. Here the walk follows the road to the intersection with Raglan St and the 'Curraghbeena Point Lookout' in front of 'The Castle'.

2.66 | Curraghbeena Point Lookout

Curraghbeena Point separates Little Sirius Cove from Mosmans Bay (formerly Sirius Cove). This well-kept little park at the point offers some lovely views over Sydney Harbour, with two bench seats and a drinking fountain nestled amongst the buildings.

2.66 | Curraghbeena Point

(400 m 9 mins) Turn left: From 'Curraghbeena Point Lookout', this walk heads up the hill following Raglan Street soon passing 'Herron Park' (on your left) then just before the sandstone wall (on the right) this walk turn right into the sandstone driveway then follows the 'Public Path' sign up the steps. At the top the path passes beside a house and then follows a short section of Raglan St to turn right into Curraghbeena Rd (near the playground and park). Here the walk heads down Curraghbeena Rd passing a lookout (on your right) and continues down the road to the very end where there is an intersection with a walking track and steps.

3.07 | End of Curraghbeena Rd

(160 m 6 mins) Turn right: From the end of Curraghbeena Road, the walk follows the 'Curlew Camp Walk' sign down the stairs next to the sandstone wall towards the water. At the bottom of these steps the walk comes to a telegraph pole and great unfenced water view. Here the walk turns left and follows a footpath behind the houses then down a few timber stairs cases. Here the walk follows the track through the bush to soon head up a few of steps onto Curlew Camp Road where there is a sign pointing back to 'Walking track to Curraghbeena Road'.

3.22 | No. 4 Curlew Camp Rd

(90 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill along the narrow concrete road, keeping the houses to your left. Soon the road leads to an intersection with Illawarra St and some stairs (on your right).

3.31 | Int. Illawarra St and Curlew Camp Rd

(100 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the series of steps and along the footpath beside the children's playground. The walk then continues across the grassy clearing to the middle of Sirius Cove Reserve.

3.41 | Sirius Cove Reserve

Sirius Cove Reserve is next to the sandy beach of Little Sirius Cove, Mosman. The reserve is open and grassy, with a few picnic tables, a fenced playground and drinking fountain at the western end, and a toilet block at the eastern end. The beach has no surf and faces south to Cremorne Point. Road access is via Sirius Cove Road.

3.41 | Sirius Cove Reserve

(250 m 5 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the park foreshore with the water to your right, then heads up the hill bending right. The walk follows the footpath below some houses and past a small beach with a two-storey scout hall. Just after the last house, the path comes to a three-way intersection at the start of a large wall/fence. There is a 'Curlew Camp' sign pointing back to 'Sirius Cove'.

3.65 | Bottom of Whiting Beach Rd steps

(240 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign pointing to 'Curlew Camp', following the footpath beside the tall barbed wire fence and wall. The track leads over a few sections of boardwalk, and soon comes to an intersection (with a track on the right marked with another 'Curlew Camp' sign, pointing '130 metres'.

3.89 | Optional sidetrip to Camp Curlew

(120 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill following the 'Welcome to Curlew Camp' sign. The track quickly turns right, over a boardwalk, then turns left down more stairs. The walk then winds down the hill to the corner of a large rock, just above the water. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down towards the water and onto the wooden platform. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

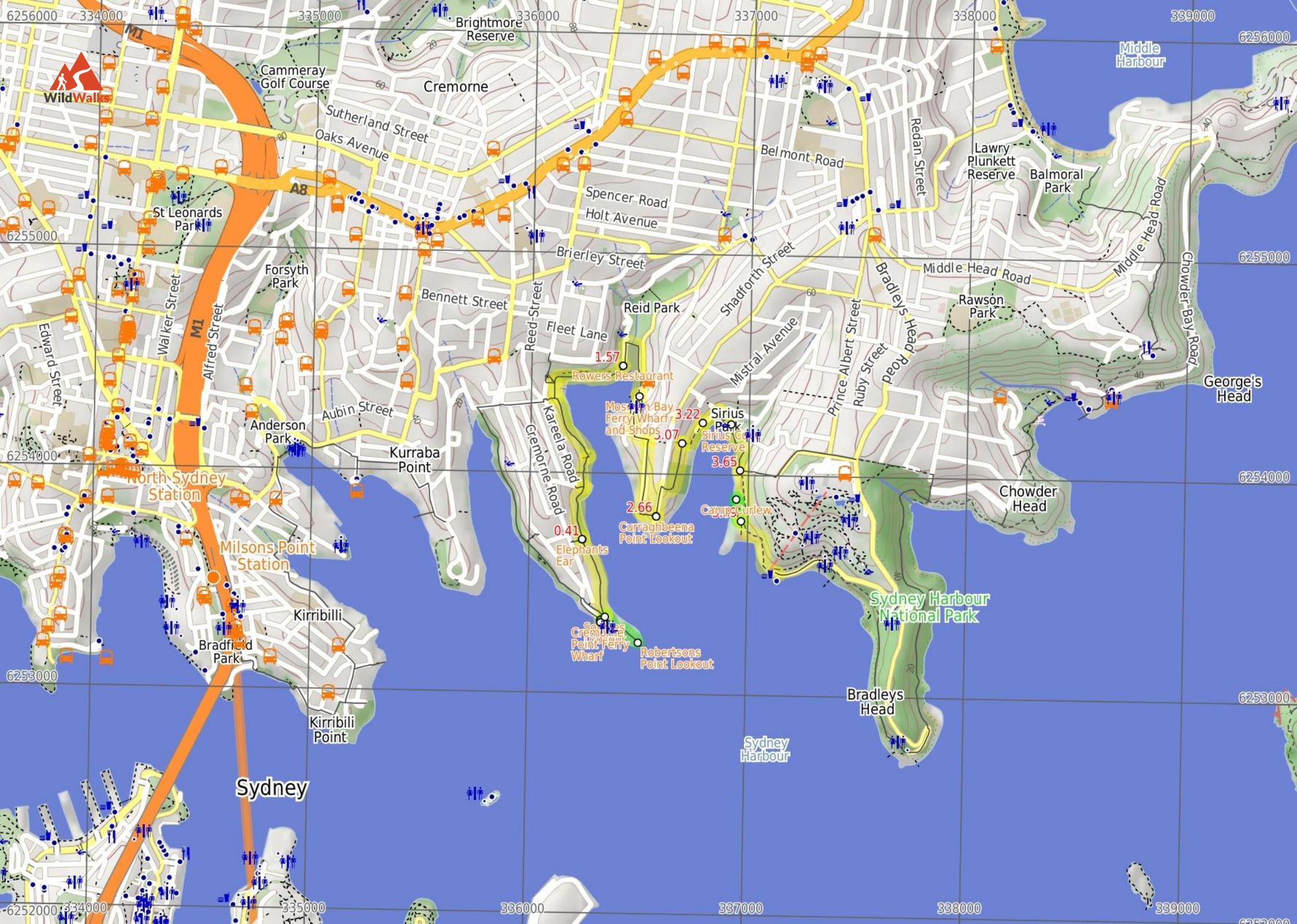
3.89 | Camp Curlew

Camp Curlew was created in 1890 as an artists' retreat, as was popular at the time. Artists of the day would visit for long periods (although women were not permitted to stay overnight), enjoying the surrounds and painting some of Australia's most prized works. Arthur Streeton is a notable artist who stayed at the camp. The site was less than rustic, with tents to accommodate billiards and dining, and also a hired cook and youth to help with odd jobs. Camp Curlew was abandoned after the siting of Taronga Zoo in the area in 1912.

3.89 | Int. Boregegal Walking Trail and Curlew Camp Trk

(340 m 9 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads along the fenceline, with the water below on the right of the track. The walk heads along large sections of boardwalk with a tall barbed-wire fence above on the left. After approximately 300m, the track turns left above a small beach and then after the beach turns right. The walk continues along the hillside, with the tall fence on the left, then heads up boardwalked steps and passes a building on the left before crossing the cul-de-sac to Taronga Zoo wharf.





Summary navigation sheet for the Cremorne Point to Taronga Zoo



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Cremorne Point Ferry Wharf -33.8476,151.231 (GR Parramatta River, 363533)	2 -1	40 m 1 mins	From the entrance to Cremorne Point Ferry Wharf, this walk crosses Milson Road to the base of the staircase on the other side of the road.
0.04	Sophies Lookout -33.8475,151.2312 (GR Parramatta River, 364534)	0 -8	200 m 3 mins	Optional sidetrip to Robertsons Point Lookout. Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the footpath directly away from the house, heading towards the toilet block and playground.
0.04	Sophies Lookout -33.8475,151.2312 (GR Parramatta River, 364534)	13 -9	370 m 7 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads along the footpath, keeping the houses to your left (that is, use the footpath on the far side of the houses from the wharf and road).
0.41	Elephants Ear -33.8443,151.2301 (GR Parramatta River, 362537)	46 -56	1.2 km 25 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads along the main foreshore track, keeping the house to your left.
1.57	Mosman Bay Marina -33.8372,151.2321 (GR Parramatta River, 364545)	7 -6	400 m 7 mins	Continue straight: From Mosman Bay Marina, this walk follows the waterside footpath, keeping the water to your right.
1.96	Mosman Bay Ferry Wharf -33.8384,151.2328 (GR Parramatta River, 365544)	40 -33	610 m 14 mins	Turn left: From Mosman Bay Ferry Wharf, this walk heads up the steps opposite the wharf, next to the 'Mosman Wharf Store'.
2.57	South Mosman Wharf -33.8432,151.2329 (GR Parramatta River, 365538)	18 0	90 m 2 mins	Continue straight: From the shelter at the entrance to South Mosman Wharf, this walk heads downhill to soon turn left and heads up the steps next to the 'Exploring Curlew Camp Artists' Walk' sign.
2.66	Curraghbeena Point -33.8434,151.2337 (GR Parramatta River, 366538)	24 -17	400 m 9 mins	Turn left: From 'Curraghbeena Point Lookout', this walk heads up the hill following Raglan Street soon passing 'Herron Park' (on your left) then just before the sandstone wall (on the right) this walk turn right int...
3.07	End of Curraghbeena Rd -33.8404,151.235 (GR Parramatta River, 367541)	10 -30	160 m 6 mins	Turn right: From the end of Curraghbeena Road, the walk follows the 'Curlew Camp Walk' sign down the stairs next to the sandstone wall towards the water.
3.22	No. 4 Curlew Camp Rd -33.8395,151.236 (GR Parramatta River, 368542)	3 -7	90 m 2 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill along the narrow concrete road, keeping the houses to your left.
3.31	Int. Illawarra St and Curlew Camp Rd -33.8391,151.2369 (GR Parramatta River, 369543)	0 -8	100 m 2 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the series of steps and along the footpath beside the children's playground.
3.41	Sirius Cove Reserve -33.8396,151.2374 (GR Parramatta River, 369542)	17 -6	250 m 5 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the park foreshore with the water to your right, then heads up the hill bending right.
3.65	Bottom of Whiting Beach Rd steps -33.8415,151.2379 (GR Parramatta River, 370540)	16 -17	240 m 6 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign pointing to 'Curlew Camp', following the footpath beside the tall barbed wire fence and wall.
3.89	Int. Borogegal Walking Trail and Curlew Camp Trk -33.8436,151.2379 (GR Parramatta River, 370538)	2 -11	120 m 2 mins	Optional sidetrip to Camp Curlew. Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill following the 'Welcome to Curlew Camp' sign.
3.89	Int. Borogegal Walking Trail and Curlew Camp Trk -33.8436,151.2379 (GR Parramatta River, 370538)	22 -26	340 m 9 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads along the fenceline, with the water below on the right of the track.