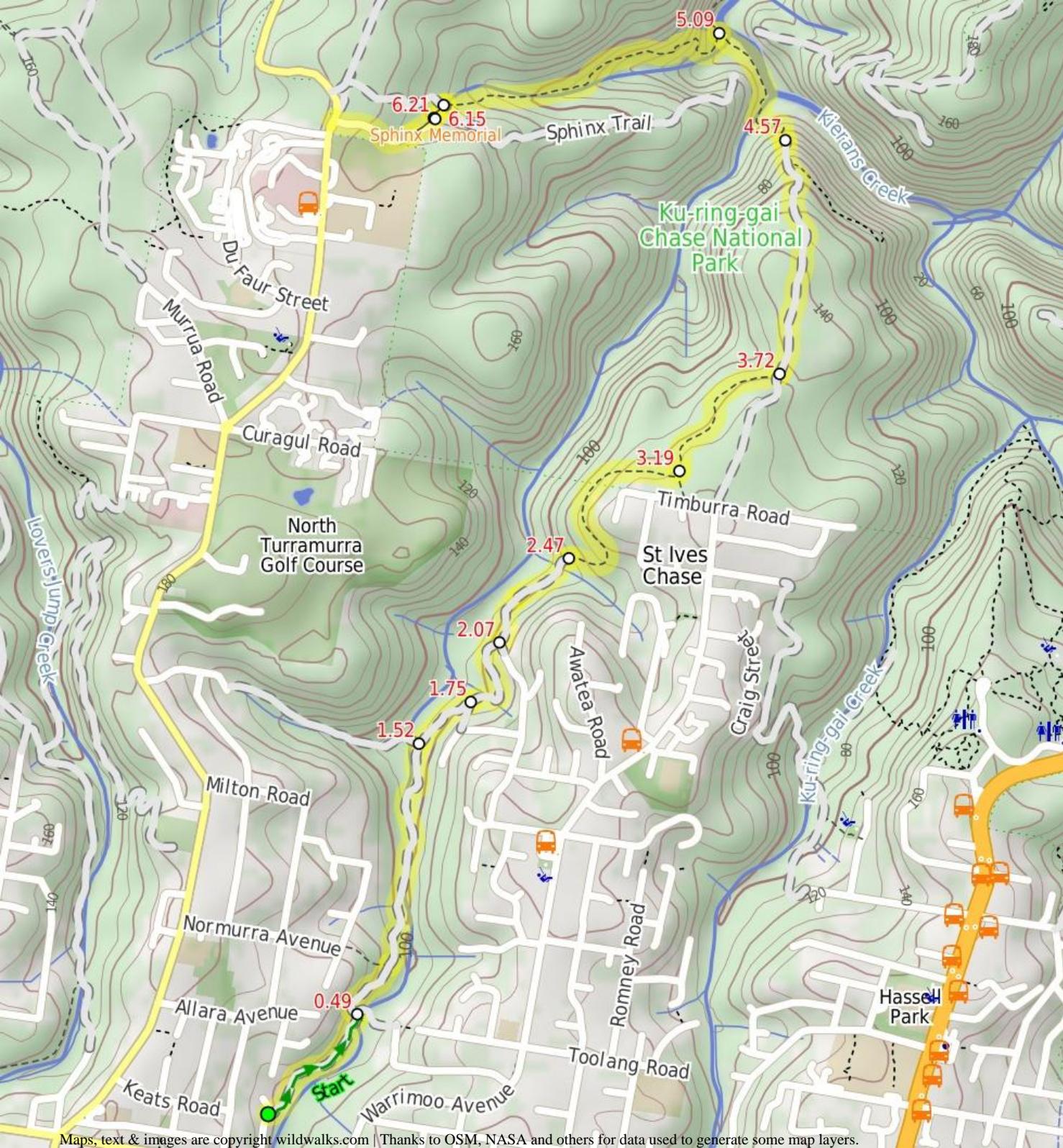


Darri and Warrimoo to the Sphinx Memorial



2 hrs 45 mins

Moderate track

6.6 km One way

▲ 366m

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This nice walk starts from North Turramurra and follows the Darri and Warrimoo tracks into Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park. The walk follows Cowan Creek through the lush green forest, then takes the Sphinx Track, climbing out of the valley to the war memorial, finishing on Bobbin Head Road.

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Ku-ring-gai Chase 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 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 Bedford Ave, Turrumurra (gps: -33.7193, 151.1501) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Int of Bobbin Head and the Sphinx Roads (gps: -33.6887, 151.1523) by car or bus. Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

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

0 | Bedford Ave, Turrumurra

(490 m 9 mins) From opposite 18 Bedford Ave, this walk follows the service trail around the metal gate and past the 'Terramerragal Reserve' sign, soon passing the information sign about the Darri Track. This wide track winds down the hill and crosses a small creek, and then follows Cowan Creek downstream. After passing through the dense bush, enjoying the occasional view of the small creek (and avoiding a small false track off to the right), this track comes to an intersection with a service trail coming in from the left, at the concrete ditch.

0.49 | Int. of Darri Track and Malborough Rd Servicetrail

(1 km 21 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail that heads up the hill and away from Cowan Creek. The trail soon turns to the right and starts to flatten out. Just before the trail starts heading downhill, it comes to an intersection with a small bush track coming down from the left.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads north along the service trail, passing a large Scribbly Gum on the right and then heading down the hill. The track continues to wind down to the bottom of the valley where it crosses Cowan Creek and continues along the other side, steadily climbing up the side of the valley until coming to the intersection of the Glengarry Road service trail, and a Darri Track information sign.

1.52 | Cowan Creek and Darri track Int.

(230 m 5 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail heading north-east up the hill, climbing up the side of the valley for a short while until it flattens out and comes to the intersection with the Tokanue Place access trail at the large metal gate.

1.75 | Tokanue Place Track Intersection

(330 m 9 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail heading north-east, keeping the asphalt service trail on the right, winding around the back of some houses and through the bush for a while until it comes to the intersection of the Waipori Street service trail.

2.07 | Waipori Street Track Intersection

(400 m 9 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Darri Track' sign past the 'Terramerragal Reserve' sign and along the service trail, heading through the bush and down the long gentle hill, until it comes to the intersection of the lower valley link trail at the information sign.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail past the "No Through Road" sign and along the side of the hill, gently undulating until it comes to a small creek crossing, where the service trail

becomes a bush track.

2.47 | Gould Avenue Creek crossing

(720 m 18 mins) Continue straight: From the end of the service trail, this walk crosses the small creek and continues along the bush track, winding up the long hill, keeping the metal handrail on the right. The walk continues up the rocky hill, and up a metal staircase to a flat rock platform at the top. From here, the track turns left onto the rock platform and continues along the bush track, passing a 'Kuringai Chase National Park' sign before dropping down a small hill then continuing up some rock steps. From the top of the steps, the walk follows the bush track through the gum trees until it comes to a 'Y' intersection with another bush track at a Darri Track marker.

3.19 | Int of Darri and Timbarra Road tracks

(530 m 10 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track, heading north past some blackened gum trees and through the bush, undulating gently for a while before coming to the signposted intersection of the 'Warrimoo Track'.

3.72 | Int of Darri and Warrimoo Tracks

(850 m 18 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the Bobbin Head arrow along the service trail (heading north west). The trail meanders through the bush for a while before winding steadily down a long hill to the end of the ridge. Here, the trail comes to a Memorial Chair at a lookout over Cowan Creek.

4.57 | Sonja Huddles Chair

(520 m 12 mins) Continue straight: From the Memorial Chair, the walk heads down the rock steps and follows the bush track. The track winds steeply down the rocky hill and crosses Cowan Creek at the stepping stones. The track then continues along the edge of the creek (keeping the creek to the right) until coming to the signposted intersection with the Sphinx Track.

5.09 | Int of Sphinx walking and Warrimoo Tracks

(1.1 km 25 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Sphinx Track - Nth. Turrumurra' sign uphill along the clear rocky track. The track zig-zags quite steeply up a series of timber and stone steps for almost 250m to then pass under the high tension power lines. Here the track gently undulates along the side of the hill crossing a few pleasant rock platforms for 130m to cross a small often dry creek on a sandstone rock platform. Now the track leads gently uphill along the side of the valley among the grass trees for almost 200m to cross a usually larger but still fairly small creek on a sandstone rock platform. The walk then heads up a series of and carved stone and timber steps for about 50m where the track mostly flattens out for about 30m to come to a shallow sandstone overhang (on your left). Just shy of 150m past this cave, the track leads between two tall eucalyptus then follows the rocky track and series of timber steps uphill for another 300m to a T-intersection with a wide trail, marked with a 'Sphinx Walking Track' sign pointing back down the track.

6.14 | Int of Sphinx walking Track and Service trail

(10 m) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads gently uphill along the wide trail, for just over 10m to an intersection with an asphalted path (on your left), marked with a 'Sphinx Fire Trail' sign pointing back down the trail.

6.15 | Int of Sphinx Memorial Track and Sphinx fire trail

(60 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the intersection this walk follows the asphalt footpath, gently uphill directly away from the face of the 'Sphinx Fire Trail' sign. The footpath leads for about 50m to head behind the picnic tables and come to the sandstone 'Sphinx Memorial'.

6.21 | Sphinx Memorial

Private Shirley spent one and a half years carving this monument whilst a patient of the Lady Davidson Convalescent Hospital. William Shirley was in hospital, being treated after serving in WW1. Shirley died in 1929, leaving this memorial to fallen A.I.F. comrades. "To my glorious comrades of the A.I.F by the late W. Shirley No 5756 Pte. 13th Battalion Died 27th August 1928" [More info.](#)

6.21 | Sphinx Memorial

(370 m 7 mins) Veer right: From the picnic ground, this walk heads south-west, uphill along the footpath, until emerging onto the Sphinx Memorial Drive. At this point, there is a gate and a sign giving information on the local walks.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the road, heading up the long gentle hill. The road flattens out and passes through some metal gates, coming to the intersection with Bobbin Head Road. The NPWS toll booth is just to the left.