

Dobroyd Head Walk



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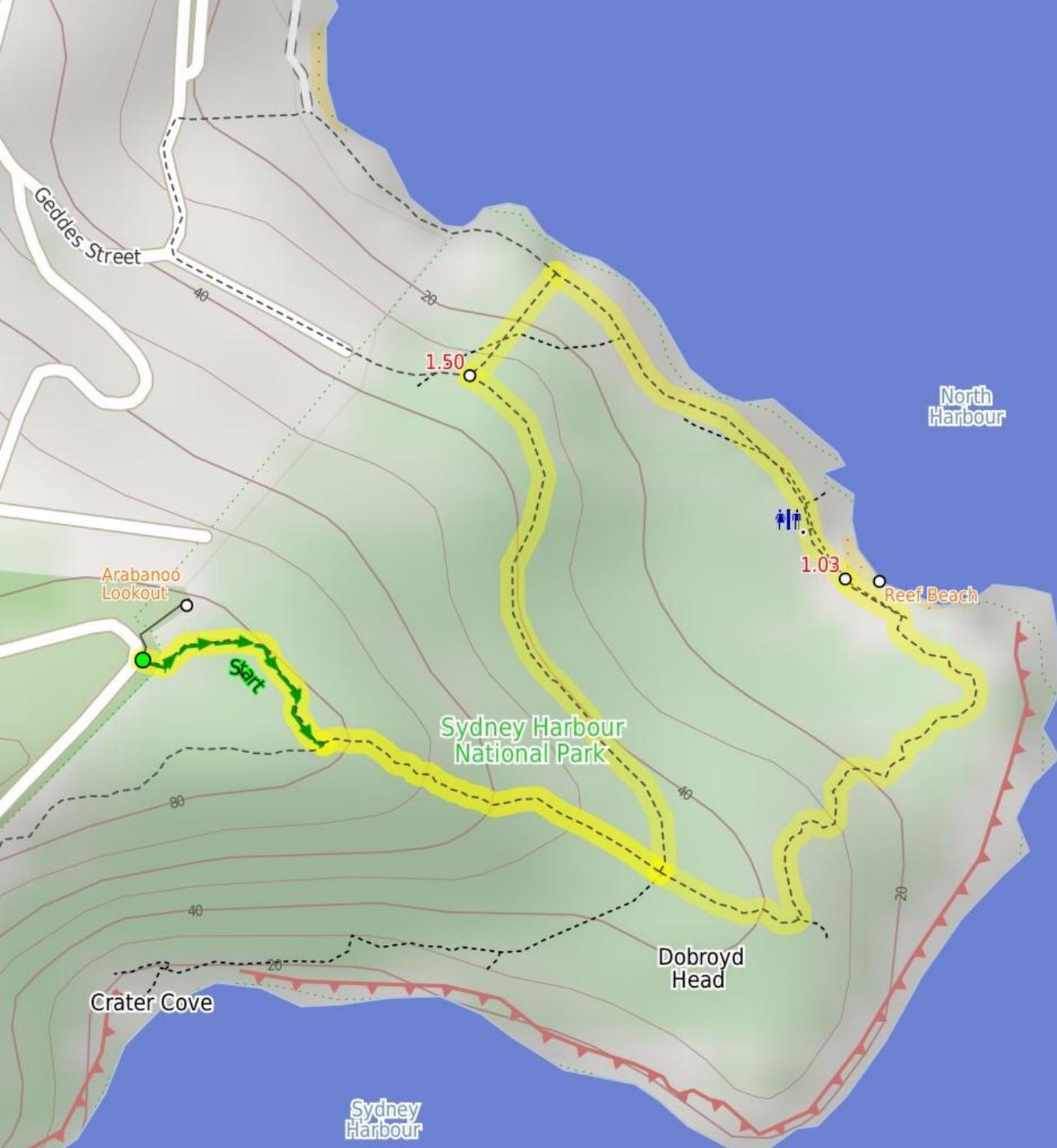
2.5 km Circuit

Hard track

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Walking around Dobroyd Head is a fantastic experience. The heath vegetation high up on the walk provides many opportunities to view flowers and insects close up, whilst still enjoying plenty of views out to the sea. Reef Beach is a great place to stop for a snack or lunch and to get the feet wet before heading back to the road.



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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 Int. Dobroyd Scenic Dr and Arabanoo Trk (gps: -33.8084, 151.2688) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit, 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/dhw>

0 | Arabanoo Lookout

Arabanoo Lookout has great views over Port Jackson, Northern Harbour and as far as Manly. The lookout also has several signs and monuments, providing historical information on the significance of the area. Looking out over Middle Head, this lookout is named after Arabanoo, an Aboriginal man kidnapped in December 1788, by British marines on Governor Phillips orders. The Governor believed that this was justified as he wished to facilitate communication between the British and the Aborigines. Arabanoo lived in the company of the Europeans until the 18th May 1789 where he died due to smallpox infection.

0 | Int. Dobroyd Scenic Dr and Arabanoo Trk

(1 km 21 mins) From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Manly' and 'The Spit' sign down the hill. The track winds down through bush which quickly becomes heath. The heath becomes short and thins out on the left, before the walk comes to an intersection, with a sign pointing back to 'Arabanoo Lookout'.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Manly' sign down the hill. The track winds slightly as it heads down the spur, with low heath and views of Manly most of the way down, coming to a clear rock shelf. The walk then continues with thick green heath on the right and less dense heath on the left, before coming to the signposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Manly via Reef Beach' sign down the hill to a fenced lookout. From the lookout, the track heads further along the hillside to wind down past some more views. The track soon passes by a large rock shelf, as it comes close to the water and then comes to a boardwalk with bench seat behind Reef Beach.

1.03 | Reef Beach

Reef Beach is a strip of sand facing north-east, towards the

Manly Ferry Terminal in North Harbour. The beach is in Sydney Harbour National Park and has toilet facilities about 80m behind the beach. The beach was once a nudist beach, but clothing is no longer optional. The beach is fairly well protected from surf and provides a great place to rest and enjoy the views when walking around Dobroyd Head.

1.03 | Reef Beach platform

(460 m 11 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill, keeping the water on the right. The track soon passes a toilet block on the left and then flattens out before coming to the signposted intersection with the high-tide alternate route on the left.

Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the sign for 'Alternate route to Manly during Hightides', heading up the alternate rock and wooden steps. The walk passes an interesting sandstone feature on the left before leading up to a flat section of track. The walk soon comes to a sign posted intersection.

1.5 | Dobroyd Head Sign

(980 m 20 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign 'Dobroyd Head', leading up a few stairs then following the hillside for a while. The track continues to an area where the heath on the right is thin and fallen over, however, on the left, it is thick and green. From here the track soon comes to a signposted intersection.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'The Spit', up the hill. The track heads up the hill, with the heath on the right becoming thicker as the track gains altitude. As the track winds up the hill, it reaches a rock platform with great views over Manly, before continuing up to the signposted intersection with track to Arabanoo Lookout to the right.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Arabanoo Lookout' up the hill. The track heads up the hill, with the heath becoming thicker bushland towards the top, where the track then meets Dobroyd Scenic Drive.

2.47 | Tania Park

Tania Park is home to a large oval, and is located at the back of Clontarf and Balgowlah Heights. This park can be found on the Manly to Spit walking trail, and is also close to the Arabanoo lookout. The park has basic facilities such as toilets, children's playground equipment and plenty of car parking.

