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Lane Cove Tourist Park to Boat Shed

1 hr 30 mins 3.4 km Return

Moderate track

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50m.

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This walk, from the Lane Cove Tourist Park to the Lane Cove River Boat Shed, meanders along the placid Lane Cove River, passing many picnic areas along the way. The Boat Shed itself is surrounded by a large picnic area with plenty of space for the kids to run around and play. You can even hire a boat and go for a paddle.

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Lane Cove 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 Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Lane Cove Tourist Park (gps: -33.7894, 151.1433). 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 inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at http://wild.tl/lctptbs

0 | Lane Cove River tourist park

This is a well-established caravan park on the edge of Lane Cove National Park, offering a variety of camp sites from tent to powered sites for caravans and even en suite cabins. The campsite is a great point to access many wonderful walks in Lane Cove Valley. There are many facilities including a laundry, toilets, showers (including facilities for people with disabilities and with infants), recreation room, Internet kiosk (with free access to Wildwalks.com), wireless Internet, BBQ's and a pool. There is bike hire available and the reception has basic supplies for sale (bread, milk, snacks, newspapers).

0 | Lane Cove Tourist Park

(670 m 14 mins) From the office of the 'Lane Cove Tourist Park', this walk heads down the internal road, past the boom gates for about 50m to turn left just past the laundry. The walk then continues along this road as it bends right after about 100m, then leads down to a T-intersection. Just on the other side (and to the left) of this intersection, there is a set of steps beside the large 'Lane Cove National Park' sign. From this concreted section between sites 152 and 151, this walk follows the sign down the stone steps for about 60m, where the track then leads gently down to a T-intersection marked with a timber signpost (beside a large scribbly gum).

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows 'Lane Cove River Weir' sign south down the hill. The track leads gently down the side of the hill for about 80m to pass a 'Native Flora' information sign, then about 90m later passes a 'Bush Regeneration' information sign among the ferns. Just 30m past this sign, the track leads over a small metal bridge beside the tall fern trees and 'Native Fauna' information sign. Here the track continues for a short distance to come to an intersection with Riverside Drive, where a 'Tourist Park' sign points back up the hill. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Riverside walk' arrow post down the steps and then follows the road down past the '12 Blackbutt' picnic area. Soon the road leads to a Y-intersection and veers right down to the car park beside '13 Cottonwood Glen' picnic area and the Lane Cove River.

0.67 | 13 Cottonwood Glen

Cottonwood Glen picnic area is a large open grassy spot on the bank of the Lane Cove River. There is a grove of trees along the edge of the river, but you can still get clear views across the water from the car park area. There are several picnic tables and a small toilet block just up the

hill.

0.67 | 13 Cottonwood Glen

(360 m 6 mins) Turn right: From the car park on the south side of 'Cottonwood Glen', this walk follows the NPWS arrow post along the track into the bush, keeping the river to your left. The track leads along side the river for about 300m, first through a lovely she-oak stand, then through a re-vegetating tall gum forest before heading down a sealed footpath to come to a car park (beside the toilet block) at Carters Creek picnic area.

1.03 | 9 Carters Creek

Carters Creek Picnic Area is the ninth formal picnic space along this stretch of the Lane Cove River. This picnic area is home to a couple of sheltered picnic tables, a gas BBQ a large open grassy area, garbage bins, toilets and a car park. There is some limited access to the river view. A pleasant spot among the tall gums.

1.03 | 9 Carters Creek

(690 m 13 mins) Continue straight: From in front of the toilets at Carters Creek picnic area, this walk heads across the grass clearing and across the small timber bridge to come to the car park. After crossing the car park, this walk continues over the grass, beside the road, keeping the river to your left, and then veers left and follows the NPWS arrow post down around the locked gate. Here the walk follows the narrow trail for about 60m to come to an intersection with a footpath on your right, just before the '8 Ironbarks' sign and picnic area.

Continue straight: From the intersection just west of '8 Ironbarks', this walk follows the track through the picnic area, keeping the river on the left. On the far side of the picnic area, this walk follows the NPWS arrow post for about 180m up over a rocky outcrop to then head down a metal staircase. The track winds down alongside the river for another 70m to come to the edge of another large grassy clearing. Here, this walk heads across '7 Moola' picnic area (with toilets and water), crossing a small flat timber bridge in the middle. The track soon leaves this clearing and continues for another 80m to come to the shop-front side of the sandstone boatshed building.

1.72 | Lane Cove Boatshed

Lane Cove Boatshed, in Lane Cove National Park, is situated on the bank of the (you guessed it) Lane Cove River. You can hire rowboats, kayaks, pedal boats, bikes and canoes, for different ways to enjoy the river. The shop also sells ice-creams, chips and drinks. The shed is open on weekend from 10am - 5pm. During summer school holidays, the shop is also open from 12-5pm. For more info, call Greg on 0418600695.

