

Lane Cove Weir to Boat Shed



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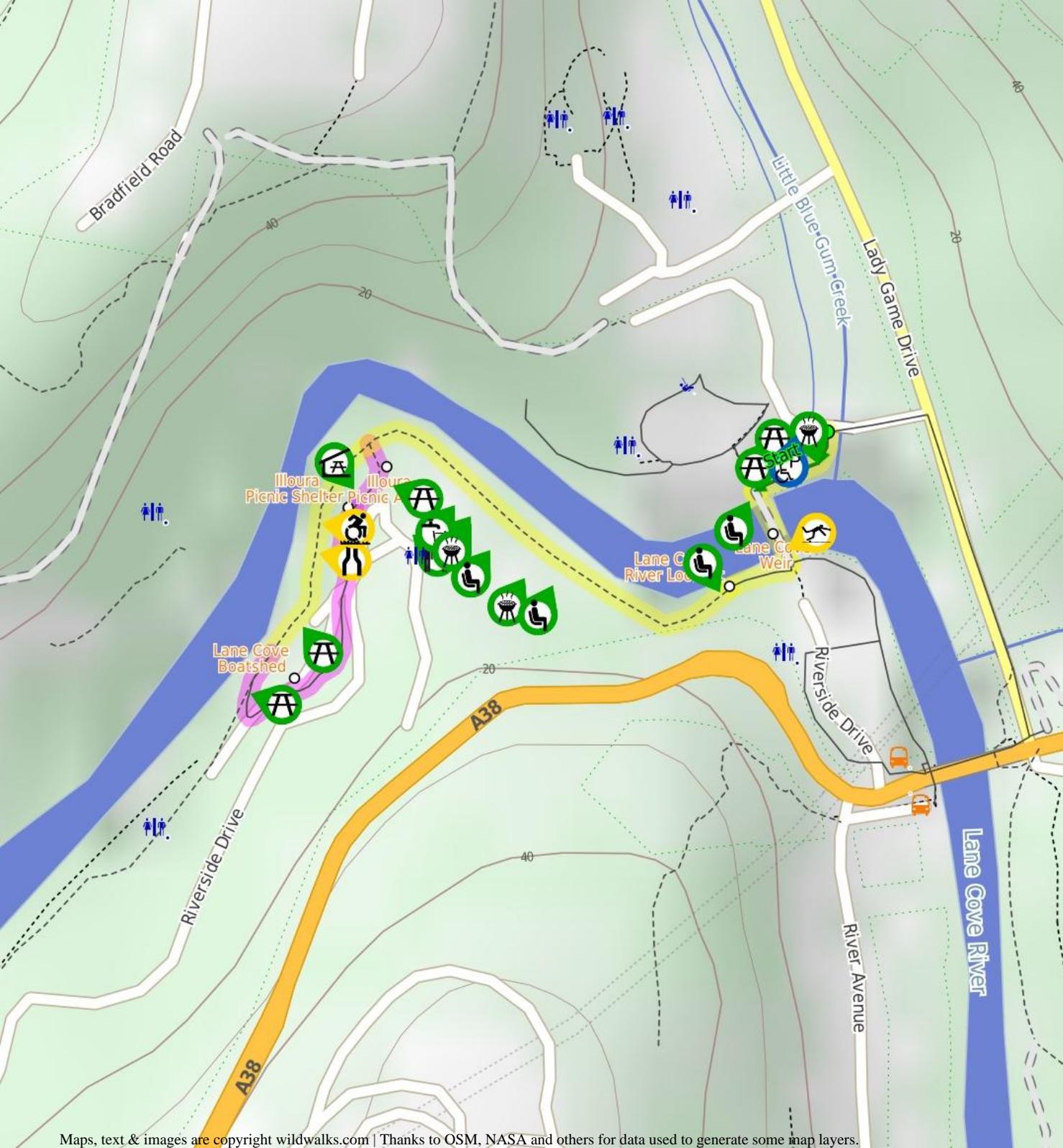
Moderate track

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1.3 km Return

↑ 17m

This is a great way to explore the picnic areas and banks of the Lane Cove River. There are picnic areas and plenty of seats to enjoy along the way. On the weekend you can hire a boat and go for a paddle before heading back to the start. You could spend a whole day enjoying the river, bus and parklands. The walk is mostly flat and the alternate route leads around the only really rough section of the track.



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 Max Allen Drive Bridge (gps: -33.7907, 151.156) by car or bus. Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

This is a return walk, 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/lcwtbs>

0 | Max Allen Drive Bridge

(70 m 1 mins) From the car parking area near the bridge on Max Allen Drive, this walk follows the 'Sydney Cove' sign along the concrete footpath past the garbage bins. The path leads past a sheltered BBQ as the path bends right along the water's edge it also leads past a few picnic tables and comes to another GNW marker and an intersection with a sealed management trail beside the weir (on your left).

0.07 | Lane Cove Weir North

(50 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post (past a seat on the right) to cross over the concrete ford (top of the weir wall) to the other side of Lane Cove River to find an intersection marked with another GNW arrow post. After heavy or prolonged rain, this crossing may be closed. It is unsafe to cross if water is flowing over the top.

0.13 | Lane Cove Weir

The Lane Cove River Weir was built in 1938 during the depression. The motivation for building the lake was to make the area more appealing for visitors' picnics. The weir created environmental issues such as silting and a decline in native fish populations. In more recent years, a 'fish ladder' has been constructed to allow fish to undertake their natural migration route for breeding. The weir proves an easy way for walkers to cross the Lane Cove River whilst enjoying the views up and downstream.

0.13 | Lane Cove Weir South

(50 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the southern side of the weir, this walk follows the sealed trail up (away from the weir) for about 10m to turn right and follow the 'Riverside walking track' sign along the concrete footpath. The path soon leads to

and follows a timber boardwalk for 40m to come to a fenced lookout with a few seats (and a stepped seating area) and great views over the Lane Cove River.

0.18 | Lane Cove River Lookout

Found along the timber boardwalk on the banks of the Lane Cove River, just up stream from the weir, is this lovely viewing platform. The boardwalk and platform are fenced (1.1m high), there are two main seats and a stepped area for extra seating. The views extend upstream for about 250m and is a great spot to watch water birds and the occasional paddle boat.

0.18 | Lane Cove River Lookout

(310 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk heads along the timber boardwalk for about 80m (enjoying more river views to the right) to then head down a timber ramp at the edge of a grassy clearing. The walk now follows the 'Riverside walking track' sign along the wide dirt track between the river and 'Spoonbill' picnic area for about about 80m. The walk then leads past a grove of trees to the far side of the next picnic area, 'Illoura' picnic area, to find an intersection at the 'Riverside Walking Track' sign (pointing back to 'Lane Cove River weir 0.35km').

0.48 | Illoura Picnic Area

The Illoura Picnic Area in Lane Cove National Park, is an open grassy area beside the river and about 140m downstream of the Boatshed. The picnic area has a water tap, picnic tables and wood fired BBQ. On the other side of the Riverside Drive is a small toilet block. The eastern edge of the picnic area is a large brick picnic shelter.

0.48 | Illoura Picnic Shelter

The park brick picnic shelter is on the bank of the Lane Cove River, near the Boatshed. There are two picnic tables in the shelter. The tables are 78cm high, 93cm deep and 2.1m wide. The second table is 4.3m wide. The seats are 44cm high, 29cm deep and 2.1m wide. The second table has seats that are 3.7m. Outside the shelter is another picnic table and wood BBQ. The picnic shelter is nestled in a grove of trees between the carpark and the open grassy Illoura picnic area. There is a small toilet block across the road

0.48 | Alternate Route Illoura Picnic area to Boatshed

(280 m 5 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads uphill directly away from the river and face of the 'Riverside walking track' sign towards the road. After 15m (about halfway across the picnic area) this walk turns right to follows the asphalt footpath for about 20m (past a picnic table and BBQ) to the large brick picnic shelter.

Continue straight: From the front of the brick picnic shelter, this walk follows the asphalt footpath (keeping the shelter to the

right), towards the car park. The walk then heads through the car park to the 5-way road intersection at the far side. Here the walk keeps to the right and follows the asphalt road for about 90m downhill behind the sandstone building - boatshed and through the car park to an intersection on the far side of the Boatshed. Here the walk follows the '7 moola' downhill for about 40m to then turn right and to head towards the water on a gravelly trail. After another 10m this walk comes to a T-intersection and turns right to lead past the picnic tables then along the concrete path to the front of the boatshed and kiosk. Now Turn sharp left to rejoin the main walk .

0.48 | Illoura Picnic Area

(160 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the picnic area, this walk follows the 'Boatshed 0.15km' arrow on the 'Riverside Walking Track' sign along the track keeping the river to the right. After 50m this walk leads below a large brick picnic area then about 15m later leads through an acacia grove with a short rough steep section then a narrow section of track. After another 60m the track leads to a grassy clearing with a large picnic table then continues to head along the concrete path on the river side of the sandstone building coming to the hire and kiosk area of the boatshed.

0.64 | 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.



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Parking: There are 1 designated accessible parking areas on this walk.

Toilets: There are 0 toilets on this walk.

Seats: There are 10 seats on this walk. They are on average 70m apart, with a maximum gap of 120m.

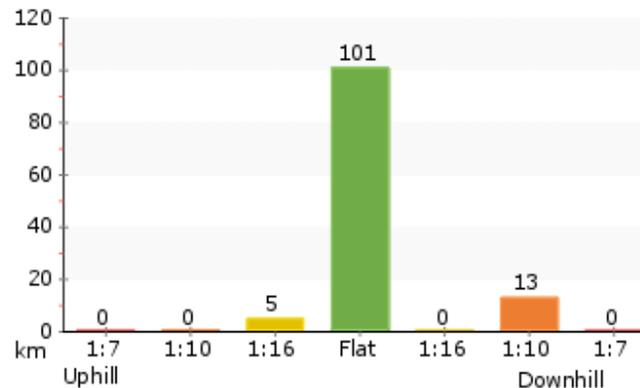
Surface

This walk follows a mix of concrete, asphalt and timber paths for the first 250m. The rest of the walk follows a dirt track that becomes boggy after rain. The main track after Illoura Picnic Area has two steep, narrow and rough sections. Wheelchair access is best via the alternate route.

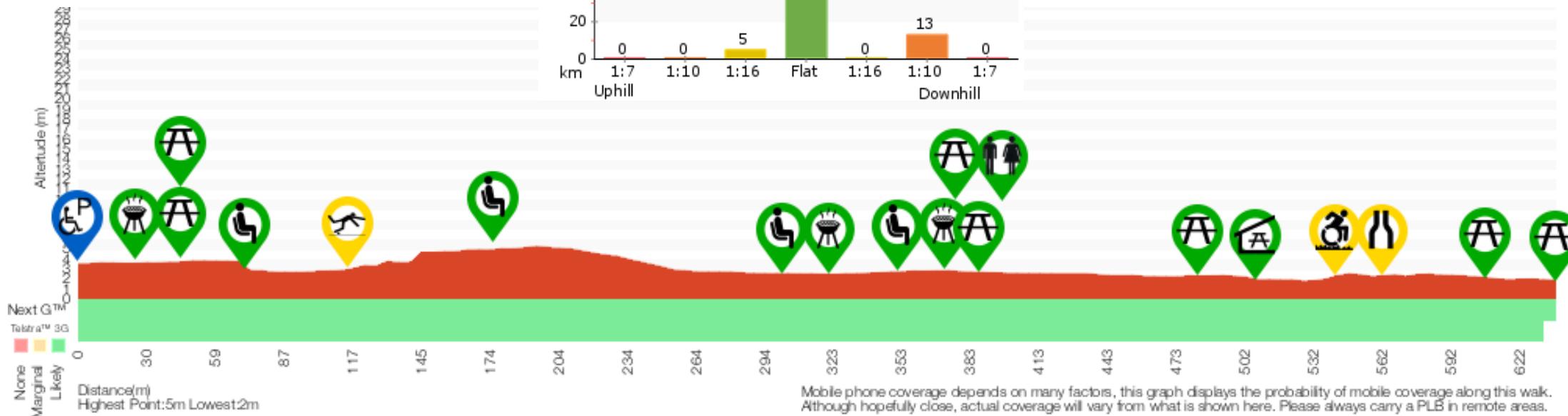
Steepness

This walk is mostly flat with very gentle slopes mostly less than 1:10, if using the described alternate route.

This graph shows how steep the track is.



3 Grade 3/6 Moderate track	
Length	1.3 km Return
Time	1 Hr
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Signs	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)





1 Parking Accessible (0m)
 There are 8 car parking bays in the immediate area. Three are marked mobility parking bays at the southern edge. The mobility parking area is asphalt, 2.4m wide and 6.3m deep.



2 Bbq (20m)
 Two free electric BBQs hotplates in sheltered picnic area. The BBQ table is 92cm high, 2.05m wide and 75cm deep. Hot plates are 45/45cm.



3 Picnic Table (40m)
 Two timber slat picnic tables. The table is 79cm high, 73cm deep and 3.3m wide. The seats are 46cm high, 44cm deep and 2.7m wide (no backrest). Room for a few chairs at end. 4x2.7m slab.



4 Picnic Table (40m)
 A timber slat picnic table. The table is 79cm high, 73cm deep and 2.7m wide. The seats are 46cm high, 44cm deep and 2.7m wide (no backrest). 4x2.7m slab.



5 Seat (70m)
 A stone seat, 42cm high, 60cm deep and 1.7m wide with a 22cm high arm and 22cm backrest.



6 Trip Hazard (120m)
 The edges of the weir are ungraded and there is a significant drop with water hazards. Keep clear of edges.



7 Seat (180m)
 Two timber seats, 43cm high, 48cm deep and 1.8m wide with no arm or backrest.



8 Seat (300m)
 A timber slat picnic table under a tree. The table is 74cm high, 92cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 40cm high, 30cm deep and 2.1m wide (no backrest).



9 Bbq (320m)
 An timber fired BBQ. Plate is 94cm high, 46cm wide and 42cm deep.



10 Seat (350m)
 A timber slat picnic table under a tree. The table is 74cm high, 92cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 38cm high, 30cm deep and 2.1m wide (no backrest).



11 Bbq (370m)
 An timber fired BBQ. Plate is 90cm high, 46cm wide and 42cm deep.



12 Picnic Table (380m)
 A timber slat picnic table under a tree. The table is 72cm high, 92cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 34cm high, 30cm deep and 2.1m wide (no backrest).



13 Potable Water (390m)
 A water tap on the grass, handle is 84cm high.



14 Toilet (400m)
 Male and female toilet block. Entrance is 80cm wide, hand basins 86cm high, cubical doors 75cm wide, toilet seat 42cm high. Male toilet has a urinal with 80cm step. No handrails. Toilet entrance is across grass and has a 7cm step.



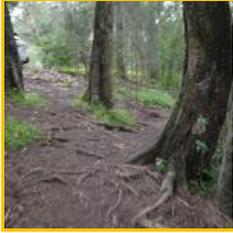
15 Picnic Table (480m)

A timber slat picnic table under a tree. The table is 78cm high, 92cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 45cm high, 30cm deep and 2.1m wide (no backrest).



16 Picnic Shelter (510m)

2 picnic tables in a large shelter. tables are 78cm high, 93cm deep and 2.1m (the second table is 4.3) wide. The seats are 44cm high, 29cm deep and 2.1m wide (second table seats are 3.7m).



17 Wheelchair Rough (540m)

Two sections (of about 15m each) of the track have exposed tree route, making the ground uneven and creating trip hazards.



18 Pinch Point (560m)

Track narrow to a maximum width of 80cm at this point.



19 Picnic Table (610m)

The table is 73cm high, 74cm deep and 3m wide. The seats are 41cm high, 29cm deep and 3m wide (no backrest).



20 Picnic Table (640m)

2 tables are 73cm high, 90cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 36cm high, 31cm deep and 2.1m wide (no backrest).