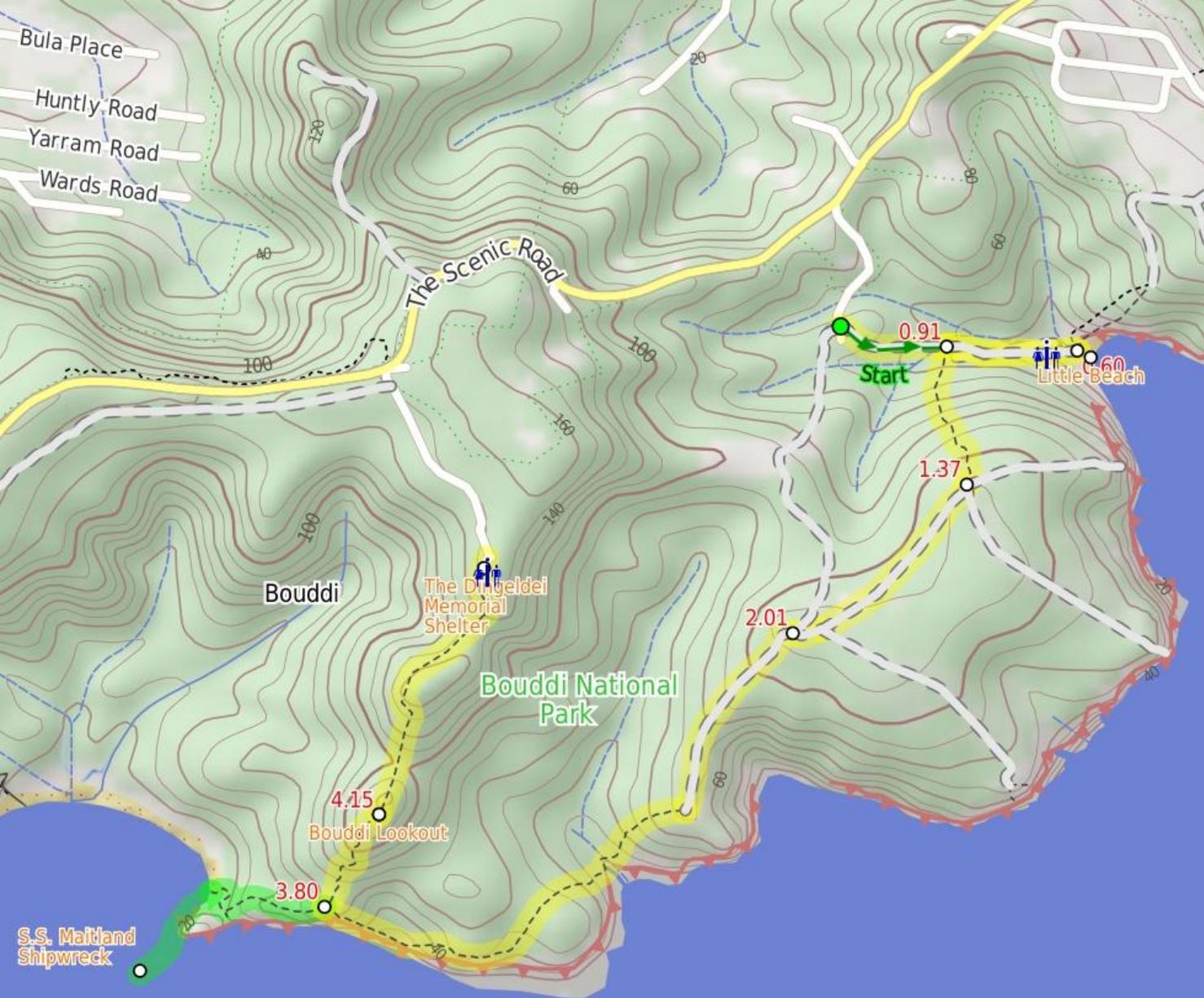




# Little Beach to Mount Bouddi Track



**2 hrs 30 mins**

**Hard track**



**5 km One way**

**343m**

This walk curves around from Graham car park, taking in the secluded Little Beach and Caves Bay before finishing at Mt Bouddi's Dingeldei Picnic Area. The walk passes through many different types of vegetation. The service trail from above Little Beach to above Caves Bay is very sandy, in contrast to the dirt track followed for the rest of the walk. This walk has excellent views of headlands and out into the Tasman Sea.

156m

7m

Bouddi 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 Grahame Dr car park (gps: -33.5099, 151.4123). Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Dingeldei Picnic Area and Carpark (gps: -33.5163, 151.4033). 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/lbtmbt>

### **0 | Grahame Dr car park**

*(600 m 11 mins)* From the car park, this walk follows the 'Little Beach' sign along the management trail, passing around a gate. The walk heads down the hill, crosses a creek, and climbs up the hill out of the gully. The walk then winds down to a signposted intersection, with a bush track to the right.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill, following the 'Little Beach 200m' sign. After approximately 300m, the walk comes to Little Beach campsite and continues to the point where the creek meets the beach.

### **0.6 | Little Beach**

Little Beach, Bouddi National Park, is a small 100m-long stretch of sand and rocks, facing out to the Tasman Sea and South Pacific Ocean. The beach is backed by a gully and sided by steep rocky headlands. The beach has a south easterly aspect and has its own campsite.

### **0.6 | Little Beach**

*(320 m 6 mins)* Turn around: From Little Beach, this walk heads up the grass hill of the campsite, leaving the beach behind. The walk follows the track past the bins and the toilet, going up the hill. The walk continues uphill for a while to the signposted intersection.

### **0.91 | Int. Bouddi Trail Access and Little Beach Trk**

*(460 m 15 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill, following the 'Maitland Bay' sign. The track winds up the hill, tending left along a white sandy section of track, then continues through the scrub for approximately 300m to the signposted intersection in a large sandy clearing.

### **1.37 | Sandy Clearing Little Beach Access Trail Int.**

*(640 m 11 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bombi Point' arrow along the sandy track, going down the hill. The track winds down the hill for some time before climbing to the signposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail down the hill, keeping the sea far on the left of the track. The trail continues down to a large sandy area marked by a 'Little Beach car park' sign.

### **2.01 | Int. Graham Drive Carpark Trk and Bouddi Trail**

*(1.8 km 45 mins)* Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail down the hill, in the opposite direction to the Little Beach car park. The trail winds down the spur for some time, then straightens out and continues for a while before ending in a larger clear area, signposted 'Bouddi Coastal Walk'.

Turn right: From the clearing, this walk follows the 'Maitland Bay' arrow along the bush track, going down the hill and keeping the ocean to the left. The walk then descends and climbs steeply, with numerous steps, crossing two creeks, before coming to a third creek crossing with a wooden bridge. From the bridge, the walk climbs to the top of the stairs then continues along the hillside to the signposted intersection.

### **3.8 | Optional sidetrip to S.S. Maitland Shipwreck**

*(700 m 20 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Maitland Bay' arrow along the bush track, going down the hill. After a while, the walk drops into a clearing, on the saddle between the headland and the spur, and turns right, going down some steep steps to the beach.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the cliff line out towards the sea, beneath the rocky headland. The walk heads over rocks and boulders, to the rock flats at the point. Here lies the S.S.Maitland shipwreck. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

### **3.8 | S.S. Maitland Shipwreck**

The S.S. Maitland was a paddle steamer brought to Australia from Glasgow, Scotland, to transport people and cargo between the Hunter and the Hawkesbury Rivers. There was no rail line from Newcastle to Sydney in the 1800's. The Maitland was on its route out of the Barrenjoey Headlands when it was overwhelmed by the aptly-named 'Maitland Gale'. The storm which wrecked the Maitland also took numerous other ships on May 6, 1898. Of the 36 passengers aboard the Maitland, 24 lost their lives. Many of the survivors were commended for their heroism. Wreckage of the Maitland can still be seen today, with parts of the boiler and a section of the iron hull strewn across the rock flats of the point. The bay was previously known as Boat Harbour, then renamed Maitland Bay after the disaster in 1898. [More info.](#)

### **3.8 | Int. Bouddi Trail and Dingeldei Picnic Trail**

*(350 m 8 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows

the 'Mt Bouddi' arrow up the hill. The walk climbs many steps to the lookout, at the top of a small rocky hill.

### **4.15 | Bouddi Lookout**

Bouddi Lookout, Bouddi National Park, is a great first look at the Bouddi Coast as you come out of the bush on Bouddi Spur. There are views of the Pacific Ocean crashing into the heath covered headlands in front of the lookout. Not as grand a view as other lookouts in the area, but worth a pause on your way to the Bouddi Coast Track.

### **4.15 | Bouddi Lookout**

*(890 m 21 mins)* Continue straight: From the lookout the walk follows the bush track away from the sea, across a saddle, and goes up the hill. The track meanders for some time before climbing some sets of stairs to reach the Dingeldei Picnic Area and Mt Bouddi car park (at the end of Mt Bouddi Rd, off Scenic Road).

### **5.04 | The Dingeldei Memorial Shelter**

The Dingeldei Memorial Shelter was built in 1962, thanks to volunteers. A.W. (Bill) Dingeldei was a trustee of the park who did considerable work on it himself. Today the Dingeldei picnic area is a quiet, leafy spot, perched on the hill behind Mount Bouddi. The picnic area contains a picnic table, toilets, BBQ and rubbish facilities. It also has a new car park with ample spaces.