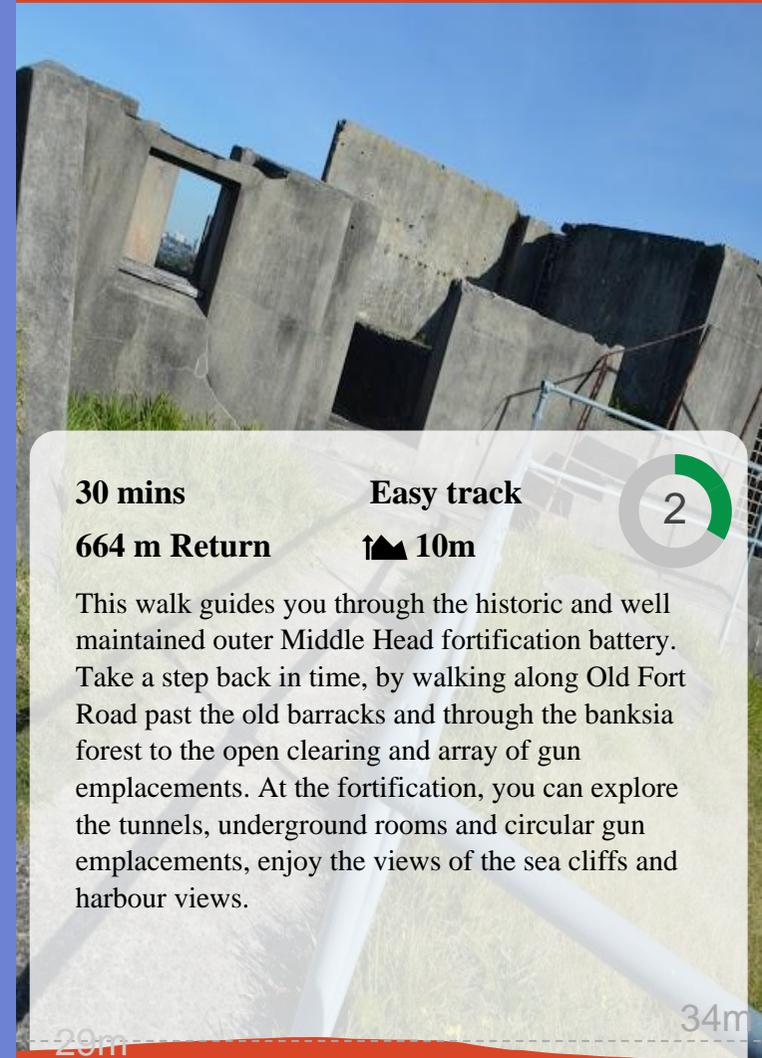


## Middle Head Battery walk



**30 mins**

**Easy track**

**664 m Return**

**▲ 10m**

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This walk guides you through the historic and well maintained outer Middle Head fortification battery. Take a step back in time, by walking along Old Fort Road past the old barracks and through the banksia forest to the open clearing and array of gun emplacements. At the fortification, you can explore the tunnels, underground rooms and circular gun emplacements, enjoy the views of the sea cliffs and harbour views.

### 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 Cobblers Beach Trail trackhead (gps: -33.827, 151.2643) by car or bus. Car: Parking fees apply in the area.

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/mhbw>

### 0 | Cobblers Beach Trail trackhead

*(70 m 1 mins)* From the Cobblers Beach Trail track head (beside the car park near the end of Middle Head Rd, Mosman), this walk heads to the very end of Middle Head Rd towards the sandstone wall. After 50m the walk heads over the bridged 'Middle Head Moat', then around the boom gate to come to a signposted intersection with 'Old Fort Rd' and 'Govenors Rd'. (There is a public toilet in the sandstone building the right)

### 0.07 | Int. Old Fort and Govenors Rds

*(220 m 4 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads gently uphill along the signposted and asphalt 'Old Fort Rd', initially keeping the toilet to the right and 'Barracks No.1' to the left. After about 130m the old road heads over a rise and then leads down between the metal bollards to come to an intersection in a large clearing beside a row large gun timber brackets (bases), marked with a 'Middle Head' sign

### 0.29 | Old Fort Road gun brackets

*(50 m 1 mins)* Continue straight: From beside the row of large gun timber brackets (bases), this walk heads downhill for 50m along the wide gravelly trail towards the water to come the large network of concrete and sandstone forts and gun emplacements. The area can be explored, taking care of cliff edges and large potential falls into the fortifications.

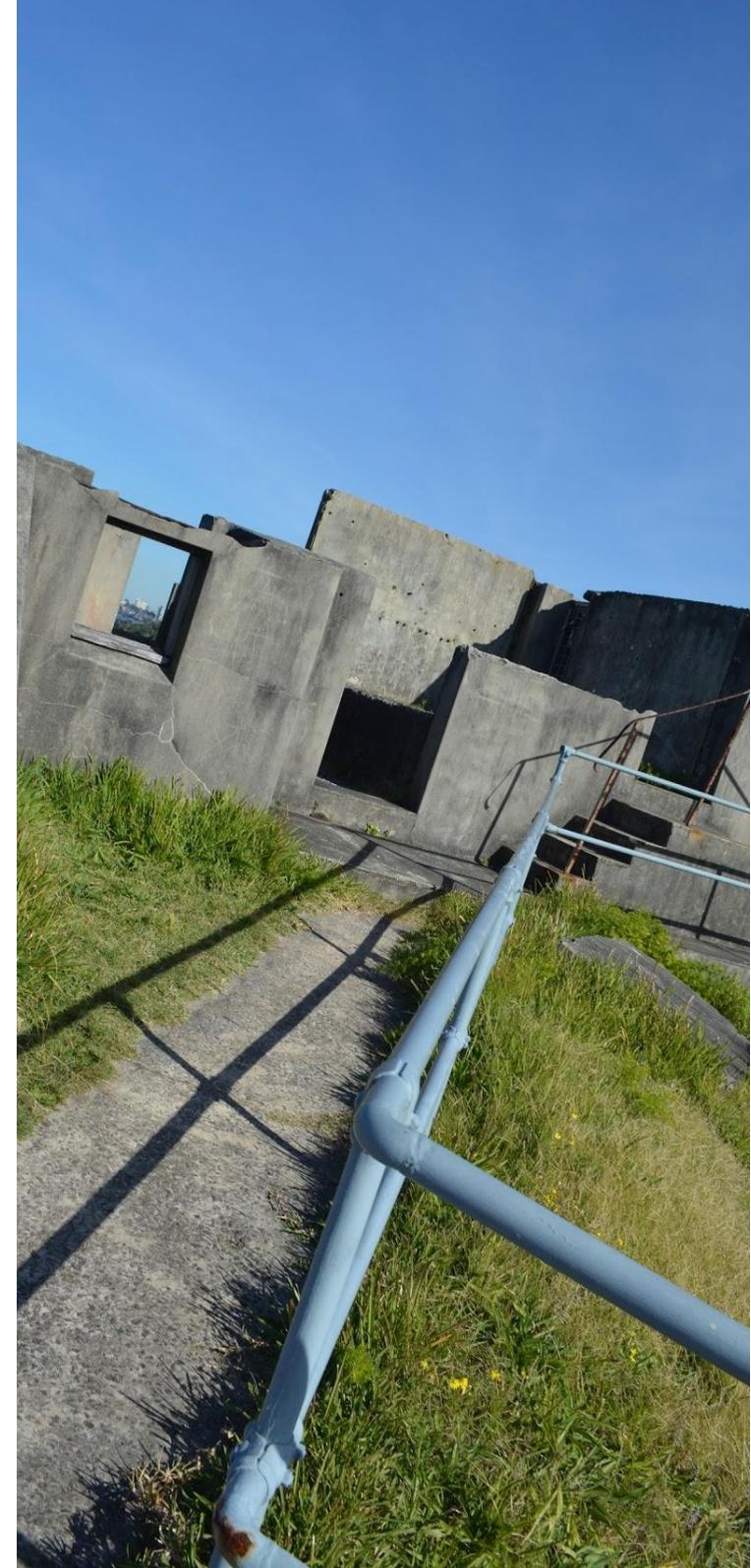
### 0.33 | Outer Middle Head Battery

The Outer Middle Head Battery is the main complex in the Middle Head Fortifications. Work for building the

fortifications started in 1801 and the last batteries were constructed in 1942, with the majority of the work being done 1870 and 1911 . There is a network of tunnels and rooms underground that was build to support the gunning placements to protect Sydney Harbour from enemy invasion. There are formal tours available or you can take care and explore the area yourself.

### 0.33 | Optional sidetrip to Western Fort

*(110 m 4 mins)* Turn left: From the open area beside the outer forts, this walk heads north keeping the tallest fort to the right. After about 10m the walk turns right to follow a wide grassy track behind a tree and across a bridge giving more views of the concrete forts (on the right). The walk continues around the back of the forts for about 50m, then veers left to head more steeply down for another 15m to come beside the unfenced western forts and tall cliff. Keep two full body lengths back from cliffs and significant drops to reduce the risk of falling. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn sharp right.





This page is designed to give you a sense of the facilities that help improve access for people with disabilities or mobility restrictions. See tracknotes and map for navigation, point of interest and other information. See the Accessibility Details page for specific information about each facility.

**Parking:** There are 0 designated accessible parking areas on this walk.

**Toilets:** There are 0 toilets on this walk.

**Seats:** There are 0 seats on this walk.

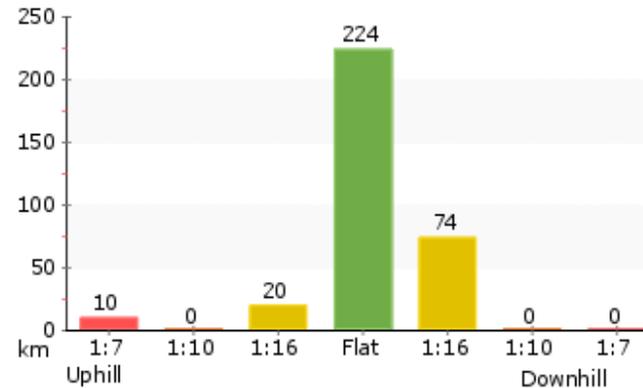
## Surface

The majority of this walk follows an asphalt road that is closed to the public, with 50m of gravel trail to get to the main forts. The described side trip is a mix of gravel and grass trail.

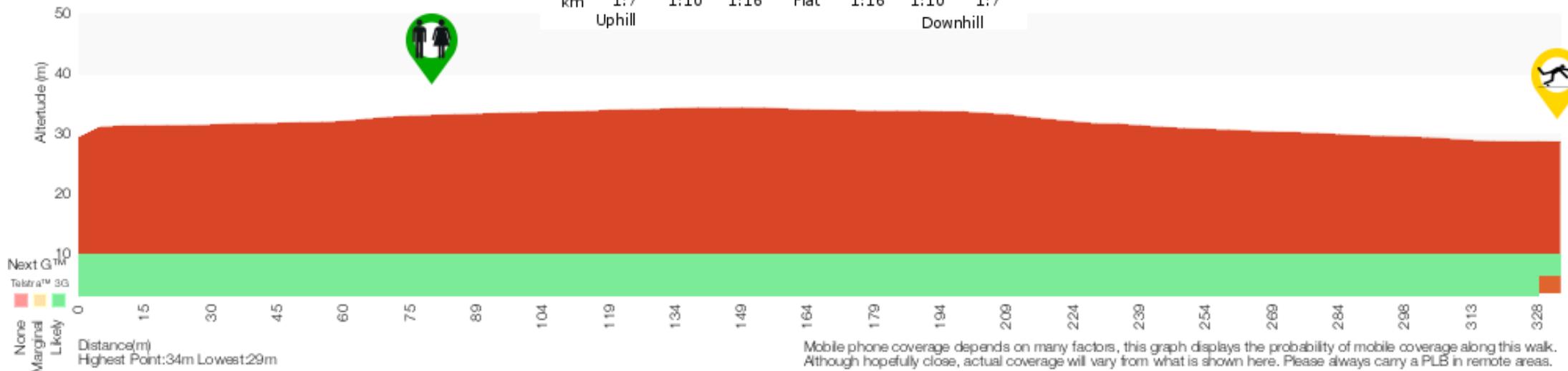
## Steepness

The majority of the walk is less than 1:12 steep. Near the fortifications are some moderately steep sections that slope towards cliffs and fortifications.

This graph shows how steep the track is.



Grade 2/6 Easy track	
<b>Length</b>	664 m Return
<b>Time</b>	30 mins
<b>Quality of track</b>	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
<b>Signs</b>	Clearly signposted (1/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	No experience required (1/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)



Mobile phone coverage depends on many factors, this graph displays the probability of mobile coverage along this walk. Although hopefully close, actual coverage will vary from what is shown here. Please always carry a PLB in remote areas.



**1 Toilet (80m)**  
Unisex flushing toilet. Entrance is 69cm wide, toilet seat 43cm high, handbasin outside is 76cm high. Room is 1.4x1m. There is a 10cm step to access the building.



**2 Trip Hazard (330m)**  
Ground is rough and slopes moderately steeply down to unfenced drop into gun emplacement and cliff edge. Significant unfenced fall risk.