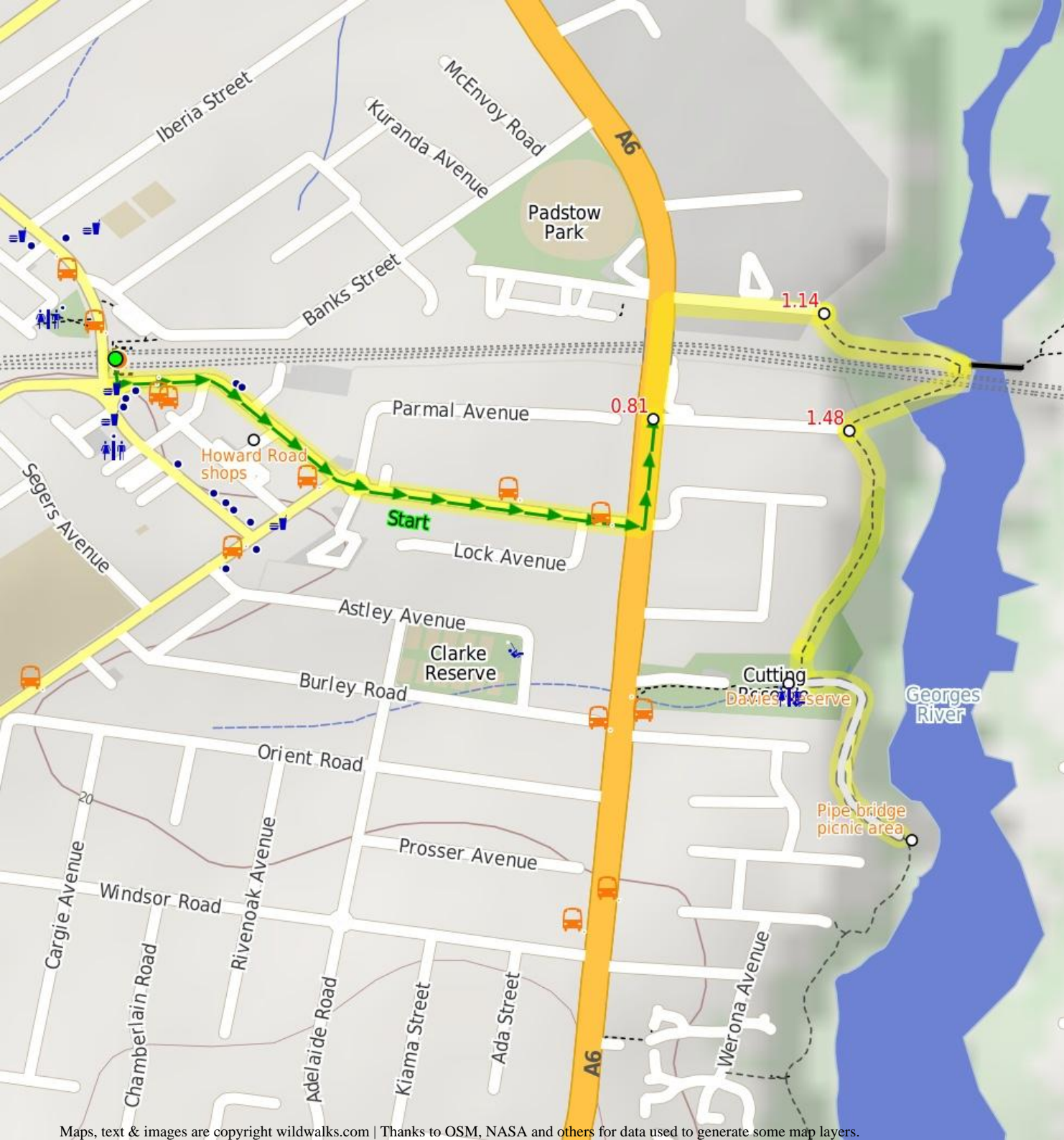


# Padstow to the Pipe Bridge Picnic Area



**1 hr 30 mins**

**Very easy**

**4.3 km Return**

**▲ 62m**



This relaxing, return walk starts from the Padstow train station. The walk follows the streets to the end of Bridge street, then the boardwalks, footpaths and service trails along the right hand side of the creek, passing through Davies Reserve. The walk finishes at the pleasant little picnic area at the base of the large pipe bridge, down at the waters edge.

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### 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 Padstow Railway Station (gps: -33.9519, 151.032) by car, train or bus. 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 including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/pttpbpa>

### 0 | Padstow Railway Station

*(810 m 13 mins)* From the railway station, this walk heads along Howard Road (initially keeping the train line on the left). The walk passes the shops and continues straight ahead at the roundabout onto Ryan Road. At the end of Ryan Road, the walk turns left and cross Davies Rd at the traffic lights. This walk follows the footpath towards the train track, soon coming to the intersection with Meager Avenue.

### 0.81 | Howard Road shops

This row of shops on Howard Road, near Padstow Railway Station, consists of quite a number of stores including grocery, newsagents, pharmacies, small restaurants and cafés, among many others. More shops can be found on the same block, on Padstow Pde or Faraday Rd, as required.

### 0.81 | Int of Davies Road and Meager Avenue

*(330 m 6 mins)* Continue straight: From Meager Avenue, this walk follows the footpath on Davies Road, which soon heads over the railway bridge. A bit further along Davies Road, the walk turns right into Bridge Street, following the footpath to the car park at the end of the the street.

### 1.14 | End of Bridge Street

*(340 m 6 mins)* Turn right: From the end of Bridge Street, this walk follows the footpath, initially towards the train line, keeping the transmissions tower on the right. The footpath soon turns into a boardwalk, which this walk follows through some mangroves and out the other side to the creek. The boardwalk soon comes to a wooden footbridge crossing Salt Pan creek.

Turn right: ###This section of the track is closed for End of 2010 to sometime in 2011. Please walk along Meager Ave from Davies Rd as an alternate route### From the intersection, the walk passes under the railway bridge and along the boardwalk, as it winds around the edge of the creek and through some mangroves to a hardened footpath. The footpath leads up a gentle hill for a short

distance to the end of Meager Avenue.

### 1.48 | End of Meager Ave

*(360 m 7 mins)* Veer left: From the end of Meager Avenue, the walk heads past the blue information sign on the left, towards the large transmission towers. The footpath continues parallel to Salt Pan Creek, passing the back of some houses through the grass clearing. The footpath joins the end of a boardwalk that soon comes to an intersection with the Truro Parade boardwalk, on the right.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads along the fenced boardwalk parallel to the power lines (with the open wetlands to the right) for a short distance until coming to the Davies Reserve.

### 1.85 | Davies Reserve

This park can be accessed from the end of Tallawarra Ave or directly from Davies Road in Padstow. The Reserve is one of the spots along the Salt Pan Creek walking track. The facilities provided at this reserve include play equipment, a toilet block and picnic tables and seats. There is plenty of open space, and shade from a few large trees. There is parking for about 20 cars.

### 1.85 | Davies Reserve

*(280 m 6 mins)* Turn left: From under the power lines at Davies Reserve, the walk follows the sealed management trail towards the creek, down the hill (initially with the play equipment on the right). The trail soon turns right and heads parallel to Salt Pan Creek. The walk continues, until the trail opens out from the trees at the picnic area under a large pipe bridge.

### 2.13 | Pipe bridge picnic area

This small picnic area has a collection of low picnic tables in a grassy clearing by the edge of the Salt Pan Creek. The large pipe bridge crossing the creek provides some shade during the heat of the day. There are no water or toilet facilities. The unfenced edge of the picnic area provides clear access to the creek. This is one of the few spots along Salt Pan Creek walk where there is a clear view of the creek.

