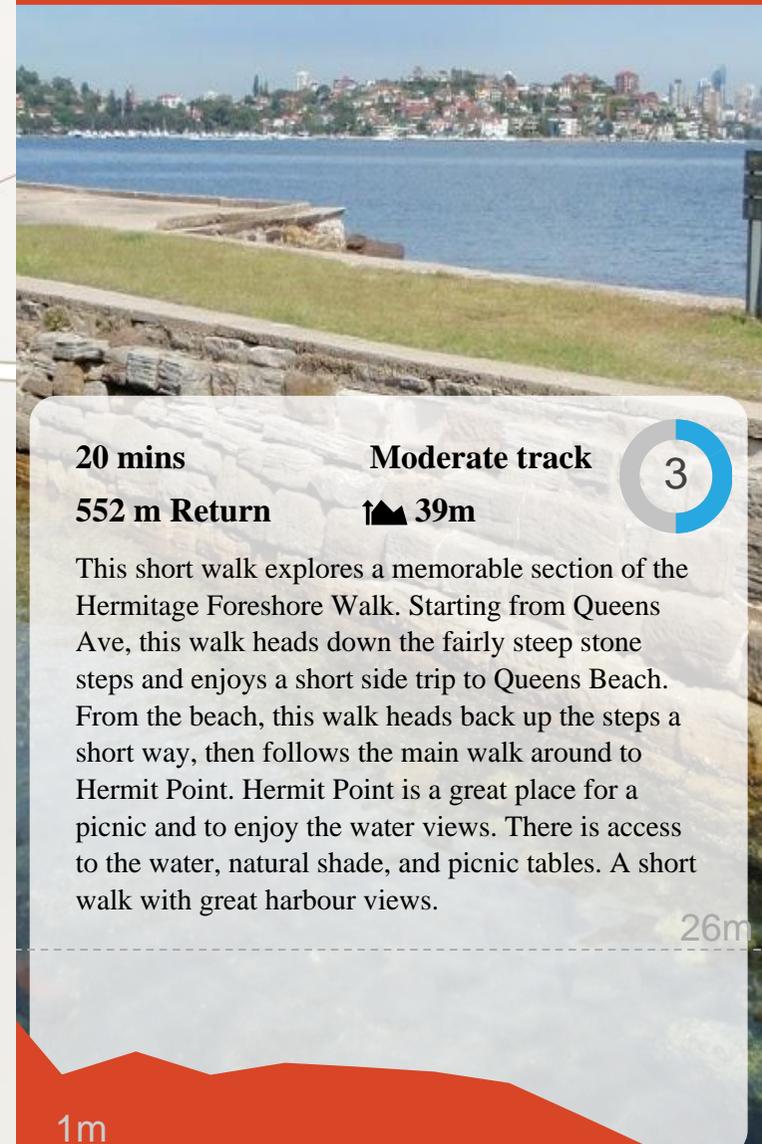


## Queens Beach to Hermit Point



20 mins

Moderate track

3

552 m Return

↑▲ 39m

This short walk explores a memorable section of the Hermitage Foreshore Walk. Starting from Queens Ave, this walk heads down the fairly steep stone steps and enjoys a short side trip to Queens Beach. From the beach, this walk heads back up the steps a short way, then follows the main walk around to Hermit Point. Hermit Point is a great place for a picnic and to enjoy the water views. There is access to the water, natural shade, and picnic tables. A short walk with great harbour views.

Hermit Point

Sydney Harbour

Sydney Harbour National Park

Queens Beach

Start

0.04

Queens Avenue

Little Queens Lane

1m

Sydney Harbour 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 bus is the only practical way to get to Int of Queens Ave and Little Queens Lane (gps: -33.8609, 151.2695). 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/qbthp>

### **0 | Int of Queens Ave and Little Queens Lane**

*(40 m 2 mins)* From the 'Hermitage Foreshore Walk - Queens Beach' sign on Queens Ave (just near Little Queens Lane), this walk heads down the sandstone steps towards the water. Partway down the steps (before the beach), this track comes to three-way intersection with the main Hermitage Foreshore walking track.

### **0.04 | Optional sidetrip to Queens Beach**

*(10 m )* Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads down the steps towards the beach. The track then comes to a boardwalk, a 'Hermitage Foreshore Walk - Queens Beach' sign and a short set of steps leading down to the beach. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

### **0.04 | Queens Beach**

Queens Beach is a small, 50m wide sandy beach that faces west, near Queens Ave Vaucluse. The beach has the Hermitage Foreshore walk running behind it. The beach is protected from the ocean surf and is not patrolled. There are great views across the harbour to the city and Harbour Bridge. A quiet spot, providing an excuse to enjoy the view and splash the feet.

### **0.04 | Bottom of Queens Rd Track**

*(240 m 5 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the short flat path (keeping the water down to your left) and soon heads up some steps. The track crosses a small creek and then leads behind some houses. Next, the walk heads down some steps and turns left, following a wide

concrete path down the hill to the signposted 'Hermit Point'.

### **0.28 | Hermit Point**

Hermit Point hosts a grassy open area and is surrounded by a sandstone sea wall. The sea wall has been shaped to host some boat pens, a launch and a timber wharf. The area is now protected as part of the Sydney Harbour National Park. Here, you will find a number of picnic tables, a small sandstone cave, natural shade and some great water views. The headland, bay and ultimately the Hermitage Foreshore Walk, derive their names from the large home behind this point. The Hermitage was originally built in 1840 by Alexander Dick, then in the 1870's, Edward Mason Hunt undertook some significant renovations, turning it into a Victorian Rustic Gothic house.

