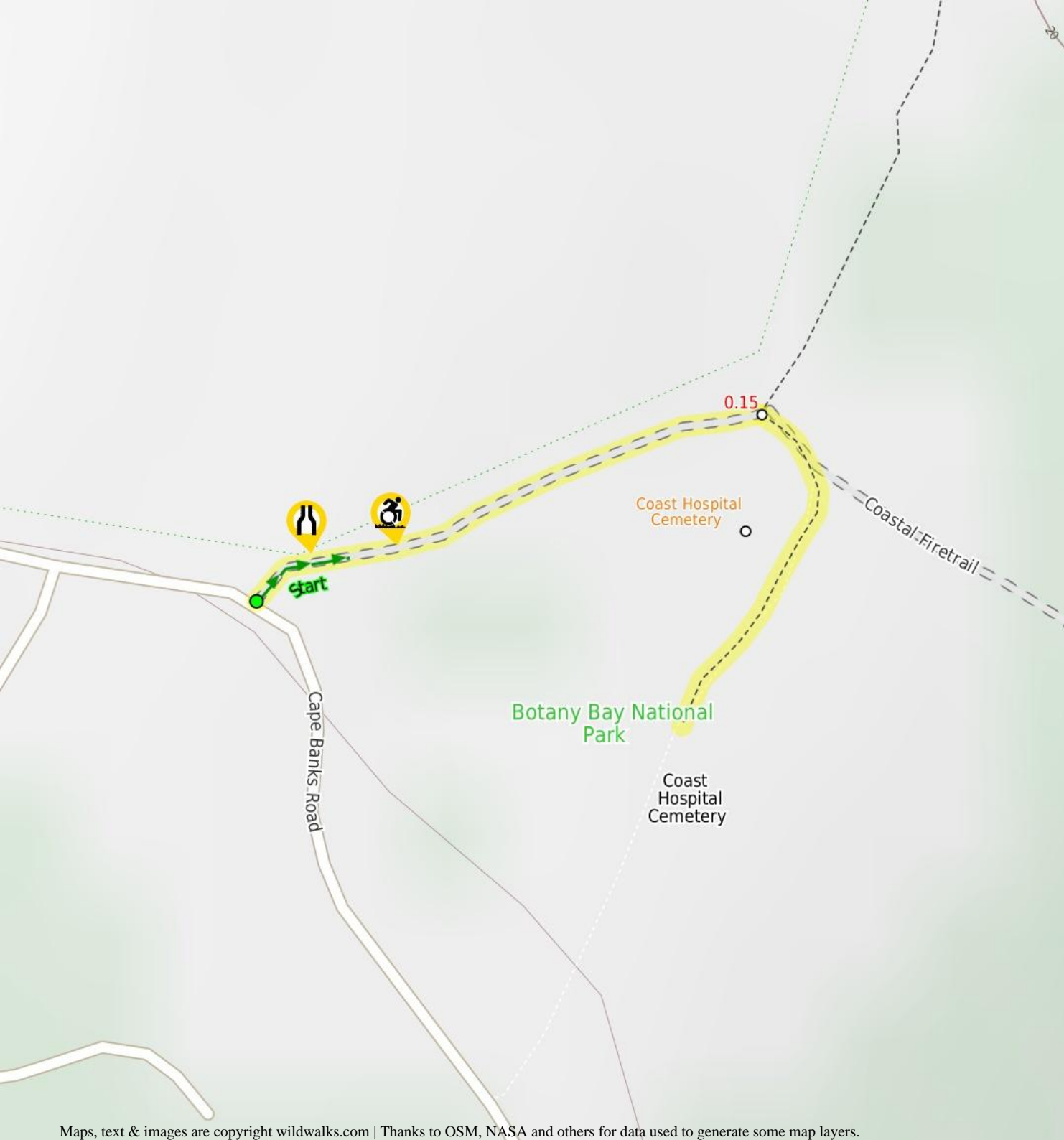


## The Coastal Hospital Cemetery Walk



**15 mins**

**Easy track**

**496 m Return**

**8m**

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The Coastal Hospital Cemetery Walk is an easy walk, near a beautiful coastline, visiting an early Australian cemetery. The cemetery is located on raised ground, with views out to the coast and sea. Used primarily as a cemetery for the old quarantine hospital from the 1880's, it is home to over 2000 graves (most not visible). The visible grave sites are interesting and provide a fascinating glimpse into life (and death) 100 years ago. Worth a visit if you are in the area or if you have an interest in the local history.

20m

30m

Botany Bay 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 Int of Cape Banks Rd & Cemetery Trail (gps: -33.9908, 151.2486). Car: There is free parking available.

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/tchcw>

### 0 | Int of Cape Banks Rd & Cemetery Trail

(150 m 2 mins) From the 'Cemetery Trail' trackhead and dirt car park on Cape Banks Rd La Perouse (about 1km past NSW Golf Course main gate), this walk follows the 'Cemetery Trail' sign around the locked gate, and along the management trail. The grassy trail leads for about 20m to pass over a cobbled stone section then continues to follow the level trail for another 110m, to come to a large 3-way intersection near the Coastal Cemetery (on the right).

### 0.15 | Coast Hospital Cemetery int.

(100 m 2 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads away from the main trail and into the large clearing towards the timber fences and entrance to the cemetery. The walk veers right following the NPWS arrow through the gap in the fence and into the grassy cemetery. From here you can roam around exploring and reading the head stones.

### 0.25 | Coast Hospital Cemetery

The Coast Hospital Cemetery on the northern side of Botany Bay was first established in the early 1880's and is now home to as many as 2000 graves. It serviced the Coast (Prince Henry) Hospital, originally a smallpox hospital. People who died of smallpox were required to be buried at the hospital grounds. The hospital was built far enough from the city to provide quarantine and for this reason, the hospital in time became an infectious diseases hospital, also treating patients with influenza, bubonic plague, typhoid fever and leprosy. Unfortunately, the cemetery has at times fallen into disrepair and some of the headstones are difficult to read. Many of the graves are unmarked. On the eastern edge of the cemetery is an information sign explaining that in the area are also buried the ancestral remains of the La Perouse Aboriginal people returned from museums. A place steeped in history and worthy of respect.





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.

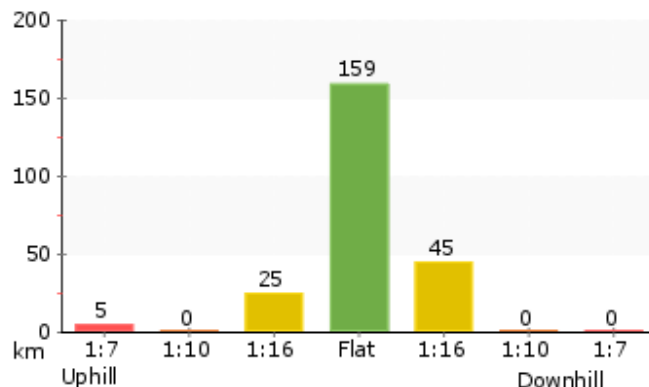
## Surface

The car park has a rough dirt surface, the majority of the walk follows a short cut grass trail. There are a few rough cobbled stone sections. Access to trail via a narrow 48cm gap or over the gate.

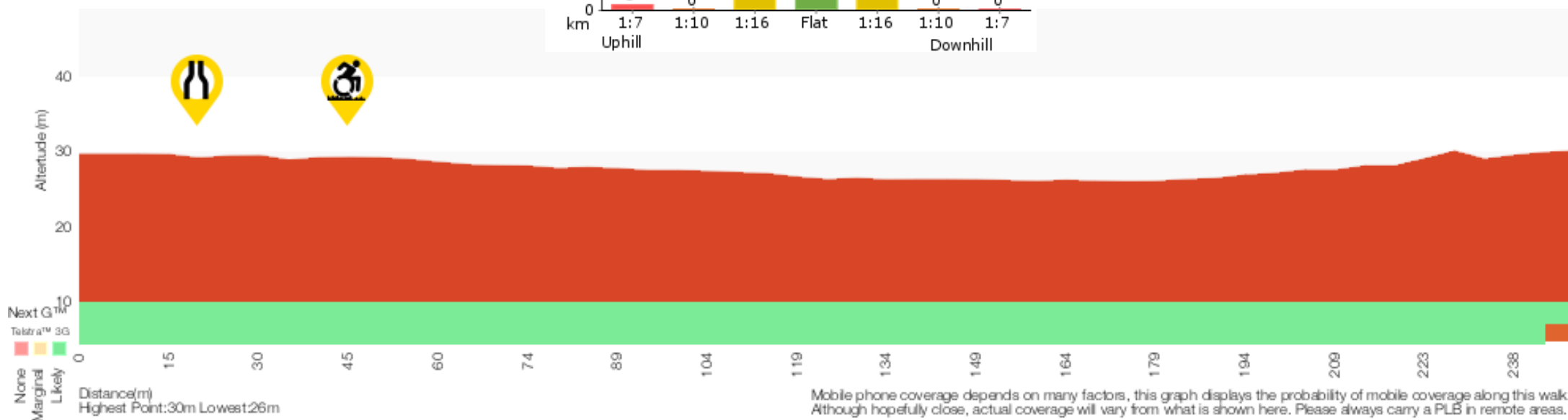
## Steepness

No steps, mostly flat with a slope in the car park. The Cemetery has a moderately steep hill in the centre, but can be avoided.

This graph shows how steep the track is.



Grade 2/6 Easy track		
<b>Length</b>	496 m Return	
<b>Time</b>	15 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 Pinch Point (20m)**

Metal bollard pinch points at edge of carpark, beside gate. The gap between the bollards is 48cm they are 85cm high.



**2 Wheelchair Rough (40m)**

A 20m section of the trail has exposed sandstone cobbles.