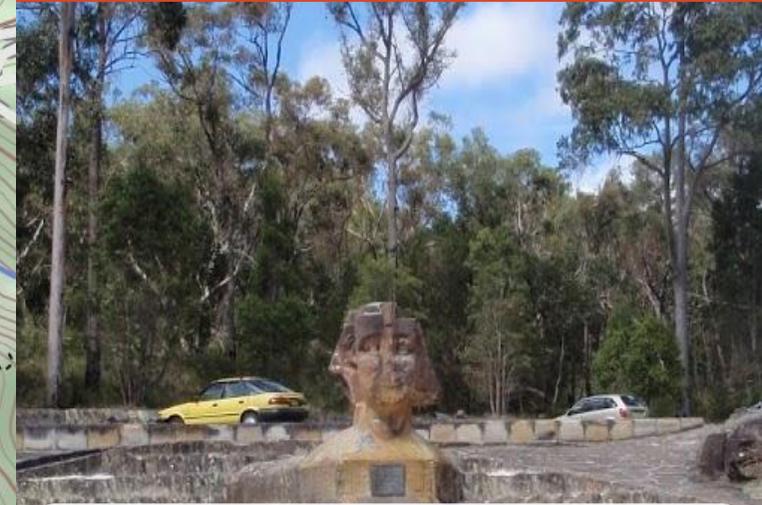


Warrimoo Track to the Sphinx



1 hr 30 mins

Moderate track

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3.4 km One way

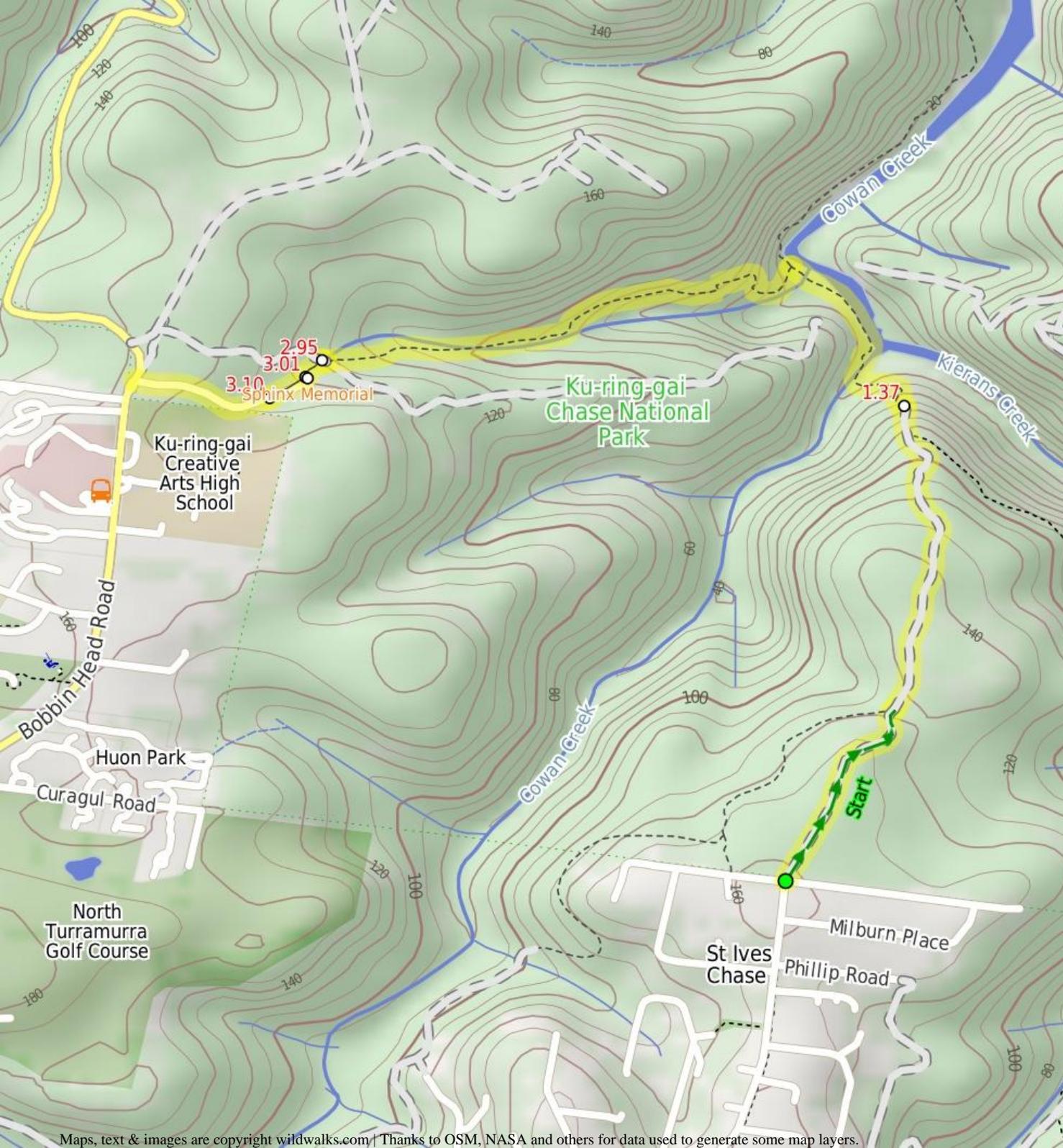
189m

This walk offers a great way to explore most of the Warrimoo Track and also visit the Sphinx War Memorial. The walk winds down to Cowan Creek, providing some great views as the creek becomes wider. The journey continues up the steep hill through various bush environments before arriving at the Sphinx War Memorial and picnic area.

161m

3m

Ku-ring-gai Chase 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 You can get to End of Warrimoo Ave (gps: -33.7006, 151.1656) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Int of Bobbin Head and the Sphinx Roads (gps: -33.6887, 151.1523) by car or bus. 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/wtts>

0 | End of Warrimoo Ave

(1.4 km 28 mins) From the car park, this walk follows the management trail through the bush for a while before winding down a gentle hill and coming to the signposted intersection with the Darri track.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the Bobbin Head arrow along the service trail (heading north west). The trail meanders through the bush for a while before winding steadily down a long hill to the end of the ridge. Here, the trail comes to a Memorial Chair at a lookout over Cowan Creek.

1.37 | Sonja Huddles Chair

(1.6 km 37 mins) Continue straight: From the Memorial Chair, the walk heads down the rock steps and follows the bush track. The track winds steeply down the rocky hill and crosses Cowan Creek at the stepping stones. The track then continues along the edge of the creek (keeping the creek to the right) until coming to the signposted intersection with the Sphinx Track.

Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Sphinx Track - Nth. Turrumurra' sign uphill along the clear rocky track. The track zig-zags quite steeply up a series of timber and stone steps for almost 250m to then pass under the high tension power lines. Here the track gently undulates along the side of the hill crossing a few pleasant rock platforms for 130m to cross a small often dry creek on a sandstone rock platform. Now the track leads gently uphill along the side of the valley among the grass trees for almost 200m to cross a usually larger but still fairly small creek on a sandstone rock platform. The walk then heads up a series of and carved stone and timber steps for about 50m where the track mostly flattens out for about 30m to come to a shallow sandstone overhang (on your left). Just shy of 150m past this cave, the track leads between two tall eucalyptus then follows the rocky track and series of timber steps uphill for another 300m to a T-intersection

with a wide trail, marked with a 'Sphinx Walking Track' sign pointing back down the track.

2.94 | Int of Sphinx walking Track and Service trail

(10 m) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads gently uphill along the wide trail, for just over 10m to an intersection with an asphalted path (on your left), marked with a 'Sphinx Fire Trail' sign pointing back down the trail.

2.95 | Int of Sphinx Memorial Track and Sphinx fire trail

(60 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the intersection this walk follows the asphalt footpath, gently uphill directly away from the face of the 'Sphinx Fire Trail' sign. The footpath leads for about 50m to head behind the picnic tables and come to the sandstone 'Sphinx Memorial'.

3.01 | Sphinx Memorial

Private Shirley spent one and a half years carving this monument whilst a patient of the Lady Davidson Convalescent Hospital. William Shirley was in hospital, being treated after serving in WW1. Shirley died in 1929, leaving this memorial to fallen A.I.F. comrades. "To my glorious comrades of the A.I.F by the late W. Shirley No 5756 Pte. 13th Battalion Died 27th August 1928" [More info.](#)

3.01 | Sphinx Memorial

(90 m 2 mins) Veer right: From the picnic ground, this walk heads south-west, uphill along the footpath, until emerging onto the Sphinx Memorial Drive. At this point, there is a gate and a sign giving information on the local walks.

3.1 | Int of Memorial Rd and Sphinx Track

(280 m 5 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the road, heading up the long gentle hill. The road flattens out and passes through some metal gates, coming to the intersection with Bobbin Head Road. The NPWS toll booth is just to the left.

