

CIRCULAR QUAY TO SOUTH HEAD AND CLOVELLY

WALK COMPANION NOTES

TO

CIRCULAR QUAY TO SOUTH HEAD AND CLOVELLY *WALKING SYDNEY HARBOUR MAP*

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The walks covered by this map include the Main Walk route which follows the waterfront from Circular Quay to South Head and down to Clovelly; part of the *Federation Track*, and 24 Loop and Connection Walks with the area which provide alternatives, additional walk routes and short cuts for the *Main Walk* and the *Federation Track*. Walked every step, they represent more than 80km of eastern suburbs walking, but most walkers will prefer to do them in the smaller bites that all these sections, loops and connections represent.

These notes offer background information on all the walks for interested walkers.

Harbour Bridge-South Head-Clovelly is part of a series of *Walking Coastal Sydney* and *Sharing Sydney Harbour* maps

Introduction

Anyone who takes a lot of these walks and reads the notes – or maybe even just reads the notes – will realize that these are more than just walks across a very exhilarating landscape. These are also walks across the history of the land and the people who have been and are in it - walks across the constantly interconnecting threads of people's lives. Few people have lived in just one place or done just one thing, just as few places have been just one thing. There are layers and webs of meaning through which you walk and as you do you uncover and reconnect them – some of the songlines of Sydney's east.

Even a book-sized set of notes like these can just offer a few samples of the immense territory encompassed in the area drawn by a map linking Circular Quay to Bronte, but the samples will at least hint at the richness and complexity of this landscape of lives and places that are this part of Sydney.

The Series

The *Harbour Bridge – South Head – Clovelly* map to which these notes refer is part of the *Walking Coastal Sydney* and *Sharing Sydney Harbour* series of nine maps providing continuous walking coverage from Barrenjoey at the northern tip of Sydney's northern beaches; down the coastline to Manly and North Head of Sydney Harbour; back to Sydney Harbour Bridge where they connect with the *Harbour Circle Walk* and the *Great North Walk*; west along the Parramatta River to Parramatta; east to South Head and then down the eastern coast and beaches to Botany Bay; around the Bay to Kurnell and south to Cronulla and Bundeena from where the *Federation Track* continues southwards.

These brochures have been developed by the Walking Volunteers, working with a partnership of local Councils, State and Federal agencies and Sydway Street Directories mapping Division. The Walking Volunteers are a group of individuals who enjoy exploring areas on foot. They believe that walking is one of the most effective and

economical ways to: combat obesity, fight pollution and reduce congestion on our roads. Their achievements are far reaching.

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Personal Care

The walks require average fitness. Take care as they include a variety of pathway conditions and terrain including hills and steps. Use sunscreen, carry water and wear a hat and good walking shoes. Please observe official safety and track signs at all times.

Public Transport

A great option to factor into walk starts or ends, public transport is readily available at regular points along the way (see map) and allows considerable flexibility in entering and exiting the routes. Convenient ferry wharves at Double Bay, Rose Bay, Watsons Bay and Darling Point (limited service) offer a superb way to begin or end a walk from Circular Quay or another point along the Main Walk, along with a number of the Loop Walks. In a more limited way, rail stations at Kings Cross, Edgecliff and Bondi Junction work well with some of the Loop and Connection Walks. Regular bus services operate throughout the whole area. However, not all services operate every day. For bus, train and ferry timetables check **Infoline** Tel: 131-500 www.131500.com.au

Accommodation

For walkers wanting more than day walks, overnight accommodation can readily be found at areas such as Sydney city, Kings Cross (C5), Edgecliff (D5), Bondi (G6), Clovelly (G8), Coogee (below G8) and Randwick (E7) and Randwick Racecourse (C8). A limited range of accommodation is available at Paddington (C6), Rose Bay (F4), and Watsons Bay (H2). For information on hotels and motels, bed and breakfast, backpacker and youth hostels and other accommodation options see Tourism NSW: www.visitnsw.com, NRMA Tel: 13 11 22 www.mynrma.com and Sydney Visitor Centre: www.sydneyvisitorcentre.com

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Walk Number	Name	Length of Walk	Minimum Duration
	INTRODUCTION		
MW	MAIN WALK (in total) <i>(marked in solid red on map)</i>	30.5km	12hrs
MAIN WALK (in sections)			
MW Section 1	MAIN WALK: Section 1: Circular Quay – Rushcutters Bay	6km	2hrs 20min
MW Section 2	MAIN WALK: Section 2: Rushcutters Bay – Rose Bay shops	4.5km	1hr 45min
MW Section 3	MAIN WALK: Section 3: Rose Bay shops– South Head	7.5km	3hr 15min
MW Section 4	MAIN WALK: Section 4: South Head – North Bondi	8km	3hr 15min
MW Section 5	MAIN WALK: Section 5: North Bondi– Clovelly	4.5km	2 hrs
FT	FEDERATION TRACK: Rushcutters Bay to Waverley Cemetery <i>(marked in solid red on map and marked 'Federation Track')</i>	7km	3hrs
L	LOOP WALKS <i>(Shown on map as solid green lines)</i>	Length of Walk (Length of full loop walk)	Minimum Duration (Duration of full loop walk)
L1	Macquarie St	2.9km (5.6km)	1hr 15min (2hr 10min)

L2	Kings Cross	3km (3.5km)	1hr 40min (1hr 50min)
L3	Paddington	4km (4.6km)	2hrs (2hr 20min)
L4	Darling Point	2.2km (3km)	1hr 15min (1hr 30min)
L5	Redleaf	0.7km (1km)	20min (25min)
L6	Point Piper	2.5km (2.7km)	1hr 10min (1hr 15min)
L7	Heartbreak Hill	0.7km (1km)	15min (20min)
L8	Wentworth	0.2km 0.5km)	10min (15min)
L9	St Peters	0.9km (0.9km)	20min (20min)
L10	South Head Cemetery	0.8km (1.4km)	40min (55min)
L11	Murrivierie	0.5km (0.7km)	20min (25min)
L12	Bronte Park	1km (1.2km)	20min (25min)
L13	Waverley Cemetery	1km (1.4km)	50min (1hr)
L14	Randwick	6km (6.8km)	3hr (3hr 10min)
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	CONNECTIONS <i>(Shown on map as solid green lines)</i>	Length of Walk	Minimum Duration
C1	Woolloomooloo	1km	25min
C2	Cooper	4.2km	1hr 45min
C3	Bondi	2.7km	45min
C4	Bellevue	0.8km	15min
C5	Dover	1.4km	25min
C6	Fernleigh	1.4km	30min
C7	Vaucluse	1.5km	30min
C8	Charing Cross	2.6km	1hr 15mins
C9	Tamarama	2.2km	45min
C10	Bronte	1.6km	30min