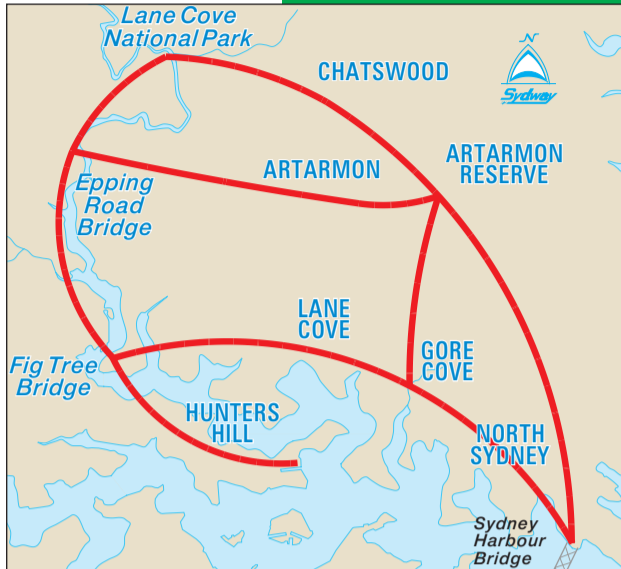


Harbour to Great North Walk



Great North Walk Billboard

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A Walk in Three Days (see Accommodation)

Days 1 & 2 The same first days as the Walk in Two Days. 5hr & 5hr 30 walking 12km & 16.5km

Day 3 Uses the Harbour to Spit Walk brochure, and map references refer to it. Artarmon Station (A2) via Quakers Hat Bay (E2), Mosman Bay (E5) to Milsons Point (C5). 3hr 30 walking 10km

A Walk in Four Days (see Accommodation)

Many circles can be created using the routes and variants shown in this brochure, or also using the routes in the companion brochures. There is almost no end to the diversity of sights along the way to be savoured.


Day 1 Milsons Point (H6) by red route to Hunters Hill (B5) 5hr walking 12km

Day 2 *The Great North Walk* - Hunters Hill (H5), via The Great North Walk (red route) to the Lane Cove National Park (B1), then via Blue Gum Creek to Chatswood Station (E1). 4hr 15 walking 13km

Day 3 Uses the *Harbour to Hawkesbury Track* brochure and map references refer to it. Take the Forest Coach bus from Chatswood Station (E1) (routes 278 to 285) or from Sydney City (routes 206 to 210) to Roseville Bridge, and walk along the north side of the bridge, and descend to the east of Middle Harbour. Walk south on the *Harbour to Hawkesbury Track* to Spit Bridge (buses to either Sydney CBD or Manly). 5hr walking 11km

Day 4 First Manly (H1) to Spit Bridge (F1) using the *Harbour to Spit Walk* (3hr walking 10km): Then using the *Harbour to Spit Walk* brochure, to the Harbour Bridge by the central route (2hr 45 8km). 5hr 45 walking 18km

Food and Drink

Food, drink and toilets are to be found at Circular Quay/The Rocks, adjoining Milsons Point, Waverton and Wollstonecraft Stations, Blaxlands Corner, Hunters Hill overpass (cnr Gladesville Road and Joubert Street), Hunters Hill Village (cnr Alexandra and Ferry Street), Woolwich Village, Lane Cove National Park, Fuller Road shops, Chatswood, Artarmon and St Leonards. Additional toilets along the way are marked .

Accommodation

All overnight stops are at excellent transport hubs. The Two, Three and Four Day Walks can be done from one accommodation point such as Central or North Sydney. There is accommodation at or near overnight stops, but it is not as comprehensive. Some B&Bs are marked on the map. For information on bed and breakfast, historic hotel, other accommodation and information visit www.sydneyvisitorcentre.com, www.visitnsw.com or www.mynrma.com

Walking - Harbour Bridge to The Great North Walk

While many will want to start the 250km Great North Walk to Newcastle by the traditional ferry to Hunters Hill, others might want to walk over the Harbour Bridge and experience the rich natural beauty and historic features of the North Shore before joining The Great North Walk and then on towards Newcastle.

This brochure provides three alternate walks from the Harbour Bridge towards The Great North Walk.

- The Northern Harbour Foreshore Route**
Cross the Harbour Bridge (H6) and then mainly along the northern harbour shore to meet The Great North Walk at the Figtree Bridge (B4). This is the same route as the northern section of *A Harbour Circle Walk*. 5hr 30 12km
- The Artarmon, Stringybark Creek Route**
Cross the Harbour Bridge (H6) and then along the northern harbour shore to Gore Cove (E5), and then, via St Leonards and Artarmon (E2), through a mixture of interesting green and urban spaces and finally down Stringybark Creek to meet The Great North Walk at Epping Rd Bridge (A1). 5hr 30 13km
- The Chatswood, Blue Gum Creek Route**
Cross the Harbour Bridge (H6) and then along the northern harbour shore to Gore Cove (E5), and then, via St Leonards and Chatswood (E1) (rather than Artarmon), through a mixture of interesting green and urban spaces and finally down Blue Gum Creek to meet The Great North Walk at the Lane Cove National Park (B1). 5hr 30 13km

Using some of the variants identified in this brochure, many circular walks can be created through this diverse area.

Historic Notes

Graham Spindler's historic notes for *A Harbour Circle Walk* cover the Northern Harbour Foreshore route and the first section over the Harbour Bridge to Gore Cove in the other two routes, and all connected loops along the harbour. These are downloadable from www.planning.nsw.gov.au/harbour click 'Walking Sydney Harbour'.

The Loops

As the route bypasses a number of significant peninsulas and bays, local loops (marked in green on the map) have been added covering these areas. This enables the walk to be broken into smaller segments to be explored over several days, including the local loops of your choice.

Between the Fig Tree Bridge (B4) and the Lane Cove National Park (B1). The Great North Walk keeps to the western side of the Lane Cove River (red route - 3hr). There is an equally fascinating but shorter option keeping to the eastern side of the River (green route - 2hr 15).

Companion Brochures

In addition to this brochure, the northern areas of Sydney feature in two companion brochures: *A Harbour Circle Walk* and *Harbour to Spit Walk*. These are indicated on the 'Trunk Walking Routes' map on this brochure.

Further Information

The following additional materials are relevant to this brochure – all are free unless otherwise indicated.

Department of Planning
23 Bridge Street, Sydney 2000. Tel: 9228 6111
This brochure and the two companion brochures, can be obtained from the Department, and from Harbour Councils and tourist information centres. They can also be downloaded from the website www.planning.nsw.gov.au/harbour click 'Walking Sydney Harbour'. The site includes other information such as a list of walks, places of interest and other published material, and there are links to relevant Councils and Agencies.

Department of Lands
1 Prince Albert Road, Queens Square, Sydney 2000. Tel: 9228 6666
A map and guide of *The Great North Walk* (\$11) and a free brochure *Harbour to Hawkesbury Walking Track* can be obtained from Sydney Map Sales in Queens Square. Guide Book - McDougall & Shearer-Heriot 1988 (available from libraries). See www.lands.nsw.gov.au - use search 'walks'.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (Harbour Trust)
Best Avenue off Suakin Drive, Georges Heights, Mosman 2088. Tel: 8969 2100
For tours and information on the Woolwich Dock and Parklands site and Cockatoo Island and the Trust's other sites in Sydney Harbour, see www.harbourtrust.gov.au

National Parks & Wildlife Service
See www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au for information on all parks and walks within them – especially Lane Cove National Park.

North Sydney Council
200 Miller Street, North Sydney 2060. Tel: 9936 8100.
There are a number of brochures and publications available from the Customer Service Centre and Stanton Library. These include *Walking North Sydney, Circle Walks* (6 brochures), *Historical Society Walks* (10 brochures), *Headland/Bushland Walks, Heritage Series Walks and Plaque Walks*. All are downloadable from www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au - click 'recreation'.

Lane Cove Council
48 Longueville Road, Lane Cove 2066. Tel: 9911 3555.
The Walks of Lane Cove (free), *Bushwalks around Lane Cove* (\$4.40), and *Exploring Historic Lane Cove* (\$13.20) can be purchased from the Customer Service Centre and Lane Cove Library. See www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au

Willoughby City Council
31 Victor St, Chatswood 2067. Tel: 9777 1000
Wheeling & Walking in Willoughby, Walking Tracks - Artarmon to Middle Harbour, Ferndale, Flat Rock Gully, Mowbray Park, North Arm, Railway to River and Blue Gum Reserve. Historical Historical Walks – Griffin Federation, Castlecrag, East Ward, Naremburn, St Leonards to Artarmon. Wilsch's Walk. Mobility Maps – Chatswood CBD – Willoughby Centres.

All brochures are available from the Customer Service Centre, and are downloadable from www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au

The 'Walking Times' Diagram

This diagram will help you choose your own route. Remember that the times marked are walking times only and are based on a walking speed of approximately 2.5 to 3.0 kilometres per hour, depending upon the terrain. Add your own time for breaks, lunch or just looking.

Walking the Route in Sections

Most people will want to walk through this area in bite-sized sections of between 2 and 5 hours linked by public transport. Suggestions of a variety of times and transport options are described.

Some might spread a 5 hour walk over a leisurely day and lunch at one of the many pleasant rest stops. Two days or longer walks are possible using either overnight accommodation or public transport. Most routes are from this brochure, but also include those routes in the companion brochures. The continuations into adjoining brochures are shown.

Personal Care

The walk requires average fitness. Take care as it includes a variety of terrain and pathway conditions. Use sunscreen, carry water and wear a hat and good walking shoes.

Public Transport

Public transport is readily available at regular intervals along the way (see map). This allows considerable flexibility in entering and exiting the routes. **Note** – not all services operate every day.
Trains : Go regularly between all stations in this brochure.
Buses: Go regularly along the Pacific Highway (E3) and Epping Road (C3) through the middle of the walks, and connect on the western routes at Lane Cove National Park (B1), Epping Road Bridge (A1), Cope St (B3) and Hunters Hill (B5).
Ferries : Some are infrequent and all timetables should be checked.

For bus, train and ferry trip planning and timetables. Infoline Tel: 131500 or visit www.131500.com.au
Information on Lane Cove - City Ferries
Tel: 9264 7377 www.matilda.com.au

Short Walks using Public Transport 2 to 4 hours

The choice of walks is many. The following are examples of walks between 2 and 4 hours walking including some local loop walks, and a variety of transport options.

USING BUSES AND/OR TRAINS AND FERRIES
Epping Road Bridge (A1) to St Leonards (F4)
Bus stop at Epping Road Bridge (A1), east up Stringybark Creek to Artarmon Reserve and down to St Leonards (F4). 3hr walking 7km

Blaxlands Corner (D4) to Waverton (F5)
Bus stop at the Blaxlands Corner (you may add one or more loops if desired), to Waverton – bus or train . 2hr walking 4.5km

Hunters Hill Council
22 Alexandra Street, Hunters Hill 2110. Tel: 9879 9400
Hunters Hill Woolwich Walks, Hunters Hill Gladesville Walks, Bush Walks are available from the Customer Service Centre, and are downloadable from www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au - click 'walking maps'. See also www.discoverhuntershill.com.au

Step Inc
Detailed walking maps of the Lane Cove Valley and Middle Harbour can be purchased from Step Inc or Map World - 280 Pitt Street, Sydney and Willoughby Road, Crows Nest. (\$20 each - members \$15). See www.step.org.au

Books on Walking Sydney
There are many books on walking Sydney that are relevant to these walks. These are obtainable from libraries, bookshops and tourist offices.

Annual Event - 7 Bridges Walk
First held in October 2006, it is planned to be an annual event. In some areas, this event follows a route parallel to A Harbour Circle Walk through less fragile areas to allow for the thousands of anticipated participants.

Signage

It is expected that standard signage will be introduced over time.

On Council signs, these include the 'yellow' walking person 

location maps with the international yellow 

and small yellow directional markings along the path.
NB: *The Great North Walk, The Manly Scenic Walkway and The Harbour to Hawkesbury Track* are not marked by the yellow bars, but by wooden directional posts.

straight ahead 

wrong direction 

turn right 

turn left 

Lower Lane Cover River Circle - between Hunters Hill (B5) and Epping Road Bridge (A1)
Bus to either Hunters Hill (B5) or Epping Road Bridge (A1), or ferry to Huntleys Point Wharf (A6), circle the River via The Great North Walk (red route) to the west side of the River and back the east side (green route) to the bus or ferry. For a longer circle, continue north on the west side to Lane Cove National Park and back the east side (add 2hr 6km). 3hr 30 walking 12km

USING TRAINS
Waverton Station (F5) to Milsons Point Station (H6)
Waverton Station, Balls Head Loop (F6), Milsons Point Station by the red route. 2hr 45 walking 6.75km

Chatswood Station (E1)/Artarmon Station (E2) via Lane Cove National Park (B1) Circle
Start at either Chatswood or Artarmon Station, then circle via Epping Road Bridge and Lane Cove National Park. You can walk either side of the Lane Cove River. 5hr 30 walking 12.75km

Wollstonecraft Station (F5) to Waverton Station (F5)
Wollstonecraft Station, Berry Island and Balls Head Loops, Waverton Station. 3hr walking 5.75km

USING FERRIES (NB. Sydney Ferries – *Go Walkabout* brochure)
Greenwich Wharf (E6) to Huntleys Point Wharf (A6)
Greenwich Wharf, direct route to Huntleys Pt Wharf. 4hr walking 10km

Woolwich Wharf (D5) to either Longueville (D5) or Northwood (E5) Wharfs
4hr walking 11km

A Circle Walk in One Day

Many one day circles can be created that can be walked by a fit person in approximately 5 to 10 hours walking time, but make sure you have time to savour the views. Add extra time for breaks and other stops.

One example would be to circle from St Leonards Station (F4) via Gore Cove (E5), Carisbrook House (B4), then the green route to Lane Cove National Park (B1) and Chatswood Station (E1) back to St Leonards Station (F4). 8hr walking 21km

A Walk in Two Days (see Accommodation)

Day 1 Milsons Point (H6) by the north harbour to Hunters Hill (B5) by the red route. 5hr walking 12km

Day 2 *The Great North Walk* - Hunters Hill (B5) to Chatswood Station (E1), via The Great North Walk (red route) to the Lane Cove National Park (B1), continue via Blue Gum Creek to Chatswood, then via Artarmon Reserve (F2) to Artarmon Station (E2). 5hr 30 walking 16.5km
Some may wish to add the Hunters Hill loop (45 min).

Historic Museums/Buildings

Carisbrook House (B4) Don Bank (G5)
Hunters Hill Historical Museum (B5) Mary McKillop Museum (G5)
Vienna Cottage (B5)

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