



Barrenjoey Headland Walk



1 hr 30 mins

Hard track

2.3 km Return

▲ 110m



This is a fantastic walk for those wanting a great walk on Sydney's northern beaches. Features of this track include views of the central coast, Palm Beach and the South Pacific Ocean, and historic remnants of old lighthouses. Currently some track repairs are underway, however once completed this walk will revert to a circuit track.



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 Barrenjoey Carpark (Palm Beach) (gps: -33.5854, 151.3254) by car or bus. Car: Parking fees apply in the area.

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/t>

0 | Barrenjoey Carpark (Palm Beach)

(370 m 6 mins) This walk starts from the car park at Station Beach (on the Pittwater side of the Palm Beach promontory, past the Palm Beach Golf Course and the ferry wharf) At the northernmost end of the car park, this walk passes the 'Barrenjoey Head Aquatic Reserve' sign, heading north along Station Beach (keeping Pittwater to the left). The walk passes two distinct tracks on the right before coming to an intersection with a less-defined track, also on the right (and a 'This way to Lighthouse' sign), just before a small house.

0.37 | Bottom of the Smugglers Track

(480 m 17 mins) Turn right: From the house, the walk follows the 'This way to Lighthouse' sign. The track becomes a wide, sandy trail that, after approximately 30m, turns to the left. Shortly after this, it narrows significantly and then uses a set of very steep carved rock steps to climb to the top of the headland. Approximately halfway up the climb, the walk passes a lookout with fantastic views over Palm Beach, which makes a good spot to take a break. From the top of the steps, the walk heads along the gravel trail up between the buildings and continues to the lookout, where there is a sundial just below the lighthouse.

0.84 | Barrenjoey Lighthouse

The Barrenjoey Lighthouse was the third light constructed on this headland, completed in 1881. Designed by James Barnet, the NSW Colonial Architect, and built for a cost of \$13,695 plus \$2,210 for the lamp, the light is at an elevation of 113m and can be seen to a distance of 19 nautical miles (35 km) out

to sea.

0.84 | Barrenjoey Lighthouse

(310 m 5 mins) Turn right: From the sundial, this walk heads past the lighthouse (on the right) as it enters the thicker scrub of the headland. The track passes a few historical sites as it continues towards Palm Beach (on the right). The track leads out along the ridge of the headland to a lookout over Palm Beach and Sydney's northern beaches.

1.16 | Site of the First Barrenjoey Lighthouses

In 1868, two wooden lighthouses, known as the Stewart Towers, were built at either end of the headland to guide ships in to port. These were later replaced by the current tower in 1881. Stewart Towers were tended by George Mulhall Snr and Jnr, the first principle keepers of the current lighthouse.

1.16 | Grave Of George Mulhall

George Mulhall was the first principal lighthouse keeper of Barrenjoey headland, working in the permanent lighthouse from 1881 until he was struck by lightning in 1885. His son, George Mulhall Jnr, succeeded him.

