

## Berowra to Berowra Waters

**2 hrs 45 mins**

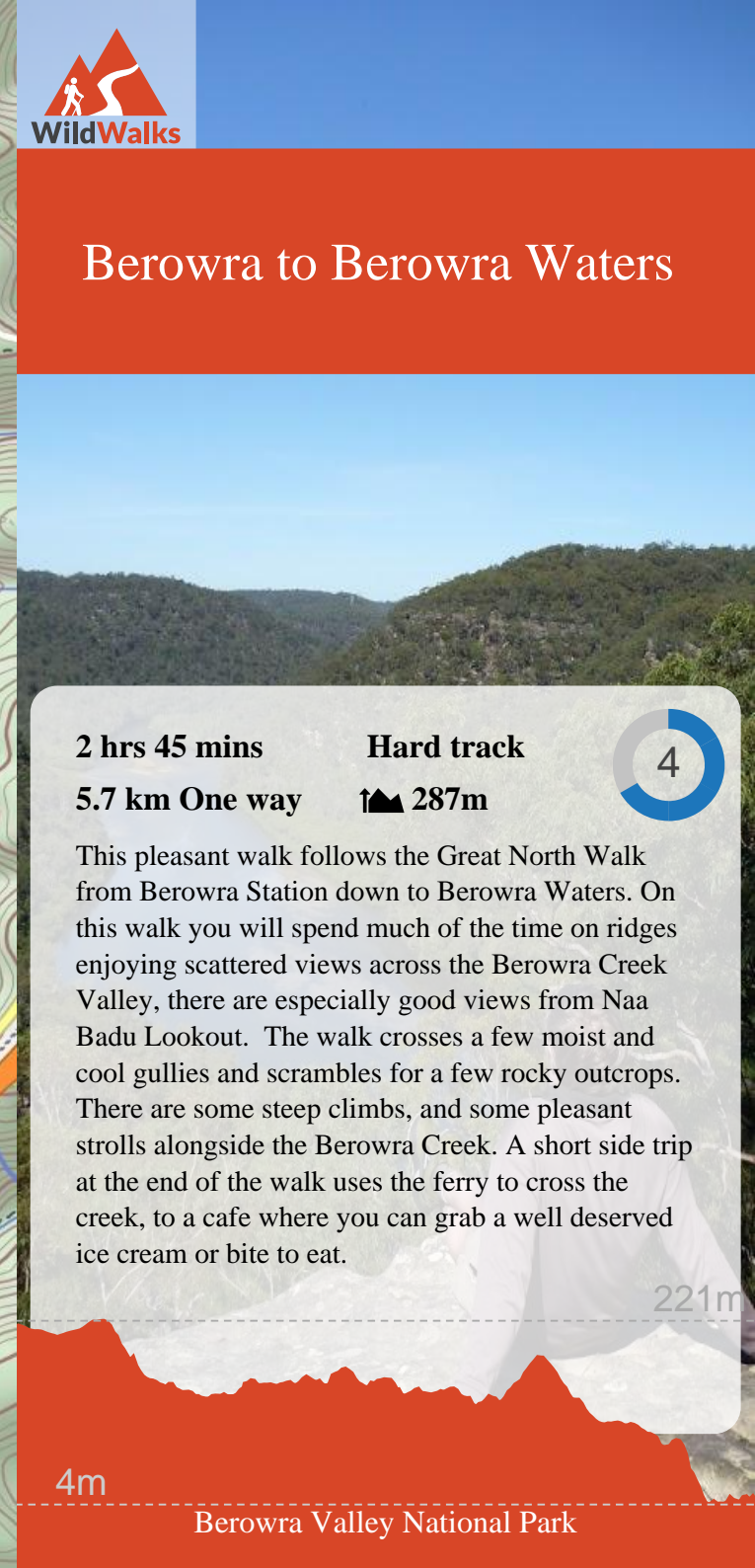
**Hard track**

**5.7 km One way**

**▲ 287m**

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This pleasant walk follows the Great North Walk from Berowra Station down to Berowra Waters. On this walk you will spend much of the time on ridges enjoying scattered views across the Berowra Creek Valley, there are especially good views from Naa Badu Lookout. The walk crosses a few moist and cool gullies and scrambles for a few rocky outcrops. There are some steep climbs, and some pleasant strolls alongside the Berowra Creek. A short side trip at the end of the walk uses the ferry to cross the creek, to a cafe where you can grab a well deserved ice cream or bite to eat.



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Berowra Valley 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 walk's 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 Berowra Station (gps: -33.6232, 151.1533) by car, train or bus. Car: Parking fees apply in the area.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Berowra Waters trackhead (gps: -33.6005, 151.1256). 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/btbw>

### **0 | Berowra Station**

*(710 m 14 mins)* From the entrance to Berowra train station, this walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' arrow on the 'Great North Walk' sign, crossing the highway at the traffic lights. On the other side of the highway, this walk turns left and follows the footpath past a series of local shops and cafes for about 150m, then turns right onto Berowra Waters Rd. The footpath passes the post office then Caltex service station, then the walk crosses 'The Gully Rd'. Continuing along the Berowra Waters Rd footpath, this walk passes the park and then crosses the road just to the right of the roundabout. Turning left in front of the community hall, this walk immediately turns right at Crowley Rd, and comes to the open grassy area behind the community hall, where a sign in the park points back to 'Berowra Station'.

### **0.71 | Crowley Road track head**

*(900 m 21 mins)* Turn right: From the small park on Crowley Rd, this walk follows the 'Crosslands' sign downhill, tending left behind the houses. The track soon bends right and leads quite steeply down a series of steps for about 120m, then tends left and flattens out on an unfenced rock platform. From here, the track leads down a metal staircase then heads fairly steeply down along a rocky track. The track begins to flatten out over the next 400m, crossing the gully twice, then leads down to a three-way intersection marked with a couple of arrow posts.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the arrow post downhill and soon crosses a small creek. The track then continues up the other side of the valley, over a small rise, then leads down to an intersection with a management trail, marked with a couple more arrow posts.

### **1.61 | Int of Berowra service trail and GNW**

*(1.1 km 27 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the Great North Walk arrow down the wide management trail for about 40m, then continues up the moderately steep hill to a wide three-way intersection, where a sign points back towards 'Berowra Station'.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Crosslands' sign as the trail bends left, leading down the hill. The trail then undulates around the side of valley for about 300m and crosses a small creek (where the trail is gravel). The trail then heads generally uphill for about 600m, before a last little downhill stretch leads to an intersection (with a track on your left) and a 'Berowra Station' sign pointing back along the track.

### **2.72 | Int of GNW and Berowra Link tracks**

*(260 m 7 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign gently down along the management trail, keeping the valley to your left. The trail gently undulates along the side of the hill, enjoying some glimpses up to the cliff faces (on the right). After about 180m,

the trail crosses a concrete drain, then leads up the hill to find the signposted 'Naa Badu' lookout and its great view.

### **2.98 | Naa Badu Lookout**

Naa Badu Lookout offers magnificent views south over Berowra Creek as well as over Sams and Calna Creeks. Naa Badu means 'See water' in the Aboriginal tribal language of the Dharug people. It is believed that Berowra Creek was the boundary between the Dharug and Guringai Aboriginal peoples. The lookout is fenced, has a bench seat, picnic table and a fair amount of natural shade.

### **2.98 | Int of Naa Badu Lookout**

*(540 m 11 mins)* Continue straight: From the 'Naa Badu' lookout, this walk follows the management trail over the small rise and across the concrete ditch, keeping the valley to your left. The trail leads around the side of the hill for about 300m, gently undulating to come to an intersection with a narrow track and small clearing (on your left, as the trail bends right), just past the large scribbly gum. (This informal track leads down to an unfenced rock platform, with filtered views over Berowra Creek).

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the wide trail gently downhill as it bends right, keeping the valley to your left. After about 140m, the trail narrows a bit, leading down a few short but steeper sections to an intersection (with some steps on your left), where a 'The Great North Walk' sign points back up along the trail.

### **3.52 | Int of GNW and Berkeley Close service trail**

*(570 m 18 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign down the timber steps. The walk then crosses Banggarai Creek using a timber bridge, and leads up some timber steps. The rocky track then leads up some more timbers steps, between two rocks then over a few rocks, where the track then flattens out. The now flat, sandy track winds through the forest for about 150m and passes a timber seat, then leads down across a small gully before the track begins to climb again. The track leads up some more timber steps, then the walk climbs two metal pegs in the rock and continues to climb steeply up the rock and timber steps. After 60m, the track flattens out again, leading gently up through the scribbly gum and angophora forest for just over 100m to a three-way intersection marked with a couple of GNW arrow posts.

### **4.09 | Int of GNW and Currawong Road track**

*(1.3 km 33 mins)* Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north-west down the sandy track, directly towards the valley. The track soon becomes rocky and leads fairly steeply down the hill for about 150m before mostly flattening out and coming close to the top of an unfenced cliff with good views over Berowra Creek. Here the rocky track continues more gently down along the top of the ridge for about 200m and comes to a large rock platform. This walk veers right to lead down the gap in the rock, climbing down some steel pegs to where the track flattens out again. The track leads across the saddle for about 60m then veers left and follows along the base of a long rock wall (on your right). Here the track leads down around the side of the ridge for just over 400m, passing some unfenced views for rock platforms then down some sandstone steps to find a tall sandstone overhang with a timber seat. From this cave, this walk continues along the base of the rock wall, and soon bends left and winds fairly steeply down a series of rock and timber steps to come to the edge of Berowra Creek (where there is a 'no wash' sign facing the water from the rock platform). The track leads along the shore line for a short time to head onto the rock platform in Washtub Gully.

### **5.4 | Washtub Gully Creek**

*(320 m 9 mins)* Continue straight: From Washtub Gully, this walk crosses the

creek and follows the track, keeping Berowra Creek not far to your left. After about 50m, the track passes an old partially sunken boat, then about 100m further on, the track passes a view point that is an obviously popular (but not recommended) jumping spot. The track then soon leads up some steps and over a rise behind the 'Berowra Waters Garden House' restaurant, then heads down the steps to come to the signposted 'Berowra Waters Trackhead' on 'Berowra Waters Rd'.

### **5.72 | Berowra Waters Garden House**

#####CLOSED##### This picturesque little restaurant sits on the eastern side of Berowra Creek and is just a hop, skip and a jump from the ferry. With breakfast, lunch and dinner menus, the Garden House Restaurant is a great spot for those looking to tap into the Berowra Valley's full potential. For information on bookings and opening hours phone (02)9456 2955.

### **5.72 | Optional sidetrip to Berowra Waters Marina**

*(480 m 9 mins)* Turn left: From 'Berowra Waters trackhead', this walk follows 'Berowra Waters Rd' downhill for 100m past the 'Berowra Waters Garden House', letter box and phone box to the ferry. After waiting to be directed onto the ferry, this walk crosses Berowra Waters. The ferry runs 24hrs a day 7 days a week, but is closed for service on the second Tuesday of each month from noon to 2.30pm. There is no charge. On the other side, this walk follows the footpath between the road and the water for 150m to come to the shops at the Berowra Waters Marina (on your right). At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn sharp left.

### **5.72 | The Fish Café**

This seafood restaurant is located on the western side of the Berowra Waters Ferry, and offers casual dining with a great menu, overlooking the marina and river. The restaurant is open 7 days a week for breakfast and lunch, with dinner available on Friday through Sunday. The cafe is open 8:30 – 9pm Wed-Sun and closes at 3pm Mon & Tuesdays. Takeaway is also available, and the nearby reserve provides picnic tables, toilets, children's playground and parking. Kayak hire is available from the marina building. The Fish Café is located at 199 Bay Road, Berowra Waters, and the phone number is (02)9456 4665.