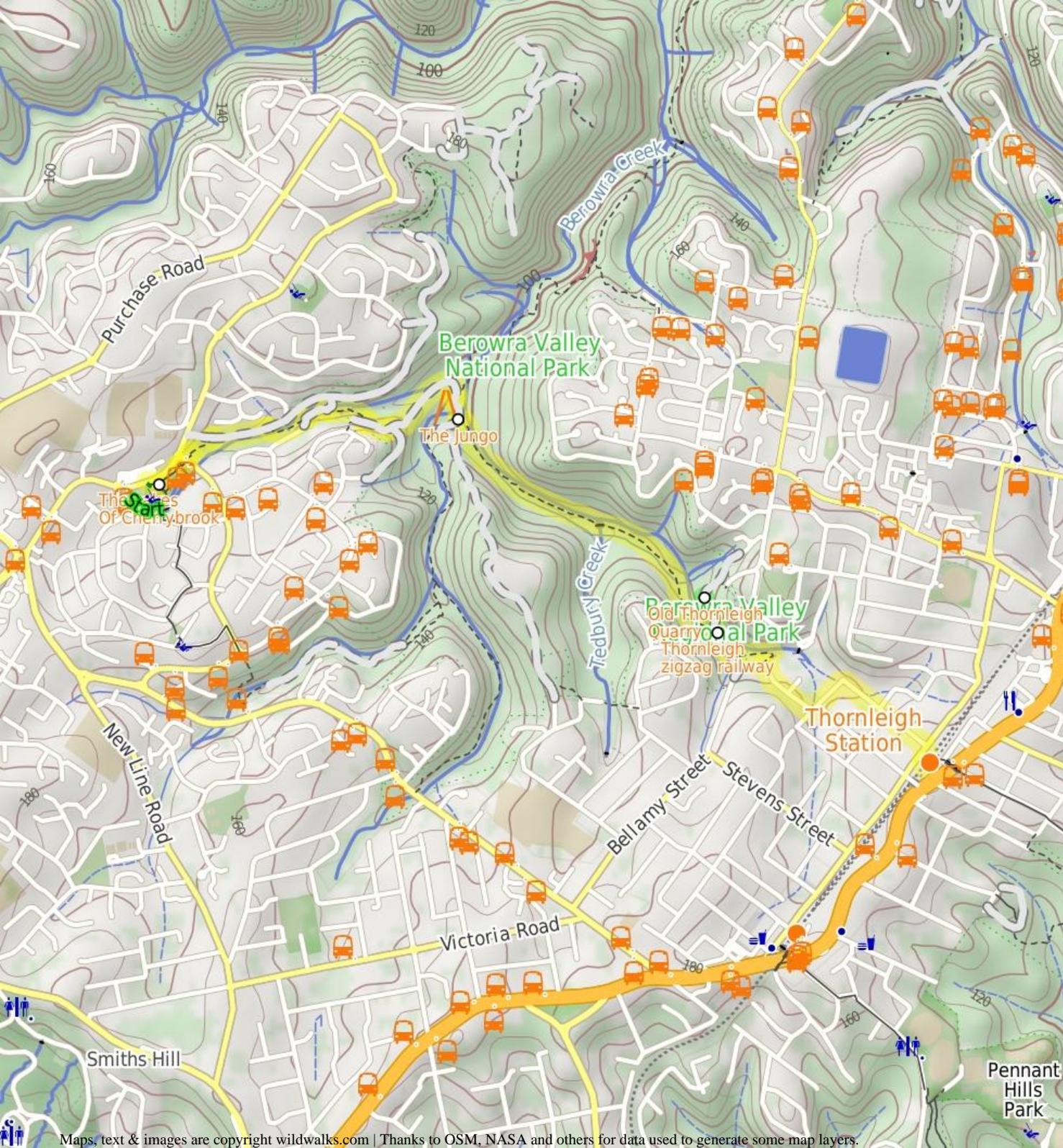


Cherrybrook to Thornleigh



1 hr 45 mins

Moderate track

4.4 km One way

▲ 129m

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This walk is mostly within the Berowra Valley Regional Park. It has some beautiful sections with great scenery, including sandstone rock features, lots of ferns and great scenery along Zig Zag creek. There is an optional side trip to visit the remnants of the historic Thornleigh Quarry and Zig Zag railway.

98m

169m

Berowra Valley National Park

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Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an enjoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast ([BOM Metropolitan District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Berowra Valley National Park](#))
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

- T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

Topo Maps

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include;

1:25 000 Map Series:91304S HORNSBY

1:100 000 Map Series:9130 SYDNEY

Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



Grade 3/6
Moderate track

Length	4.4 km One way
Time	1 hr 45 mins
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Signs	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



Mobile phone coverage depends on many factors, this graph displays the probability of mobile coverage along this walk. Although hopefully close, actual coverage will vary from what is shown here. Please always carry a PLB in remote areas.

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 Top of The Lakes Of Cherrybrook park (gps: -33.7217, 151.0442) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Thornleigh Train Station (gps: -33.7319, 151.0781) by car, train 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/ctt>

0 | Top of The Lakes Of Cherrybrook park

(50 m 1 mins) From below 50 Shepherds Drive, opposite the shopping centre, the walk follows the concrete footpath into 'The Lakes Of Cherrybrook' park, keeping the playground to the right. The footpath comes to the signpost for 'Callicoma Walk' just before the unfenced lakes.

0.05 | The Lakes Of Cherrybrook

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0.05 | Lakes trackhead

(120 m 2 mins) Veer left: From the 'Callicoma Walk' signpost, the walk follows the 'Sydney Cove' arrow along the concrete footpath, keeping the lakes on the right. The walk passes a free BBQ and picnic shelters on the left, and a couple of viewing platforms on the right before coming to an intersection just before the road and beside a low handmade stone wall.

0.17 | Int at stone wall

(180 m 3 mins) Turn right: From behind the low stone wall, the track follows the concrete footpath down the hill through the graffiti-covered tunnel, emerging in a clearing behind the 'Cherrybrook Girl Guides' building.

Veer right: From the clearing, the walk follows the bush track, initially keeping the Girl Guides hall on the left. The track passes a shortcut track on the right before coming to a 'T' intersection with a management trail marked with track arrows.

0.35 | Int. of Blackwattle Trail and Callicoma Walk

(230 m 4 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail down the hill, keeping the houses to the left, arriving at the signposted intersection at the top of the stairs (with a track on the right).

0.59 | Top of the Disturbed Creek stairs

(170 m 3 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, the walk goes down the steps towards the creek. Immediately after crossing the creek, on concrete stepping stones, the walk bends to the left, following the 'Callicoma Walk' arrow. The walk soon crosses some old concrete slabs and then drops down some more steps. After following the creek, on the left, for a short distance the walk comes to an intersection (with a management trail coming down the hill on the right).

0.76 | Int of Callicoma Walk and McKinley trail

(100 m 2 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail down the hill, keeping the creek on the left and soon arrives at a fork intersection.

0.85 | Int of Callicoma Walk and Disturbed Creek trail

(180 m 4 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track, keeping the creek on the left and immediately passes a 'Callicoma Walk' signpost. The walk continues along the well formed bush track and climbs steeply to an intersection marked with a 'Callicoma Walk' and red GNW signpost.

1.04 | Int of Callicoma Walk and Pogson Dr management tra

(610 m 13 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the asphalted management trail up, over the hill, keeping the houses up to the right and soon arrives at an intersection marked with a 'Callicoma Walk' and red GNW track marker.

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Callicoma Walk' arrow down the management trail (no asphalt), keeping the power lines to the left. The walk descends steeply for a while then flattens out and soon comes to an intersection with the Great North Walk.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign along the wide trail as it bends left and leads downhill along the concrete section. The trail leads down across a usually small creek, then heads up to the well-signposted intersection beside the Jungo campsite, where a 'Fishponds' sign points back down along the trail.

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1.65 | The Jungo

(1.4 km 25 mins) Veer left: From the intersection at the Jungo, this walk follows the 'Bellamy Street' Great North Walk sign through the campsite and along the pleasant track, leading into, then through, the ferny forest for about 700m before crossing a side creek on a timber bridge. The track then continues in a similar manner for another 700m, coming to a T-intersection with a concrete bike track, beside a large bridge (over Zigzag Creek, on your left) where a sign points back along the 'Great North Walk'.

3.08 | Optional sidetrip to Thornleigh Quarry

(140 m 3 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, the walk crosses the 'Zig Zag Creek' bridge, following the 'Historic Quarry' arrow and climbs steeply up the hill on the concrete management trail. The walk soon arrives in front of the old Thornleigh Quarry, marked with a plaque on a large stone. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

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3.08 | Zig Zag Creek Bridge int

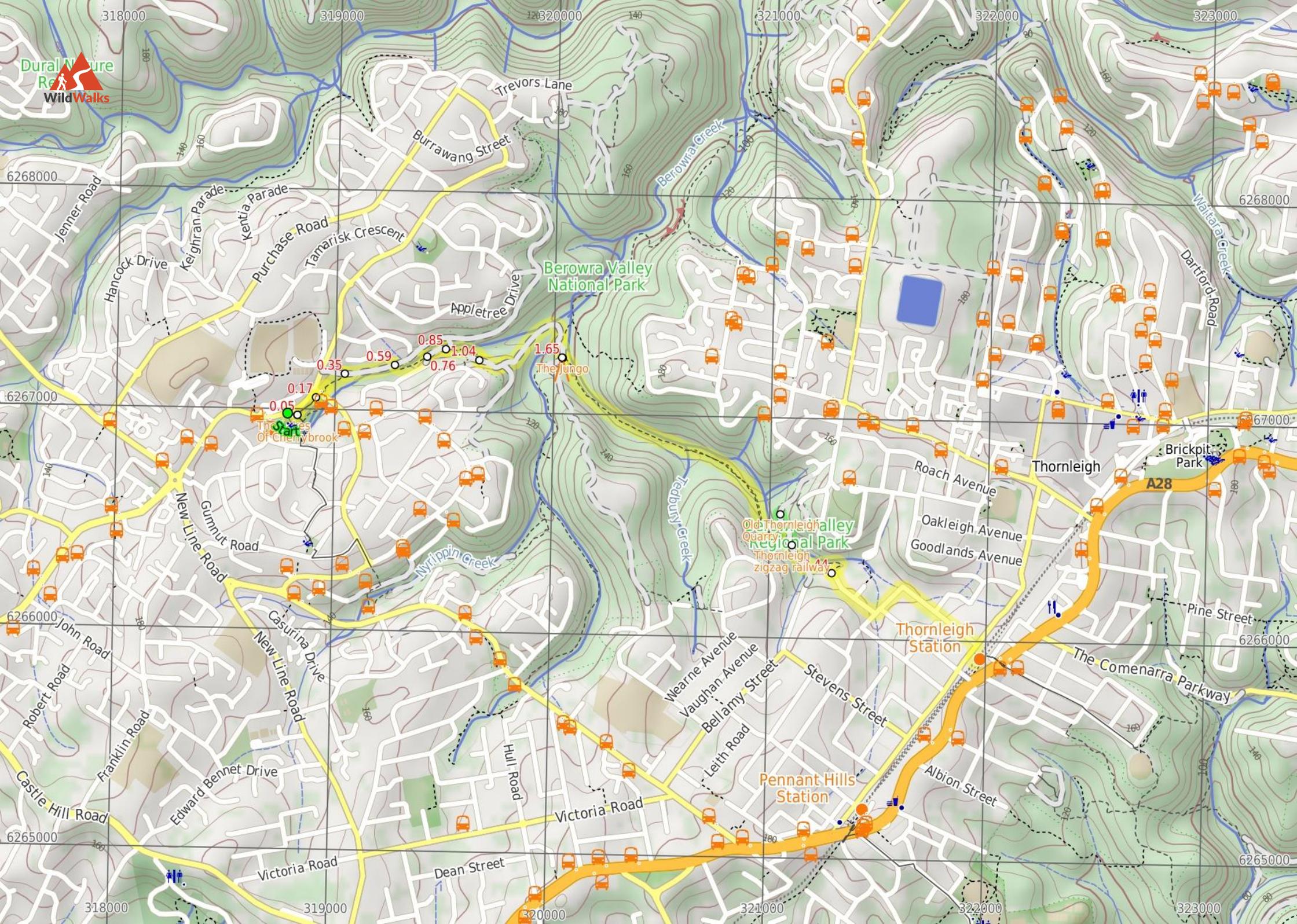
(140 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the concrete trail up the hill, away from Zig Zag Creek and the bridge. Just after crossing over the culverted creek (with green side rails), this walk comes to an intersection marked with a 'Great North Walk' sign (with a narrower track on the left). A sign points back down the hill to 'The Jungo'.

3.21 | Int of Bike Trail and Morgan Rd tracks

(230 m 4 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Sydney Cove' sign along the narrow track away from the wide concrete trail. The track leads behind the house (on your right) following along the rocky side of Zig Zag Creek. After the third house, in a small clearing, the track turns right, heading up between the houses a short distance to come to the top of the turning circle at the end of Morgan Road, Thornleigh.

3.44 | Morgan Rd

(990 m 18 mins) Turn left: From the end of Morgan Street, this walk heads up along the road to left into 'Tillock Street'. This street soon bends right to become 'Eddy Street' following the footpath and GNW arrows to the top of the hill where there is a set of traffic lights. The walk cross 'The Esplanade' at the lights to then turn right walking past the car park, and through a small park to find a large 'Great North Walk' sign at the (north bound) entrance to Thornleigh train station.



Summary navigation sheet for the Cherrybrook to Thornleigh



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Top of The Lakes Of Cherrybrook park -33.7217,151.0442 (GR Hornsby, 188670)	0 -4	50 m 1 mins	From below 50 Shepherds Drive, opposite the shopping centre, the walk follows the concrete footpath into 'The Lakes Of Cherrybrook' park, keeping the playground to the right.
0.05	Lakes trackhead -33.7218,151.0447 (GR Hornsby, 188670)	1 -4	120 m 2 mins	Veer left: From the 'Callicoma Walk' signpost, the walk follows the 'Sydney Cove' arrow along the concrete footpath, keeping the lakes on the right.
0.17	Int at stone wall -33.7211,151.0456 (GR Hornsby, 189671)	4 -7	180 m 3 mins	Turn right: From behind the low stone wall, the track follows the concrete footpath down the hill through the graffiti-covered tunnel, emerging in a clearing behind the 'Cherrybrook Girl Guides' building.
0.35	Int. of Blackwattle Trail and Callicoma Walk -33.7201,151.047 (GR Hornsby, 190672)	0 -7	230 m 4 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail down the hill, keeping the houses to the left, arriving at the signposted intersection at the top of the stairs (with a track on the right).
0.59	Top of the Disturbed Creek stairs -33.7198,151.0495 (GR Hornsby, 193672)	0 -8	170 m 3 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, the walk goes down the steps towards the creek.
0.76	Int of Callicoma Walk and McKinley trail -33.7194,151.0511 (GR Hornsby, 194672)	5 -3	100 m 2 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail down the hill, keeping the creek on the left and soon arrives at a fork intersection.
0.85	Int of Callicoma Walk and Disturbed Creek trail -33.7191,151.052 (GR Hornsby, 195673)	13 -6	180 m 4 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track, keeping the creek on the left and immediately passes a 'Callicoma Walk' signpost.
1.04	Int of Callicoma Walk and Pogson Dr management trail -33.7196,151.0537 (GR Hornsby, 197672)	8 -38	610 m 13 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the asphalted management trail up, over the hill, keeping the houses up to the right and soon arrives at an intersection marked with a 'Callicoma Walk' and red GNW ...
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3.08	Zig Zag Creek Bridge int -33.727,151.0689 (GR Hornsby, 211664)	11 -5	140 m 3 mins	Optional sidetrip to Thornleigh Quarry. Turn left : From the intersection, the walk crosses the 'Zig Zag Creek' bridge, following the 'Historic Quarry' arrow and climbs steeply up the hill on the concrete management trail.
3.08	Zig Zag Creek Bridge int -33.727,151.0689 (GR Hornsby, 211664)	7 0	140 m 2 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the concrete trail up the hill, away from Zig Zag Creek and the bridge.
3.21	Int of Bike Trail and Morgan Rd tracks -33.7281,151.0697 (GR Hornsby, 212663)	6 -4	230 m 4 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Sydney Cove' sign along the narrow track away from the wide concrete trail.
3.44	Morgan Rd -33.7283,151.0711 (GR Hornsby, 213663)	47 -7	990 m 18 mins	Turn left: From the end of Morgan Street, this walk heads up along the road to left into 'Tillock Street'.