



# Davidson Park to St Ives Chase

**5 hrs 30 mins**      **Moderate track**

**14.1 km One way**    **▲ 591m**

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This walk, between Davidson Park and Warrimoo Ave, is a fantastic harbour side trip. The focus for the walk is the waterway views, scattered throughout. This walk is a great way to explore the valley between the suburbs and the interesting, diverse flora it contains.

### 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 Int of Davidson Park driveway and Rotary Rotunda path (gps: -33.7682, 151.2032) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from End of Warrimoo Ave (gps: -33.7006, 151.1656) by car 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/dptsic>

### 0 | Davidson picnic area

Davidson Picnic Area is in Garigal National Park, under Roseville Bridge (access via Warringah Road, south bound lanes, or via many walking tracks in the area). The picnic area has a boat ramp, wheelchair-accessible toilets, large open grassy areas, picnic tables, free electric BBQ's, and a large rotunda. There are plenty of shady spots provided by the trees. The northern section of the picnic area has a small beach swimming area, and the southern section boasts a boat ramp. The park is open 6am to 8pm (6:30pm outside daylight savings time). Ticket machines are provided to pay the car access fee.

### 0 | Int of Davidson Park driveway and Rotary Rotunda p

*(430 m 8 mins)* From the intersection, this walk follows the road, keeping the park and Middle Harbour on the left. After a little while, this walk comes to the signposted intersection at the bottom of the 'Casuarina Stairway', uphill on the right.

Continue straight: From the intersection at the bottom of the 'Casuarina Stairway', this walk follows the driveway, keeping the park and Middle Harbour Creek on the left. The walk heads along for little while before coming to the end of the driveway, at the signposted start of the 'Lyre Bird Track 4km'.

### 0.43 | Int of the Lyrebird Track and end of Davidson Park

*(1.6 km 29 mins)* Continue straight: From the gate at the north-western corner of Davidson Park, this walk follows the 'Lyrebird Track' sign through the metal gate and along the service trail, heading through the bush and following Middle Harbour Creek for a while before the track narrows to a bush track at a long grassy clearing.

### 2.05 | End Lyrebird service trail

*(3.2 km 1 hr 3 mins)* Continue straight: From the clearing at the end of the management trail, this walk continues along the bush track, keeping Middle Harbour Creek on the left as it meanders along the water's edge for a while. The track climbs up the side of the hill, then flattens out and continues through the bush, steadily winding down to the edge of Carroll Creek, which it follows for a while before the track comes down to the signposted intersection of the 'Carroll Creek Track' at the stepping stones.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk crosses Carroll Creek at the stepping stones and continues along the bush track, passing the "Governor Phillip Walk" sign as the track bends to the left. This walk winds through the bush alongside Carroll Creek before steadily climbing up the rocky hill to the right for a little while. The track then drops back down to the edge of Middle Harbour Creek, which it follows as the walk undulates along the rocky bush

track for a while, before crossing under a large pipe bridge to the end of an asphalt service trail.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bungaroo Track (450m)' sign, keeping Middle Harbour Creek to the left. The bush track makes its way upstream following the main creek, but crossing a few small gullies along the way. The track then comes an intersection with a signpost 'Bungaroo Track' and stepping stones across the creek, clearly visible on the left.

### 5.3 | Bungaroo

Governor Arthur Phillip (first governor of NSW) described this section of the river as where "the flowing of the tide ceased". Phillip and his party of nine camped here in 1788 whilst looking for land suitable for farming. John White (Surgeon General) described the area as "the most desert, wild and solitary seclusion that the imagination can form any idea of". Over the past 200 years the river has changed, but somewhere not far upstream of the stepping stone is Bungaroo. [More info.](#)

### 5.3 | Int of Gov. Phillip and Bungaroo tracks

*(2.6 km 51 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the track, with the signposted 'Bungaroo track' on the left and the ground sloping up to the right. The walk heads through the forest and follows Middle Harbour Creek north, crossing rock platforms and winding through undulating bushland for quite some time. The track then comes down to a large rock platform at a junction in the creek, where the track turns right and continues to an intersection with a management trail.

### 7.89 | The Cascades

The Cascades are a series of small cascades (little waterfalls) in Garigal National Park. The cascades centre around a large rock platform on Middle Harbour Creek and are found in the northern section of the park, at the intersection of the Middle Harbour and Cascade Tracks. The cascades make a great spot to sit and rest when exploring the area.

### 7.89 | The Cascades

*(1.5 km 32 mins)* Turn left: From the cascades, this walk follows the service trail across the creek and past the "Cascades" sign, continuing up the gentle hill and through the bush for a short while before dropping back down and across a creek. From here, the track continues up the other side to the signposted intersection of the 'Bare Creek Track' service trail.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the "Cascades Track" sign along the service trail. The walk climbs for a while to reach the intersection with the Link track (on the right).

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the service trail going up the hill. After winding up the long, and sometimes steep hill, the walk passes an intersection and continues up the hill on an asphalted section of management trail to reach the signposted intersection with the 'Lower Cambourne Track'.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the Cascades track arrow along the service trail, climbing up the hill for a short while before coming to the intersection of the Upper Cambourne track.

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the service trail, zigzagging up the hill behind the 'Upper Cambourne' sign. The walk flattens out for a while and reaches an intersection with a service trail at a track marker.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the service trail down the side of the hill, with the ground sloping up to the left. The walk descends steadily until it crosses a small creek and climbs up the hill on the other side, passing through a metal gate to arrive at Cambourne Ave.

### 9.39 | Int of Cambourne Ave and Upper Cambourne Track

*(2.6 km 57 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection the track heads up

Cambourne Ave keeping the bush on the right and the houses to the left of the road. The walk continues along Cambourne Ave which tends left to the intersection with Blackburn St. The track turns right onto Blackburn St, which it follows still keeping the bush on the right of the track. The walk then continues to the intersection with Whitehaven St, which it turns right onto. Whitehaven St is followed, passing Linigen Pl on the right, before tending left onto Roma Rd. The walk turns right onto Roma Rd which it follows to the intersection with Kitchener St.

Veer left: From the intersection the track heads straight up Kitchener St to cross Mona Vale Rd and continue down to the other end of Kitchener St at the gate on the left.

### 12.04 | End of Kitchener St

*(1.6 km 39 mins)* Veer left: From the end of the road the track heads past a gate and down the hill swinging right. The track tends right for approximately 100m to pass a large white house above on the right. The track then follows the hillside for approximately 200m to a signposted intersection on the right.

Continue straight: From the intersection the track heads down the hill tending right, to a large vertical green pipe. From the pipe the track continues down the hill for approximately 50m to turn left into the sign posted intersection.

Veer left: From the intersection the track heads winds up the hill along the service trail away from Ku-ring-gai Creek. Once reaching the top of the hill the track winds, continuing along the servicetrail until reaching the gate at the end of Phillip Ave signposted 'Harbour to Hawkesbury Track'.

### 13.67 | End of Phillip Rd

*(470 m 8 mins)* Continue straight: From the end of Phillip Rd the track heads away from the bush up the road between the houses. The track continues along the road to turn right onto Warrimoo Ave. This is then followed to the end of Warimoo Ave where the track crosses Timbarra Rd to the National Parks sign to the right of the black and white traffic sign.