

## Davies Reserve to Henry Lawson Drive



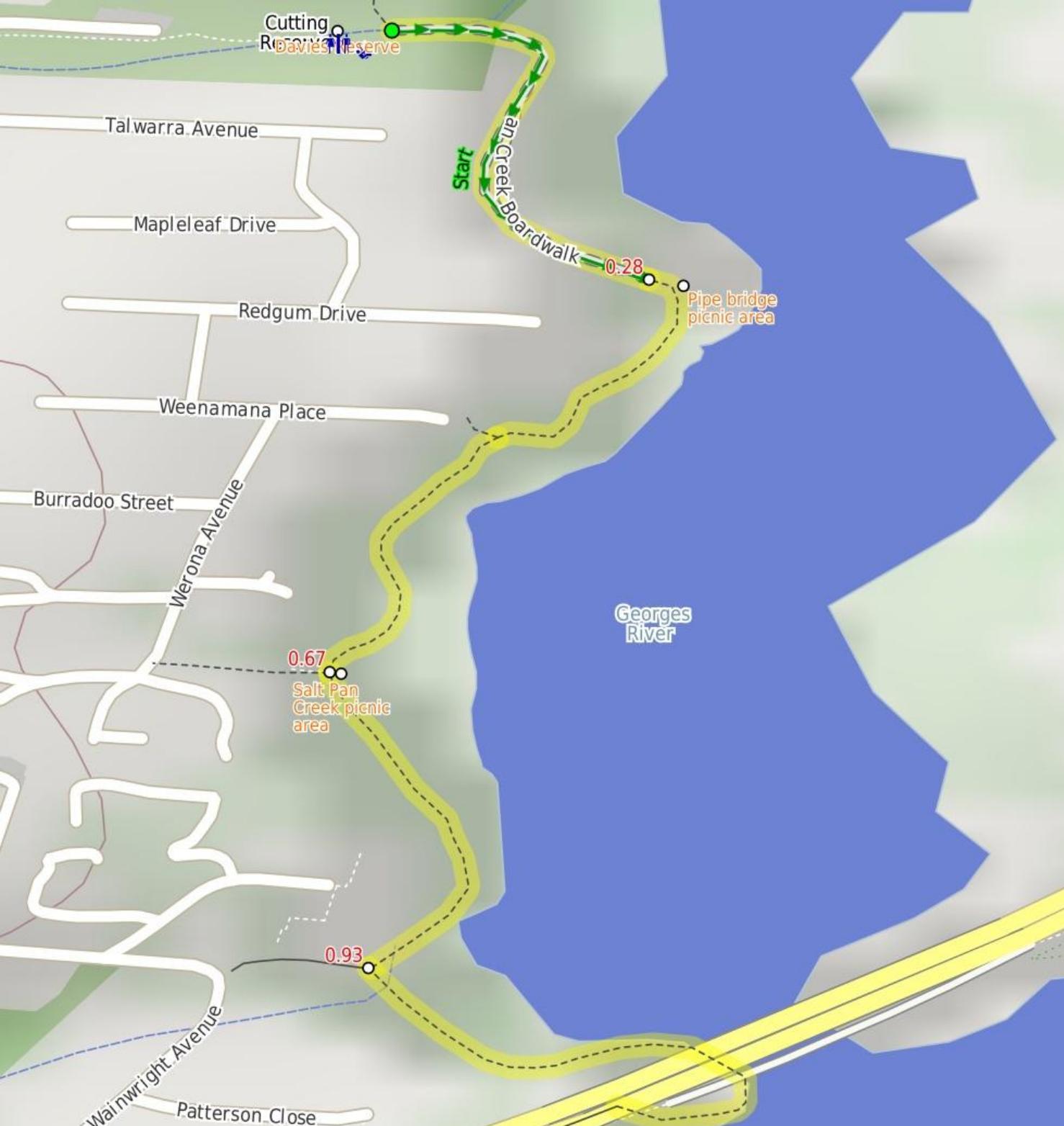
**30 mins**

**Moderate track**

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**1.2 km One way**  **19m**

This great walk starts from Davies Reserve and follows the service trails, footpaths, boardwalks and bushtracks winding downstream along the edge of Salt Pan Creek. This walk passes a few picnic areas along the way, before crossing under the Henry Lawson Drive bridge and climbing up the wooden staircase on the other side, to the road.



### **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 Davies Reserve (gps: -33.9558, 151.0402) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available. You can get back from Western end of Salt Pan Creek Bridge (gps: -33.9637, 151.0411) 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/drrhld>

#### **0 | Davies Reserve**

This park can be accessed from the end of Tallawarra Ave or directly from Davies Road in Padstow. The Reserve is one of the spots along the Salt Pan Creek walking track. The facilities provided at this reserve include play equipment, a toilet block and picnic tables and seats. There is plenty of open space, and shade from a few large trees. There is parking for about 20 cars.

#### **0 | Davies Reserve**

*(280 m 6 mins)* From under the power lines at Davies Reserve, the walk follows the sealed management trail towards the creek, down the hill (initially with the play equipment on the right). The trail soon turns right and heads parallel to Salt Pan Creek. The walk continues, until the trail opens out from the trees at the picnic area under a large pipe bridge.

#### **0.28 | Pipe bridge picnic area**

This small picnic area has a collection of low picnic tables in a grassy clearing by the edge of the Salt Pan Creek. The large pipe bridge crossing the creek provides some shade during the heat of the day. There are no water or toilet facilities. The unfenced edge of the picnic area provides clear access to the creek. This is one of the few spots along Salt Pan Creek walk where there is a clear view of the creek.

#### **0.28 | Picnic area at base of Pipe Bridge**

*(390 m 7 mins)* Continue straight: From the picnic area, this

walk follows the bush track, keeping the river to the left for a short while. Soon the track becomes a wooden boardwalk and continues to the bottom of Weenamana Place steps, which head up to the right.

Continue straight: From the bottom of the steps, this walk follows the boardwalk, keeping Salt Pan Creek on the left. The walk soon climbs up some steps onto a bush track, and continues along the side of the creek until it drops back down some more steps to the Salt Pan Creek picnic area.

#### **0.67 | Salt Pan Creek picnic area**

This small picnic area on the Salt Pan Creek walking track can be accessed directly from the stairs at the end of Werona Ave. This clearing provides a couple of picnic benches and tables, natural shade and a small, grassy clearing. The space is big enough for a bit of running around or to spread out a picnic blanket. The picnic area is on the edge of Salt Pan Creek, with dense mangroves along to river bank. There are a number of houses overlooking the area from the cliffs above.

#### **0.67 | Salt Pan Creek picnic area**

*(260 m 5 mins)* Continue straight: From the picnic area, this walk follows the bush track south (keeping the river on the left) up the wooden and dirt steps. The track then winds along the side of the river for a while until it drops back down onto a boardwalk, winding through some mangroves to the intersection at the bottom of Alma Road track on the right.

#### **0.93 | Bottom of Alma Road track**

*(290 m 5 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the boardwalk (keeping the water on the left) through some mangroves, and out the other side. The track soon passes a few picnic chairs then loops around underneath the bridge and winds up a wooden staircase to Henry Lawson Drive.

