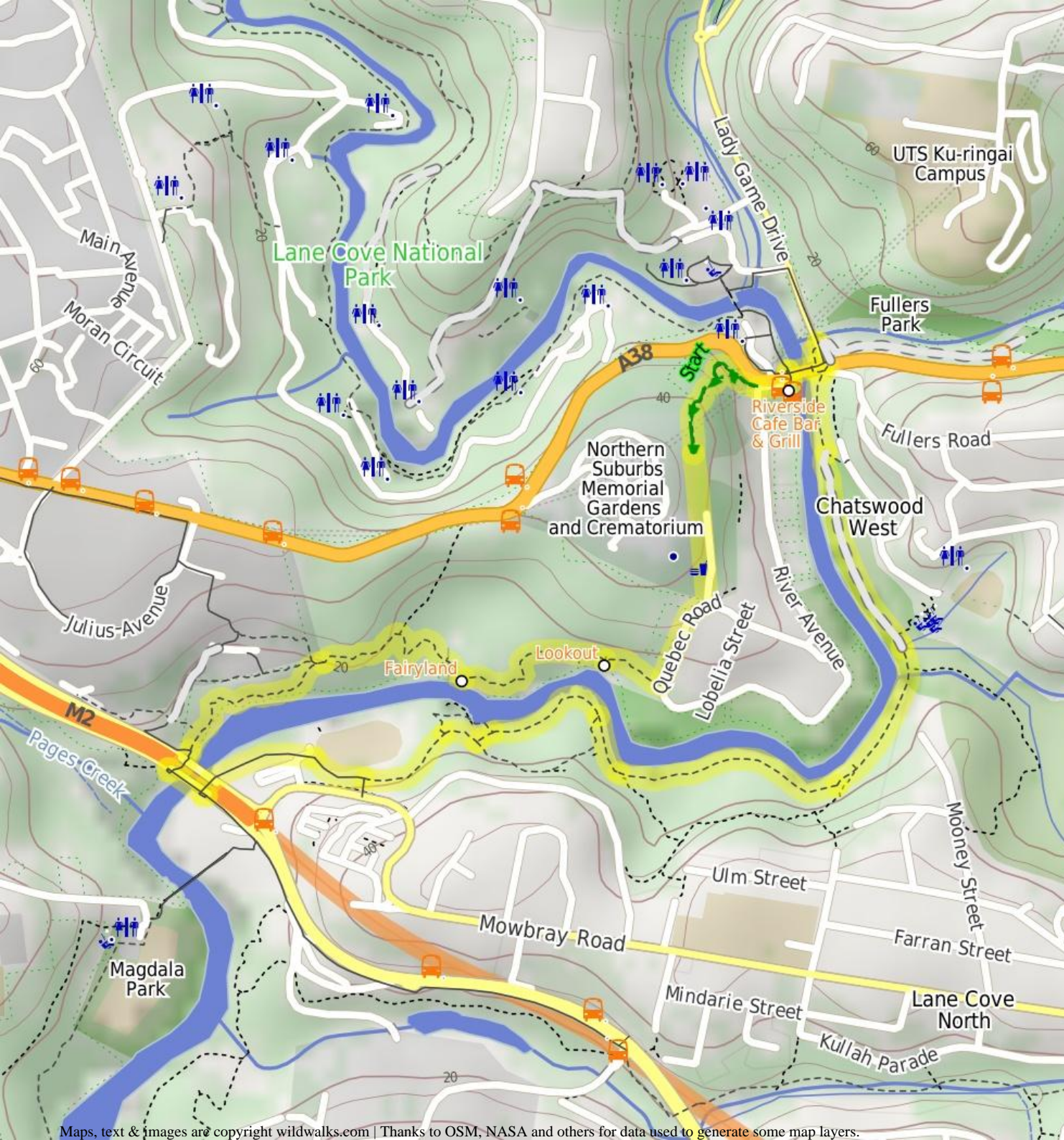


Fairylands Loop Track



2 hrs 30 mins

Hard track

5.3 km Circuit

175m

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This walk loops around a section of the Lane Cove River. Starting at Fullers Bridge, the walk follows the Great North walk through the historic site of Fairylands to Epping road before crossing the Lane Cove river and heading up the other bank of the river, passing through a variety of environments including a Golf Course. The walk then returns to Fullers Bridge.

1m

Lane Cove National Park

Lookout

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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, unknown](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Lane Cove 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:91303N PARRAMATTA RIVER

1:100 000 Map Series:9130 SYDNEY

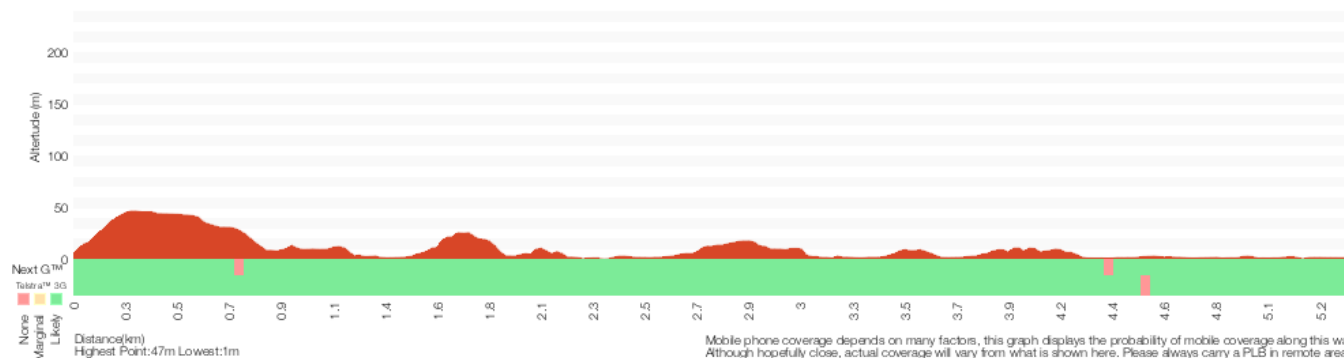
Grade

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 4/6
Hard track

Length	5.3 km Circuit
Time	2 hrs 30 mins
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
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 Corner of Delhi Rd and River Ave (gps: -33.793, 151.1561) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit, 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/fllt>

0 | Corner of Delhi Rd and River Ave

(880 m 19 mins) From the intersection on River Ave (near Delhi Rd), this walk follows the 'Great North Walk - Sydney Cove' sign up along the rocky track. The track soon leads up a steep rock staircase and past a small bench seat. The track continues to wind quite steeply up, passing a few GNW arrow posts and winding among some large boulders to climb up onto a large, flat rock platform. Here, the walk veers left and follows a mostly flat narrow track through the bush for about 170m, then heads around a locked gate to find the end of Quebec Rd.

Continue straight: From the locked gate, this walk follows the sealed Quebec Rd, keeping the fenced Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens on your right. The narrow road continues for about 300m passing a couple of driveways (to your left) to come to a T-intersection with Quebec Rd and Fairylands Ave. Here the walk turns right and follows the now wider Quebec Rd as it bends left and leads downhill. Just before the road bends left again (near the bottom of this hill) this walk comes to an intersection with a track (on your right), marked with a GNW arrow post.

0.88 | Int of Quebec Rd and Fairyland Track

(130 m 3 mins) Turn right: From the opposite number 101 Quebec Rd, this walk follows the GNW arrow post, under the power lines and down the track past the 'Dogs Strictly Prohibited' and 'Lane Cove National Park - Fairyland Track' signs. The track soon leads over a short section of timber boardwalk and along the track for a bit over 100m to an unfenced rock platform, with river views (on your left).

1.01 | Lookout

This small, informal and unfenced viewpoint is atop a large natural rock platform, between Fairyland and River Ave. There are a few in the area, but this is the most distinct. From here, there are nice views down the Lane Cove River. The area is unfenced and there is a significant drop off the side.

1.01 | River view

(360 m 7 mins) Continue straight: From the view point, this walk heads along the flat track whilst keeping the river below to your left. After about 150m, this walk starts to lead down a set of timber steps, winding down then along short timber boardwalk to come to a 'Site of Fairyland Pleasure Grounds' information sign. The walk continues along the track through the ferns to an intersection beside a large palm tree, just past the 'Fairyland Pleasure Grounds' sign where a short track on the left leads to a seat beside Lane Cove River.

1.37 | Fairyland

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1.37 | Fairyland

(420 m 10 mins) Continue straight: From the centre of Fairylands, this walk follows the GNW arrow post, keeping the Lane Cove River through the trees to your left and soon passing the 'Take Yourself Back to Fairyland' photo sign. The walk then follows the timber boardwalk through the moist forest to the 'Site of Fairyland Pleasure Grounds' information sign, where the track then leads up a series of timber and dirt steps out of the old pleasure grounds. At the top of the steps, the track bends sharply left then continues uphill for another 70m or so. Here, the track leads down and over a small flat timber bridge then up to a signposted intersection in view of a concrete building (up to your right) and a high tension transmission tower (to your left).

1.79 | Int. Corporate Park Scenic Trail and GNW

(860 m 18 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow downhill along the track, passing under the power lines whilst keeping the transmission tower to your left. Soon after passing closer to this tower, the rocky track leads uphill for about 100m and crosses a timber bridge with a hand rail. From here, the walk crosses two short flat timber bridges then leads past a short rock wall. Soon after this, the track leads up a series of timber steps and just after flattening out, this walk comes to a signposted intersection with a concrete footpath, beside Epping Road bridge.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign down a few steps and along the footpath under the bridge. On the other side of the bridge, this walk turns right and heads up the stairs to an intersection with a wide shared footpath beside Epping Rd.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post down across the main bridge span, keeping the traffic to your left. After almost 100m, this walk comes to the other side of the bridge, where there is an intersection with another set of stairs (on your right) and another GNW arrow.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the stairs away from the main road, to turn right under the bridge. The track heads under the bridge to come out the other side, continuing along the river bank for approximately 50m to the car park.

2.65 | Mowbray car park (near oval)

(1.7 km 34 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the stairs, keeping the oval on the left of the walk as it winds around the hill. The walk leads to a park bench and intersection, above the spectators' stand.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk leads across the grassed area to a 'Mowbray Park' sign before a bridge. The track passes the sign and bridge to continue to wind through the bush for approximately 60m, to a signposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill away from the athletics oval, keeping the valley of the river on the left. The track winds through the bush, passing by a track (which leads to a rockshelf lookout on the left) and continuing on to a signposted intersection.

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk heads down the stairs with a large boulder to the left of the track. The track passes under a large fig tree to continue down to a signposted intersection.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the Lane Cove River, with the water to the left of the track. The track quickly opens out onto a clearing next to the river bank. The track continues left for a few more

metres, before two sections of boardwalked track lead to a signposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the direction of the 'River Track' arrow, keeping the river below on the left of the track. Large sections of track are suspended above the mangroves on a boardwalk. The track winds along the Lane Cove River bank for approximately 400m to a signposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads south-east, keeping the river below on the left. The track has boardwalks in sections which are raised above the mangroves. The track continues to a signposted intersection. Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads along the line of mangroves and river (on the left of the track). The walk continues for a short time to come out onto the management trail, behind the green of the 8th fairway on Chatswood Golf Course.

4.32 | 8th Green

(670 m 11 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill and across the bridge. The walk hugs the treeline, continuing down the left of the 8th Fairway, with the Lane Cove River to the left. The walk passes the 8th Tee and heads past the metal fence to come to the signposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads away from the golf course, following the Lane Cove River (on the left of the track). The walk continues under the river bank's shady vegetation for a short time to the intersection of Delhi Rd and Lady Game Dr.

5 | Int. Fairway and Delhi Rd

(320 m 5 mins) Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk heads down (away from the road) and under Fullers Bridge, then comes up the other side to meet the footpath next to Lady Game Drive, opposite Fullers Park.

Turn sharp right: From the intersection, the walk follows Lady Game Drive towards the set of traffic lights, and soon reaches the intersection with Delhi Rd.

Turn right: From the corner of Lady Game Drive and Delhi Rd, this walk follows the footpath beside Delhi Rd, across Fullers Bridge. Just on the far side of the bridge, this walk comes to an intersection with a footpath (and steps, on your right) about 15m before the bus stop shelter.

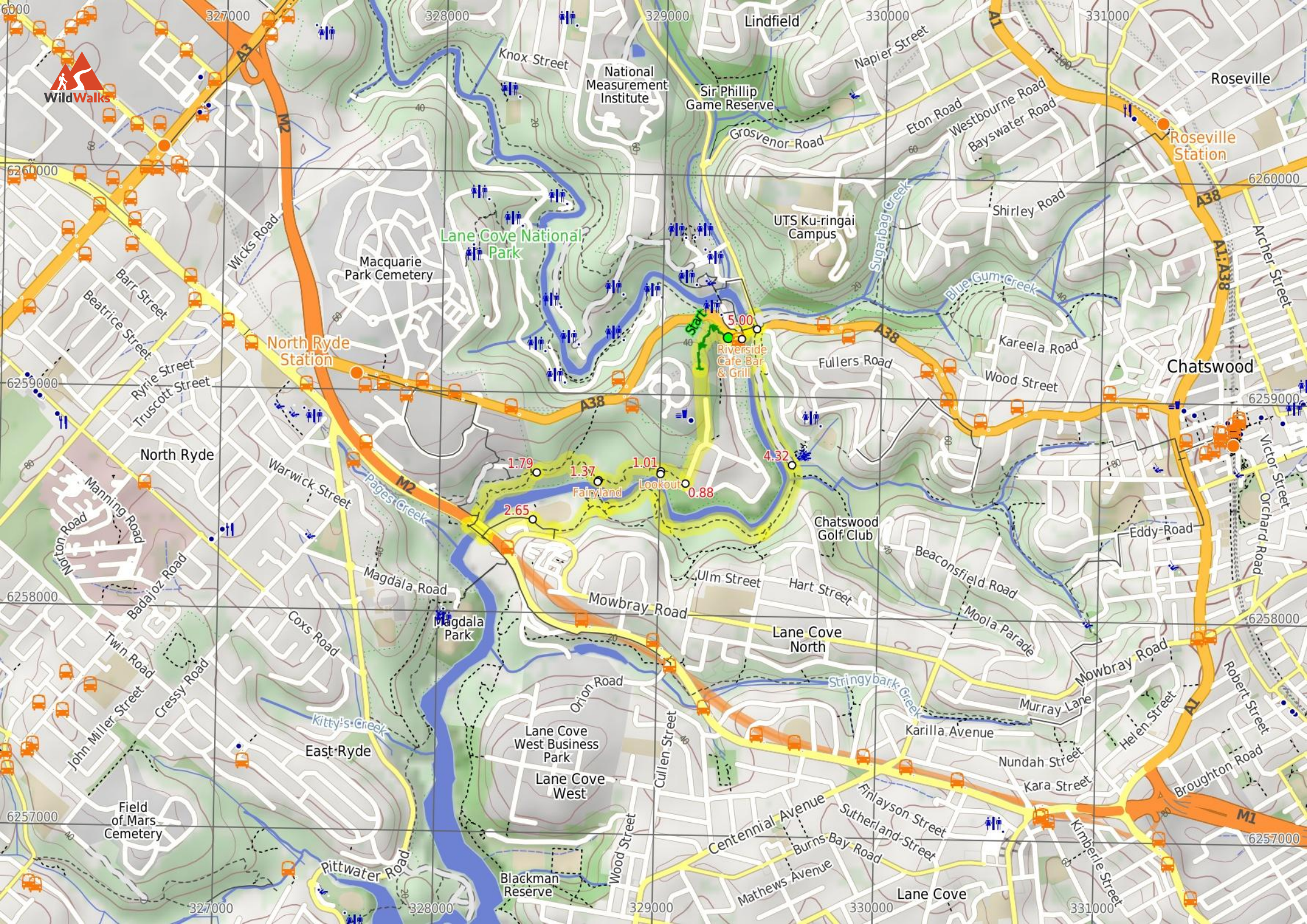
Turn right: From the intersection between the bus stop and bridge, this walk heads down the steps (away from the road) to almost immediately come to an intersection with another footpath.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath under Fullers Bridge and comes to the end of a minor road, in front of the 'Riverside Cafe Bar AND Grill'.

Turn right: From in front of 'Riverside Cafe Bar & Grill', this walk heads up along the minor road. At the T-intersection with River Ave, this walk crosses the road to find a 'Great North Walk' signposted intersection.

5.32 | Riverside Cafe Bar & Grill

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Summary navigation sheet for the Fairylands Loop Track



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Corner of Delhi Rd and River Ave -33.793,151.1561 (GR Parramatta River, 293593)	43 -39	880 m 19 mins	From the intersection on River Ave (near Delhi Rd), this walk follows the 'Great North Walk - Sydney Cove' sign up along the rocky track.
0.88	Int of Quebec Rd and Fairyland Track -33.799,151.154 (GR Parramatta River, 291586)	6 -5	130 m 3 mins	Turn right: From the opposite number 101 Quebec Rd, this walk follows the GNW arrow post, under the power lines and down the track past the 'Dogs Strictly Prohibited' and 'Lane Cove National Park - Fairyland Track'...
1.01	River view -33.7985,151.1528 (GR Parramatta River, 290587)	6 -14	360 m 7 mins	Continue straight: From the view point, this walk heads along the flat track whilst keeping the river below to your left.
1.37	Fairyland -33.7989,151.1498 (GR Parramatta River, 287586)	30 -12	420 m 10 mins	Continue straight: From the centre of Fairylands, this walk follows the GNW arrow post, keeping the Lane Cove River through the trees to your left and soon passing the 'Take Yourself Back to Fairyland' photo sign.
1.79	Int. Corporate Park Scenic Trail and Great North Walk -33.7985,151.1467 (GR Parramatta River, 284586)	20 -33	860 m 18 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow downhill along the track, passing under the power lines whilst keeping the transmission tower to your left.
2.65	Mowbray car park (near oval) -33.8005,151.1465 (GR Parramatta River, 284584)	58 -63	1.7 km 34 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the stairs, keeping the oval on the left of the walk as it winds around the hill.
4.32	8th Green -33.7983,151.1593 (GR Parramatta River, 296587)	6 -3	670 m 11 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill and across the bridge.
5.00	Int. Fairway and Delhi Rd -33.7927,151.1576 (GR Parramatta River, 294593)	6 -4	320 m 5 mins	Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk heads down (away from the road) and under Fullers Bridge, then comes up the other side to meet the footpath next to Lady Game Drive, opposite Fullers Park.