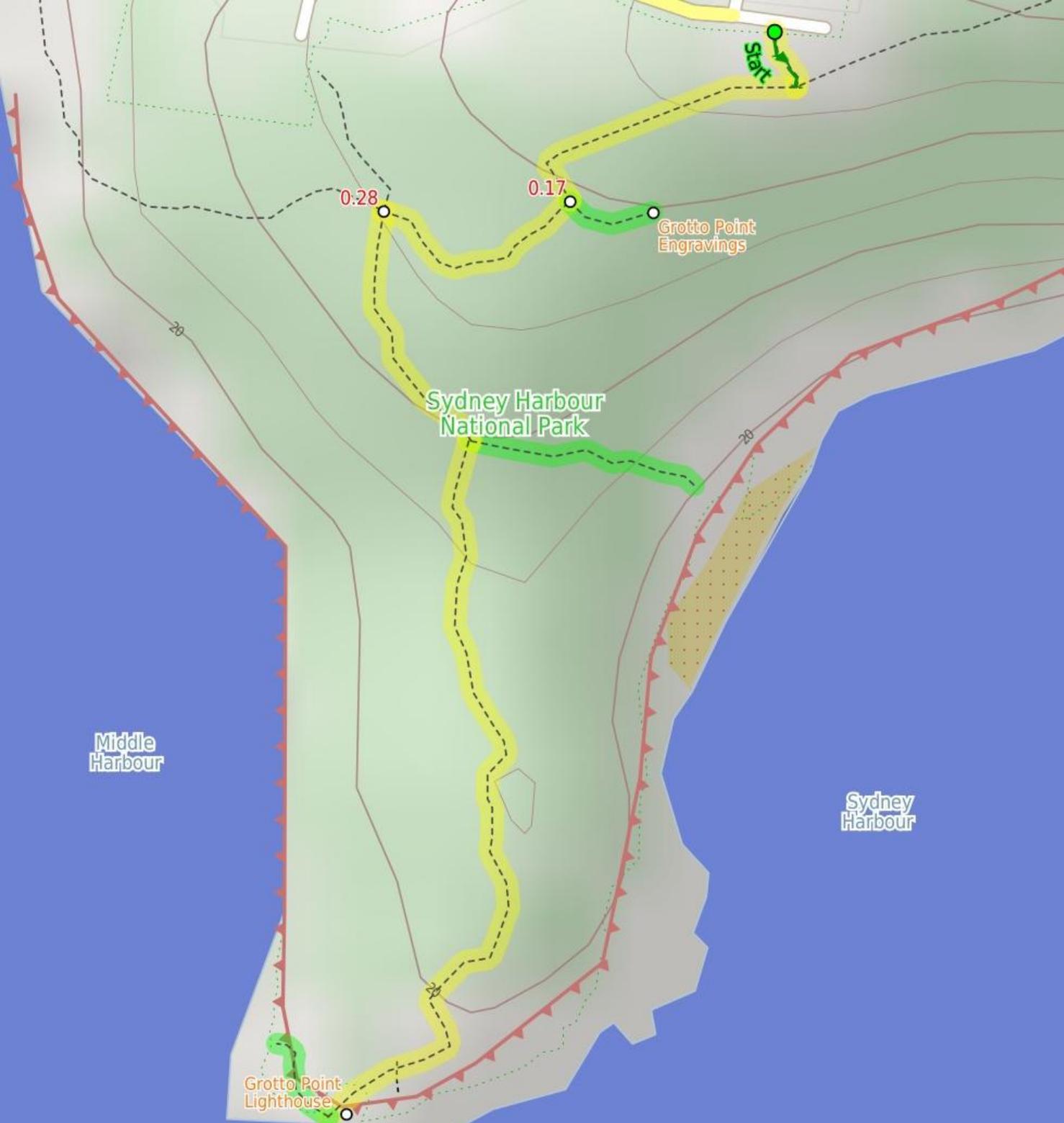


Grotto Point Lighthouse Walk



1 Hr

1.7 km Return

Moderate track

↑ 83m



This is an excellent walk with some very scenic views. The walk travels along a well used track through the thick coastal bush. The views are capped off by the vista over Sydney Harbour from the Grotto Point Lighthouse. Easy parking, a few good side trips, and in particular, the Aboriginal Engravings, make this walk all the more appealing.

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Sydney Harbour 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 walks 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 End of Cutler Road (gps: -33.8126, 151.2635) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a return, 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/gplxx>

0 | End of Cutler Road

(170 m 4 mins) From the car park at the end of Cutler Road, the walk heads between a gap in the fence, down the rock steps towards the water. The track soon passes an information sign before continuing down to the intersection with the Arabanoo Walk.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Castle Rock Beach 800m' sign along the bush track and down the stone steps, keeping the ocean to the left. The track winds down the hill until it flattens out at the intersection with a short track (heading to the Grotto Point engravings track) on the left.

0.17 | Optional sidetrip to Grotto Point Engravings

(40 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill, beside a wooden sleeper, passing an engraving of a kangaroo on the right. The short track soon comes to a large rock platform with the rest of the engravings, and information signs. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

0.17 | Grotto Point Engravings

The engravings at Grotto Point depict kangaroos, fish and what appears to be boomerangs. The engravings are in quite good condition, considering their age. We have already lost so much of this region's history that historians are not entirely sure if this is the land of the Gayamagal or the Cammeraygal clan. Please take a great deal of care at this site to ensure the longevity of this history. [More info.](#)

0.17 | Grotto Point Engravings track

(110 m 3 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading down the hill, away from the engravings. The track soon heads down some rock step to the signposted intersection of the Grotto Point Lighthouse track.

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(140 m 3 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the Grotto Point Lighthouse arrow along the rocky bush track, winding down a gentle hill, coming into more dense bush as it winds to the intersection of the Grotto Point Lighthouse and the Grotto

Point Cliffs tracks.

0.42 | Optional sidetrip to Grotto Point Cliffs

(100 m 2 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads past the blank (but graffiti-covered) sign and along the rocky track, winding down the hill towards the northern edge of the ridge, soon coming to the top of the cliffs. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

0.42 | Int of Grotto Point Lighthouse and Grotto Point Cl

(420 m 8 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk winds down the hill, passing an old, blank signpost. The track wanders through dense bush and along the ridge, flattening out for a while until it drops down another hill towards the end of the point, coming to the Grotto Point Lighthouse.

0.83 | Grotto Point Lighthouse

Surrounded by a white picket fence, the small Grotto Point Lighthouse overlooks Middle Head. The light was designed in the early 1900s by the architect Maurice Festu to assist ships entering the harbour. Construction started in 1910, with the lighthouse being commissioned on September 1 1911.

0.83 | Optional sidetrip to Old concrete bunker

(50 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads around the right-hand side of the lighthouse and along the bush track, passing a green post and continuing down some tall brick steps to the concrete roof of an old bunker. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn sharp left.

