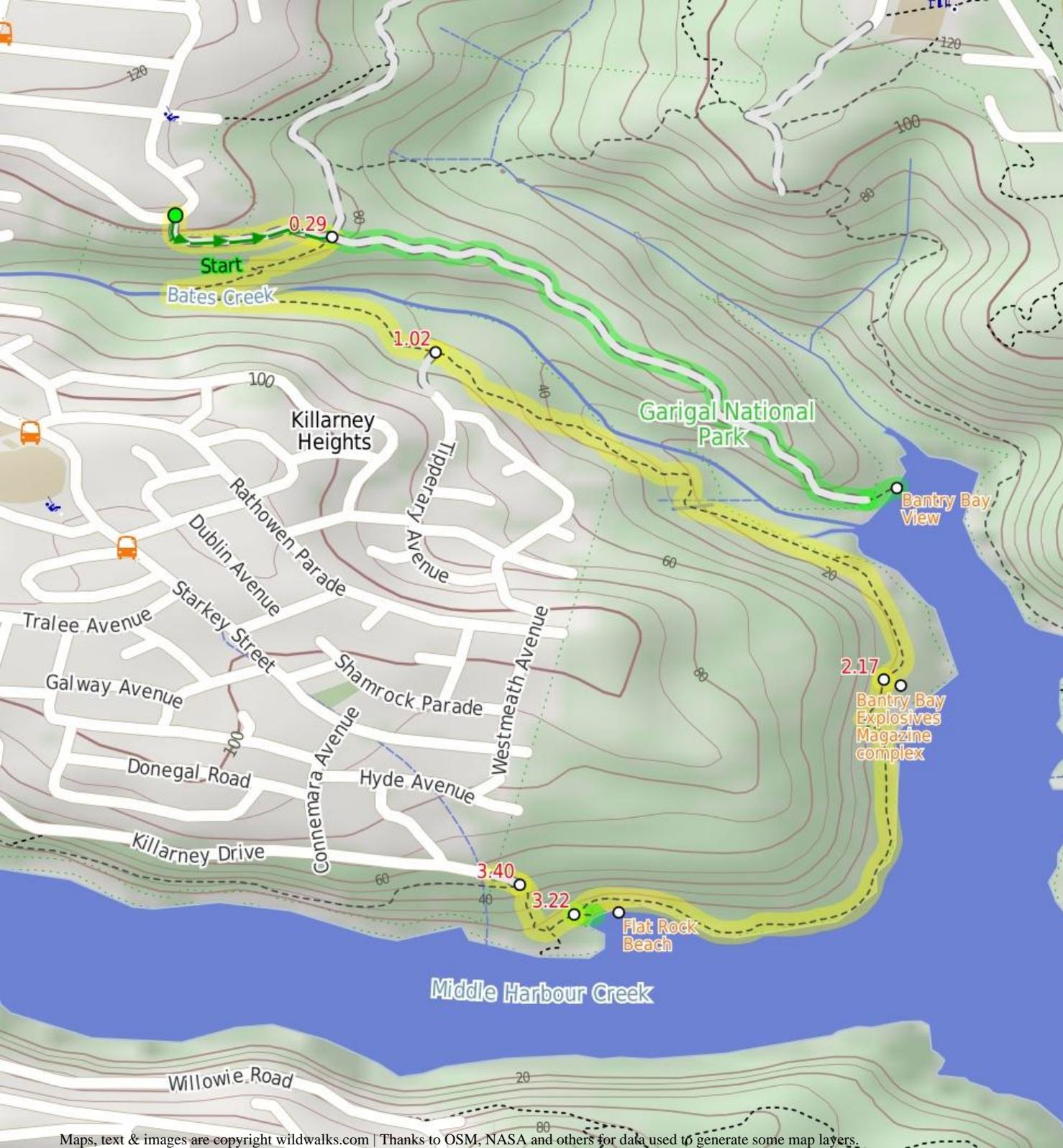


Magazine Track



1 hr 30 mins

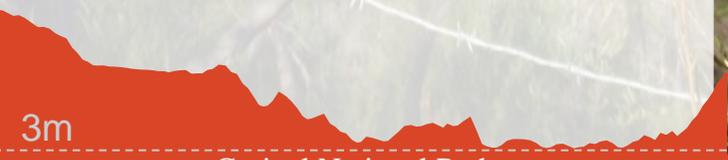
Moderate track



3.4 km One way

▲ 139m

This walk is named after the heritage magazine buildings at about the halfway point. There is not a great view of the buildings but the walk provides great views of Bantry bay, and visits the secluded flat rock beach. Most of the walk is on bush track and there are plenty of rocky points along the way to sit and soak up the views.



Garigal 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 Bend in Cook St (gps: -33.7672, 151.219) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from End of Killarney Drive (gps: -33.7819, 151.2237) 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/mt>

0 | Bend in Cook St

(290 m 7 mins) From the bend in Cook St, Forestville, this walk follows the management trail, between the green transformer box and number 75, as it heads down the hill and around the gate (alternatively use the stairs on the other side of the power box). The management trail soon turns left to head behind the village - after a gentle uphill, the track then turns right and heads downhill to a four-way intersection with a large tree in the centre.

0.29 | Optional sidetrip to Bantry Bay View

(1.2 km 22 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail heading south east, gently down hill. The track gently winds down the hill passing some interesting rocky outcrops along the way. As the track starts to steepen it passes two service trails on the left (same track looping around), then becomes steeper before coming to an end at a small clearing (with a bush track heading down to the water).

Continue straight: From the end of the service trail, this walk follows the bush track down the rocky path for a short distance to the waters edge where there is a great view of Bantry Bay from the rocky shoreline. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

0.29 | Bantry Bay View

Bantry Bay View is a small, informal lookout, found at the end of a track on the northern end of Bantry Bay, in Garigal National Park. The track finishes on the rocky shoreline looking down Bantry Bay. On the right of the bay is the Bantry Bay Explosives Magazine complex, and on the left is the Bantry Bay Picnic Area. You can see along Middle Harbour to Seaforth. There are usually plenty of boats in the otherwise quiet waters.

0.29 | Int of Bates Creek and Currie Rd tracks

(730 m 13 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track, heading through the dense vegetation. After a little while, the track starts to zigzag down the rocky hill and through the bush until it flattens out and crosses Bates Creek. The walk then turns left and continues through the bush, meandering along the flat bush track until coming to the signposted intersection with the Magazine Track.

1.02 | Int of Magazine Track and Tipperary Road service t

(1.1 km 27 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Magazine Track' sign along the wide, flat trail which winds around behind some houses (on the right). The track continues along a narrower, rocky bush track which steadily winds down a long hill to the bottom of the valley, where it flattens out just above the water. From here, the walk continues along the bush track, winding up and down along the side of the hill until it follows a track marker up to the magazine buildings' fence line. The track runs parallel to this fence as it heads along to an open, square concrete tank just off to the left of the track, from which the roofs of the magazine buildings and Middle Harbour Creek are both visible.

2.17 | Bantry Bay Explosives Magazine complex

The Magazine Buildings were the premier storage facility for merchants' explosives between 1915 and 1974. During this time, the carefully constructed building where crucial for the safe storage of explosives used for building public works such as the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and additionally used by the Australian Navy during World War II. There is currently no public access to the site, and the buildings are best viewed from across the water at Bantry Bay Picnic Area, or anywhere on the other side of Bantry Bay. [More info.](#)

2.17 | Back of Magazine Buildings

(1.1 km 23 mins) Continue straight: From the open concrete tank, this walk follows the bush track, with the ground sloping up to the right, as it heads down a short rocky hill. The track flattens out and follows the fence line to the end, where it turns left and continues down the rocky hill, along the bush track running parallel to a shorter fence. Soon, the track turns right and leaves the fence line. The walk follows the bush track heading away from the buildings and down the rocky hill, to the waters edge where it continues along the side of the hill, following Middle Harbour Creek for a long while. In time, the track winds around behind a small beach to the intersection of a narrow bush track heading down a short hill on the left.

3.22 | Optional sidetrip to Flat Rock Beach

(30 m 1 mins) Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk follows the narrow bush track heading down the hill to the small beach at the bottom. At the end of this side trip, retrace your

steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

3.22 | Flat Rock Beach

Flat Rock Beach is a small, south-facing beach on Middle Harbour, in Garigal National Park. The sand is deposited on a rock shelf that pokes through in places, forming interesting sculptures. The beach is frequented by walkers and boaters enjoying their day by the water. The beach can be accessed by a bush track from the end of Killarney Drive, Killarney Heights. Historically, the beach was a popular picnic area and serviced by a ferry in the early 1900's. Today, there are no facilities, but some shade is provided by the trees at the back of the beach.

3.22 | Int of Magazine and Flat Rock Beach Tracks

(190 m 5 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track with the ground sloping up to the right, heading up the wooden steps. The track flattens out and turns right, following the track marker through the bush and up the rocky hill, using the spread-out sets of wooden steps. The walk comes to an intersection and a signpost for the 'Magazine Track'.

3.4 | Int of Flat Rock and Magazine Tracks

(40 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the rocky bush track, climbing up the hill for a little while before the track flattens out and continues along to the end of Killarney Drive.