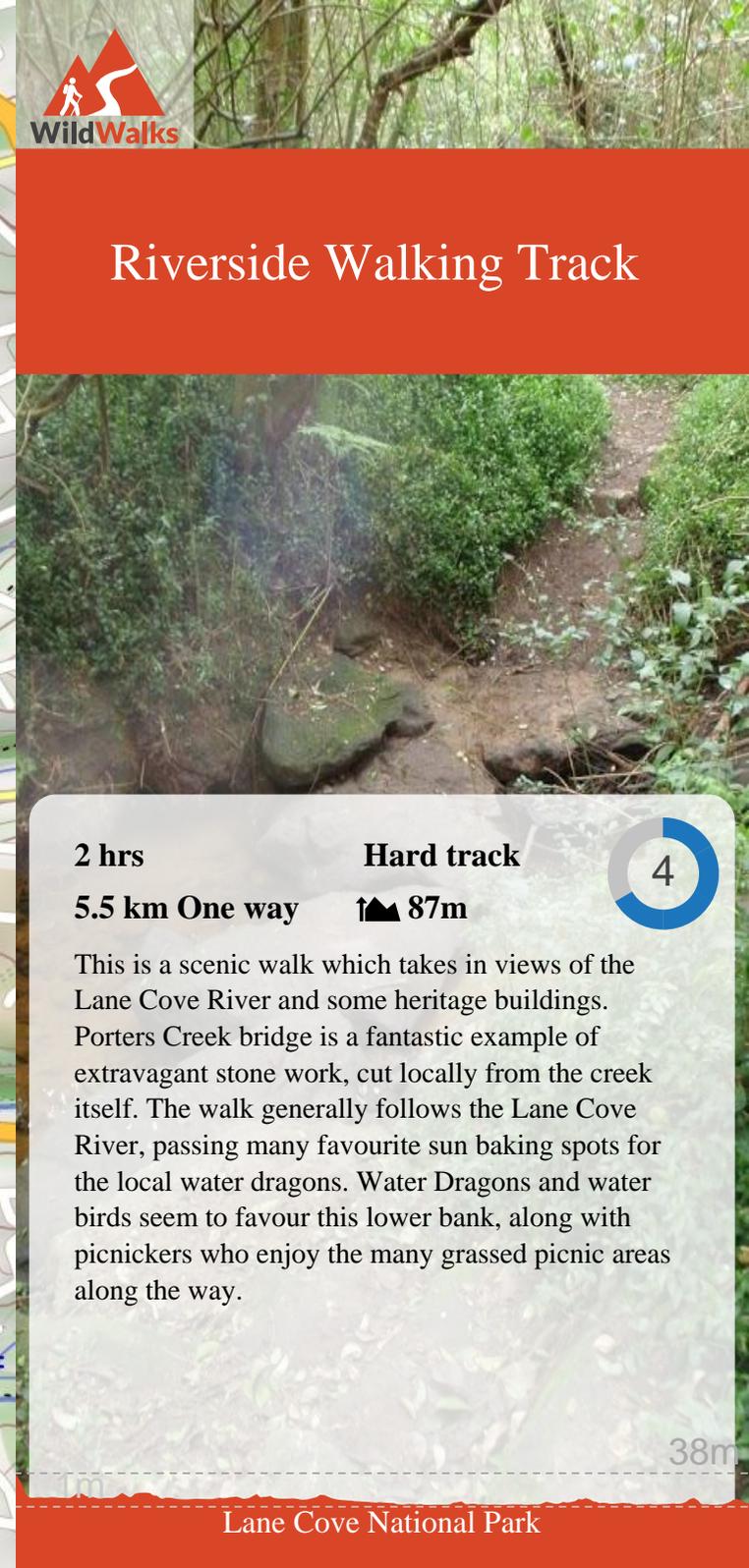
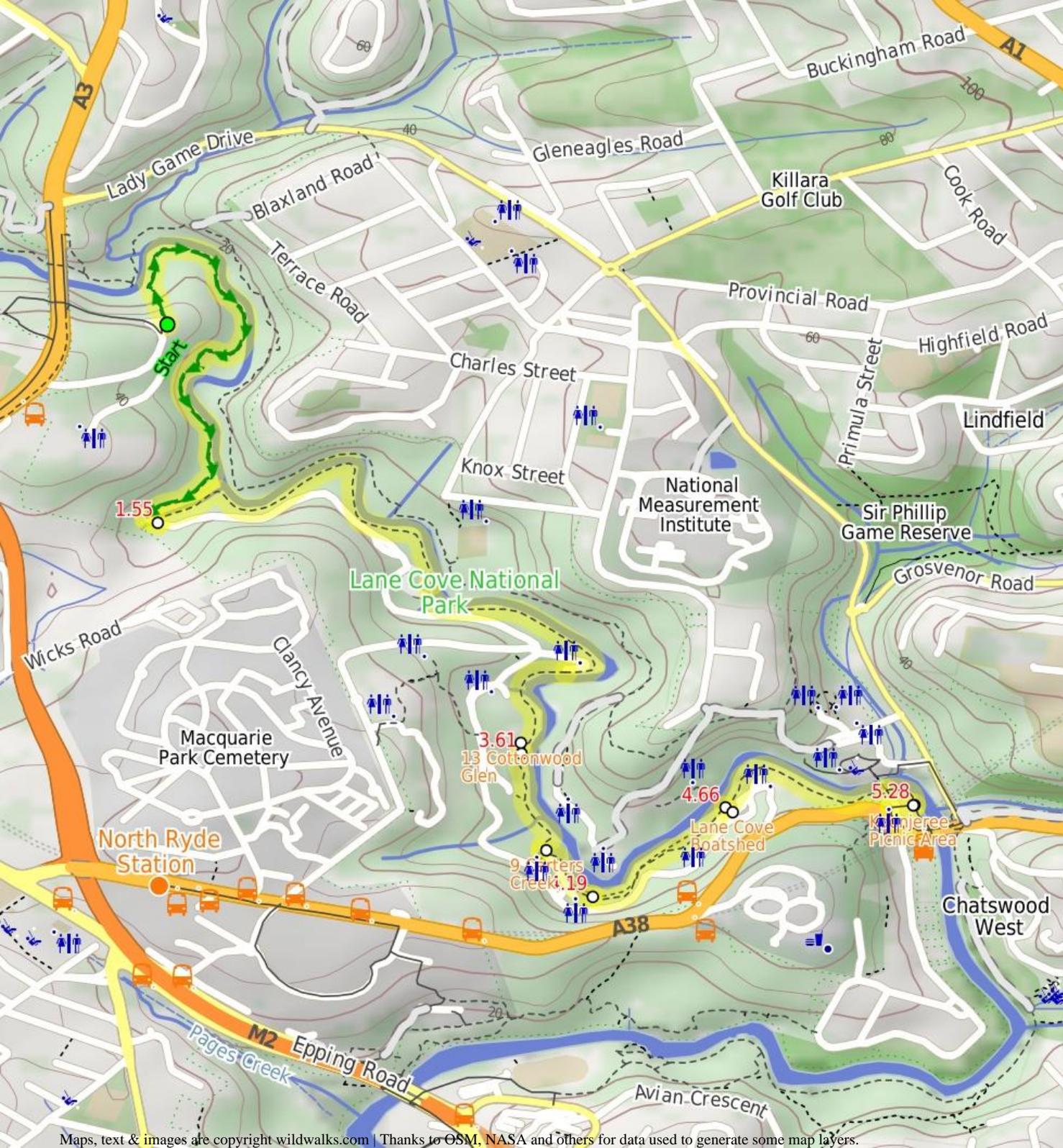


# Riverside Walking Track



**2 hrs**

**Hard track**

**5.5 km One way**

**▲ 87m**

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This is a scenic walk which takes in views of the Lane Cove River and some heritage buildings. Porters Creek bridge is a fantastic example of extravagant stone work, cut locally from the creek itself. The walk generally follows the Lane Cove River, passing many favourite sun baking spots for the local water dragons. Water Dragons and water birds seem to favour this lower bank, along with picnickers who enjoy the many grassed picnic areas along the way.

38m

Lane Cove 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 Int. Riverside Trk and Riverside Dr at park entrance (gps: -33.777, 151.1381) by car or bus. Car: Parking fees apply in the area.

You can get back from Fullers Bridge Bus Stop (gps: -33.7927, 151.1568) 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/rwt>

### 0 | Int. Riverside Trk and Riverside Dr at park entrance

*(1.5 km 28 mins)* From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Riverside Walk' sign down the stairs. The track winds above the Lane Cove River for approximately 600m, passing some cliffs on the right. The track continues to wind above the river for another 400m, to then turn right, up Porters Creek. The track follows Porters Creek for approximately 100m to the intersection with Riverside Drive at Porters Creek bridge.

### 1.51 | Porters Creek bridge West

*(30 m 1 mins)* Turn left: At the bridge, this walk crosses the creek using the road/bridge, to the signposted intersection with the bush track, on the left.

### 1.55 | Porters Creek bridge East

*(2.1 km 35 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads down the stairs and follows Porters Creek, on the left of the track, for approximately 100m. The track then turns right to follow the Lane Cove River for approximately 1km, winding and undulating. The track comes to an opening at Fern Valley, with picnic tables.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk passes through to Fern Valley, winding left past a small creek from a drain high on the right, which drains into the Lane Cove River below on the left. The track continues along the river bank for approximately 1km, passing through some clearings before opening out onto picnic area '19 Halfway Point'. The track heads across this clearing up to the gate on the right, to continue down the road passing the toilet block (above on the right). The track passes through picnic area '18 Korong' to the other side of its grass clearing, where the bush track starts.

Continue straight: From the clearing, this walk follows the bush track around the Lane Cove River bank, keeping the river on the left, for approximately 400m to cross the '13 Cottonwood Glen' picnic area, over a small bridge to come to a car park beside the river.

### 3.61 | 13 Cottonwood Glen

Cottonwood Glen picnic area is a large open grassy spot on the bank of the Lane Cove River. There is a grove of trees along the edge of the river, but you can still get clear views across the water from the car park area. There are several picnic tables and a small toilet block just up the hill.

### 3.61 | 13 Cottonwood Glen

*(360 m 6 mins)* Continue straight: From the car park on the south side of 'Cottonwood Glen', this walk follows the NPWS arrow post along the track into the bush, keeping the river to your left. The track leads along side the river for about 300m, first through a lovely she-oak stand, then through a re-vegetating tall gum forest before heading down a sealed footpath to come to a car park (beside the toilet block) at Carters Creek picnic area.

### 3.97 | 9 Carters Creek

Carters Creek Picnic Area is the ninth formal picnic space along this stretch of the Lane Cove River. This picnic area is home to a couple of sheltered picnic tables, a gas BBQ a large open grassy area, garbage bins, toilets and a car park. There is some limited access to the river view. A pleasant spot among the tall gums.

### 3.97 | 9 Carters Creek

*(220 m 4 mins)* Continue straight: From in front of the toilets at Carters Creek picnic area, this walk heads across the grass clearing and across the small timber bridge to come to the car park. After crossing the car park, this walk continues over the grass, beside the road, keeping the river to your left, and then veers left and follows the NPWS arrow post down around the locked gate. Here the walk follows the narrow trail for about 60m to come to an intersection with a footpath on your right, just before the '8 Ironbarks' sign and picnic area.

### 4.19 | 8 Ironbarks

*(470 m 9 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection just west of '8 Ironbarks', this walk follows the track through the picnic area, keeping the river on the left. On the far side of the picnic area, this walk follows the NPWS arrow post for about 180m up over a rocky outcrop to then head down a metal staircase. The track winds down alongside the river for another 70m to come to the edge of another large grassy clearing. Here, this walk heads across '7 Moola' picnic area (with toilets and water), crossing a small flat timber bridge in the middle. The track soon leaves this clearing and continues for another 80m to come to the shop-front side of the sandstone boatshed building.

### 4.66 | Lane Cove Boatshed

Lane Cove Boatshed, in Lane Cove National Park, is situated on the bank of the (you guessed it) Lane Cove River. You can hire rowboats, kayaks, pedal boats, bikes and canoes, for different ways to enjoy the river. The shop also sells ice-creams, chips and drinks. The shed is open on weekend from 10am - 5pm. During summer school holidays, the shop is also open from 12-5pm. For more info, call Greg on 0418600695.

### 4.66 | Boat Shed

*(520 m 9 mins)* Continue straight: From the shop-front side of the boat shed, this walk follows the riverside track, keeping the river to your left. After about 40m, this walk veers left at the Y-intersection and continues alongside the river for another 90m to pass below a large picnic shelter. The walk continues along the track for another 120m to pass alongside '4 Illoura' picnic area (with toilets and water). The walk continues alongside the river for another 70m to then pass through '3 Spoonbill' picnic area. From the far side of this picnic area, the walk follows the path, and then fenced boardwalk, for about 80m to come to a lookout (with stepped seats) and great views over the Lane Cove River. From this lookout point, this walk continues up along the boardwalk for about

50m (passing the fish ladder) to turn left onto the sealed drive and come to another intersection just before the weir.

### 5.18 | Lane Cove Weir South

*(100 m 2 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post along the concrete footpath, keeping the river to the left. The path leads around the edge of the 'Koonjeree picnic area' and comes to an intersection with another footpath (leading through the middle of the picnic area).

### 5.28 | Koonjeree Picnic Area

Koonjeree Picnic Area is at the southern end of Lane Cove National Park, just near Fullers Bridge. The picnic area boasts free gas barbecues, flushing toilets, town tap water, picnic tables and shelters, a large open area and car parking. On the bank of the Lane Cove River, this is a pleasant spot to enjoy the park.

### 5.28 | Koonjeree Middle Trk

*(190 m 4 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads towards the road then passes over it, to the toilet blocks. Turn left: From the toilets, this walk heads through the low bushes, following the car park (which is on the left). The walk winds through the bushes to pass a stone seat on the left before crossing the entrance road to the Lane Cove National Park. This walk then continues along the footpath for a few metres to the road, which it crosses to come to the bus stop.