



## Vimeira Rd to De Burghs Bridge

2 hrs

Hard track

5.1 km One way

↑ 178m

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A well maintained and signposted track that follows the Lane Cove River, along a section of the Great North Walk. The section of bush track just west of De Burghs Bridge has great views of the river. Brown's Waterhole is a good spot to break, although early in the walk. Watch out for cyclists in the Brown's Waterhole area as this is a popular bike riding trail.

12m

70m

Lane Cove National Park

## Browns Waterhole

Browns Waterhole is a wide, shallow section of the Lane Cove River, downstream of a concrete weir. There is a concrete shared cycle/footpath crossing over the top of the weir, linking Kissing Point Road, South Turramurra to Vimiera Rd, Macquarie Park. On the western side of the waterhole, there is a picnic table and small clearing with a view over this section of the river.

## 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](#))
- 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.

 <b>Grade 4/6 Hard track</b>	
<b>Length</b>	5.1 km One way
<b>Time</b>	2 hrs
<b>Quality of track</b>	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
<b>Signs</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



### **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** Traveling by is the only practical way to get to End of Vimiera Rd (gps: -33.765, 151.106). You can get back from Int. Opposite the end of Lady Game Drive (gps: -33.7734, 151.1352) 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/vrtdbb>

### **0 | End of Vimiera Rd**

*(670 m 15 mins)* From the end of Vimiera Road, this walk follows the footpath through the tunnel under the M2 Motorway. The walk then follows the concrete path past the 'Lane Cove National Park' sign, zigzagging down the side of the valley. The track continues down until it flattens to a gentle downward slope, and comes to intersection with a bush track signposted as the 'Terrys creek walking track'.

From the intersection, this walk follows the concrete management trail down the gentle hill to the picnic tables and clearing signposted as 'Browns Waterhole'.

### **0.67 | Browns Waterhole**

Browns Waterhole is a wide, shallow section of the Lane Cove River, downstream of a concrete weir. There is a concrete shared cycle/footpath crossing over the top of the weir, linking Kissing Point Road, South Turramurra to Vimiera Rd, Macquarie Park. On the western side of the waterhole, there is a picnic table and small clearing with a view over this section of the river.

### **0.67 | Browns Waterhole**

*(90 m 2 mins)* Continue straight: From Browns Waterhole picnic area, this walk follows the management trail down to the causeway and across Browns Waterhole (caution is needed during and after rain, may become impassable). Immediately after the river, the walk comes to an intersection with the Great North Walk trail.

### **0.76 | Browns Waterhole int**

*(260 m 5 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign uphill along the wide concrete path, initially keeping the river to your right. The path leads up for about 50m, passing a few signs to come to an intersection with a track (on your right) marked with a timber barricade and a GNW arrow post.

Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the concrete path uphill. The path winds up for about 100m, passing a few signs before coming to an intersection with a track (on your right, that leads to an informal, unfenced lookout), just after a GNW arrow post, where the path mostly flattens out.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads uphill along the wide concrete path as it bends left. After about 50m, the path leads under some high tension power lines, then about 50m later, comes to an intersection with a track (on your right), marked with a GNW arrow post and an aluminium 'Lane Cove Valley' map.

### **1.03 | Int of GNW and Kissing Point Road path**

*(870 m 18 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the

GNW arrow post away from the face of the aluminium 'Lane Cove Valley' map sign along the dirt trail. After about 30m, this walk crosses an ephemeral creek on a rock platform, coming to a spot behind some houses.

Continue straight: From the creek, this walk follows the management trail along the side of the hill, initially keeping the houses up to your left. The trail soon leads past a high tension power line tower and along the side of the hill and gently up for about 200m to another metal high tension power line tower. Here the trail bends left and leads up a fairly steep but short hill, where the trail then leads more gently uphill for another 400m before another short, steep climb. From the top of this climb, the trail continues for about 70m before crossing over a rock platform and coming to an intersection (about 25m below the Koombalah Ave gate, on your left).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the main trail gently along the side of the hill, keeping the valley to your right. After about 40m, this trail leads to an intersection with a track (on your right), marked with a GNW arrow post (just as this trail bends left).

### **1.9 | Int of the GNW and the South Turramurra High Schoo**

*(700 m 17 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post east down along the rocky track (away from the management trail). The rocky track follows a series of concrete access points and timber steps for about 230m to then cross a short section to timber boardwalk/bridge. After this the track continues, keeping the Lane Cove River a short distance to your right, for about 80m to come to a three-way intersection marked with a GNW arrow post.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post gently downhill, keeping the valley to your right for about 30m to come to a faint intersection with a track (on your right - this faint track leads down to an old weir).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the main track east, keeping the valley to your right. After about 120m, this track leads down (becoming steeper as it goes) to the cross the weir and bridge over Avondale Creek to find a pleasant sandy beach on the Lane Cove River. This last crossing may become impassable after heavy or prolonged rain. Here the track bends left and climbs up the timber steps a short distance to come to a T-intersection with a wide trail marked with a GNW arrow post and a 'Lane Cove Valley' aluminum sign and map.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post downhill along the management trail, keeping the Lane Cove River a short distance to your right. After about 120m, the trail crosses a small gully then leads gently uphill for about 70m to come to an intersection with a track (on your right) marked with a GNW arrow post.

### **2.6 | Int of the GNW and the West Pymble service trail 1**

*(620 m 14 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the GNW arrow post south along the track (leaving the wide trail behind). The track gently winds along the side of the hill for about 300m to pass under some high tension power lines. Then over the next 300m, the track becomes rockier and undulates more, passing among some grass trees to come to the top of a small rocky rise. Here the walk heads down these rocks to find a three-way intersection, marked with a GNW arrow post (almost under the high tension power lines).

### **3.21 | Int of the GNW and mid Gloucester Ave fire trail a**

*(550 m 12 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post south, gently downhill for about 100m to come to a faint intersection with a track (on your left) marked with a GNW arrow post.

Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the GNW arrow post south, downhill for about 30m to come to a three-way intersection, marked with a GNW arrow post (and a sign pointing right to 'Marsfield').

Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the GNW arrow post east,

gently down along the side of the hill (keeping the valley to your right). After about 80m, this walk steps off a small rock platform then crosses two flat timber bridges over Congham Creek. Here the track continues for another 100m (passing close to a few houses) to cross a small gully then climb up a few timber steps. About 70m further along the track, this walk passes a concrete sewerage access point to come to an intersection with a faint track on your left (that leads a short distance to a management trail), marked with a GNW arrow post.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post along the mostly flat track, keeping the valley to your left (running parallel with the high tension power lines, up to your left). After about 150m, this track leads close to a high tension power line tower, then comes to a locked green shed opposite a fenced-off pipe bridge (down in the valley to your right).

### **3.77 | Green shed**

*(140 m 3 mins)* Continue straight: From the green shed, this walk follows the track as it winds along the side of the hill, keeping the valley to your right and initially keeping the high tension power line tower on your left. After about 150m, this track winds up to a clear intersection with the Gloucester Ave fire trail, marked with a set of NPWS AND GNW arrow posts (just under the high tension power lines).

### **3.91 | Int of GNW and Gloucester Ave service trail (sth)**

*(900 m 19 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows GNW arrow post gently downhill along the wide trail, keeping the power poles to your right. After about 30m, the trail leads to an intersection with a track (on the right, near the second power pole), marked with another set of NPWS & GNW arrow posts (before the locked gate).

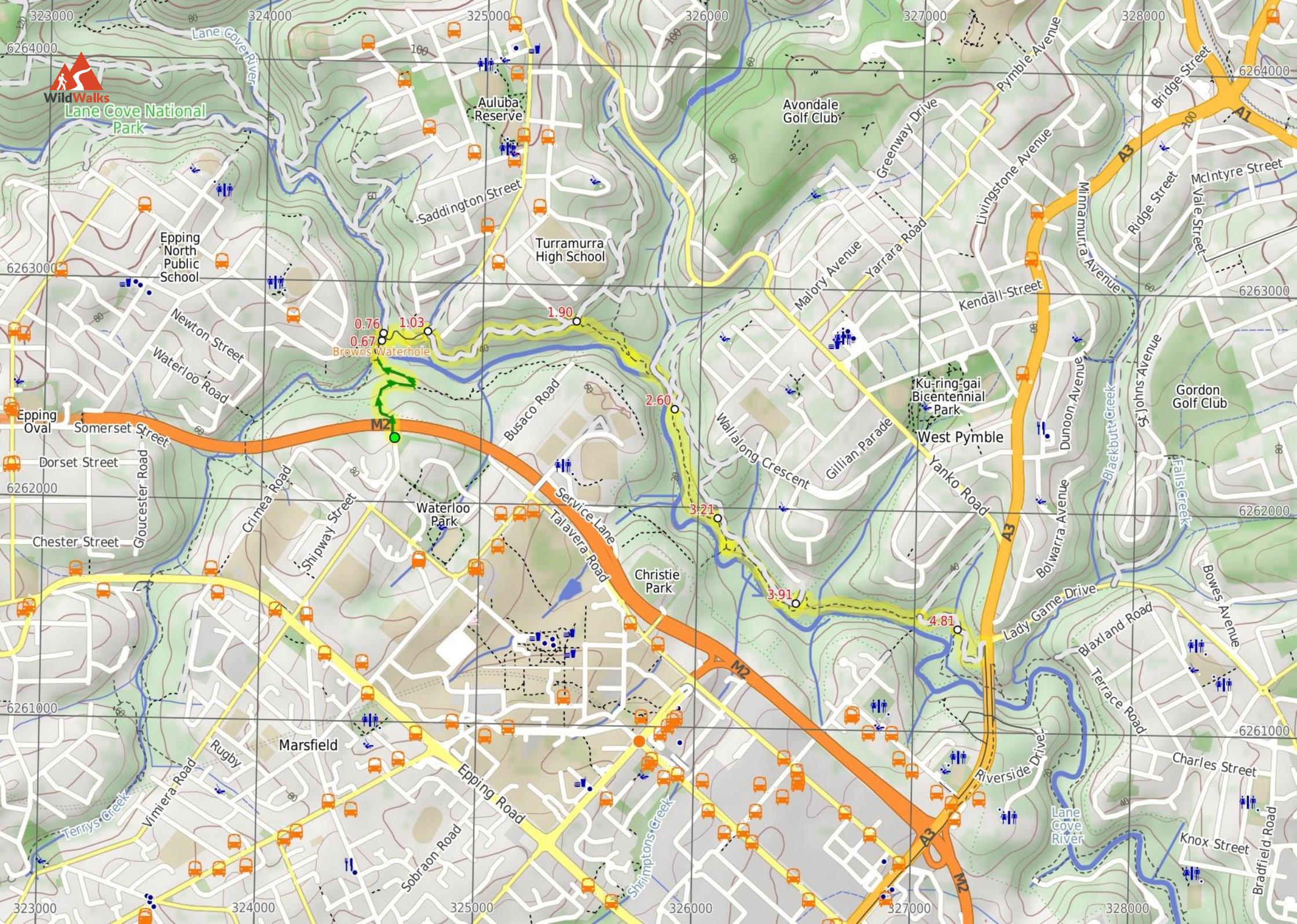
Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post, heading under the power lines and along track whilst leaving the management trail behind. After about 30m, this track leads down the hill and a few stone steps to cross Quarry Creek then climbs up a few steps and follows the mostly flat track through the bush for about 400m, to come to the end of a weedy section marked with a concrete sewerage access point. Here the rocky track climbs up the side of the hill for about 200m, through open eucalypt forest with some limited views right over the valley, for about 200m before passing large metal pipe (crossing the Lane Cove River). About 30m after passing the pipe, the track winds up to come to a clear intersection with a wide management trail, where a 'Thornleigh Oval' sign points back down the hill.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Lane Cove Weir' sign south and gently downhill along the management trail. The trail winds downhill for about 200m to cross a concrete bridge over Rudder Creek (beside a concrete sewerage pipe). Here the trail leads uphill for another 80m to come to an intersection with the GNW track (on your left), marked with 'The Great North Walk' sign.

### **4.81 | Int of GNW and Ryde Road track**

*(320 m 7 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the service trail following the sign to 'Ryde Rd, West Pymble'. The track tends right before slowly turning left, as it heads up the hill for approximately 200m to the intersection opposite the Lady Game Drive intersection.

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Browns Waterhole

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## Summary navigation sheet for the Vimeira Rd to De Burghs Bridge



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	End of Vimiera Rd -33.765,151.106 (GR Parramatta River, 246623)	6 -42	670 m 15 mins	From the end of Vimiera Road, this walk follows the footpath through the tunnel under the M2 Motorway.
0.67	Browns Waterhole -33.7614,151.1053 (GR Parramatta River, 245627)	1 -5	90 m 2 mins	Continue straight: From Browns Waterhole picnic area, this walk follows the management trail down to the causeway and across Browns Waterhole (caution is needed during and after rain, may become impassable).
0.76	Browns Waterhole int -33.7607,151.1055 (GR Parramatta River, 245628)	17 -1	260 m 5 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign uphill along the wide concrete path, initially keeping the river to your right.
1.03	Int of GNW and Kissing Point Road path -33.7606,151.1077 (GR Parramatta River, 247628)	35 -24	870 m 18 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post away from the face of the aluminium 'Lane Cove Valley' map sign along the dirt trail.
1.90	Int of the GNW and the South Turrumurra High School trail -33.7602,151.115 (GR Parramatta River, 254628)	19 -51	700 m 17 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post east down along the rocky track (away from the management trail).
2.60	Int of the Great North Walk and the West Pymble service trail link track -33.7638,151.1199 (GR Parramatta River, 259624)	36 -29	620 m 14 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the GNW arrow post south along the track (leaving the wide trail behind).
3.21	Int of the GNW and mid Gloucester Ave fire trail access track -33.7683,151.122 (GR Parramatta River, 261620)	4 -21	550 m 12 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post south, gently downhill for about 100m to come to a faint intersection with a track (on your left) marked with a GNW arrow post.
3.77	Green shed -33.7716,151.125 (GR Parramatta River, 264616)	7 -1	140 m 3 mins	Continue straight: From the green shed, this walk follows the track as it winds along the side of the hill, keeping the valley to your right and initially keeping the high tension power line tower on your left.
3.91	Int of GNW and Gloucester Ave service trail (sth) -33.7718,151.1259 (GR Parramatta River, 265616)	30 -35	900 m 19 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows GNW arrow post gently downhill along the wide trail, keeping the power poles to your right.
4.81	Int of Great North Walk and Ryde Road track -33.7728,151.1339 (GR Parramatta River, 272615)	23 -3	320 m 7 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the service trail following the sign to 'Ryde Rd, West Pymble'.