

## West Head Lookout

10 mins

Easy track

238 m Return

↑ 18m

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This walk is all about the stunning views from the edge of West Head. After the lovely drive through the bushland along the West Head Rd you will love this gentle stroll down to what feels like the edge of the earth. There are great views across the Pittwater to Barenjoey Head as well as across the mouth of the Hawkesbury River. You will find plenty of information signs explaining some of the rich histories of the area, including about the gun emplacements that were built into the side of the cliffs here to protect from enemy ship invasion. Make a day of it by packing a picnic lunch and visiting Resolute picnic ground (and toilets) about 900m back along the road.

116m

### **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 car is the only practical way to get to End of West Head Rd (gps: -33.5788, 151.3086). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

This is a return walk, 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/whlw>

### **0 | End of West Head Rd**

*(50 m 1 mins)* From the end of West Head Rd (Ku-Ring-Gai Chase), this walk follows the flat sandstone paved path around the metal bollard, past the large 'West Head Lookout' sign, ignoring the 'West Head Army Track'. After about 20m the path widens significantly and this walk continues gently downhill towards the views to come to the Lion Island viewing area (at the top of set of steps) with 4 seats, marked with a series of 'West Head Battery' signs.

### **0.05 | Lion Island View**

The upper viewing platform at West Head Lookout provides great views framed by trees to Lion Island and surrounding waterways. There are a few bench seats and some information signs about the 'West Head Battery'. A lovely spot among the eucalypt and angophora forest.

### **0.05 | Alternate Route Lion Island View to West Head Look**

*(30 m 1 mins)* Continue straight: From the viewing area, this walk heads towards the main water views down the 7 sandstone stone steps (each 10cm high). At the bottom of the steps, this walk leads past the 'Pacific Highway' information sign and continues down the path for another 20m to come to the main West Head Lookout area. Now Veer right to rejoin the main walk .

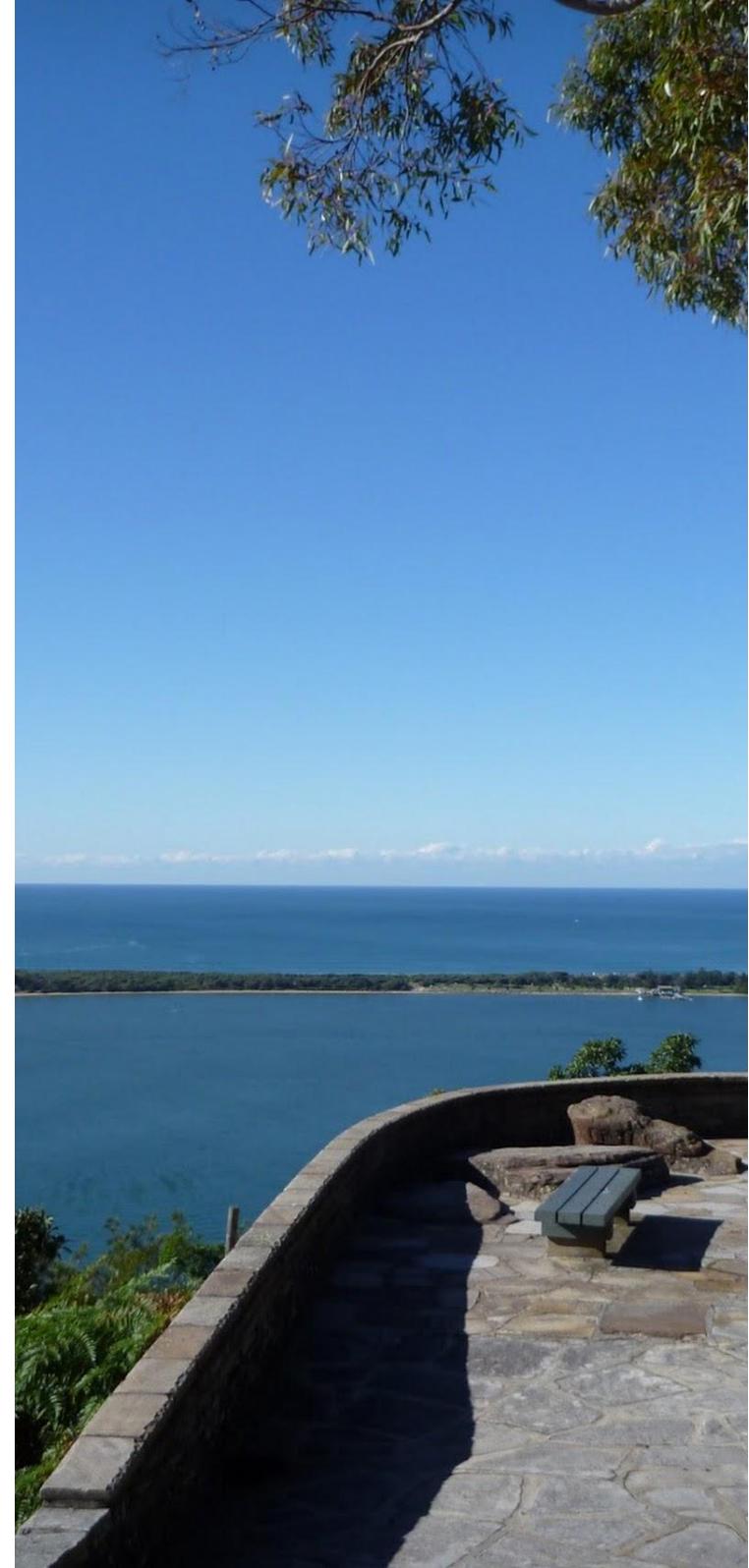
### **0.05 | Lion Island View**

*(70 m 2 mins)* Turn right: From the Lion Island viewing area, this walk heads directly away from the face of the 'West Head Battery' signs, past the top of the steps (initially keeping the

steps to the left). The walk soon veers left (at the seats) and follows the narrow (1.3m wide) stone path as it gently winds downhill for about 40m to come to some more bench seats at the southern edge of the main West Head Lookout. From here the walk veers left and heads along the wide stone lookout area, passing some more seats and information signs coming to a panoramic photo sign naming the key view points.

### **0.12 | West Head Lookout**

West Head Lookout, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park is a large paved sandstone viewing area with fantastic views and some interesting interpretive signs. The view spans across the Hawkesbury River to Lion Island to Patonga (Central Coast) also across the Pittwater to Barrenjoey Headland and out to sea. The lookout has a series of bench seats and a low (50cm) stone wall. A lovely place to just sit and soak up the views, and history of the area.





This page is designed to give you a sense of the facilities that help improve access for people with disabilities or mobility restrictions. See tracknotes and map for navigation, point of interest and other information. See the Accessibility Details page for specific information about each facility.

**Parking:** There are 1 designated accessible parking areas on this walk.

**Toilets:** There are 0 toilets on this walk.

**Seats:** There are 3 seats on this walk. They are on average 50m apart, with a maximum gap of 50m.

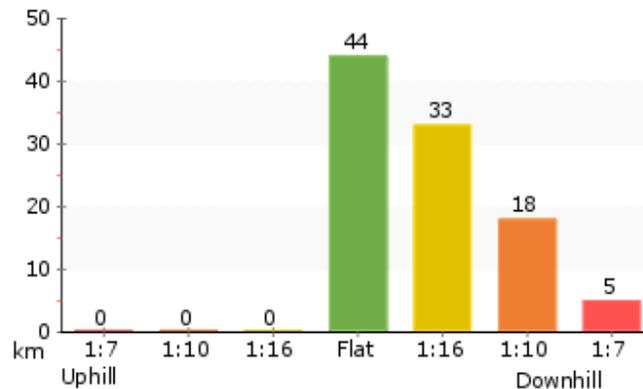
## Surface

This walk follows sandstone paved path and areas. The path is 1.3m for about half the walk but much wider in some places.

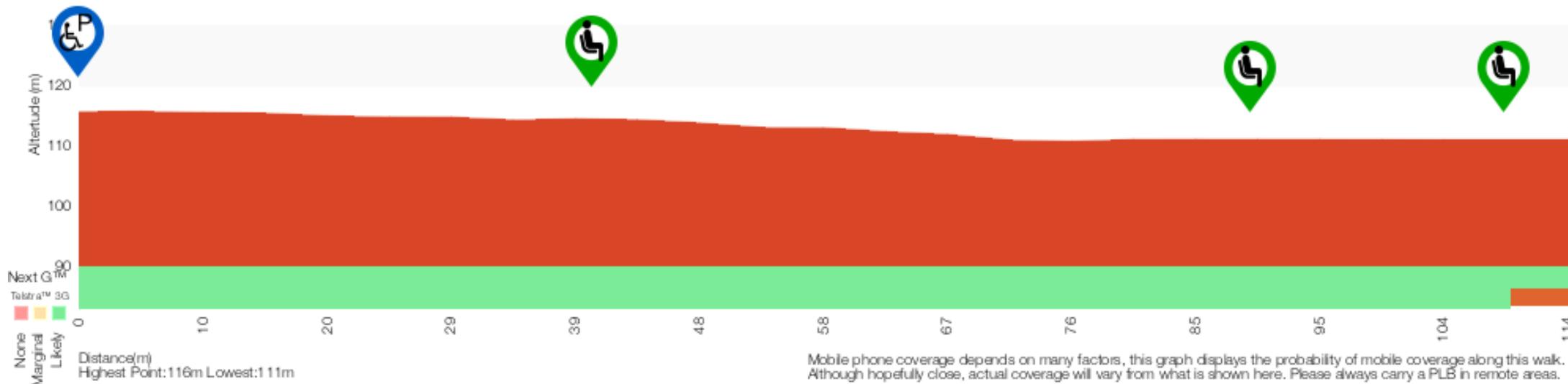
## Stepness

This walk gently slopes down towards the lookout and is generally less than 1:12 step (uphill on the return). There is a 10m section that is 2.4:12 steep.

This graph shows how steep the track is.



2		Grade 2/6 Easy track	
<b>Length</b>	238 m Return		
<b>Time</b>	10 mins		
<b>Quality of track</b>	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)		
<b>Signs</b>	Clearly signposted (1/6)		
<b>Experience Required</b>	No experience required (1/6)		
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)		
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)		



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.



**1 Parking Accessible (0m)**  
There are about 15 car parking bays in the area including one signposted mobility parking bay. The parking area is asphalt, the mobility bay is 2.5m wide and 7m long.



**2 Seat (40m)**  
A series of 4 timber slat bench seats, 48cm high, 43cm deep and 2.1m wide with no backrest or armrest.



**3 Seat (90m)**  
A series of 3 timber slat bench seats, 48cm high, 43cm deep and 2.1m wide with no backrest or armrest.



**4 Seat (110m)**  
A series of 3 timber slat bench seats, 48cm high, 28cm deep, 2.1m wide, a 38cm back rest and no armrest.