




Apple Tree Bay Birrawanna Loop

 1 h 45 min to 2 h

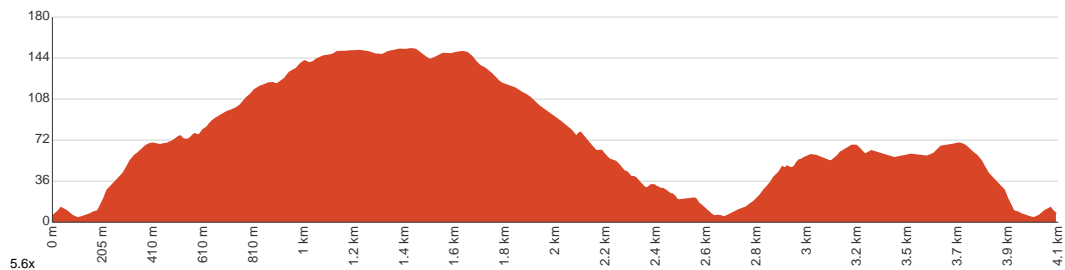

4.1 km
Circuit


↑ 281 m
↓ 279 m


Hard track



This walk enjoys some great views and quiet bushland in Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park. From Apple Tree Bay, the walk soon heads over the hill and loops down to Bobbin Head, with the option of a bite to eat at the kiosk before returning along a similar but different route to Apple Tree Bay. The walk has some steep sections but is well worth the effort. Let us begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 4 of 6
Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Road Offramp

- Turn on to Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Road Offramp then drive for 6.5 km
- Turn sharp left onto Apple Tree Bay Road and drive for another 1.3 km
- Turn right and drive for another 30 m

Before you start any journey ensure you;

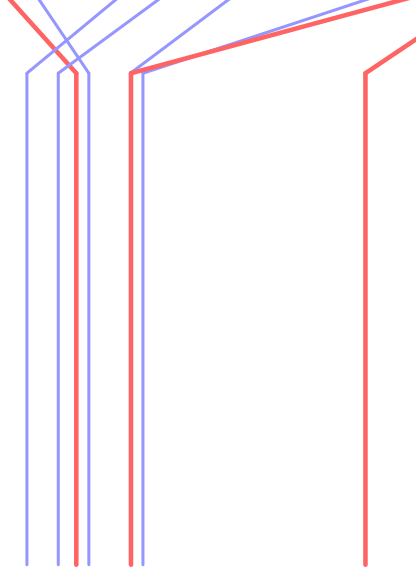
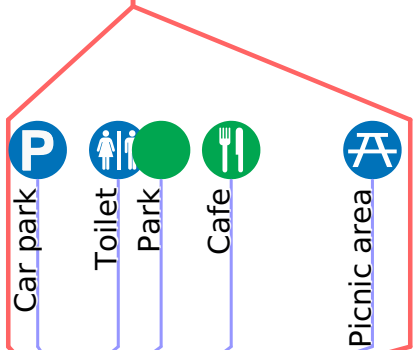
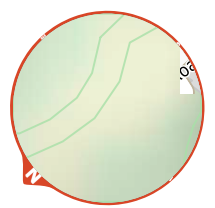
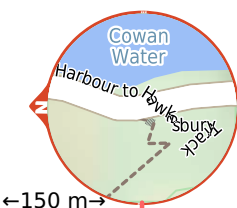
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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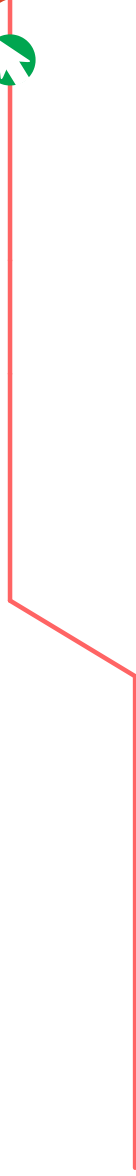








← 1 km →



← 430 m →



Down steps



Down steps



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Up steps

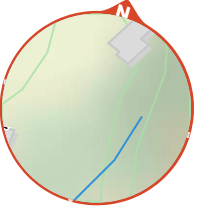
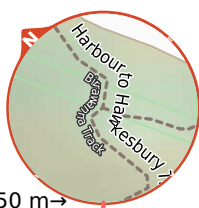
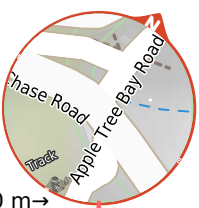
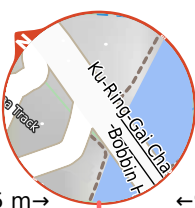


Up steps



Store





←35 m→

←90 m→

←450 m→



Picnic area

Cafe

Sign

Bridge

Sign

Up steps

Up steps

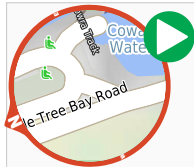
Up steps

Up steps

Ford

Ford

Getting started: From the Kiosk and 'Welcome to Apple Tree Bay' sign, this walk follows the road out of the car park and gently uphill keeping the water down to your left. After about 150m the road leads past a footpath (to a small gated marina, on your left) to continue up the road for another 30m to find the intersection with the signposted 'Regional Office' track (on your right).



Start.



After 8 m to find the car park.



There is a toilet (about 45 m back from the start).



There is a park (about 25 m back from the start).



After 45 m pass the cafe (20 m on your right).

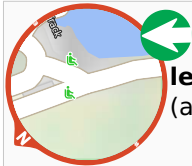
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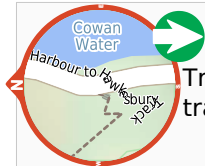
After another 8 m find the "Apple Tree Bay" (20 m on your right).



Apple Tree Bay, in Ku-Ring-Gai Chase national park, has a popular boat ramp for accessing Cowan creek and plenty of parking. The area has kiosk, electric BBQ's, picnic benches, toilets, drinking water, garbage facilities, and shade provided by trees. If you are after a quiet spot, head to the western end (away from the boat ramp, past the BBQ's), just beyond the car park, to a lovely clearing by the water. The area is closed between sunset and sunrise. The kiosk/cafe is open on weekend and services hot and cold drinks, ice creams and some hot food.

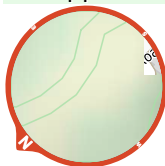


From the Apple Tree Bay Road **turn left**, to head along Apple Tree Bay Road (a vehicle track).



After another 150 m (from the Apple Tree Bay Road) **turn right** (a walking track).

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Apple Tree Flat Lookout.





"Apple Tree Flat Lookout".



Apple Tree Flat Lookout is a small fenced lookout high up the hill overlooking Apple Tree Bay and Cowan creek. The view is filtered through the tall gum trees. Being perched on a rock platform, the views are great. The lookout is not far from Bobbin Head Rd, near the NPWS North Sydney Regional Office, in Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park.



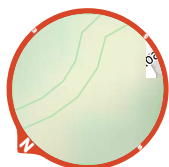
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 110 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 380 m waypoint.



Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 3.7 km waypoint.





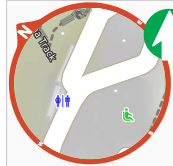
Then find the "Toilet Accessible" (15 m on your right).



Two accessible unisex toilet toilets. There are handrails, a basin with running water. Door is 90cm wide. Access is via concrete path from the carpark. The toilet is located at the edge of 'The Station' BBQ area.



After another 4 m **turn left**.



After another 9 m **continue straight**.





Turn around and retrace your steps back the 115 m to the main route.



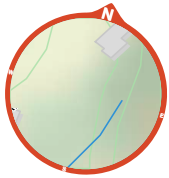
Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 3.3 km waypoint.

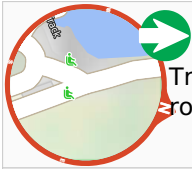


After another 165 m (from the Birrawanna Track) **veer left**, to head along Birrawanna Track.



After another 370 m cross the ford.





After another 150 m (from the Apple Tree Bay Road) **turn right** (a service road).



After another 20 m come to the end.