



St Ives to Davidson Park via Casuarina Track

 3 h 30 min to 4 h

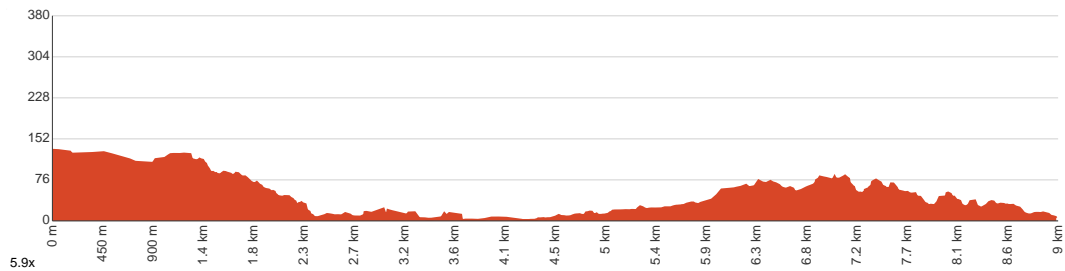

9 km
One way


↑ 342 m
↓ 468 m


Hard track



This walk starts in St Ives and follows the Pipeline and Bungaroo tracks down to Middle Harbour Creek, crossing the creek at the stepping stones and continuing to Davidson Picnic area. Much of this walk follows Middle Harbour Creek, providing great water views and passing some interesting sandstone caves along the way. The Davidson park picnic area is a great place for a rest and play after this walk. 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	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
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 Pacific Highway, A1, A38, Chatswood.

- Turn on to Boundary Street, A38 then drive for 10 m
- Turn right onto Boundary Street, A38 and drive for another 1 km
- Turn left onto Archbold Road and drive for another 6.2 km
- At roundabout, take exit 3 onto Hunter Avenue and drive for another 200 m
- Turn right and drive for another 10 m

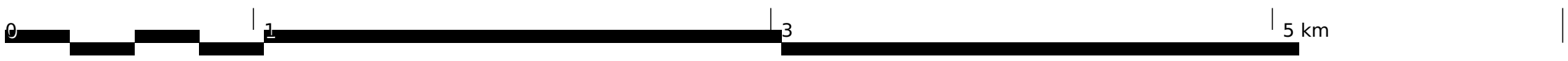
Before you start any journey ensure you;

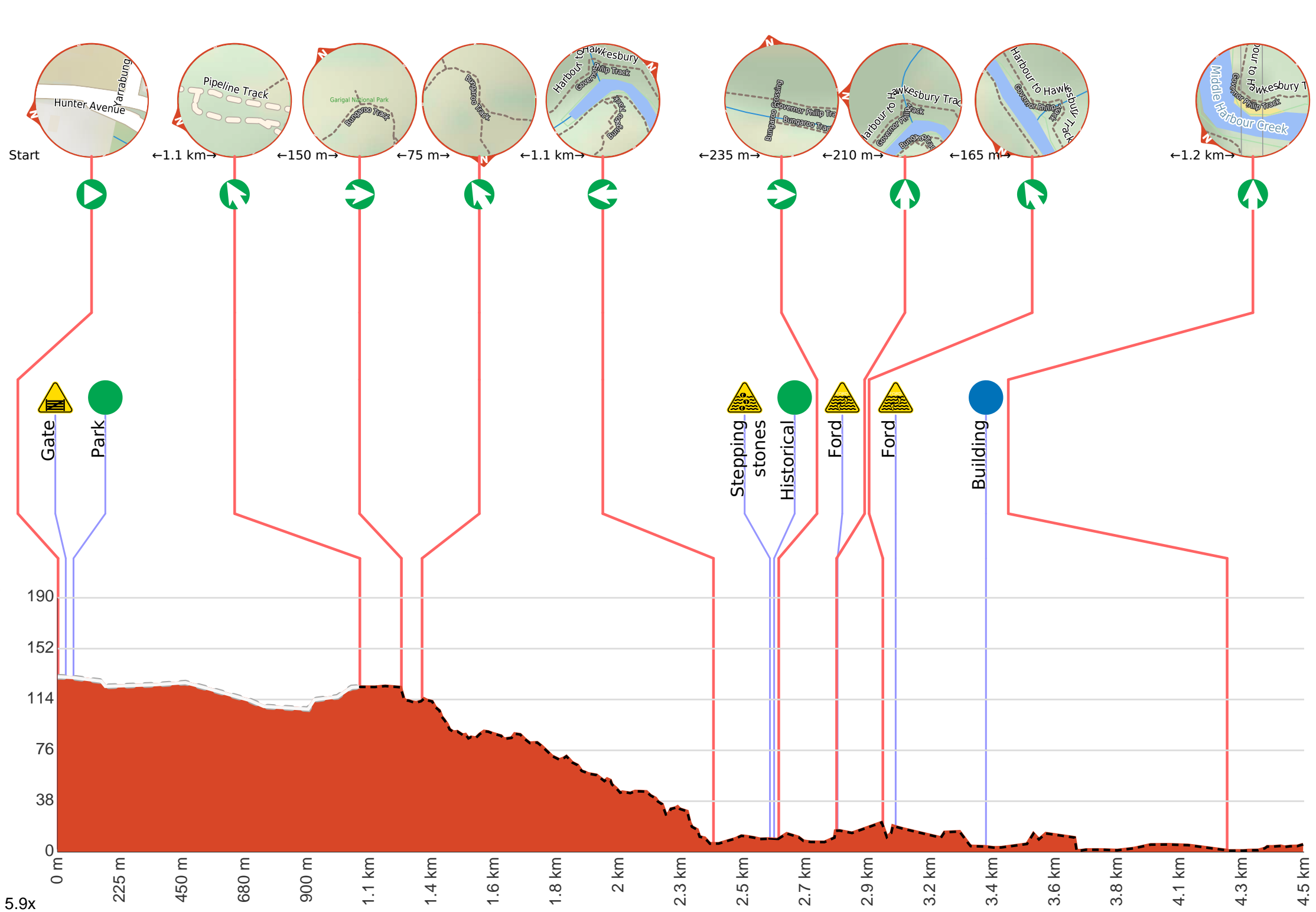
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

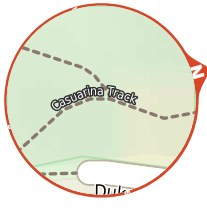
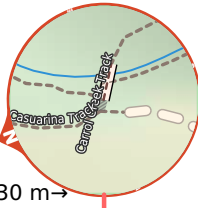
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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← 700 m →

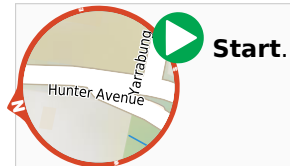
← 730 m →



Up steps

Sign

Getting started: From the intersection, this walk heads through the metal gate and follows the service trail down the hill, keeping the pipeline on the right, as it heads through the bush and behind the houses to the intersection of the wide service trail on the left.



Start.



After 30 m head through/around the gate.



After another 30 m pass the "Barra Brui Reserve" (7 m on your right).
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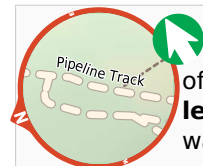
After another 115 m **continue straight**.



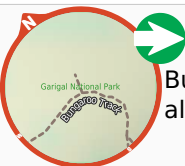
After another 750 m (from the Pipeline track) **continue straight**, to head along Pipeline track.



After another 115 m (from the Pipeline track) **continue straight**, to head along Pipeline track.



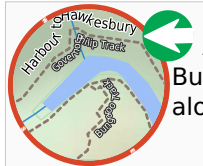
After another 45 m (at the intersection of Bungaroo Track & Pipeline track) **veer left**, to head along Bungaroo Track (a walking track).



After another 150 m (from the Bungaroo Track) **turn right**, to head along Bungaroo Track.



After another 75 m (from the Bungaroo Track) **veer left**, to head along Bungaroo Track.



After another 1.1 km (from the Bungaroo Track) **turn left**, to head along Bungaroo Track.



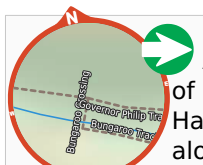
After another 205 m cross the stepping stones (about 30 m long)



Then find the "Bungaroo" (15 m on your left).



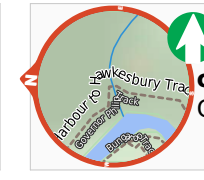
Governor Arthur Phillip (first governor of NSW) described this section of the river as where "the flowing of the tide ceased". Phillip and his party of nine camped here in 1788 whilst looking for land suitable for farming. John White (Surgeon General) described the the area as "the most desert, wild and solitary seclusion that the imagination can form any idea of". Over the past 200 years the river has changed, but somewhere not far upstream of the stepping stone is Bungaroo.



After another 15 m (at the intersection of Governor Philip Track & Middle Harbour Track) **turn right**, to head along Governor Philip Track (a walking track).



After another 210 m cross the ford.



From the Governor Philip Track **continue straight**, to head along Governor Philip Track.



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



After another 20 m (from the Governor Philip Track) **continue straight**, to head along Governor Philip Track.



After another 30 m cross the ford.



After another 275 m (at the intersection of Governor Philip Track & Pipeline track) **continue straight**, to head along Governor Philip Track.



After another 50 m find the "Pipeline" (40 m on your right).



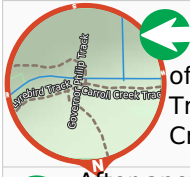
This pipeline is unearthed at Hunter Street, St Ives, and travels through Garigal National Park, across Middle Harbour Creek to John Oxley Drive, Sorlie. The pipe carries water under pressure From Ryde to Pymble to the reservoir at Beacon Hill. The old smaller-capacity pipe can still be seen running parallel to the larger pipe.



After another 870 m (from the Governor Philip Track) **continue straight**, to head along Governor Philip Track.



After another 680 m cross the stepping stones (about 10 m long)



After another 2 m (at the intersection of Carroll Creek Track & Governor Philip Track) **turn left**, to head along Carroll Creek Track (a walking track).



After another 430 m (from the Carroll Creek Track) **continue straight**, to head along Carroll Creek Track.



After another 305 m (at the intersection of Carrol Creek Track & Carroll Creek Track) **turn right**, to head along Carrol Creek Track (a steps).



Then head up the steps (about 10 m long)



After another 10 m pass the sign.



At the intersection of Casuarina Track & Carrol Creek Track **veer right**, to head along Casuarina Track (a walking track).



After another 490 m (from the Casuarina Track) **continue straight**, to head along Casuarina Track.

