




Bellamy St to De Saxe Cl dog walking trail

 15 min to 30 min

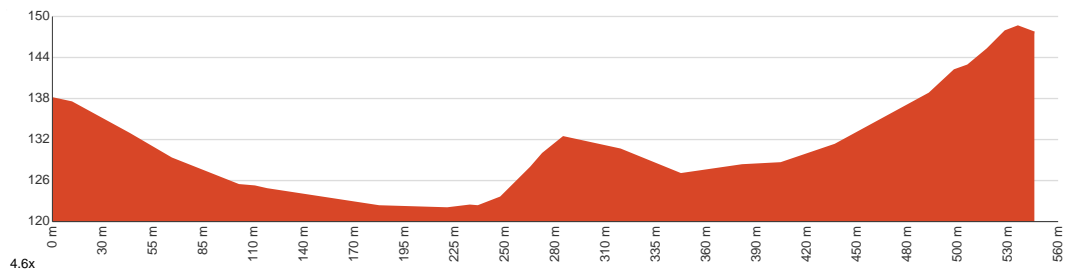

550 m
One way


↑ 32 m
↓ 23 m


Moderate track



This short walk follows a concrete management trail between Bellamy St and De Saxe Close. This is one of a few dog friendly bushwalks in the Berowra Valley Regional Park. You walk through some beautiful bush with a good array of grass and eucalyptus trees. At the bottom of the valley a bridge spans ZigZag Creek allowing you to keep your feet dry. There are also some good information signs explaining the rich history of the railway line and quarry that once passed through here. The authorised dog walk exits up the steps to the base of De Saxe Cl. We have also include an alternate exit, staying on the main trail to then end of Timbarra Rd for those walking without dogs. 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 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Pennant Hills Road, A28

- Turn on to Wells Street then drive for 125 m
- Turn left onto Yarrara Road and drive for another 390 m
- Turn right onto Stevens Street and drive for another 255 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Stevens Street and drive for another 440 m
- Turn right onto Bellamy Street and drive for another 325 m

Before you start any journey ensure you;

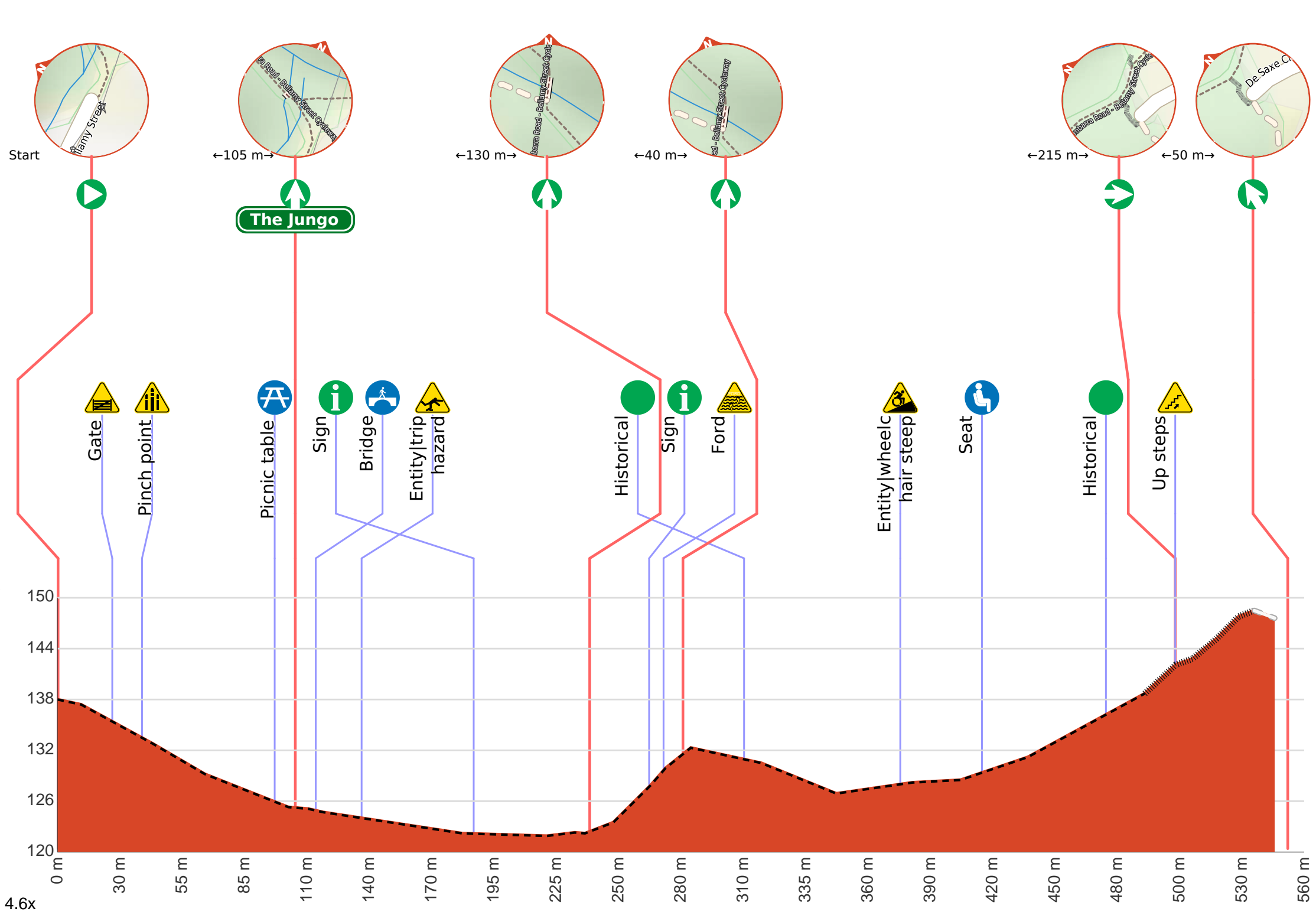
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

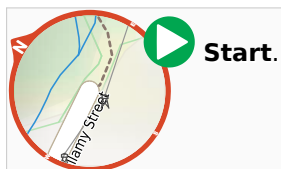
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Getting started: From the end of Bellamy St (Pennant Hills), the walk passes around the locked metal gate and follows the 'To Westleigh' arrow downhill along the concrete management trail. After about 25m this walk leads past a picnic table (on the left) then over the next 50m this walk continues downhill past the 'Halls Camp' information sign, the 'Natures Filter' to come to an intersection with a dirt track (the Great North Walk) marked with an arrow pointing back up to 'Bellamy Street'. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Jungo' arrow downhill along the wide concrete trail for 25m to cross over the culverted creek (with a green rail on one side). The walk continues down into the valley along the concrete trail for another 110m to come to a signposted intersection marked with a 'Great North Walk' sign (on your left), just before 'Zig Zag Creek' and the long bridge.



After 25 m head through/around the gate.



After another 15 m find the "Pinch Point" (9 m on your right).



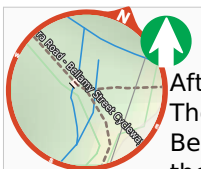
Pinchpoints beside metal gate. The flattest gap beside the gate is 85cm wide, the bollards closer to the fence are 1.1m apart, but require going over grass and uneven ground. Gate and bollards are 1m high.



After another 60 m find the "Picnic Table" (on your left).



A timber slat picnic table and bench seat. The table is 80cm high, 71cm deep and 2.4m wide. The seats are 45cm high, 29cm deep and 2.07m wide. On a 3x3m concrete slab about 7m walk over rough grass from the trail.



The Jungo

After another 9 m (at the intersection of The Great North Walk & Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway) by following the "The Jungo" sign **continue straight**, to head along Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway.



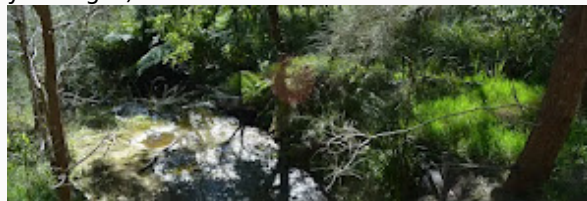
After another 80 m pass the sign (6 m on your right).



Then cross the bridge (about 7 m long)



After another 15 m find the "Trip Hazard" (on your right).



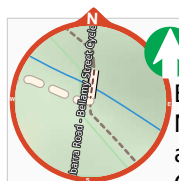
Unfenced and unmarked edge with potential 80cm or higher fall into the creek. Keep clear of the culvert's edge when crossing.



After another 165 m find the "Thornleigh zigzag railway" (10 m on your right).



The Thornleigh zigzag railway originally ran from the main rail line near Thornleigh to a historic quarry, near present day De Saxe Cl, Thornleigh. There are only minor fragments still visible today. The 'Heritage Trail' in Thornleigh has interpretive signs for the railway and the old Thornleigh Quarry. A book is available with some detail on railway and associated quarry: 'Sydney's Forgotten Quarry Railways' by John Oakes, ISBN 0 9757870 3 9



At the intersection of Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway & The Great North Walk **continue straight**, to head along Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway.



After another 25 m pass the sign (on your left).



After another 6 m cross the ford.



After another 8 m (from the Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway) **continue straight**, to head along Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway.



After another 95 m find the "Wheelchair Steep" (8 m on your left).



A 45m long section of concrete trail (3.3m wide) that is very steep. There is a metal handrail on one side for most of the steep section. If using a wheelchair assistance is very likely required.



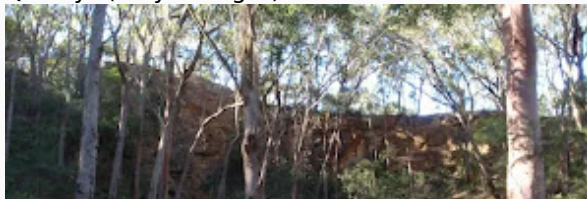
After another 35 m find the "Seat" (35 m on your right).



Nine timber log seats in old quarry. The seats are 3.7m wide and typically 50cm high. Access is over a flat dirt path 40m from the concrete trail.

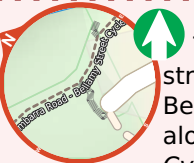


After another 55 m find the "Old Thornleigh Quarry" (on your right).



The old Thornleigh Quarry is located beside the Heritage Trail in Thornleigh, within Berowra Valley Regional Park. The quarry dates back to 1883 and was initially a source of 'ballast' for portions of the Sydney (Homebush) to Newcastle (Waratah) rail link. There is a firm, flat dirt track that leads about 40m from the concrete trail to the centre of the old quarry. You will find a series of log seats in this amphitheatre making this a pleasant spot to sit and enjoy the intriguing mix of nature and history. A book is available with some detail on this quarry and the associated zigzag railway: 'Sydney's Forgotten Quarry Railways' by John Oakes, ISBN 0 9757870 3 9

Start of an alternate route:



To take the alternate route continue straight here. from the Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway **Start** heading along *Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway* (a walking track).



After another 50 m (from the Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway) **continue straight**, to head along *Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway*.



After another 80 m come to a gate.



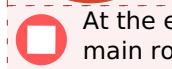
"Pinch Point".



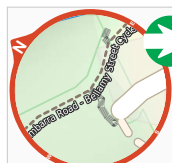
Pinchpoint beside metal gate. The gap beside the gate is 73cm wide. Gate and bollards are 1m high.



The end.



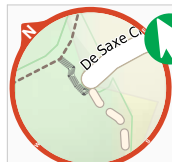
At the end of this alternate route, rejoin the main route.



After another 30 m (from the Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway) **turn right** (a steps).



Then head up the wooden steps (about 50 m long)



Veer left.



After another 9 m come to the end.