




Great North Walk: Somersby Store to Ourimbah Valley Trackhead

 2 h 15 min to 2 h 30 min

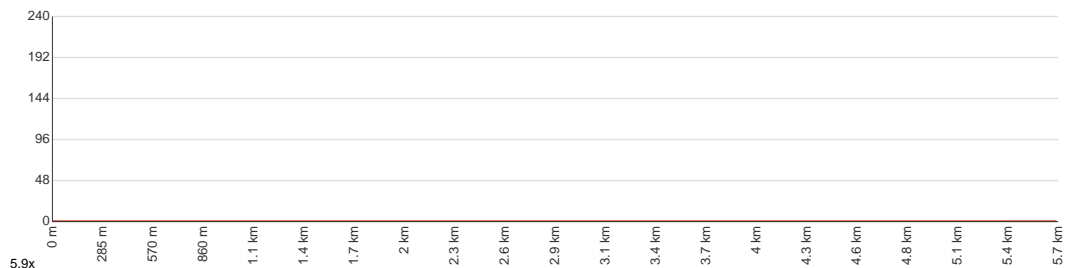

5.7 km
One way


↑ 0 m
↓ 0 m


Hard track



Starting with a walk through the streets of urban Somersby, you soon leave the farms and head into Palm Grove Nature Reserve. First you will follow the signposted track down the open dry ridge to the dense rainforest. In this valley you can explore the moist rainforest with towering Eucalypts, Strangler Fig trees, Cabbage Palms and a tangle of vines. From here walk up the rocky track to another dry ridge, where you can follow a side trip to a flat clearing and designated campsite. From near the campsite the track winds down through another moist forest and past more Cabbage Palms before coming to the signposted Ourimbah Valley Trackhead on Ourimbah Creek Road. 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	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From , Somersby.

Before you start any journey ensure you;

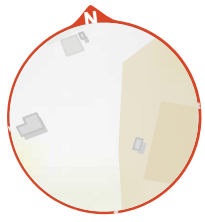
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

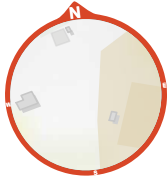
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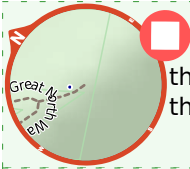






Getting started: From the Somersby Store, this walk heads north, gently downhill along the side of 'Wisemans Ferry Rd', past the public toilet. After about 120m, this walk crosses an on-ramp then heads over the bridge crossing Peats Ridge Road, then past another on-ramp. The walk continues along Wisemans Ferry Rd for about 700m to then turn sharp right at the three-way intersection, onto 'Dog Trap Rd'. Just over 100m along Dog Trap Rd, this walk turns left into 'Kilkenny Rd'. The walk follows Kilkenny Rd past the rural properties for about 1.2km, where the walk continues along the now dirt road. About 50m after becoming dirt, the road leads across a rock ford that can be extremely slippery when wet. The walk continues up along the dirt road for another 300m to come to the end of the road and a 'Great North Walk' sign, beside 'Illawong' (farm).





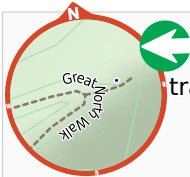
Continue another 15 m to find from the Palm Grove camping area track at the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 45 m to the main route.



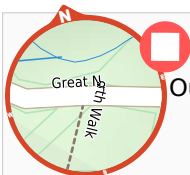
Back at the main route veer right and follow on from the 4.7 km waypoint.



From the Palm Grove camping area track **turn left**.



After another 950 m come to "Great North Walk".



Continue another 0 m to find from the Ourimbah Creek Road at the end.