



# Waratah Track

 3 h 30 min to 5 h 15 min

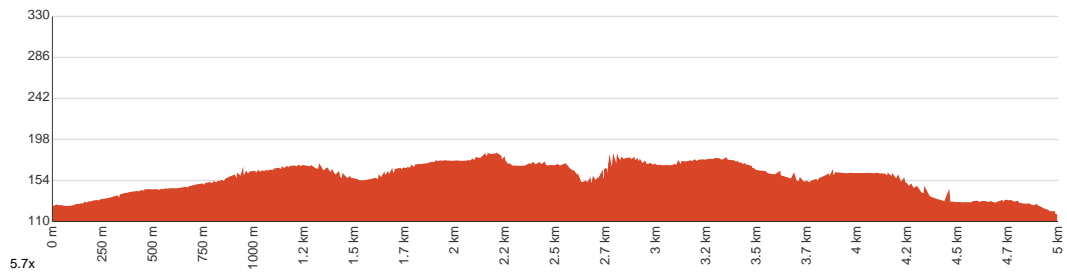
  
10 km  
Return

  
↑ 276 m  
↓ 276 m

  
Hard track



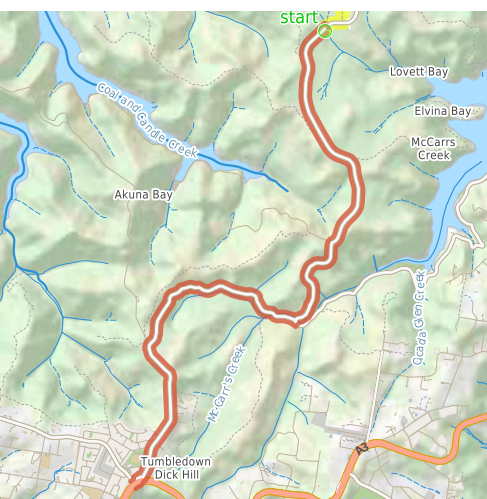
This is a nice walk in the Ku-ring-gai Chase NP, passing through a mix of thick heath vegetation and more open forest. There are some good views over Cowan Waters from the end of the track and an optional side trip to a large rock outcrop with interesting texture and shapes. Let us begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



<b>Class 4 of 6</b> Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely	
<b>Quality of track</b>	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
<b>Gradient</b>	Very steep (4/6)
<b>Signage</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Mona Vale Road, A3, Terrey Hills.

- Turn on to then drive for 30 m
- Turn slight left onto McCarrs Creek Road and drive for another 25 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto McCarrs Creek Road and drive for another 5 km
- Turn left onto West Head Road and drive for another 350 m
- Turn slight left onto West Head Road and drive for another 4.7 km
- Turn right and drive for another 25 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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Castle Bay

Yeomans Bay

5

3.4

1.8

0.3

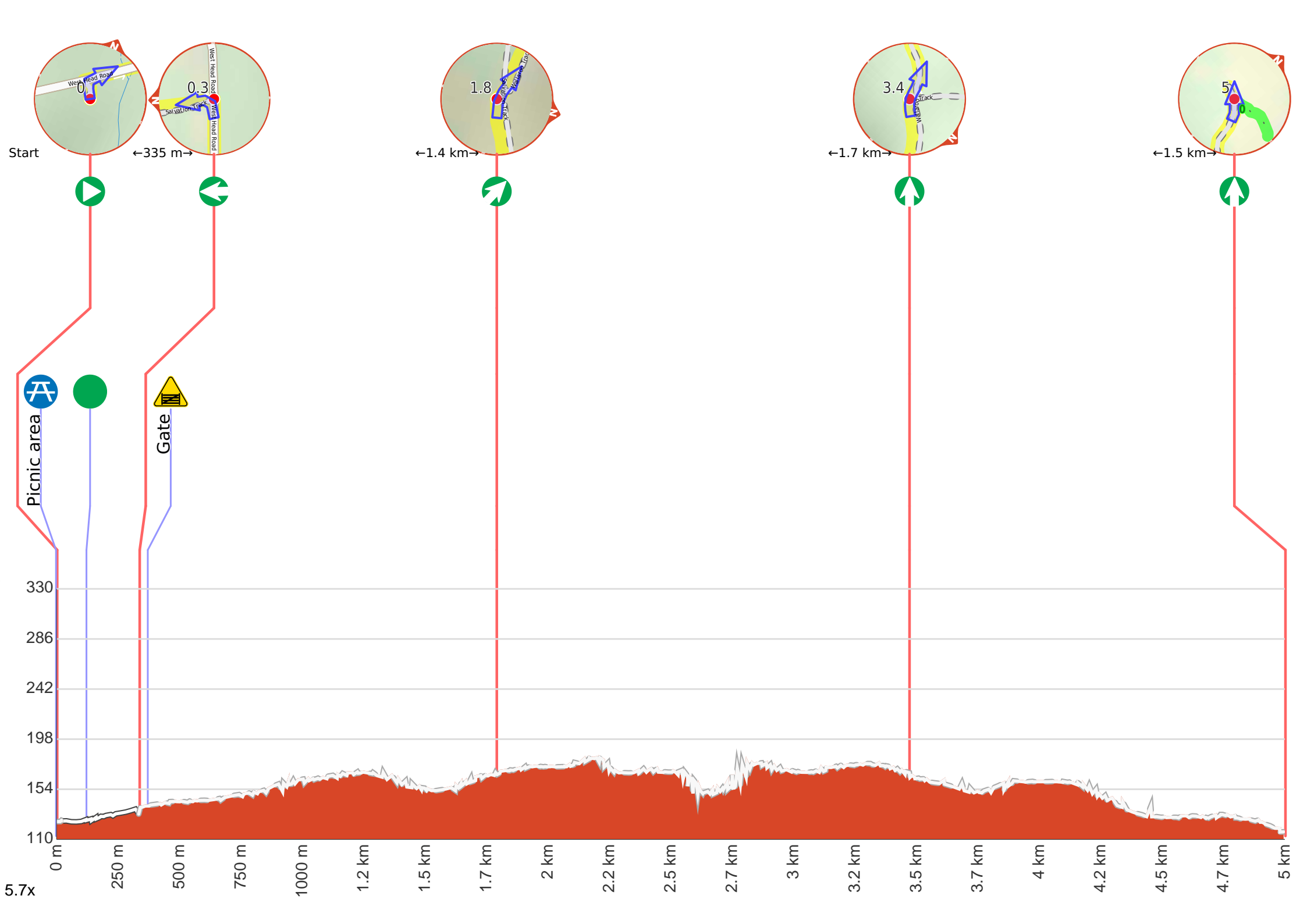
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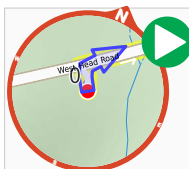
West Head Road

Coal and Candle Creek





**Getting started:** From the 'Salvation Picnic Area' (on West Head Rd, about 3.6km north from the intersection with General San Martin Dr), the walk follows the road, crossing the bridge over Salvation Creek, leaving the picnic area on the right, and soon arrives at the northern trackhead of the 'Salvation Loop Track'.



**Start.**



Salvation Picnic Area (about 5 m back from the start).



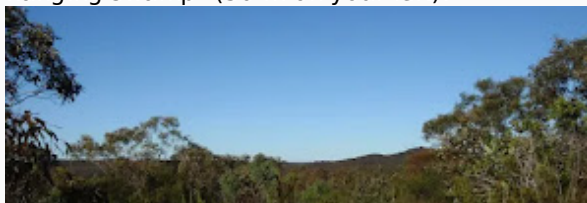
The Salvation Picnic Area is beside West Head Rd in the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, about 3.6km north of the intersection of West Head Rd and General San Martin Dr. The picnic area has three picnic benches and a car park. There are no other facilities. This is a convenient point to start/finish the nearby Salvation Loop, Wallaroo and Yeomans walks.



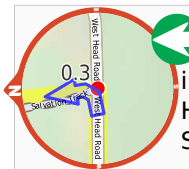
After another 30 m **turn right**, to head along West Head Road.



After another 90 m find the "Salvation Loop hanging swamp" (30 m on your left).



The Salvation Loop hanging swamp is enclosed within the Salvation Loop Track, off West Head Rd in the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, about 3.6km north of the intersection of West Head Rd and General San Martin Dr. This area of hanging swamp (swamp formed in a depression on high ground, usually near a cliff) and wet heathland is difficult to see from the surrounding Salvation Loop track due to the drier, tall, dense heath vegetation surrounding it. It may, however, reward the patient, or lucky, observer with the plant and animal life associated with this habitat type, such as reeds and frogs.



After another 215 m (at the intersection of Salvation Track & West Head Road) **turn left**, to head along Salvation Track (a vehicle track).



After another 35 m head through/around the gate.

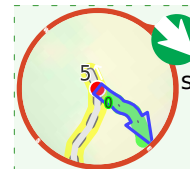


After another 1.4 km (at the intersection of Wallaroo Track & Salvation Track) **veer right**, to head along Wallaroo Track.



After another 1.7 km (at the intersection of Yeomans Branch Track & Wallaroo Track) **continue straight**, to head along Yeomans Branch Track.

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to the rocky outcrop at end of the track.



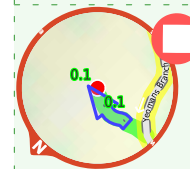
To start this optional side trip turn sharp right here. **Start.**



After another 65 m come to "Yeomans rock outcrop".



The Yeomans rock outcrop is at the end of Yeomans Track off the Salvation Loop track and West Head Rd in the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park. The unfenced and unmarked area has some interesting textures in the rock and nice views of Cowan Waters, making it a good place to have lunch and explore, at the end of Yeomans Track.



The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 65 m to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 5 km waypoint.



After another 1.5 km **continue straight**, to head along Yeomans Branch Track.



After another 15 m come to "Yeomans Track view".



The Yeomans Track view is at the end of Yeomans Track off the Salvation Loop track and West Head Rd in the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park. This viewpoint is an informal, unfenced lookout from a rock outcrop. You get limited views, through the trees, over parts of Cowan Waters, including Yeomans Bay.



Turn around here and retrace the main route for 5 km to get back to the start.