



Ironbark Loop

 15 min to 30 min

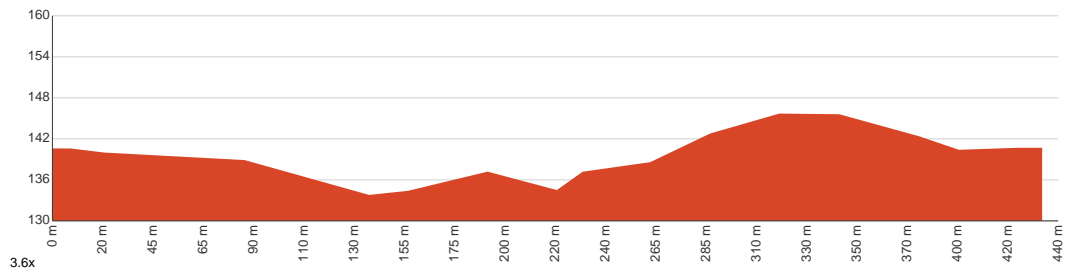

430 m
Circuit


↑ 15 m
↓ 15 m


Moderate track



A short, interesting walk in the Rumbalara Reserve, near Gosford. This short circuit walk takes in some nice scenery and a couple of the interesting bronze sculptures found in the reserve. Some short deviations from the walk take you to viewpoints with great views over Gosford and the surrounding areas. Note that the entrance gate on Dolly Ave, for the upper section of Rumbalara, is locked at 8pm each evening. 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	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Central Coast Highway, A49, West Gosford.

- Turn on to Dane Drive, A49 then drive for 1.5 km
- Keep left onto Wells Street and drive for another 360 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Wells Street and drive for another 700 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Wells Street and drive for another 810 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Springfield Road and drive for another 260 m
- Turn left onto Dolly Avenue and drive for another 2.3 km

Before you start any journey ensure you;

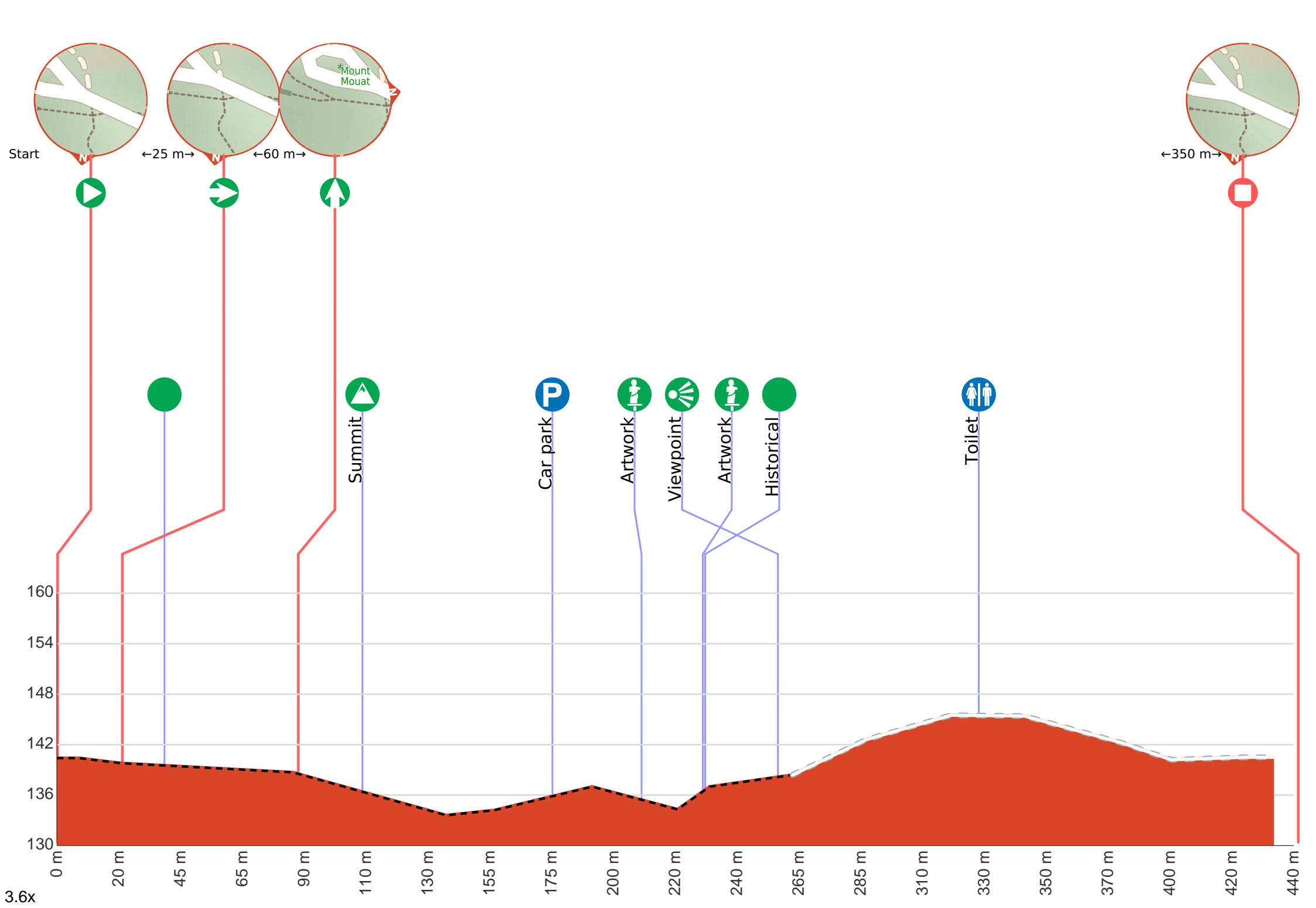
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

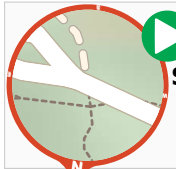
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Getting started: From the end of Dolly Ave, in the Rumbalara Reserve, Gosford, this walk goes down the steps and rocky track, passing a 'Nurrunga Picnic Area' sign, to the right. The walk goes across the middle of the picnic area for a short distance, to the sculpture of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith.

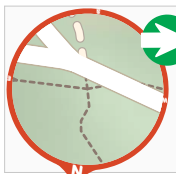


From the Rumbalara Lookout Road **Start** (a walking track).

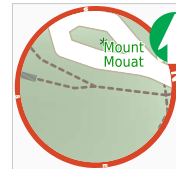
Find the Rumbalara Reserve at the start.




Rumbalara Reserve lies just to the east of the Gosford CBD and is part of Gosford's Coastal Open Space System (COSS). There is an extensive set of well marked walking tracks within the reserve. Yaruga Picnic Area has free electric BBQs while both Yaruga and Nurrunga picnic areas have toilets, picnic tables, nearby lookouts and proximity to walking tracks. The picnic areas are accessed via Dolly Ave, Springfield, with the gate being locked at 8pm each evening. The Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre, at the end of Donnison St, Gosford, is one of several good access points to the walking tracks in the lower section of the reserve.



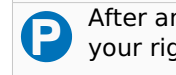
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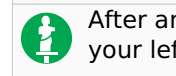
After another 60 m **continue straight.**




After another 20 m pass the "Mount Mouat" (45 m on your right).




After another 65 m pass the car park (25 m on your right).



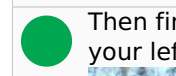
After another 30 m pass the "Statue" (7 m on your left).




After another 50 m come to the "Nurrunga Point" (25 m on your left).



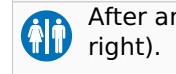
Then pass the "Statue" (15 m on your left).



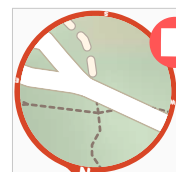
Then find the "Sculptures in Rumbalara" (8 m on your left).



There are four bronze figurative sculptures in the Rumbalara Reserve that were 'commissioned in the series "Salute to Famous Australians", which includes Captain Charles Sturt, Edward Eyre, and Sir Charles Kingsford Smith.' Matthew Flinders is the fourth in the series. They were 'commissioned by Sara Lee Kitchens (Australia) Pty Ltd and Gosford City Council for the State Bicentennial Celebrations 1987.'. Smith and Flinders are the most easily reached, at the Nurrunga picnic area.



After another 95 m pass the toilet (7 m on your right).



Continue another 110 m to find from the Rumbalara Lookout Road at the end.