



# Clifton Gardens to Georges Heights

(Borogegal & Cammeraigal Country)

40 min to 1 h

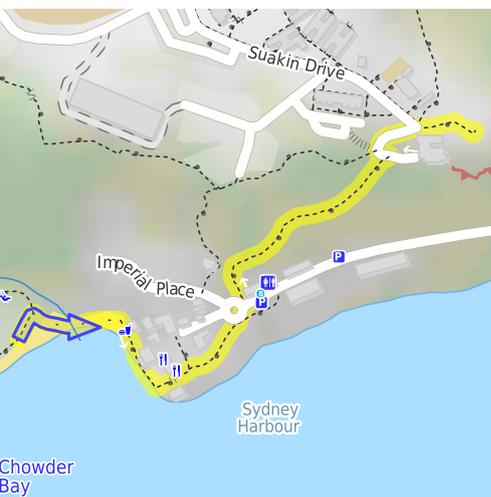
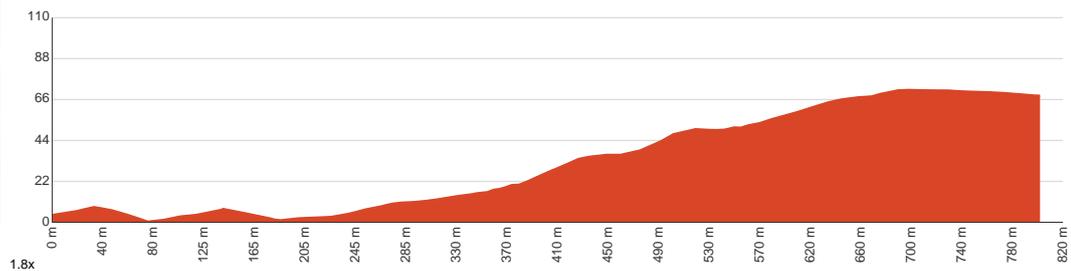
1.6 km  
Return

↑ 100 m  
↓ 100 m

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Moderate track



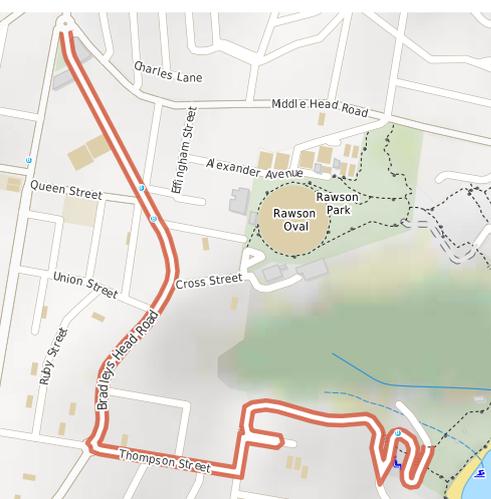
The walk up to Georges Heights is a very scenic one, with the climax being the view from Georges Heights lookout. The walk is also surrounded by old military buildings. Within these buildings is the Bacino Bar and Cafe, worth a drop-in for a coffee or lunch. Let us begin by acknowledging the Borogegal & Cammeraigal people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



<b>Class 3 of 6</b> Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
<b>Quality of track</b>	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
<b>Gradient</b>	Short steep hills (3/6)
<b>Signage</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	No experience required (1/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Bradleys Head Road

- Turn on to Thompson Street then drive for 285 m
- Turn left onto Burrawong Avenue and drive for another 590 m
- Turn sharp left onto Access Road to Clifton Gardens Reserve and drive for another 280 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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Dominion Crescent

Suakin Drive

Imperial Place

Chowder Bay Road

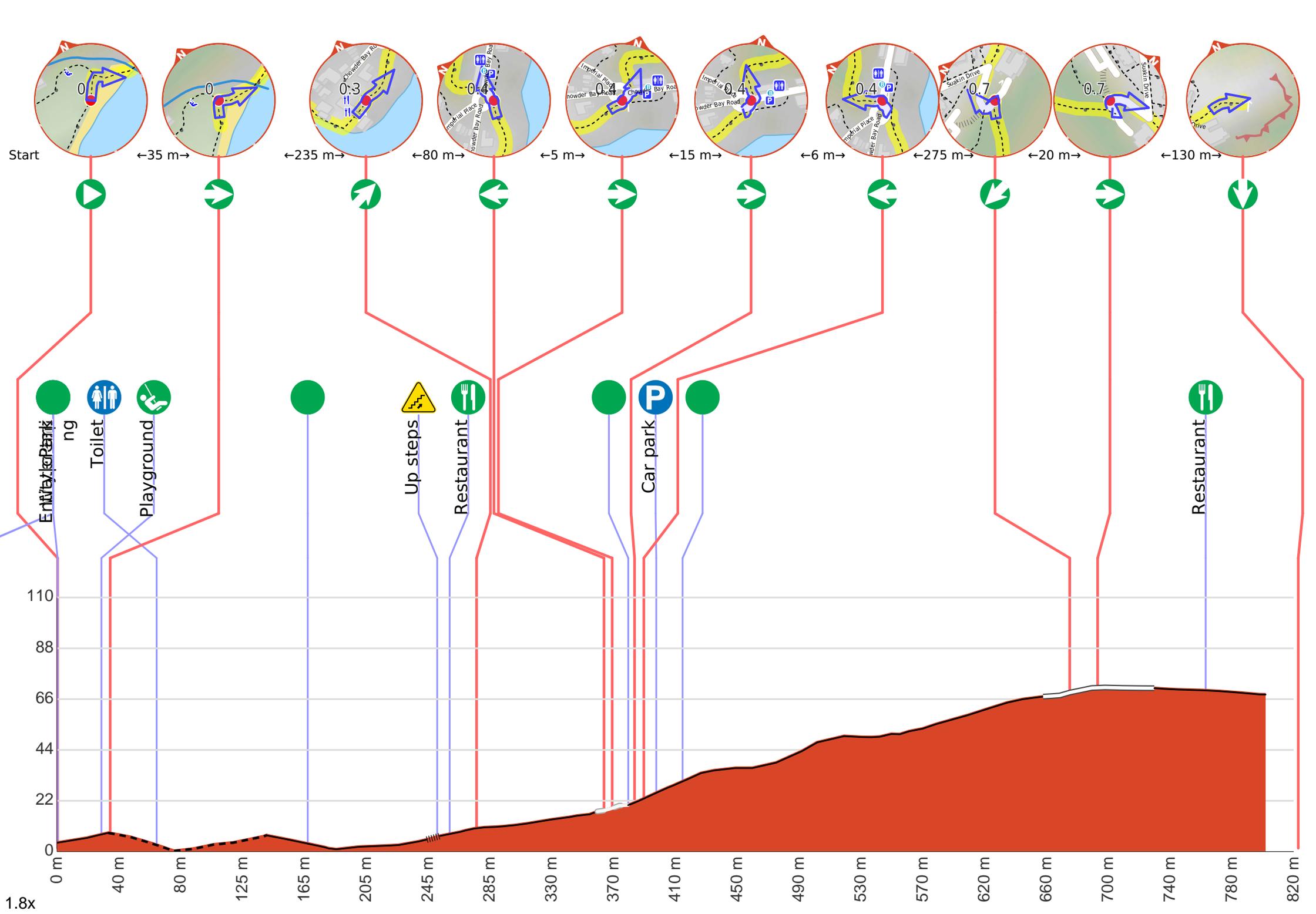
start

Clifton Gardens Reserve

Sydney Harbour

Chowder Bay

0.5



1.8x

**Getting started:** From the wharf, this walk heads towards the playground-end of the beach. The walk leads along the beach, passing the playground and rocky outcrop on the left to tend right onto a boardwalk. The boardwalk takes the walk to the lower gate of Chowder Bay.



There is water tap (about 70 m back from the start).

Clifton Gardens Reserve (about 70 m back from the start).



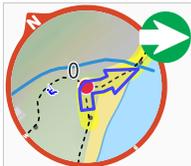
Clifton Gardens was developed as a picnic spot in the late 1800s, with a local hotelier building a wharf and dance pavilion. In 1909, Sydney Ferries Ltd purchased the estate, and further developed the area, including a large swimming enclosure. The structure burned down in 1956. Today, Clifton Gardens is touted as 'remnant bushland', offering birdwatching, a netted swimming enclosure, change rooms, a fenced playground, and of course, spectacular views over Chowder Bay. A short bush track leads through to Rawson Oval.

Find the Clifton Gardens Reserve at the start.

Find the toilet at the start.  
This toilet is wheelchair accessible.

sunrise-sunset

Then pass the playground (30 m on your left).



After another 6 m **turn right**.

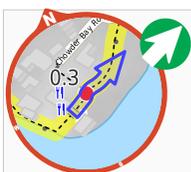
After another 130 m find the "Bacino Kiosk" (on your left).



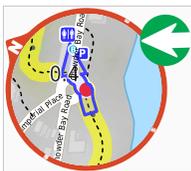
The Bacino Kiosk, just next to Clifton Gardens, is a smaller version of the Bacino Bar above at Chowder Bay. This kiosk supplies passers-by with a home-blend coffee and sandwiches, and all at a reasonable price (\$5-12). The Kiosk is open from 7am-4pm every day, except Christmas and bad weather.

After another 85 m head up the steps (about 9 m long)

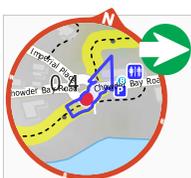
Then pass the "Ripples at Chowder Bay" (20 m on your left).  
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After another 15 m **veer right**.



After another 80 m **turn left**.



After another 5 m **turn right**.

After another 10 m find the "Chowder Bay" (on your left).



Chowder Bay looks over Sydney Harbour, to Vaucluse and Rose Bay. The bay is named after the food of the American whalers stationed at Clifton Gardens, 'clam chowder'. Chowder Bay then became a Submarine Mining Depot in 1889. Today, Chowder Bay still has great views from the remaining military buildings on the hillside. One of the newer buildings houses a cafe, and other buildings stand as monuments to their former use. Chowder Bay offers great views with easy access to Clifton Gardens for a swim.



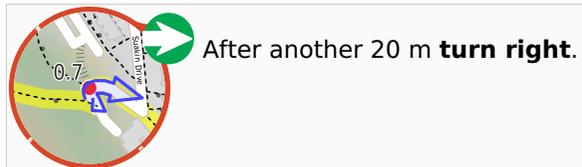
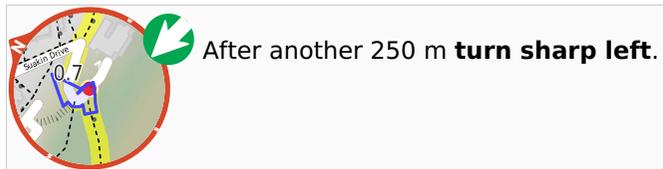
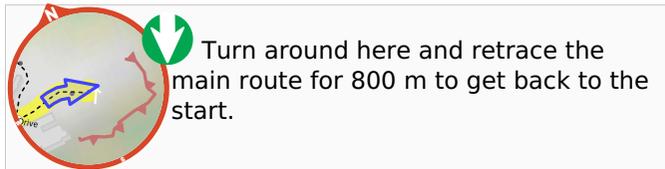
After another 4 m **turn right**.

After another 15 m pass the car park (20 m on your right).  
This car park is wheelchair accessible.



**Turn left.**

● After another 25 m find the "Bacino Cafe" (30 m on your right).  
The Bacino Bar is in Building No.2 at Chowder Bay, with great views across Sydney Harbour. The bar sells pastas, panini, arancini, tramezzini, stuffed eggplant and biscotti, along with homemade sandwiches and treats. The Bacino Bar prices are reasonable, ranging between \$5-12 for the delicacies, and their coffee is made of their own blend. The bar is open every day from 7am- 4pm except for Christmas. A public toilet is available at the Eastern end of the building.



🍴 After another 70 m pass the "The Gunners Barracks" (10 m on your right).

● After another 60 m come to "Georges Heights".



Georges Heights is a gun emplacement with a commanding 180-degree view over the entrance to the harbour. The old gun emplacements are still in position, with their arcs of fire explained in the signs nearby. The view from this lookout is magnificent.