

A Harbour Circle Walk

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Gladesville Bridge to Harbour Bridge

it's exhilarating & healthy

Walking Times

Times and distances are shown for all walks. Remember that the times marked are walking times only and are based on a walking speed of between 2.5 to 3 kilometres per hour, depending on the terrain. Add your own time for breaks, lunch or just looking.

Personal Care

The walk requires average fitness. Take care as it includes a variety of terrain and pathway conditions. Use sunscreen, carry water and wear a hat and good walking shoes.

Public Transport

Public transport is readily available at regular intervals along the way (see map). This allows considerable flexibility in entering and exiting the route. Note: not all services operate every day, and routes and timetables change.

Sydney Bus, train and ferry (routes shown in blue) timetables.
Infoline Tel: 131-500, www.131500.com.au

Matilda Ferries (routes shown in green mainly linking City and Lane Cove River wharves)
Tel: 9264 7377, www.matilda.com.au

Information on Metro Light Rail (MLR)
Tel: 9285 5600, www.metrolightrail.com.au

Food, Drink & Toilets

Carry food and some water at all times. Food and drink are usually available along the route, but shops are not always open.

Toilets along the way are marked with

Accommodation

All overnight stops are at excellent transport hubs. The Four Day Walk can be done from one accommodation point such as Central CBD, The Rocks or North Sydney. Another option is to stay overnight on or near the route, and some B&Bs are marked on the map.

For information on bed and breakfast, historic hotels (some are shown on the map) and other accommodation, see Tourism NSW www.visitsw.com, NRMA **Tel: 13 1122 www.mynrma.com** and Sydney Visitor Centre www.sydneyvisitorcentre.com

Further Information

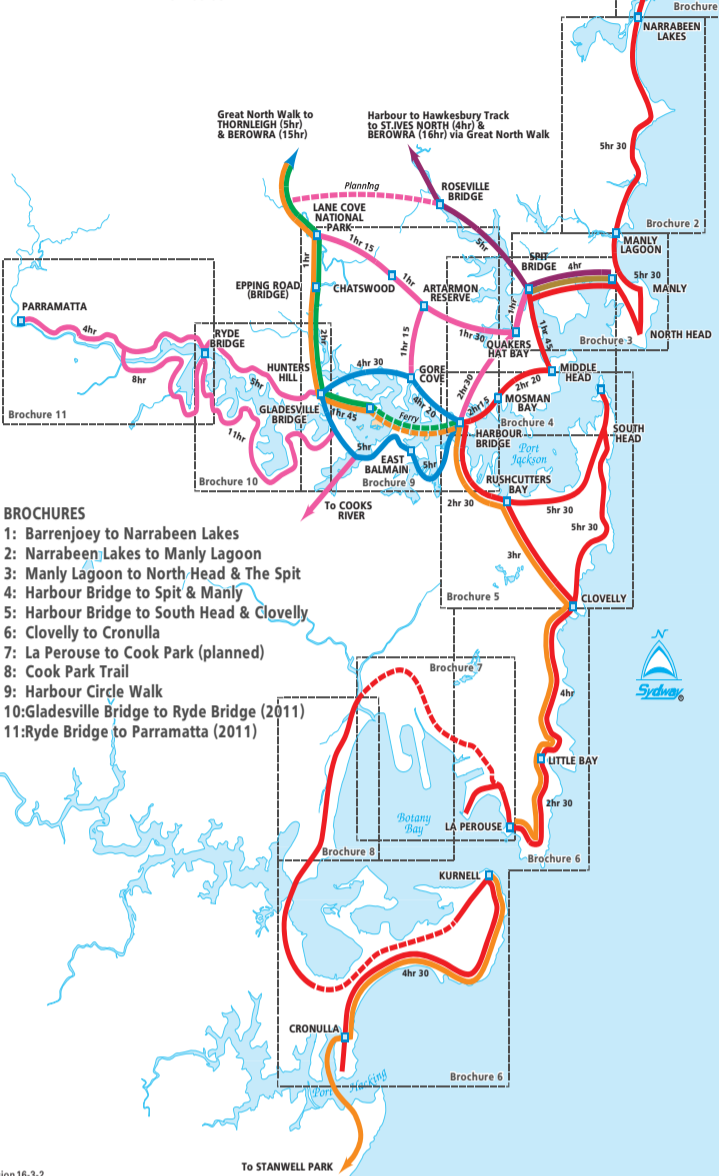
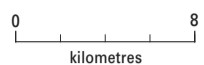
Brochures and Individual Leaflets

This and other brochures are downloadable pdfs (www.walkingsydney.net and www.walkingcoastalsydney.com.au) but the scale will be small if printed on A4 pages. Enlarging the pdf on screen and using the select tool to copy and then print the map in sections will assist. All day and loop walk leaflets download easily onto A4. Some of the following bodies have free copies of some brochures.

The Trunk Walking Routes of Sydney Harbour and Coast

- Coastal Walk
- Harbour Circle Walk
- Great North Walk
- Federation Track
- Spit to Manly Walk
- Harbour to Hawkesbury Track
- Other tracks

Approximate Walking Times in Hours and Minutes
 e.g. 1 hour 45 minutes = 1hr 45



BROCHURES

- 1: Barrenjoey to Narrabeen Lakes
- 2: Narrabeen Lakes to Manly Lagoon
- 3: Manly Lagoon to North Head & The Spit
- 4: Harbour Bridge to Spit & Manly
- 5: Harbour Bridge to South Head & Clovelly
- 6: Clovelly to Cronulla
- 7: La Perouse to Cook Park (planned)
- 8: Cook Park Trail
- 9: Harbour Circle Walk
- 10: Gladesville Bridge to Ryde Bridge (2011)
- 11: Ryde Bridge to Parramatta (2011)

A Four Day Walk

Sydney Harbour is one of the great harbours of the world. This Circle Walk between the Harbour and Gladesville Bridges (marked in red on the map) takes four days and totals 59km. It can be walked continuously using overnight accommodation, from a base such as the City or Darling Harbour using public transport each day, or over any period of time.

Day 1	Circular Quay (H8) to Greenwich Wharf (E6)	14km	5hrs
Day 2	Greenwich Wharf (E6) to Woolwich Wharf (D/E5)	15.5km	5hrs 30mins
Day 3	Huntleys Point Wharf (A6) to Balmain East Wharf (F7)	14.5km	5hrs
Day 4	Balmain East Wharf (F7) to Circular Quay (H8)	15km	5hrs

Visit www.walkingsydney.net to download leaflets for each day of the four day version of the walk. Each leaflet has a detailed map (1:10k) and historical and general interest notes.

This is a magnificent walk focusing on the Harbour itself – the expanse of water; the bridges, islands, urban bushland and city skyline. The route winds along parts of the foreshore, into bays and on to headlands, through bush, along historic streets and over grand bridges.

A One or Two Day Walk

A shorter circle of 27km between the bridges can be walked in one or two days but bypasses many beautiful headlands. Two leaflets for this route are also downloadable.

Day 1	Milsons Point (A6) to Hunters Hill (B5)	13km	5hrs
Day 2	Hunters Hill (B5) to Milsons Point (H6)	14km	5hrs

Shorter Loop Walks

As most walkers want to walk for one to four hours and savour the experience, there are 35 identified individual loop walks based on public transport. Being circles, they can be commenced at any point. Each includes part of the main walk (shown in red) with additional sections (shown in green) to create loop walks. Each has its own walk downloadable leaflet. A list of all leaflets, with walking times and distances is shown in the adjacent column.

Circular Quay to The Great North Walk (GNW)

While many will want to start the 250 km GNW to Newcastle by the traditional ferry to Hunters Hill, others might want to walk over the Harbour Bridge and experience the rich natural beauty, urban spaces and historic features of the North Shore before joining the GNW and then on to Newcastle. This brochure provides three options, each shown in broken red. There is a separate leaflet for each option, see adjacent column.

A Discovery Kit for The Great North Walk (\$11.30) can be purchased from Sydney Map Sales (Lands Dept) in Queens Square, Tel: 9228 7720. The guidebook The Great North Walk 1988 is also available from libraries.

Parramatta and Lane Cove River Walks

This brochure shows the first parts of the Parramatta River Walk from Birchgrove (E6) and Woolwich (E5) wharves west to Parramatta. Two new brochures covering the balance of the route to Parramatta are being finalized (see Network diagram adjacent). The Lane Cove River Walk is from Woolwich wharf (E5) to Fullers Bridge (C1) on the west side and back on the east side to Greenwich wharf (E6).

The Walking Coastal Sydney & The Harbour Network

The Trunk walking routes of the Network and the other regional brochures are shown on the diagram in the adjacent column.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (Harbour Trust) Best Avenue, off Suakin Drive, Mosman 2088. Tel: 8969 2100. For information on Cockatoo Island (D6), Woolwich Dock & Parklands (D6), and the Trust's other sites in Sydney Harbour – see www.harbourtrust.gov.au and www.cockatooisland.gov.au

Step Inc Detailed walking maps of the Lane Cove Valley and Middle Harbour can be purchased from Step Inc and Map World - 280 Pitt Street, Sydney: (\$20 each – members \$15). See www.step.org.au

Willoughby City Council (E1 area) 31 Victor St, Chatswood 2067. Tel: 9777 1000 The following brochures are available from the Customer Service Centre, Library or downloadable from www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au: Round Willoughby Walk, Walking in Willoughby, Artarmon to Middle Harbour, Blue Gum Reserve, Explosives Reserve, Flat Rock Gully, Ferndale Reserve, Griffin Federation Trail, The Harold Reid Foreshore Track, Mowbray Park, North Arm Reserve, Railway to River Walk and the Sailors Bay Walking Track.

Books on Walking Sydney

There are many books on walking Sydney that are relevant to this Circle Walk available from libraries, bookshops and tourist offices. A Harbour Circle Walk is featured in Australian Geographic Jan-March 2006 edition.

Annual Event – 7 Bridges Walk

This annual event was first held in October 2006. See Pedestrian Council of Australia www.7bridgeswalk.com.au and broadly follows the route of the two day version of the Harbour Circle. To cater for the thousands of participants, in some areas this event takes a parallel route through less fragile areas.

Signage

The solid red route on this brochure are being marked with the following internationally recognised yellow bar system.

straight ahead

wrong direction

turn right

turn left

Harbour Circle Walk Stages and Loop Walks

Individual leaflets with maps and notes downloadable from www.walkingsydney.net and www.walkingcoastalsydney.com.au

Harbour Circle Walk in Four Days			
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Harbour Circle Walk in Two Days (or One)			
Day 1	Circular Quay to Hunters Hill	13km	5hrs 30mins
Day 2	Hunters Hill to Circular Quay	14km	5hrs 30mins

Harbour Circle Loop Walks

(NB Numbers and letters generally relate to local government areas)

N6	Shell Cove to Milsons Point	7km	2hrs 45mins
N1	Milsons Point to Waverton	7km	2hrs 45mins
N2	Waverton to Wollstonecraft	8.5km	3hrs
LC1	Gore Hill	6km	2hrs 15mins
LC2	Greenwich	4km	1hr 30mins
LC3	Northwood	1.5km	30mins
LC4	Longueville	3.75km	1hr 30mins
LC5	Riverview	4.5km	1hr 45mins
LC6	Cunninghams Reach	1km	15mins
H1	Hunters Hill	4km	1hr 30mins
H2	Woolwich	6km	2hrs 15mins
H3	St Josephs	3.5km	1hr 15mins
H4	Huntleys	3km	1hr
C1	Drummoyne	3.5km	1hr 15mins
C2	Cockatoo Island	2km	1hr
C3	Iron Cove	7km	2hrs
L1	Rozelle / Balmain	6km	2hrs 30mins
L2	Birchgrove	6.5km	2hrs 30mins
L3	Balmain East	4.5km	1hr 45mins
S1	Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays	5km	1hr 30mins
S2	Pyrmont / Darling Harbour	6.5km	1hr 30mins
S3	The Rocks	4.5km	1hr 30mins
S4	Macquarie Street	6.25km	2hrs 30mins
S5	Kings Cross	3.5km	1hr 30mins

Loop Walks North of Harbour Circle

N3	Wollstonecraft to Suspension Bridge	7km	2hrs 15mins
N4	Suspension Bridge to Cremorne Junction	8.5km	2hrs 45mins
N5	Cremorne Junction to Shell Cove	5.5km	1hr 45mins
W1	St Leonards	5.5km	1hr 45mins
W2	Northbridge	7.5km	2hrs 30mins
W3	Castlecrag	3.25km	1hr 15mins
W4	Middle Cove	4km	1hr 45mins
W5	Castle Cove	6km	2hrs 30mins
W6	Chatswood West	5.5km	2hrs
W7	Lane Cove North	8km	3hrs
W8	Chatswood	6km	2hrs

Links to Great North Walk

Circular Quay to Fig Tree Bridge via HC	24km	8hrs 30mins
Circular Quay to Gore Cove via HC then via Artarmon Station to GNW at Epping Rd Bridge	21km	7hrs 45mins
Circular Quay to Gore Cove via HC then via Chatswood Station to GNW at Lane Cove National Park	21.5km	8hrs 15mins

Historic Museums/Buildings

Balmain Watchhouse (F8)	Bellevue House (E9)
Cadman's Cottage (H8)	Carisbrook House (B4)
Cockatoo Island (D6)	Don Bank (G5)
Goat Island (F7)	Government House (H8)
Hunters Hill Museum (B5)	Justice & Police Museum (H8)
Mary McKillop Museum (G5)	Museum of Contemporary Art (H8)
Museum of Sydney (H8)	Maritime Museum (G9)
National Trust HQ (G8)	Nutcote (May Gibbs) (J6)
Observatory (G8)	Susannah Place (G/H8)
Parbury Ruins (G7)	The Rocks Discovery Museum (H8)
Vienna Cottage (B/C5)	Wendy Whiteley's Secret Garden (H6)

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