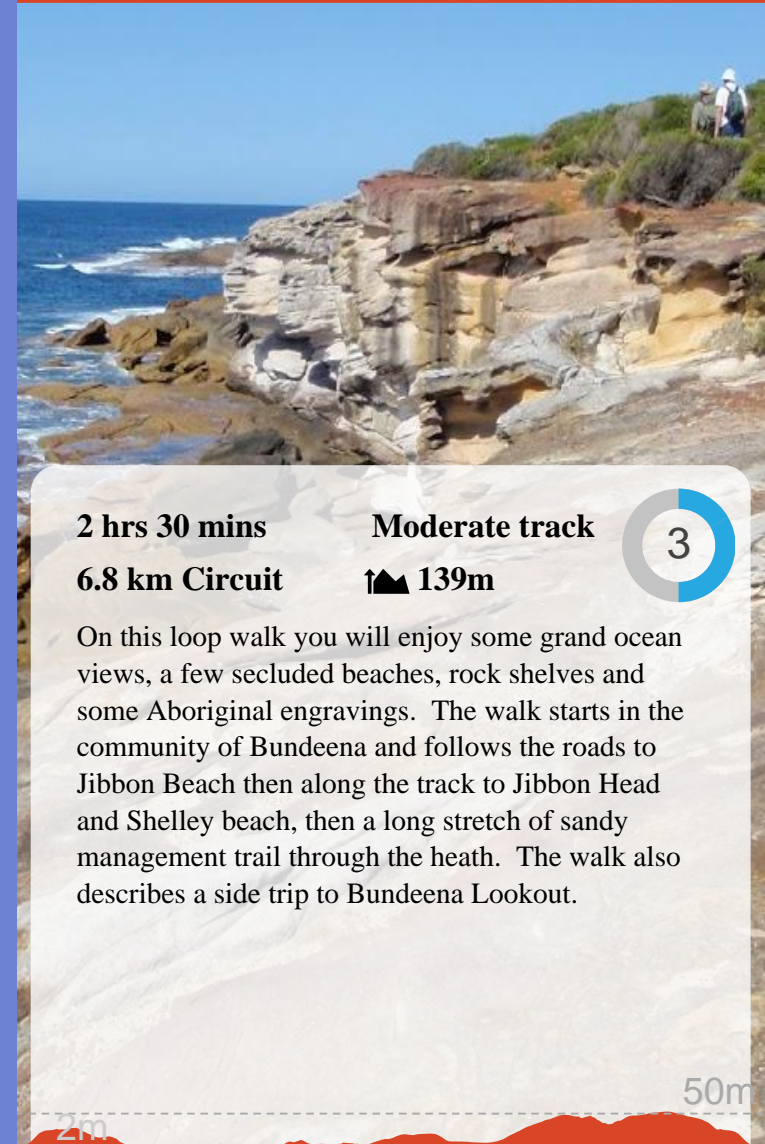


Bundeena to Jibbon Head Circuit



2 hrs 30 mins

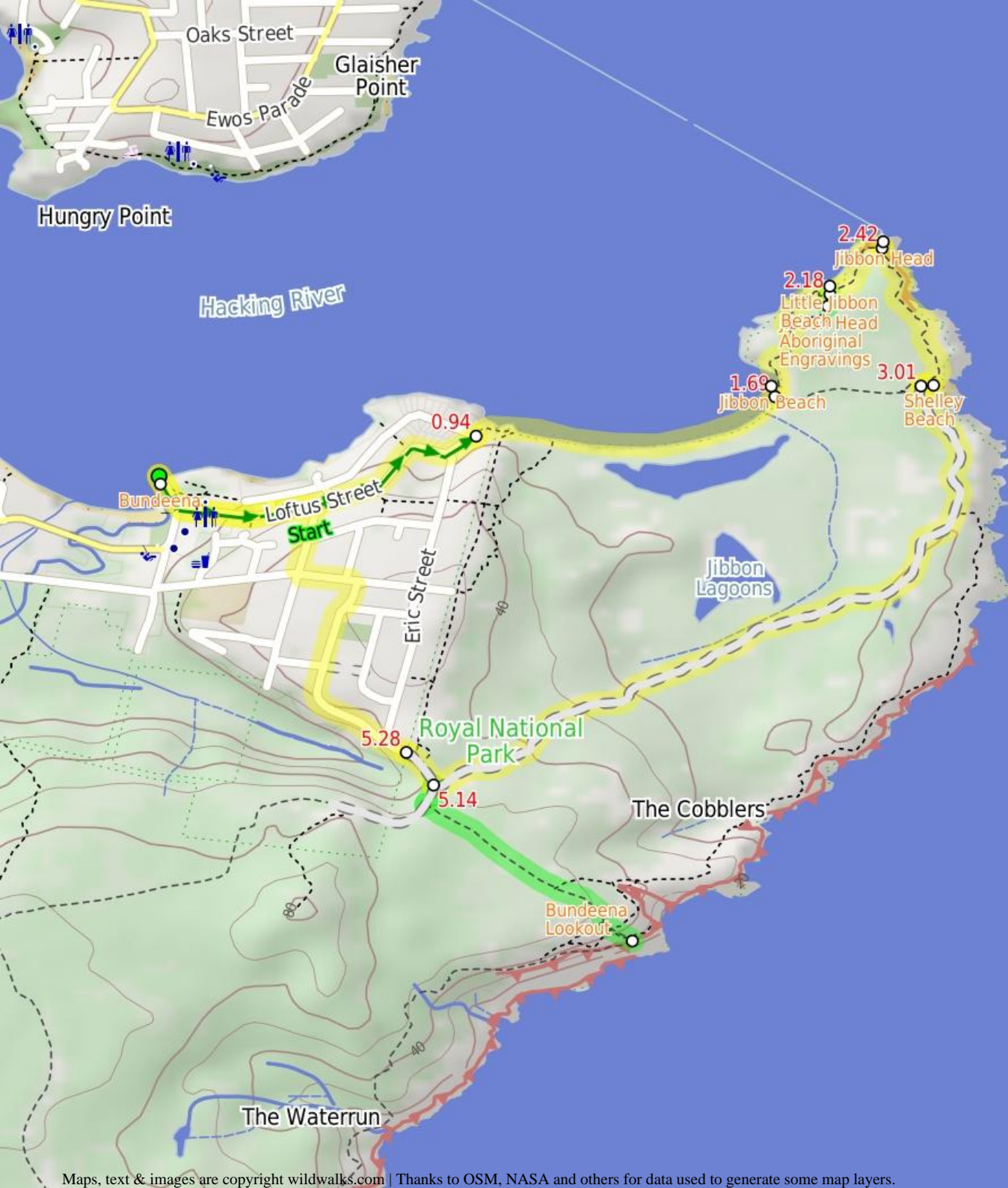
Moderate track

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6.8 km Circuit

139m

On this loop walk you will enjoy some grand ocean views, a few secluded beaches, rock shelves and some Aboriginal engravings. The walk starts in the community of Bundeena and follows the roads to Jibbon Beach then along the track to Jibbon Head and Shelley beach, then a long stretch of sandy management trail through the heath. The walk also describes a side trip to Bundeena Lookout.



Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walk's overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

Getting there You can get to Bundeena Ferry Wharf (gps: -34.0827, 151.1511) by car or ferry. Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

This is a circuit, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.it/btjhc>

0 | Bundeena

Bundeena is a small township at the northern end of Royal National Park and the southern side of the entrance to Port Hacking. The town can be accessed by car or ferry. There are a few B&B's and other accommodation options and a number of cafes to choose from. Bundeena has a mixed atmosphere, partly a beach holiday community but also home to some permanent residents. There are two main beaches - Hordens Beach to the west and Jibbon Beach to the east. Both are nice beaches inside Port Hacking. [More info.](#)

0 | Bundeena Ferry Wharf

(940 m 18 mins) From the Bundeena Wharf at the end of Brighton St, this walk follows the road up the hill to the intersection at the car park. The walk turns left onto Loftus Street and heads up the hill, past Tom Jones Way and Beach St. Following Loftus St, the road bends right and then turns left (passing the 'no entry' traffic signs), walking against the flow of traffic on this one-way section of Loftus St. The walk comes to a footpath at the intersection with Neil Street.

0.94 | Corner of Loftus and Neil Streets

(750 m 12 mins) Continue straight: From the corner of Neil and Loftus Streets, this walk heads down the footpath between the houses and onto the end of Jibbon Beach. From here, the walk follows the beach past the large 'Royal National Park' sign and, after several hundred metres, comes to an intersection and a large green sign saying 'Jibbon Loop Track', approximately 90m from the end of the beach.

1.69 | Jibbon Beach

Jibbon Beach is in the Royal National Park, just east of Bundeena. The yellow sand, crescent-shaped beach is about 800m long and looks north across the entrance to Port Hacking. The beach is in a bay that forms part of a popular harbour for sailing boats. There is a rock shelf at either end of the beach. From the north-eastern end of the beach, there is a track leading to the Jibbon Head Aboriginal engravings site and Little Jibbon Beach. There are no patrols or other facilities at this beach.

1.69 | Northern end of Jibbon Beach

(490 m 9 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Jibbon Head' sign about 100m to the end of the beach (keeping the water to the left). The track then steps up a few rocks and turns right (away from the water), heading through a grassy clearing and then through a tunnel formed by the thick vegetation. The track soon emerges on an unfenced rock platform with great views across the water to Cronulla. Here, the walk heads back into the bush to cross a gully (with an informal track leading left to Little Jibbon Beach). The track then climbs out of the gully to a smaller rock platform and intersection marked with a green metal pole.

2.18 | Little Jibbon Beach

Little Jibbon Beach is found just north of Jibbon Beach in the Royal National Park. The small beach can be accessed via the Jibbon Head track. This north-facing beach has great views across Port Hacking towards Cronulla. This is not a nudist beach (as some believe) - If you see nude bathers, they can be reported by calling Crime Stoppers on 131 444.

2.18 | Optional sidetrip to Jibbon Head Aboriginal Engrav

(40 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads directly away from the water and cliff edge, following the track into the thick bush. The track soon leads to a large clearing and rock platform with several Aboriginal engravings - please take care not to step on or near the engravings. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer right.

2.18 | Jibbon Head Aboriginal Engravings

These Aboriginal engravings are found on the western side of Jibbon Head, just above little Jibbon Beach. The large rock shelf has a number of large engravings of both marine and land animals. Most are in good condition - the whale is particularly large, so you will need to stand right back to see it. Take care not to walk on the engravings - lets preserve this site for many generations to come.

2.18 | Little Jibbon Beach intersection

(240 m 4 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track along the top of the cliff, keeping the water to the left (and ahead). The track soon heads away from the cliff (and water view), passing through the dense bush for about 150m, and then emerges on a long rock platform with views across the water to Cronulla and north to Botany Bay National Park. Here, the walk turns right to follow a track back into the bush, marked with a green post. The track leads up some steps to a large rocky area and a 'Jibbon Head' signpost.

2.42 | Jibbon Head

Jibbon Head is in Royal National Park, and is the southern headland forming the entrance to Port Hacking. The headland is home to the Jibbon Aboriginal engravings site. The view from Jibbon Head looks across the port to Cronulla Beach and Botany Bay National Park.

2.42 | Jibbon Head

(570 m 10 mins) Continue straight: From Jibbon Head, this walk follows the 'Shelley Beach' sign, keeping the water to the left. The track weaves in and out of the scrub as it follows the coastline until heading down to the grassy area at the top of Shelley Beach (marked with a green pole).

2.99 | Shelley Beach

Shelley Beach is a sandy and rocky beach, south on the east side of Jibbon Headland, near Bundeena. The beach is in a small bay looking east. There is sand at the upper section of the beach and a rock platform leading onto the water. The dense heath is in clumps at the top of the beach, providing some shade. There is no life saving service or any other facilities at this beach.

2.99 | Shelley Beach

(20 m 1 mins) Turn right: From Shelley Beach, this walk heads up the hill away from the water to the green signpost, visible up the hill. The signpost is found in a grassy clearing and has a number of signs including one pointing back to 'Shelley Beach'.

3.01 | Shelley Beach Int

(2.1 km 39 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bundeena via Coast Track' arrow along the wide trail. The sandy trail winds

uphill through the dense heath. The walk continues along this trail for quite some time, as it turns further inland. At the end of the trail, the walk comes to a 'T' intersection with the Beachcomber Avenue management trail.

5.14 | Optional sidetrip to Bundeena Lookout

(760 m 14 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the asphalt management trail heading towards the green signposts nearby, where it comes to the signposted intersection of the 'Coast Track'.

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Coast Track' signpost along the wide, sandy bush track as it winds through the short, thick scrub for a while before arriving at the coast, where there are great views across the South Pacific Ocean. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

5.14 | Bundeena Lookout

This unfenced, informal lookout is perched high on the cliffs, looking east over the South Pacific Ocean. The lookout is not signposted nor officially named, but provides great view south along the escarpment. Cliff edge may be unstable and fragile - keep a safe distance.

5.14 | Int of Jibbon Head and Beachcomber Rd Service Trail

(130 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads north around a sweeping left-hand bend along the sealed management trail. Soon, the trail leads past a track (on the right) then passes around a locked gate at the end of of Beachcomber Ave and a 'Coast Walk' information sign.

5.28 | End of Beachcomber Av

(1.6 km 30 mins) Continue straight: From the end of Beachcomber Ave, this walk heads along Beachcomber Ave north-west and gradually around to the north, until turning left into Scarborough St. The first right is taken into Bourmemouth St, then left into Loftus St. The walk continues along this road until turning right into Brighton Rd. Bundeena Ferry is located at the end of Brighton St.