

Little Beach Bombi Moor and Mt Bouddi Circuit Track



4 hrs

9.1 km Circuit

Hard track

439m



This is a great circuit walk, leading walkers from the hills, down to the beach. The circuit takes in the vast changes in vegetation as it descends to Little Beach, then follows the coast, heading up to Dingeldei Picnic Area. The sandy service trails and views out to sea make this a magnificent walk.

7m

156m

Bouddi National Park

Little Beach

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S.S. Maitland Shipwreck

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Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an enjoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast ([BOM Hunter District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Bouddi National Park](#))
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

- T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

Topo Maps

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include;

1:25 000 Map Series:91301N BROKEN BAY

1:100 000 Map Series:9130 SYDNEY

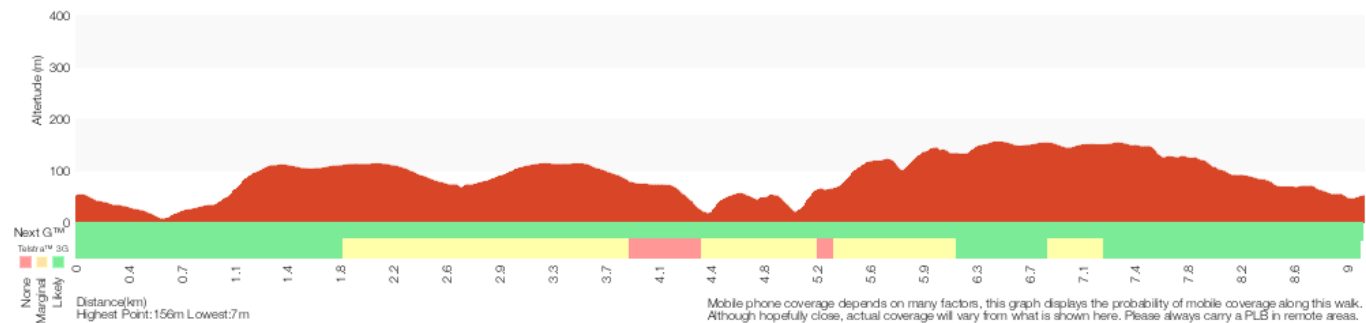
Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



Grade 4/6
Hard track

Length	9.1 km Circuit
Time	4 hrs
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)



Mobile phone coverage depends on many factors, this graph displays the probability of mobile coverage along this walk. Although hopefully close, actual coverage will vary from what is shown here. Please always carry a PLB in remote areas.

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 Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Grahame Dr car park (gps: -33.5099, 151.4123). Car: There is free parking available.

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.tl/bbmambct>

0 | Grahame Dr car park

(280 m 5 mins) From the car park, this walk follows the 'Little Beach' sign along the management trail, passing around a gate. The walk heads down the hill, crosses a creek, and climbs up the hill out of the gully. The walk then winds down to a signposted intersection, with a bush track to the right.

0.28 | Int. Bouddi Trail Access and Little Beach Trk

(320 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill, following the 'Little Beach 200m' sign. After approximately 300m, the walk comes to Little Beach campsite and continues to the point where the creek meets the beach.

0.6 | Little Beach

Little Beach, Bouddi National Park, is a small 100m-long stretch of sand and rocks, facing out to the Tasman Sea and South Pacific Ocean. The beach is backed by a gully and sided by steep rocky headlands. The beach has a south easterly aspect and has its own campsite.

0.6 | Little Beach

(770 m 21 mins) Turn around: From Little Beach, this walk heads up the grass hill of the campsite, leaving the beach behind. The walk follows the track past the bins and the toilet, going up the hill. The walk continues uphill for a while to the signposted intersection.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill, following the 'Maitland Bay' sign. The track winds up the hill, tending left along a white sandy section of track, then continues through the scrub for approximately 300m to the signposted intersection in a large sandy clearing.

1.37 | Sandy Clearing Little Beach Access Trail Int.

(570 m 10 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bombi Point' arrow along the sandy track, going down the hill. The track winds down the hill for some time before climbing to the signposted intersection.

1.94 | Int. Bouddi Trail and Third Point

(740 m 14 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Third Point' sign up the slight hill. The track is walled by dense banksia bushes on either side. The walk continues down the hill for some time to an intersection, with a smaller track to the left.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads directly towards the ocean, through the bushes to the cliff edge.

2.67 | Bombi East

(1.4 km 27 mins) Turn around: From the cliff edge, this walk heads away from the ocean, up the hill, to the intersection with a management trail.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill away from the

sea. The track slowly winds up the hill for some time to a signposted intersection.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail down the hill, keeping the sea far on the left of the track. The trail continues down to a large sandy area marked by a 'Little Beach car park' sign.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail down the hill, in the opposite direction to the Little Beach car park. The trail winds down the spur for some time, then straightens out and continues for a while before ending in a larger clear area, signposted 'Bouddi Coastal Walk'.

4.11 | End of Caves Bay management trail

(1.2 km 33 mins) Turn right: From the clearing, this walk follows the 'Maitland Bay' arrow along the bush track, going down the hill and keeping the ocean to the left. The walk then descends and climbs steeply, with numerous steps, crossing two creeks, before coming to a third creek crossing with a wooden bridge. From the bridge, the walk climbs to the top of the stairs then continues along the hillside to the signposted intersection.

5.28 | Optional sidetrip to S.S. Maitland Shipwreck

(700 m 20 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Maitland Bay' arrow along the bush track, going down the hill. After a while, the walk drops into a clearing, on the saddle between the headland and the spur, and turns right, going down some steep steps to the beach.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the cliff line out towards the sea, beneath the rocky headland. The walk heads over rocks and boulders, to the rock flats at the point. Here lies the S.S.Maitland shipwreck. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

5.28 | S.S. Maitland Shipwreck

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5.28 | Int. Bouddi Trail and Dingeldei Picnic Trail

(350 m 8 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Mt Bouddi' arrow up the hill. The walk climbs many steps to the lookout, at the top of a small rocky hill.

5.63 | Bouddi Lookout

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5.63 | Bouddi Lookout

(890 m 21 mins) Continue straight: From the lookout the walk follows the bush track away from the sea, across a saddle, and goes up the hill. The track meanders for some time before climbing some sets of stairs to reach the Dingeldei Picnic Area and Mt Bouddi car park (at the end of Mt Bouddi Rd, off Scenic Road).

6.52 | The Dingeldei Memorial Shelter

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6.52 | Dingeldei Picnic Area

(670 m 13 mins) Continue straight: From the picnic area, this walk heads up the hill along the road, leaving the picnic area and car park. The walk continues up the road, through the bush, to an intersection and gate with the "Strom's Fire trail", on the left.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads along the road to the 'T' intersection with 'The Scenic Road' about 50m away.

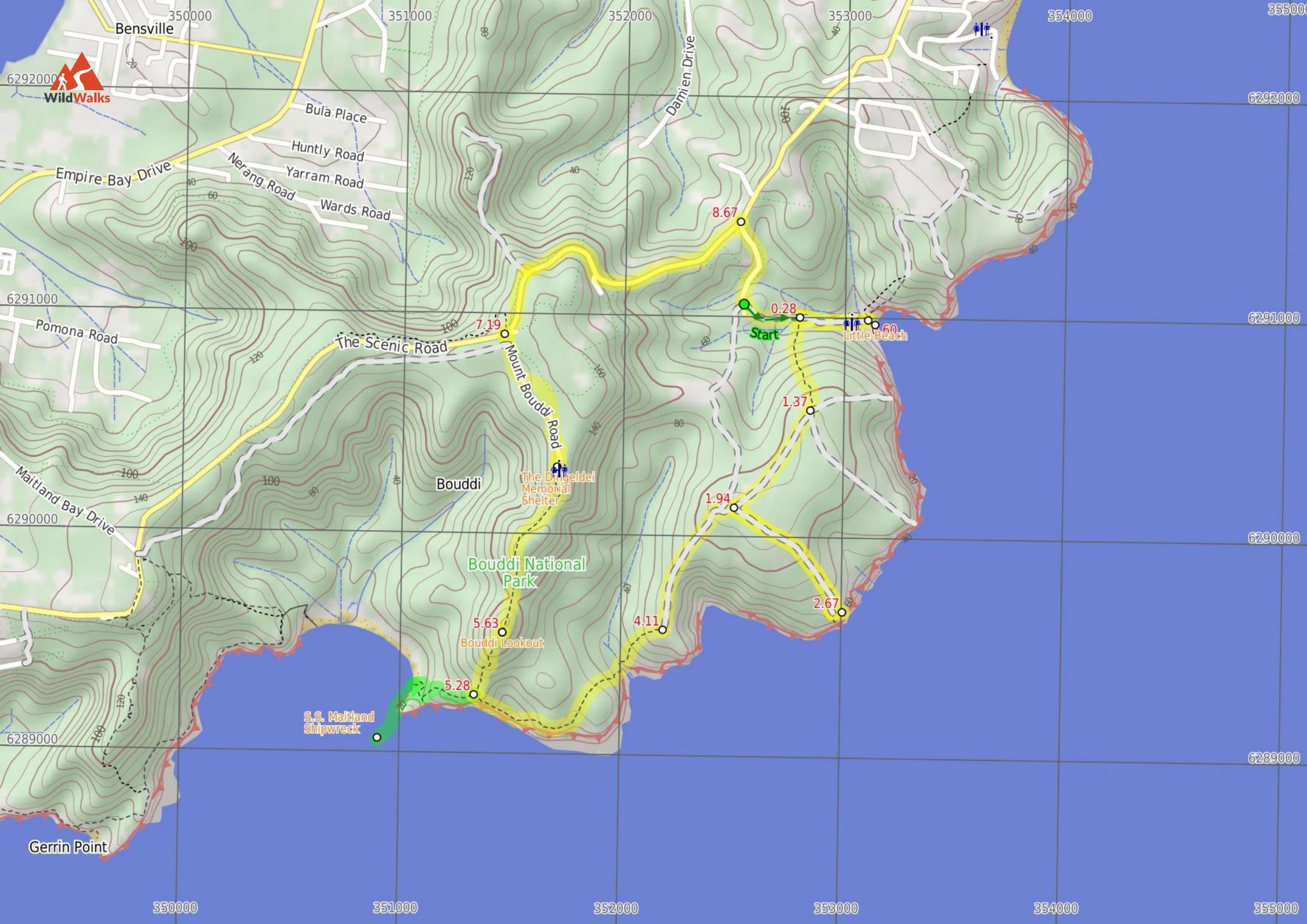
7.19 | Int. Mt Bouddi Rd and The Scenic Rd

(1.5 km 31 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads towards the large fork in the road, then follows The Scenic Road (the sealed road) as it bends to the left. The walk continues along the roadside around the hill, crossing to the other side of the road where safe (so the road is now on your right). Ignoring side tracks, the road then leads to an intersection with a gated management trail and the 'MacMasters Ridge Fire Trail' sign.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the road down the hill, keeping the valley to the left. Before long, the bush gives way to houses and, ignoring some side streets, the road comes to the intersection with 'Grahame Drive' at the 'Bouddi National Park' signpost.

8.67 | Int. The Scenic Rd and Grahame Dr

(420 m 8 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill past the 'Bouddi National Park' sign, following Grahame Drive (the road) past a few houses. The walk follows Grahame Drive to the car park at the end of the road, just before the locked gates.



Bensville

Bula Place

Huntly Road

Yarram Road

Nerang Road

Wards Road

Empire Bay Drive

Damien Drive

Pomona Road

The Scenic Road

Mount Bouddi Road

Maitland Bay Drive

Bouddi

The D. Ungel Memorial Shelter

Bouddi National Park

Bouddi Lookout

S.S. Maitland Shipwreck

Gerrin Point

Little Beach

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Summary navigation sheet for the Little Beach Bombi Moor and Mt Bouddi Circuit Track



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Grahame Dr car park -33.5099,151.4123 (GR Broken Bay, 525911)	1 -20	280 m 5 mins	From the car park, this walk follows the 'Little Beach' sign along the management trail, passing around a gate.
0.28	Int. Bouddi Trail Access and Little Beach Trk -33.5104,151.4151 (GR Broken Bay, 528910)	0 -26	320 m 6 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill, following the 'Little Beach 200m' sign.
0.60	Little Beach -33.5106,151.4184 (GR Broken Bay, 531910)	103 0	770 m 21 mins	Turn around: From Little Beach, this walk heads up the grass hill of the campsite, leaving the beach behind.
1.37	Sandy Clearing Little Beach Access Trail Int. -33.5142,151.4156 (GR Broken Bay, 528906)	11 -8	570 m 10 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bombi Point' arrow along the sandy track, going down the hill.
1.94	Int. Bouddi Trail and Third Point -33.5182,151.4118 (GR Broken Bay, 525901)	1 -46	740 m 14 mins	Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Third Point' sign up the slight hill.
2.67	Bombi East -33.5225,151.4171 (GR Broken Bay, 530897)	48 -43	1.4 km 27 mins	Turn around: From the cliff edge, this walk heads away from the ocean, up the hill, to the intersection with a management trail.
4.11	End of Caves Bay management trail -33.5232,151.4083 (GR Broken Bay, 522896)	96 -105	1.2 km 33 mins	Turn right: From the clearing, this walk follows the 'Maitland Bay' arrow along the bush track, going down the hill and keeping the ocean to the left.
5.28	Int. Bouddi Coastal Trk and Dingeldei Picnic Trail -33.5259,151.3991 (GR Broken Bay, 513893)	21 -82	700 m 20 mins	Optional sidetrip to S.S. Maitland Shipwreck. Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Maitland Bay' arrow along the bush track, going down the hill.
5.28	Int. Bouddi Trail and Dingeldei Picnic Trail -33.5259,151.3991 (GR Broken Bay, 513893)	56 0	350 m 8 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Mt Bouddi' arrow up the hill.
5.63	Bouddi Lookout -33.5233,151.4005 (GR Broken Bay, 515895)	74 -38	890 m 21 mins	Continue straight: From the lookout the walk follows the bush track away from the sea, across a saddle, and goes up the hill.
6.52	Dingeldei Picnic Area -33.5163,151.4033 (GR Broken Bay, 517903)	13 -19	670 m 13 mins	Continue straight: From the picnic area, this walk heads up the hill along the road, leaving the picnic area and car park.
7.19	Int. Mt Bouddi Rd and The Scenic Rd -33.5111,151.4006 (GR Broken Bay, 515909)	28 -108	1.5 km 31 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads towards the large fork in the road, then follows The Scenic Road (the sealed road) as it bends to the left.
8.67	Int. The Scenic Rd and Grahame Dr -33.5065,151.4122 (GR Broken Bay, 525914)	8 -26	420 m 8 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill past the 'Bouddi National Park' sign, following Grahame Drive (the road) past a few houses.