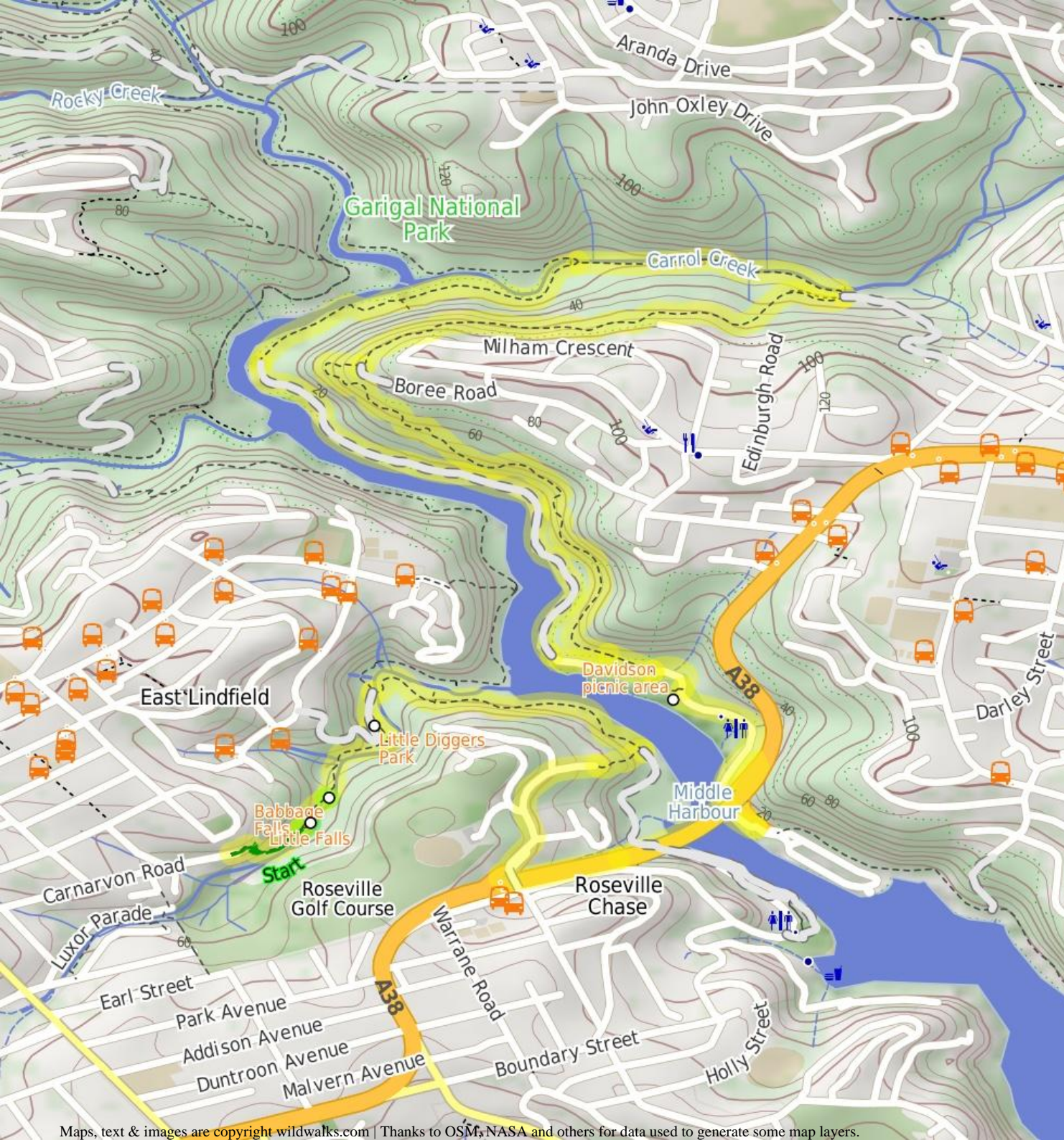


## Little Digger Track to Davidson Reserve and Lyrebird Circuit



**4 hrs 30 mins**

**Hard track**



**11.5 km One way**  **470m**

Exploring both the eastern and western sides of Middle Harbour Creek, this walk follows the Little Digger and Two Creeks Tracks down to the Roseville Bridge, and into Davidson Reserve. This is a fantastic spot to take a break before following the waterline along the Lyrebird Track for a while and looping back to Davidson reserve along the ridge, via the Casuarina track.



Garigal National Park



## Little Falls

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## Babbage Falls

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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 Metropolitan District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Garigal 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:**91303N PARRAMATTA RIVER

**1:100 000 Map Series:**9130 SYDNEY

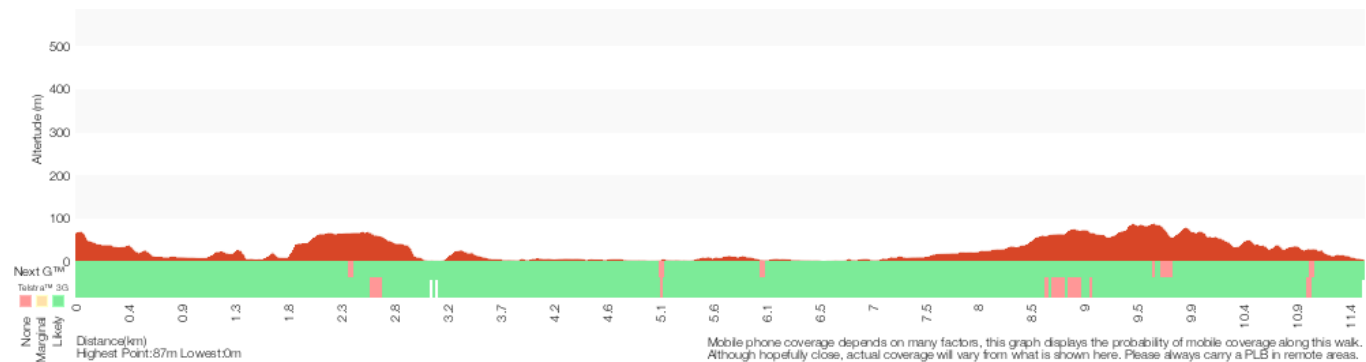
## Grade

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

<b>Length</b>	11.5 km One way
<b>Time</b>	4 hrs 30 mins
<b>Quality of track</b>	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
<b>Signs</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



### **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 End of Carnarvon Road (gps: -33.774, 151.1908) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Bottom of the Casuarina Steps (gps: -33.7676, 151.2024) by car or bus. Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

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

### **0 | End of Carnarvon Road**

*(250 m 6 mins)* From the end of Carnarvon Road, the walk follows the Little Digger Track sign, stepping up onto the short rock platform and following the bush track up the hill. After passing around the houses, the walk steadily winds down through the gully to the signposted intersection with the Little Falls Track.

### **0.25 | Optional sidetrip to Little Falls**

*(30 m 1 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the "Little Falls 2min return" arrow along the bush track, heading down the hill and through the ferns to a small flat clearing next to a creek, just down stream from a small waterfall. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

### **0.25 | Little Falls**

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### **0.25 | Int of Little Digger and Little Falls Tracks**

*(130 m 3 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, leaving the signposted 'Little Falls Track' on the right, the walk follows the bush track. The walk winds through the gully and down some wooden steps, continuing along for a little while before coming to the signposted intersection with the 'Babbage Falls Track'.

### **0.38 | Optional sidetrip to Babbage Falls**

*(10 m )* Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Babbage Falls' sign down the short hill, to the rock platform looking down on the Babbage Falls. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn sharp right.

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### **0.38 | Int of Little Digger and Babbage Falls Tracks**

*(320 m 8 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection (with the signposted

'Babbage Falls Track' on the right), the walk follows the bush track, heading north through the gully, winding through the bush and down some rock steps, where it crosses under two large rock overhangs. The walk continues through the bush, crossing a small creek and undulating through the gully until it comes down to the Moores Creek Bridge. (The track does not cross this bridge but it does provide nice views of the creek.)

### **0.7 | Moores Creek bridge**

*(90 m 1 mins)* Continue straight: With the Bridge on the right, the walk follows the bush track, heading north through the bush, passing a Little Digger Track information sign and continuing along the now wider track for a short distance before turning left and coming up to the 'T' intersection with the Carlyle Road management trail.

### **0.79 | Little Diggers Park**

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### **0.79 | Carlyle Road track and Little Digger Track Int**

*(130 m 2 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads north for approximately 100m until coming to an intersection with a management trail, near a bridge and a stone seat. This intersection is marked with a 'Carlyle Rd' signpost.

### **0.92 | Int of Two Creeks and Carlyle Road tracks**

*(880 m 20 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads across the wooden bridge and follows the track through the bush and along the side of the hill. After a while, the track bends around to the right and follows the wide Middle Harbour Creek, with Davidson Park across on the other side. The track continues along the side of the hill above Middle Harbour Creek for a while, before coming to the signposted intersection of the 'Ormonde Road 200m' track, uphill on the right.

### **1.79 | Int of Two Creeks and Ormonde Road tracks**

*(150 m 6 mins)* Turn sharp right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Ormonde Road 200m' arrow up the steep rocky hill. The walk flattens out and continues to the end of Ormonde Rd.

### **1.94 | End of Ormonde Road Track**

*(1.8 km 39 mins)* Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows Ormonde Rd up the hill (passing Chase Ave, Cardigan Rd and The Kingsway), passing the off-ramp from Warringah Rd, then turning right at the Warringah Rd on-ramp (just before the bridge over Warringah Rd). The walk follows the grassy strip at the left hand edge of the on-ramp, as it loops around under the bridge. The walk continues down the hill following the very narrow verge on the left-hand side of Warringah Rd until reaching an intersection with a concrete footpath (which goes down the hill to the left, closed at the time of writing), just before the Roseville Bridge.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath on the left-hand side of Warringah Rd and crosses the long Roseville Bridge. The walk continues up the hill before turning sharply to the left and following the off-ramp road down the hill. After crossing under the Roseville Bridge the walk arrives at the intersection with the Davidson Park driveway.

### **3.69 | Int of Davidson Park Driveway and Warringah Road o**

*(1.1 km 20 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the

Davidson Park driveway, crossing under Roseville Bridge with Middle Harbour Creek on the left. The walk passes a small car park and bends to the right, winding around the large picnic areas (on the left), passing a building with some toilets (also on the left), and continuing along for a little while before coming to the signposted intersection of the Rotary Rotunda footpath. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the road, keeping the park and Middle Harbour on the left. After a little while, this walk comes to the signposted intersection at the bottom of the 'Casuarina Stairway', uphill on the right.

Continue straight: From the intersection at the bottom of the 'Casuarina Stairway', this walk follows the driveway, keeping the park and Middle Harbour Creek on the left. The walk heads along for little while before coming to the end of the driveway, at the signposted start of the 'Lyre Bird Track 4km'.

### **4.83 | Int of the Lyrebird Track and end of Davidson Park**

*(2.7 km 48 mins)* Continue straight: From the gate at the north-western corner of Davidson Park, this walk follows the 'Lyrebird Track' sign through the metal gate and along the service trail, heading through the bush and following Middle Harbour Creek for a while before the track narrows to a bush track at a long grassy clearing.

Continue straight: From the clearing at the end of the management trail, this walk continues along the bush track, keeping Middle Harbour Creek on the left as it meanders along the water's edge for a while. The track climbs up the side of the hill, then flattens out and continues through the bush, steadily winding down to the edge of Carroll Creek, which it follows for a while before the track comes down to the signposted intersection of the 'Carroll Creek Track' at the stepping stones.

### **7.48 | Int of Lyrebird and Carroll Creek tracks**

*(740 m 12 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Carroll Creek Track' sign along the bush track, winding through the dense vegetation as it follows the creek for a while. The walk winds under a long rock overhang and continues up to the bottom of a concrete staircase and a metal bridge. (The track doesn't cross the bridge but does have quite a pretty view of Carroll Creek.) From here, the track turns right and climbs the concrete staircase to the end of the management trail at the top.

### **8.23 | Int of Casuarina and Carroll Creek Tracks**

*(1.4 km 34 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Casuarina Track' sign, following the bush track as it winds up the side of the hill for a while. The track flattens out and passes under a long rock overhang, then continues to wind up the hill until it comes to a large rocky outcrop. Here, the walk flattens out for a little while before undulating up and down along the side of the hill for a while, before coming to the base of a large high-tension power line tower.

### **9.65 | Int of Casuarina Track and Boree Road service trail**

*(1.7 km 46 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Casuarina Track' signpost along the bush track, heading around the large power line tower (keeping the tower on the left of the track) and down the steep rocky hill. The track crosses under the power lines before flattening for out a short distance, continuing along the rough track as it undulates up and down along the side of the hill, crossing a few rock platforms and a creek. As the track continues along the side of the hill, it becomes more defined and easier-going, passing under a short rock overhang and down one last rocky hill before flattening out and continuing to the lookout at the top of the Casuarina Stairway.

### **11.39 | Casuarina Lookout**

*(130 m 2 mins)* Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk heads down



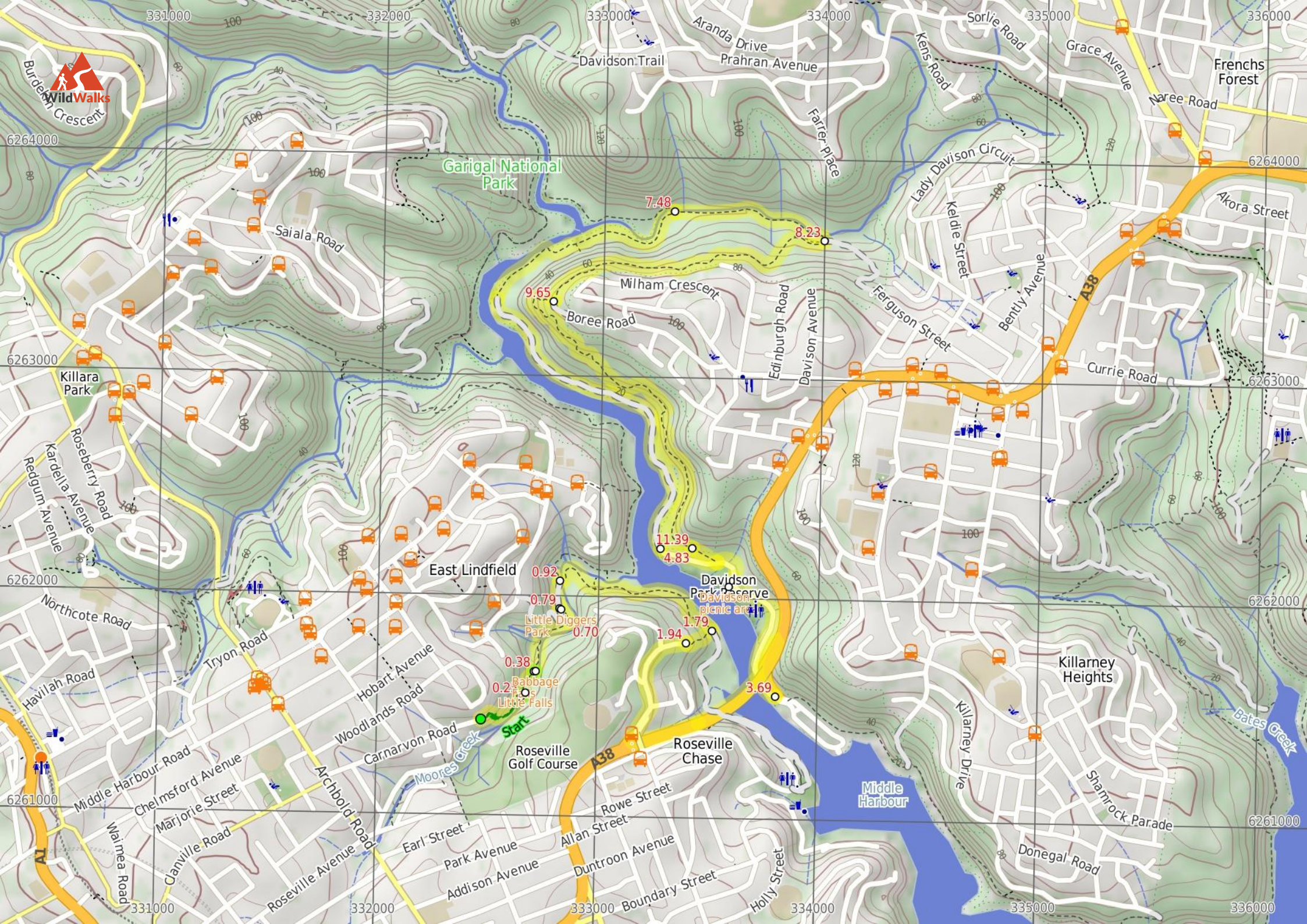
the long wooden staircase descending to the bottom of the hill where it comes to Davidson Park.

#### **11.52 | Davidson picnic area**

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## Summary navigation sheet for the Little Digger Track to Davidson Reserve and Lyrebird Circuit



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	End of Carnarvon Road -33.774,151.1908 (GR Parramatta River, 325614)	4 -31	250 m 6 mins	From the end of Carnarvon Road, the walk follows the Little Digger Track sign, stepping up onto the short rock platform and following the bush track up the hill.
0.25	Int of Little Digger and Little Falls Tracks -33.7731,151.1928 (GR Parramatta River, 327615)	0 -5	30 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Little Falls. Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the "Little Falls 2min return" arrow along the bush track, heading down the hill and through the ferns to a small flat clearing next to a creek, just down stream f...
0.25	Int of Little Digger and Little Falls Tracks -33.7731,151.1928 (GR Parramatta River, 327615)	2 -7	130 m 3 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, leaving the signposted 'Little Falls Track' on the right, the walk follows the bush track.
0.38	Int of Little Digger and Babbage Falls Tracks -33.772,151.1934 (GR Parramatta River, 327617)	2 0	10 m	Optional sidetrip to Babbage Falls. Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Babbage Falls' sign down the short hill, to the rock platform looking down on the Babbage Falls.
0.38	Int of Little Digger and Babbage Falls Tracks -33.772,151.1934 (GR Parramatta River, 327617)	12 -35	320 m 8 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection (with the signposted 'Babbage Falls Track' on the right), the walk follows the bush track, heading north through the gully, winding through the bush and down some rock steps,...
0.70	Moores Creek bridge -33.77,151.1952 (GR Parramatta River, 329619)	1 -1	90 m 1 mins	Continue straight: With the Bridge on the right, the walk follows the bush track, heading north through the bush, passing a Little Digger Track information sign and continuing along the now wider track for a short d...
0.79	Carlyle Road track and Little Digger Track Int -33.7694,151.1947 (GR Parramatta River, 328619)	0 -2	130 m 2 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads north for approximately 100m until coming to an intersection with a management trail, near a bridge and a stone seat.
0.92	Int of Two Creeks and Carlyle Road tracks -33.7683,151.1947 (GR Parramatta River, 328621)	46 -46	880 m 20 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads across the wooden bridge and follows the track through the bush and along the side of the hill.
1.79	Int of Two Creeks and Ormonde Road tracks -33.7704,151.2022 (GR Parramatta River, 335619)	34 -1	150 m 6 mins	Turn sharp right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Ormonde Road 200m' arrow up the steep rocky hill.
1.94	End of Ormonde Road Track -33.7709,151.2009 (GR Parramatta River, 334618)	69 -107	1.8 km 39 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows Ormonde Rd up the hill (passing Chase Ave, Cardigan Rd and The Kingsway), passing the off-ramp from Warringah Rd, then turning right at the Warringah Rd on-ramp (ju...
3.69	Int of Davidson Park Driveway and Warringah Road on-ramp -33.7731,151.2053 (GR Parramatta River, 338616)	15 -17	1.1 km 20 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the Davidson Park driveway, crossing under Roseville Bridge with Middle Harbour Creek on the left.
4.83	Int of the Lyrebird Track and end of Davidson Park driveway -33.767,151.1996 (GR Parramatta River, 333622)	54 -46	2.7 km 48 mins	Continue straight: From the gate at the north-western corner of Davidson Park, this walk follows the 'Lyrebird Track' sign through the metal gate and along the service trail, heading through the bush and following M...
7.48	Int of Lyrebird and Carroll Creek tracks -33.7532,151.2004 (GR Parramatta River, 333638)	21 -3	740 m 12 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Carrol Creek Track' sign along the bush track, winding through the dense vegetation as it follows the creek for a while.
8.23	Int of Casuarina and Carroll Creek Tracks -33.7544,151.2077 (GR Parramatta River, 340636)	101 -45	1.4 km 34 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Casuarina Track' sign, following the bush track as it winds up the side of the hill for a while.
9.65	Int of Casuarina Track and Boree Road service trail -33.7569,151.1944 (GR Parramatta River, 328633)	111 -182	1.7 km 46 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Casuarina Track' signpost along the bush track, heading around the large power line tower (keeping the tower on the left of the track) and down the steep roc...
11.39	Casuarina Lookout -33.767,151.2012 (GR Parramatta River, 334622)	0 -9	130 m 2 mins	Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk heads down the long wooden staircase descending to the bottom of the hill where it comes to Davidson Park.