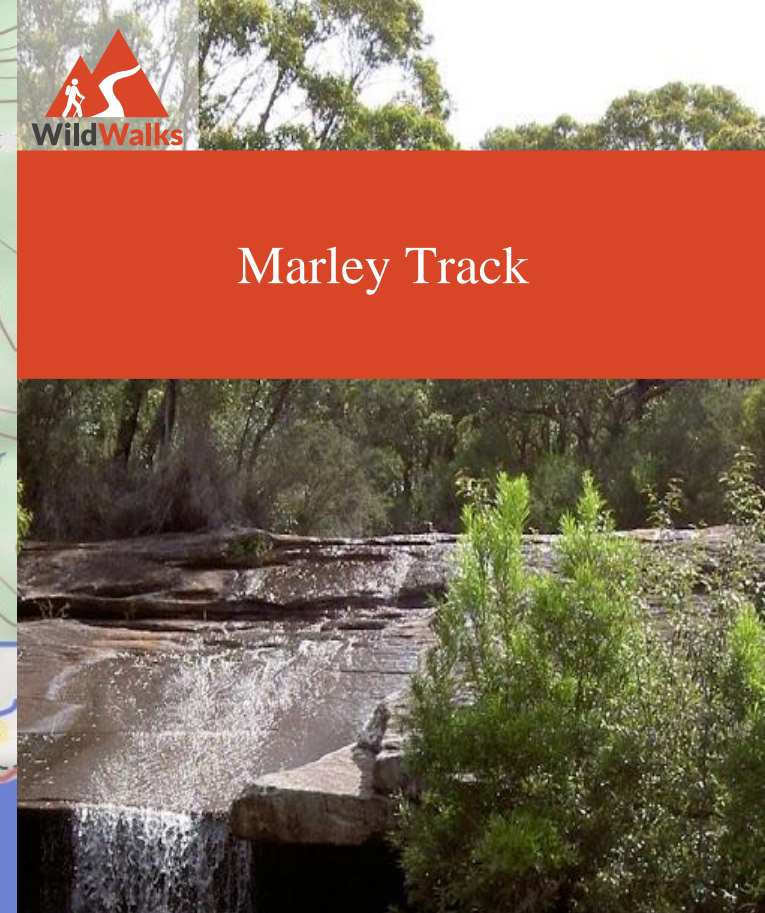
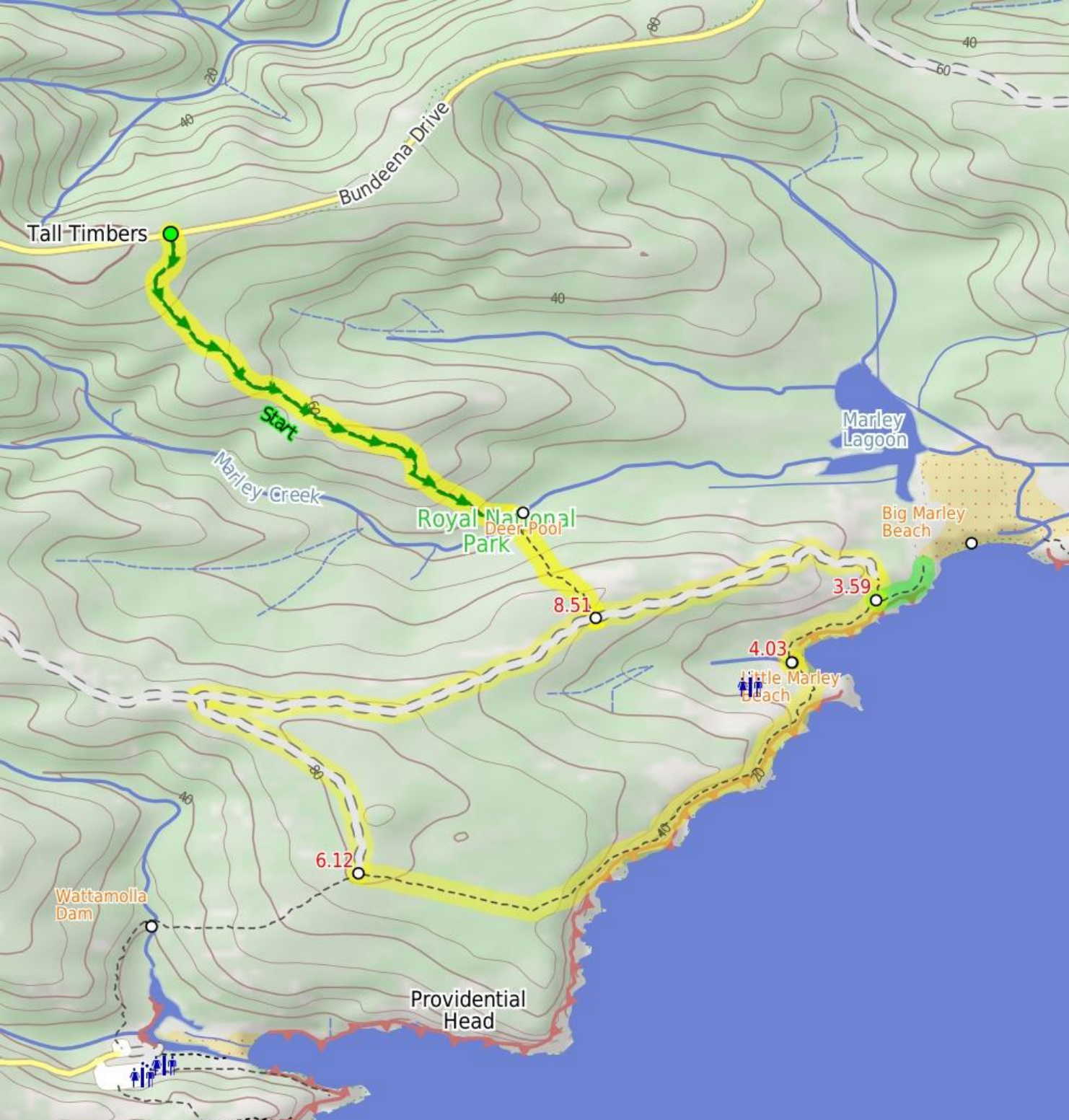


# Marley Track



**4 hrs 30 mins**

**Hard track**

**11 km Circuit**

**353m**



This walk takes you down from the ridge to the quiet Deer Pool on Marley Creek. You pass the Big and Little Marley beaches, with an optional side trip to Wattamolla Dam. This side trip is well worth it on a hot day to take a dip. The walk then leads away from the coast to loop back to the starting point on Bundeena Drive.

3m

95m

Royal National Park

### **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 walks 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 Int. Marley Trk and Bundeena Drive (gps: -34.103, 151.1157). 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/19>

### **0 | Int. Marley Trk and Bundeena Drive**

*(1.9 km 38 mins)* From the car park on the northern side of Bundeena Drive (1.7km east of Mainbar Rd), this walk crosses the road and heads into the bush between the two posts, following the arrow. Soon the track pass the 'Marley Track' sign and starts to head downhill. The track continues past the old concrete pipe (with white spray-painted arrows). The track passes a couple of rock platforms, but generally the track is narrow as it winds down the hill. Near Deer Pools, there is a clearing on the left as the track tends right, towards the waterfall. The track passes over the top of the waterfall to head up to a clearing on the other side.

### **1.88 | Deer Pool**

Deer Pool, Royal National Park, is a small and picturesque set of falls that run into a pool with a sandy bank. The waterfall is fed by Marley Creek which continues its journey into Marley Lagoon, behind Big Marley Beach. Royal National Park was once home to many deer, who used to frequent these pools. This is a relaxing spot on a warm day, with the opportunity for a dip or a gentle massage in the cascade. Although a sign suggests camping is permitted by permit, permits are not issued for camping here.

### **1.88 | Deer Pools Clearing**

*(560 m 11 mins)* Continue straight: From the clearing, this walk leads south-east up the hill through dense scrub. The track follows sprayed white dashes on the rocks, heading up the hill to pass a rocky platform (on the left of the track) approximately 300m up. The track continues past the rocky platform for approximately 100m to the intersection on the ridgeline.

### **2.44 | Int. Mowlee Ridge Trail and Marley Trk**

*(1 km 18 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail, heading down the long gentle hill as it steadily winds down to the coast. There are views across Marley Lagoon on the left as the walk heads down to the end of the service trail, where it comes to a grassy clearing with a bush track on the other side.

### **3.47 | North end of Chimney Trk**

*(120 m 2 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Marley' arrow up the short hill and over the rock platform, continuing along the defined bush track, winding down to the coast where it comes to the 'T' intersection with the Coast Walk bush track.

### **3.59 | Optional sidetrip to West Marley Beach**

*(240 m 4 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track along the coast, keeping the ocean to the right for a short while before the track descends steeply off the rock-shelf and down a rough bush track to the end of Marley Beach. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

### **3.59 | Big Marley Beach**

Big Marley Beach, Royal National Park, is a yellow sand, crescent-shaped beach, approximately 400m in length. The beach has a large dune area, behind which Marley Lagoon is found. The lagoon is fed by Marley Creek and the surrounding catchment. The beach is not patrolled and there are no other facilities. The south-facing beach has a rockshelf at either end. For information on this beach's pollution levels, follow the 'more info' link. [More info.](#)

### **3.59 | Int. Coastal Trk and Chimney Trk**

*(440 m 8 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track winding along the coast, keeping the ocean and the cliffs to the left. The track winds down the hill for a while before coming to the end of Little Marley Beach.

### **4.03 | Little Marley Beach**

Little Marley Beach, Royal National Park, is a yellow sand beach, approximately 140m long. The narrow beach faces north-east and has a rock platform at either end. The beach is not patrolled and has no other services. For information on this beach's pollution levels, follow the 'more info' link below. [More info.](#)

### **4.03 | Little Marley Beach**

*(2.1 km 54 mins)* Continue straight: From Little Marley Beach, this walk follows the coast across the beach, keeping the ocean to the left as it climbs up the signposted bush track at the end to the clifftop. From here, the track follows the coast line for a short period before passing over numerous sections of metal footbridge. This continues through the scrub vegetation, with short periods where the track comes back onto the rockshelf above the cliff, until the track changes to purely being a well-managed bush track through the high scrub, as it winds along to the signposted intersection of the Coast Track.

### **6.12 | Wattamolla Dam**

Wattamolla pool (or dam), Royal National Park, is a small water hole on Wattamolla Creek, above the lagoon. The pool is on the Coast Track near Wattamolla picnic area and offers a quiet spot for a dip and a rest. The pool is formed by a small, constructed sandstone dam and fed by a small waterfall above.

### **6.12 | Int. Coastal Trk NE of Wattamolla Ck**

*(2.4 km 40 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads

north-west down the spur, with the spur on the right of the track. The track then descends onto the saddle and continues north-west through the thick wall of scrub on either side, to the 'T' intersection approximately 400m down the hill.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail heading east, meandering through the thick green scrub over a number of small bumps (used for water diversion) as the track winds towards the coast. After a while, the management trail comes to the signposted intersection of the 'Deer Pool' bush track.

### **8.51 | Int. Mowlee Ridge Trail and Marley Trk**

*(2.4 km 49 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads north-west along the flat trail which runs through the scrub. The track continues for approximately 100m, then begins to descend after passing a rockshelf on the right. The track continues for approximately 300m, following the sprayed white dashes through the dense scrub and coming to a clearing.

Continue straight: From the clearing, this walk heads across the top of the waterfall, then follows the arrow on the sign across the creek on top of the waterfall to the other side. The track passes a clearing on the right as it continues up the hill, following the sprayed white dashes up the hill. The rather narrow track leads up the hill to the road, crossing a few rock platforms. The road is found about 350 meters past the old pipe with white spray-painted arrows. There is a 'Marley Track' sign just before Bundeena Drive, and a car park on the other side of the road (1.7km east of Mainbar Rd).