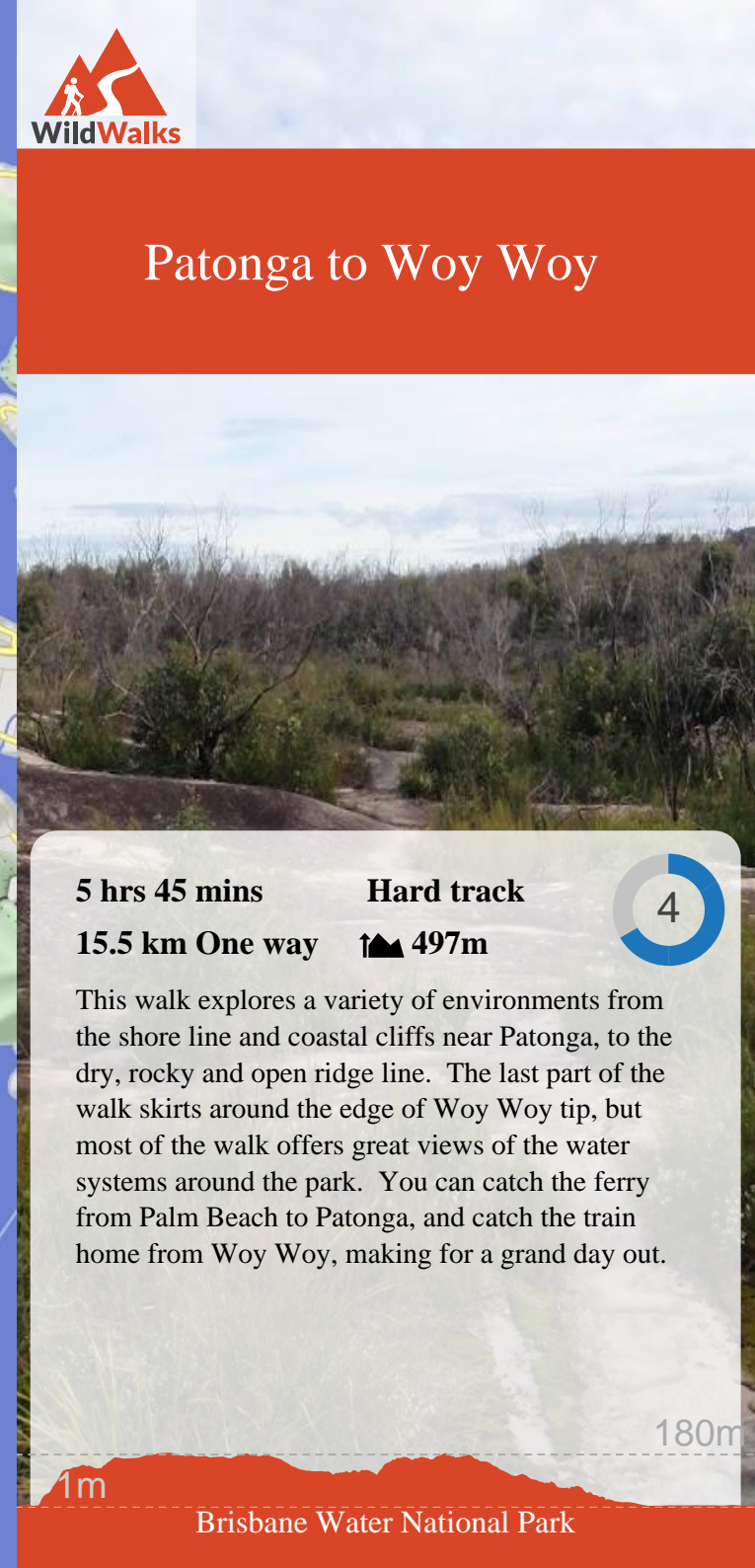
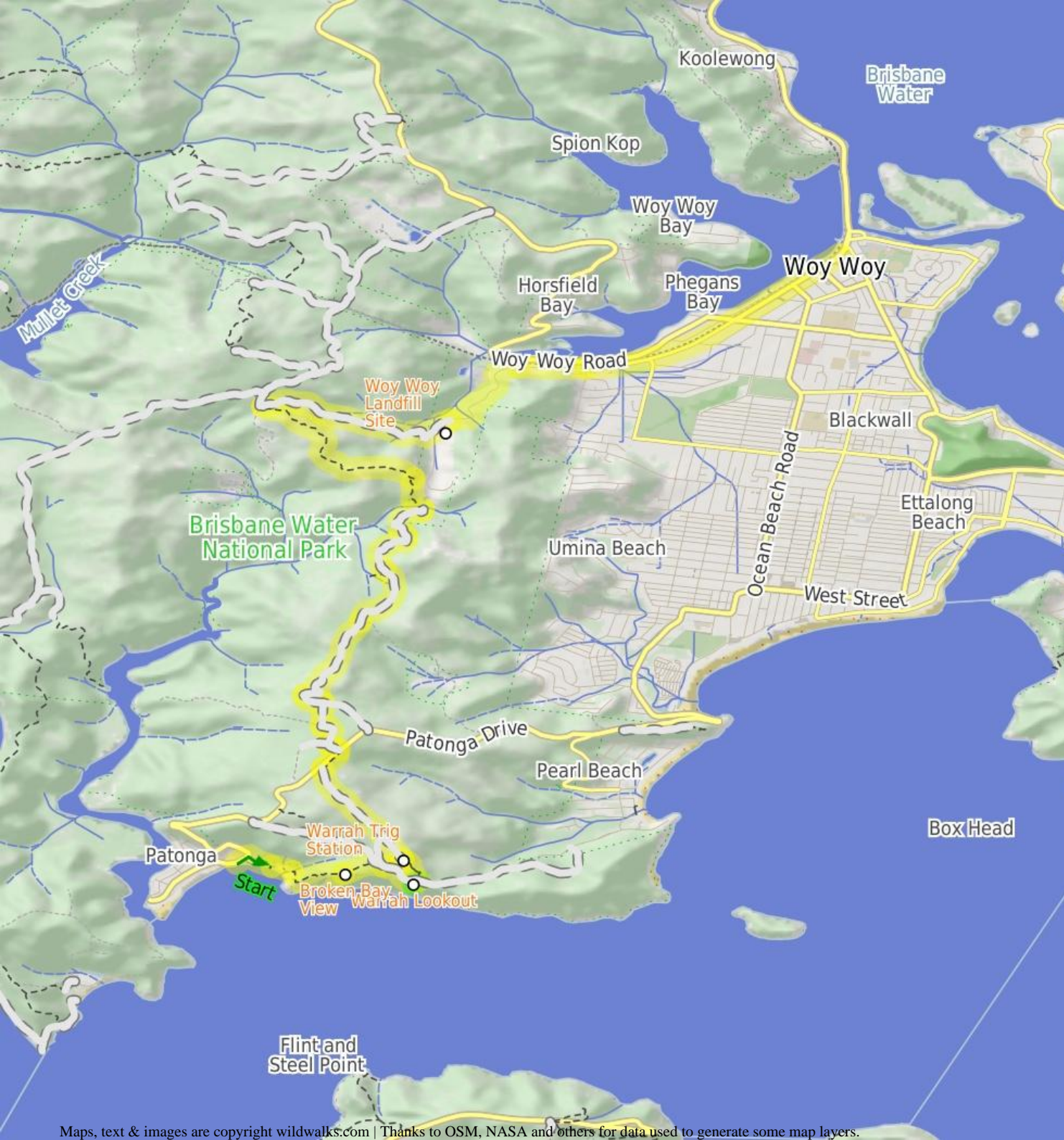



## Patonga to Woy Woy



**5 hrs 45 mins**

**Hard track**

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**15.5 km One way**  **497m**

This walk explores a variety of environments from the shore line and coastal cliffs near Patonga, to the dry, rocky and open ridge line. The last part of the walk skirts around the edge of Woy Woy tip, but most of the walk offers great views of the water systems around the park. You can catch the ferry from Palm Beach to Patonga, and catch the train home from Woy Woy, making for a grand day out.

1m

180m

Brisbane Water National Park

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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 ([Brisbane Water 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:**91312S GOSFORD, 91301N BROKEN BAY

**1:40 000 Map Series:**CMA Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park Tourist Map

**1:100 000 Map Series:**9131 GOSFORD, 9130 SYDNEY

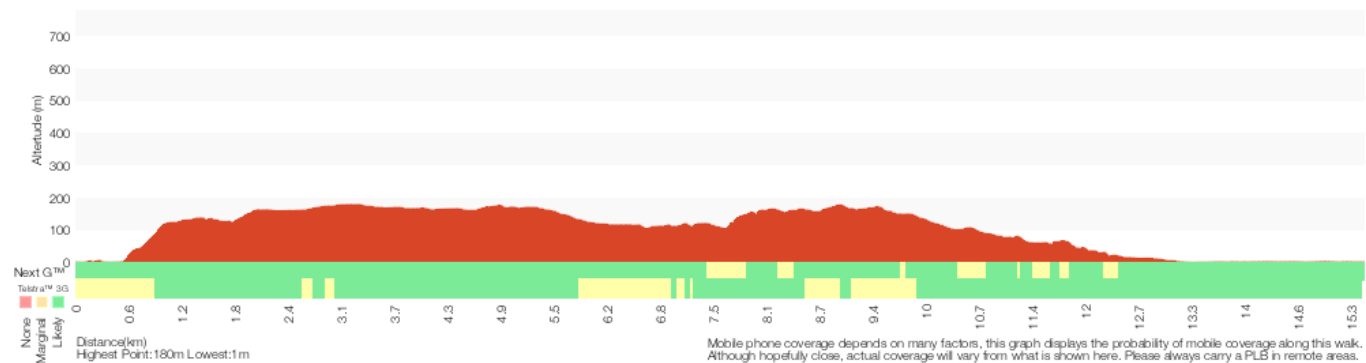
## Grade

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>	15.5 km One way
<b>Time</b>	5 hrs 45 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 (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)



### 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 Patonga Wharf car park (gps: -33.5504, 151.2746) by car, ferry or bus. Ferry: Ferry service operates between Palm Beach and Bobbin head daily. Stopping at Patoonga Beach (and Cottage Point on request). Mon - Fri once a day (before lunch) Weekends and school holidays 3 times a day from Bobbin Head. (can get also get it later on the way to palm beach on request) Phone to confirm times on the day 0414466635 Ferry: There is no regular ferry service between Patonga and Brooklyn any more. You can easily grab a water taxi (about \$80+). If you are part of a large group they can also organise a larger boat carrying 35 passengers (about \$16 pp). Phone 0410 554 777 to book. Enjoy the boat ride. Bus: A bus service runs along Patonga Drive down to Patonga. The service only runs a few times a day. Please check timetable for more info or Phone Busway on (02) 4368 2277 (route 50) Car: There is free parking available. You can get back from Woy Woy train station (gps: -33.4858, 151.3236) by car, train or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

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

### 0 | Patonga Wharf car park

*(1.1 km 31 mins)* From the car park at Patonga wharf, this walk follows the footpath beside Patonga Drive, keeping the water on the right. The road leads out of town passing beside 'Eve Williams Memorial Oval' for 70m to find a large 'The Great North Walk' sign opposite the toilet block. Soon after this sign, this walk turns right following the 'Boat Ramp' sign and GNW arrow post down along a side road for 220m to find a parking area beside Patonga's boat ramp. (Alternatively it is possible to walk along the sandy beach from the wharf to the boat ramp.)

Continue straight: From the boat ramp, this walk follows the power lines across the car park, keeping the water to the right. The walk heads around the gate and continues to follow the power lines across the sand, coming to the eastern end of Patonga Beach and the 'Brisbane Water National Park' sign. This area of the beach is also known as 'Dark Corner'.

Continue straight: From the eastern end of Patonga beach, this walk follows the 'Warrah Trig 1.7km' sign up the steps. The track winds up the side on the hill, turning left and following the ridge line uphill. Soon after passing up some stairs between the rock, the track comes to a lovely view across the water. Here, the track turns left and climbs up more steps before flattening out and passing a few more GNW arrows. Just after passing two GNW arrows next to each other (at the end of a large crack in the rock), the track passes a few large Sydney Red Gums and comes to an unfenced rock platform on the right - Broken Bay view.

### 1.12 | Broken Bay View

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### 1.12 | Broken Bay View

*(700 m 15 mins)* Veer left: From the Broken Bay view, this walk follows Great North Walk arrows uphill along the track. The track winds gently through the bush, with the occasional water glimpse to the right. After a short time, the track comes to a clear intersection with the Pearl Beach / Patonga fire trail with a sign pointing back to 'Patonga'.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the Great North Walk arrow downhill along the wide management trail. After about 250m, the trail passes a track on the right (marked with 5 large boulders - this informal track leads to an unfenced view). The walk continues along the management trail for another 100m and comes to an intersection near the Warrah Lookout, and a sign pointing back to 'Patonga'.

### 1.82 | Optional sidetrip to Warrah Lookout

*(70 m 2 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads between the timber posts and follows the 'Warrah Lookout' sign along the sandstone footpath. The path leads through the bush for a short distance, coming to the fenced Warrah Lookout. (Beware of informal side tracks that lead to unfenced sections of cliff.) At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

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### 1.82 | Warrah Lookout intersection

*(310 m 7 mins)* Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Tony Doyle Track, Warrah Car Park' sign up the sandstone steps and footpath. After winding through and over some rock platforms, the path leads up the hill to two sets of timber staircases. At the top of the second set, the walk comes to the old Warrah Trig station (a green metal post).

### 2.13 | Warrah Trig Station

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### 2.13 | Warrah Trig Station

*(30 m 1 mins)* Continue straight: From Warrah Trig Station, this walk follows the sandstone steps and footpath down the hill towards the dirt road. The path soon passes a plaque and a sign pointing back along the 'Tony Doyle Track' and comes to the Warrah car park.

### 2.16 | Warrah Car Park

*(310 m 5 mins)* Continue straight: From Warrah car park, this walk follows the road off the sealed section and along the dirt. The road passes a larger dirt overflow car park, then ignores an old trail (on the right) to soon come to an intersection with a management trail and gate on the left side.

### 2.47 | Int of Warrah Trig trail and Warrah Trig Station R

*(1.2 km 22 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the dirt road north up a long and gentle hill. The road leads to an intersection with a track on the right marked with a Great North Walk arrow about 30m before Patonga Drive.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker around the drainage ditch to follow the track running parallel to Patonga Drive (keeping the road about 20m to your left). The track leads through the heath and scribbly gum forest for about 100m before passing some distant ocean views (on your right), where the track continues for another 150m to come to the sealed Patonga Drive. Here the walk follows the GNW arrow post across the road to a locked gate and management trail, marked with a 'Great North Walk' sign.

### 3.68 | Int of GNW and Patonga Dr

*(2 km 35 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign around the locked gate to follow the management trail away from the road. After about 100m, this walk comes to a clear three-way intersection marked with sign pointing back to 'Patonga'.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool' sign gently up along the wide trail. After about 200m, the trail bends left, then leads gently down for another 100m, coming to an intersection where the main trail bends right (and with the narrower Patonga Creek trail ahead), marked with a GNW arrow post.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north along the wide sandy management trail. The trail leads among the heath and large scribbly gums for about 270m to come to T-intersection with another wide trail, marked with a 'Patonga' sign pointing back up along the trail.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool' sign downhill along the management trail. Over the next 200m, the trail gently bends right then comes to an intersection (just before a large open rock platform), marked with a 'Girrakool' sign (pointing right).

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool' sign east uphill along the management trail. The trail leads up the hill for about 25m to head over a short rock platform where the trail continues fairly steeply uphill. The trail bends left and then winds gently around the side of the hill, enjoying some views along the way. The trail undulates for a while before leading gently down to pass a large clearing (on your left). Just past this clearing, the trail heads down (fairly steeply at first) for about 200m to enter a tall wooded forest and come to a clear three-way intersection, marked with a 'Sani Depot Trail' sign (on your right).

### 5.67 | Int of Hawkesbury track and Sani Depot Trail

*(1.3 km 25 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post downhill along the wide trail. The trail soon leaves the tall Sydney Redgums to lead down for almost 600m. The walk crosses a culverted creek (with sandstone blocks) and then the trail mostly flattens out. Here the trail continues for another 170m leaving the tall forest to walk through the open heath, passing near a small cliff (on your right), to come to an intersection with the faint track (on your left, this is just before the main trail bends right and starts to lead downhill again).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the wide trail downhill, keeping the valley to your left. The trail winds downhill for almost 600m, crossing a couple of culverted creeks, until, just after a left-hand bend, this walk comes to a notable rock platform (with an ephemeral creek) and filtered view down the valley (to your left).

### 7 | Rock Platform

*(960 m 25 mins)* Continue straight: From the rock platform, this walk follows the trail north up the side of the hill. The trail leads uphill for about 25m before bending left and leading downhill for about 80m, where the trail winds

through a ferny valley with a scattering of cabbage palms (*Livistona australis*). Here the trail leads quite steeply uphill for about 200m, then more gently downhill for just over 200m more, to come to a Y-intersection with the signposted 'Great North Walk' track (on your left). (The trail ahead soon leads over Patonga Creek to the locked back gate of Woy Woy Landfill).

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign downhill along the track. After just shy of 100m, the track crosses Patonga Creek among the moist cabbage palm forest. Soon after crossing this creek, the track begins to head quite steeply uphill for another 100m, passing a faint side track before climbing up some carved steps in the rock beside a sloped rock platform (on your left). The track continues steeply up for another 40m, where the track bends right (at the GNW arrow post) to head over a mostly flat rock outcrop. The track continues (with occasional glimpses of the Woy Woy landfill) gently uphill for just over 100m to pass another side track, then lead up a bit more steeply for just over 100m more (past a rock wall, on your left) to come to an unfenced clear view over Woy Woy landfill (where the track bends left).

#### **7.96 | Woy Woy landfill view**

*(1.8 km 39 mins)* Veer left: From the view point over Woy Woy Landfill, this walk heads west following the rocky track uphill, directly away from the view. The sandy track soon leads up a few rock steps and after about 130m, climbs up a few carved steps onto a fairly large rock platform, marked with a GNW arrow post. The track now undulates, following a series of GNW arrow posts (generally up) along a rocky ridge line, passing over many rock platforms for almost 1km (enjoying the distant views over Woy Woy Bay and the Brisbane Water, to your right) to come to the highpoint on this section of track. From here, the track continues mostly flat for the next 500m, then begins to head downhill for about 300m to come to a clear intersection with the signposted 'Dillons Trail'. There is a sign pointing back up the track towards 'Patonga'.

#### **9.79 | Int of GNW service trail and Patonga track**

*(1.8 km 34 mins)* Turn right: With the Patonga-bound bush track on the right, this walk follows the management trail east, down the long, gentle hill. The trail gradually steepens as it winds down to the Woy Woy Landfill site. The walk then follows the landfill fence past a building and steps through a gap in the fence. The walk then heads along the gravel driveway to the landfill road.

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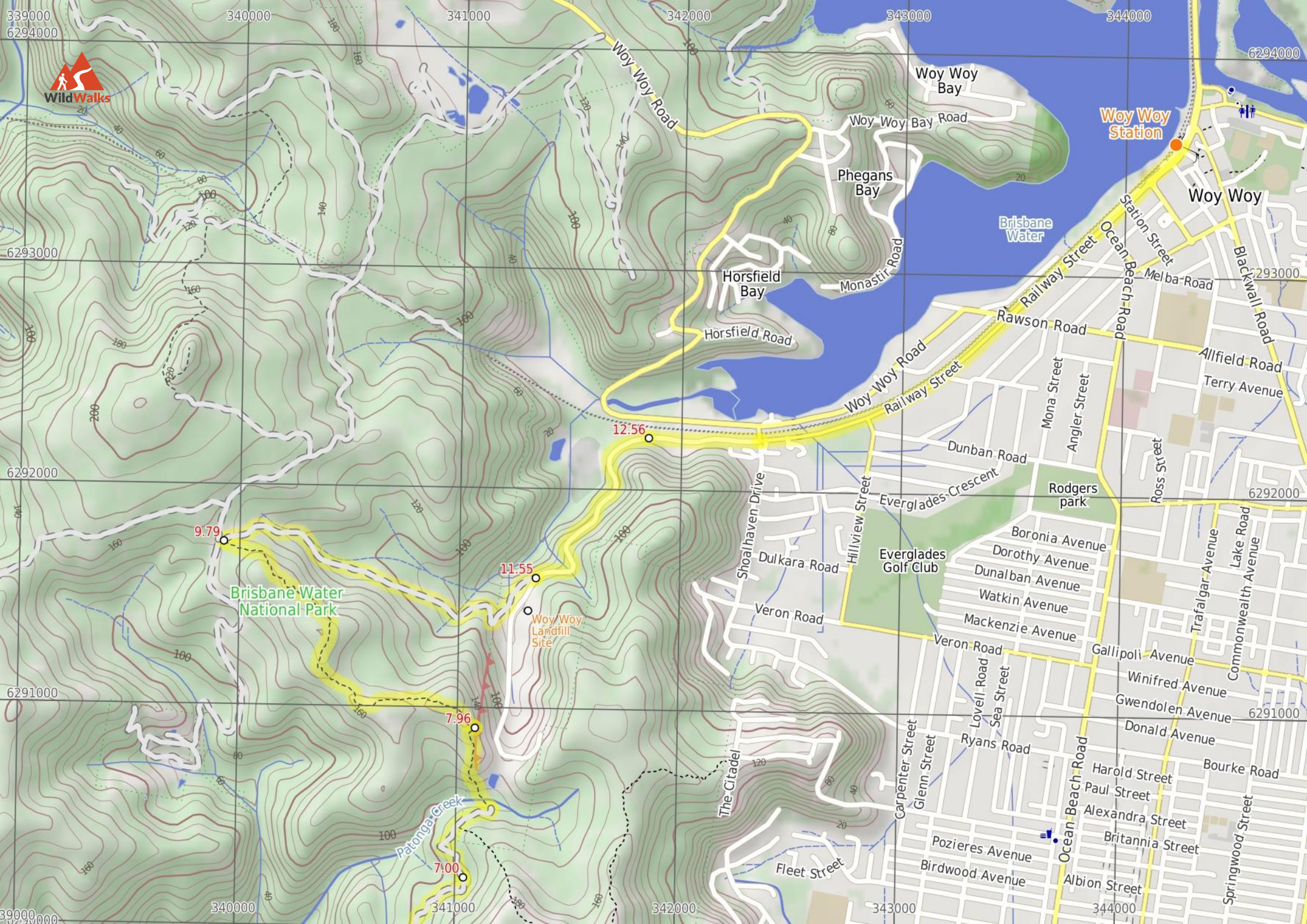
*(1 km 23 mins)* Veer left: From the Woy Woy landfill site, this walk down the road, winding to the bottom where it flattens out at the Woy Woy Landfill front gates (these gates are locked at night but there is a gap for walkers to get through just up to the right of the gates).

#### **12.56 | Woy Woy Landfill site front gates**

*(2.9 km 45 mins)* Continue straight: From the landfill gates, this walk follows Nagari Road past the large self-storage facility on the right, and along to the intersection of Shoalhaven Drive.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows Railway Street through the residential area, past the shopping centre to the Woy Woy train station.







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Patonga Creek

Patonga

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Broken Bay View

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Patonga Drive

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Patonga Drive

The Citadel

Greenhaven Drive

Castle Circuit

Stella Road

Lace Avenue

Janet Avenue

Kahibah Road

Yarrabin Road

Neera Road

Jade Place

## Summary navigation sheet for the Patonga to Woy Woy



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Patonga Wharf car park -33.5504,151.2746 (GR Broken Bay, 398864)	136 -13	1.1 km 31 mins	From the car park at Patonga wharf, this walk follows the footpath beside Patonga Drive, keeping the water on the right.
1.12	Broken Bay View -33.5515,151.2833 (GR Broken Bay, 406862)	26 -26	700 m 15 mins	Veer left: From the Broken Bay view, this walk follows Great North Walk arrows uphill along the track.
1.82	Warrah Lookout intersection -33.5523,151.2894 (GR Broken Bay, 412862)	0 -12	70 m 2 mins	Optional sidetrip to Warrah Lookout. Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads between the timber posts and follows the 'Warrah Lookout' sign along the sandstone footpath.
1.82	Warrah Lookout intersection -33.5523,151.2894 (GR Broken Bay, 412862)	39 0	310 m 7 mins	Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Tony Doyle Track, Warrah Car Park' sign up the sandstone steps and footpath.
2.13	Warrah Trig Station -33.5502,151.2882 (GR Broken Bay, 411864)	0 0	30 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From Warrah Trig Station, this walk follows the sandstone steps and footpath down the hill towards the dirt road.
2.16	Warrah Car Park -33.55,151.288 (GR Broken Bay, 411864)	2 -4	310 m 5 mins	Continue straight: From Warrah car park, this walk follows the road off the sealed section and along the dirt.
2.47	Int of Warrah Trig trail and Warrah Trig Station Rd -33.5475,151.2865 (GR Broken Bay, 409867)	23 -14	1.2 km 22 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the dirt road north up a long and gentle hill.
3.68	Int of Great North Walk and Patonga Dr -33.5384,151.283 (GR Broken Bay, 406877)	30 -55	2 km 35 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign around the locked gate to follow the management trail away from the road.
5.67	Int of Hawkesbury track and Sani Depot Trail -33.5248,151.2847 (GR Broken Bay, 407892)	21 -56	1.3 km 25 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post downhill along the wide trail.
7.00	Rock Platform -33.5157,151.2884 (GR Broken Bay, 410902)	77 -39	960 m 25 mins	Continue straight: From the rock platform, this walk follows the trail north up the side of the hill.
7.96	Woy Woy landfill view -33.5096,151.289 (GR Broken Bay, 411909)	75 -74	1.8 km 39 mins	Veer left: From the view point over Woy Woy Landfill, this walk heads west following the rocky track uphill, directly away from the view.
9.79	Int of Great North Walk service trail and Patonga track -33.5019,151.2767 (GR Broken Bay, 399917)	24 -112	1.8 km 34 mins	Turn right: With the Patonga-bound bush track on the right, this walk follows the management trail east, down the long, gentle hill.
11.55	Woy Woy Landfill -33.5035,151.292 (GR Broken Bay, 413916)	38 -84	1 km 23 mins	Veer left: From the Woy Woy landfill site, this walk down the road, winding to the bottom where it flattens out at the Woy Woy Landfill front gates (these gates are locked at night but there is a gap for walkers to ...
12.56	Woy Woy Landfill site front gates -33.4977,151.2975 (GR Gosford, 419922)	6 -21	2.9 km 45 mins	Continue straight: From the landfill gates, this walk follows Nagari Road past the large self-storage facility on the right, and along to the intersection of Shoalhaven Drive.