



## Taronga Zoo to Camp Curlew



**30 mins**

**Moderate track**

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**930 m Return**

**61m**

This track takes you from Taronga Zoo Ferry, directly to Camp Curlew. A perfect little walk for the Impressionist wanting to recreate the attraction to Camp Curlew for painting. Little Sirius Cove is a secluded beach, worth the short sidetrip. Camp Curlew is a secluded spot on Sydney Harbour and has historically been used as a retreat by artists.

22m



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### 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 Taronga Zoo Wharf (gps: -33.8457, 151.2398) by car, ferry or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a return, 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/tztc>

### 0 | Taronga Zoo Wharf

*(340 m 9 mins)* From the entrance to Taronga Zoo wharf, this walk heads down and across the cul-de-sac at the bottom of the road. The walk then follows the footpath around the building on the right to soon come to a section of boardwalk. The walk continues along boardwalked sections with a tall barbed-wire fence on the right. After a short time, the track turns left, above a small beach, then turns right and continues along the fenceline to the intersection with Camp Curlew on the left.

### 0.34 | Optional sidetrip to Little Sirius Cove

*(60 m 1 mins)* Turn left : From the intersection, the walk heads down the steps, winding slightly for a short time to the beach. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

### 0.34 | Int. Borogegal Walking Trail and Curlew Camp Trk

*(120 m 2 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill following the 'Welcome to Curlew Camp' sign. The track quickly turns right, over a boardwalk, then turns left down more stairs. The walk then winds down the hill to the corner of a large rock, just above the water.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down towards the water and onto the wooden platform.

### 0.47 | Camp Curlew

Camp Curlew was created in 1890 as an artists' retreat, as was popular at the time. Artists of the day would visit for long periods (although women were not permitted to stay overnight), enjoying the surrounds and painting some of Australia's most prized works. Arthur Streeton is a notable artist who stayed at the camp. The site was less than rustic, with tents to accommodate billiards and dining, and also a hired cook and youth to help with odd jobs. Camp Curlew was abandoned after the siting of Taronga Zoo in the area in 1912.

