





# Bradley's Head to Chowder Bay walk

(Borogegal & Cammeraigal Country)

 1 h 15 min to 1 h 30 min

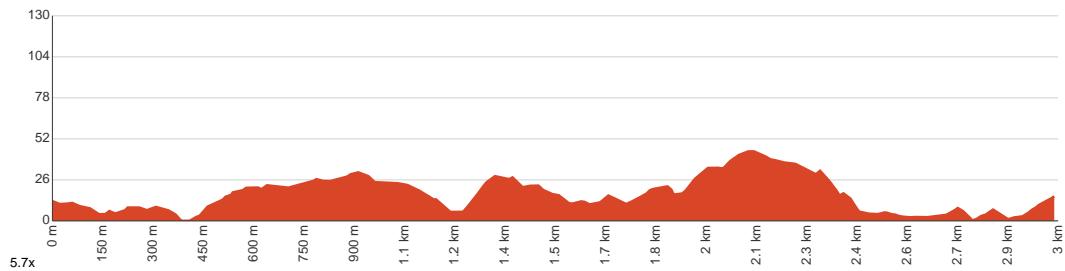
  
3 km  
One way

  
↑ 146 m  
↓ 143 m

  
Moderate track



This walk explores a great section of Sydney Harbour. Starting with some historic points at Bradley's Head, you can enjoy views of Sydney's Opera House and Harbour Bridge. The views will continue to delight as you explore bushland and the bays along the way. The pleasant walk ends at Clifton Gardens, where you will find a kiosk and equipment for the kids to play. Let us begin by acknowledging the Borogegal & Cammeraigal people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
<b>Quality of track</b>	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
<b>Gradient</b>	Short steep hills (3/6)
<b>Signage</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	No experience required (1/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Bradley's Head Road

- Turn on to Bradley's Head Road then drive for 1 km

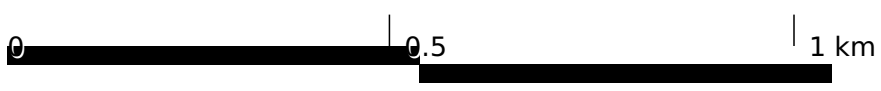
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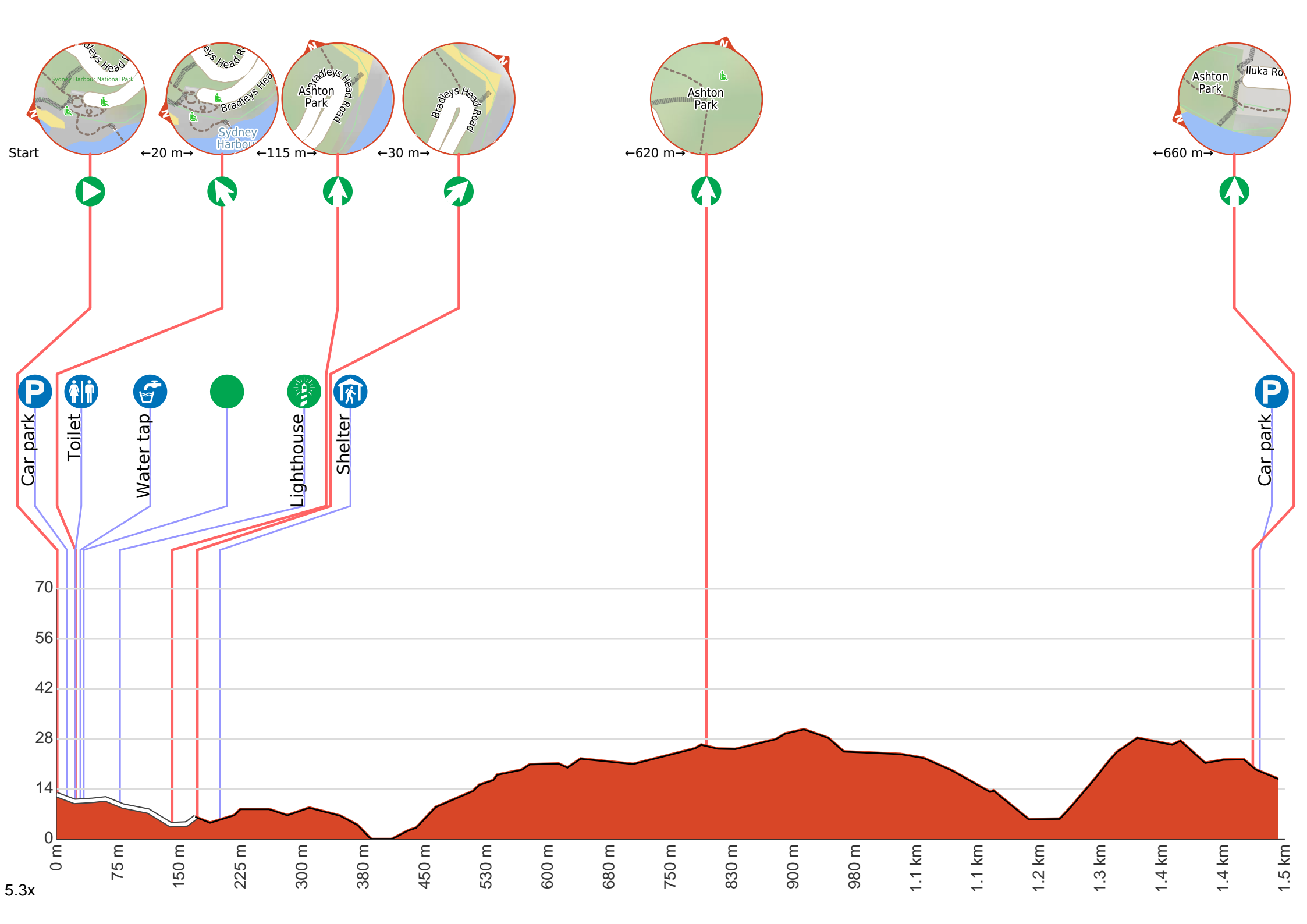
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

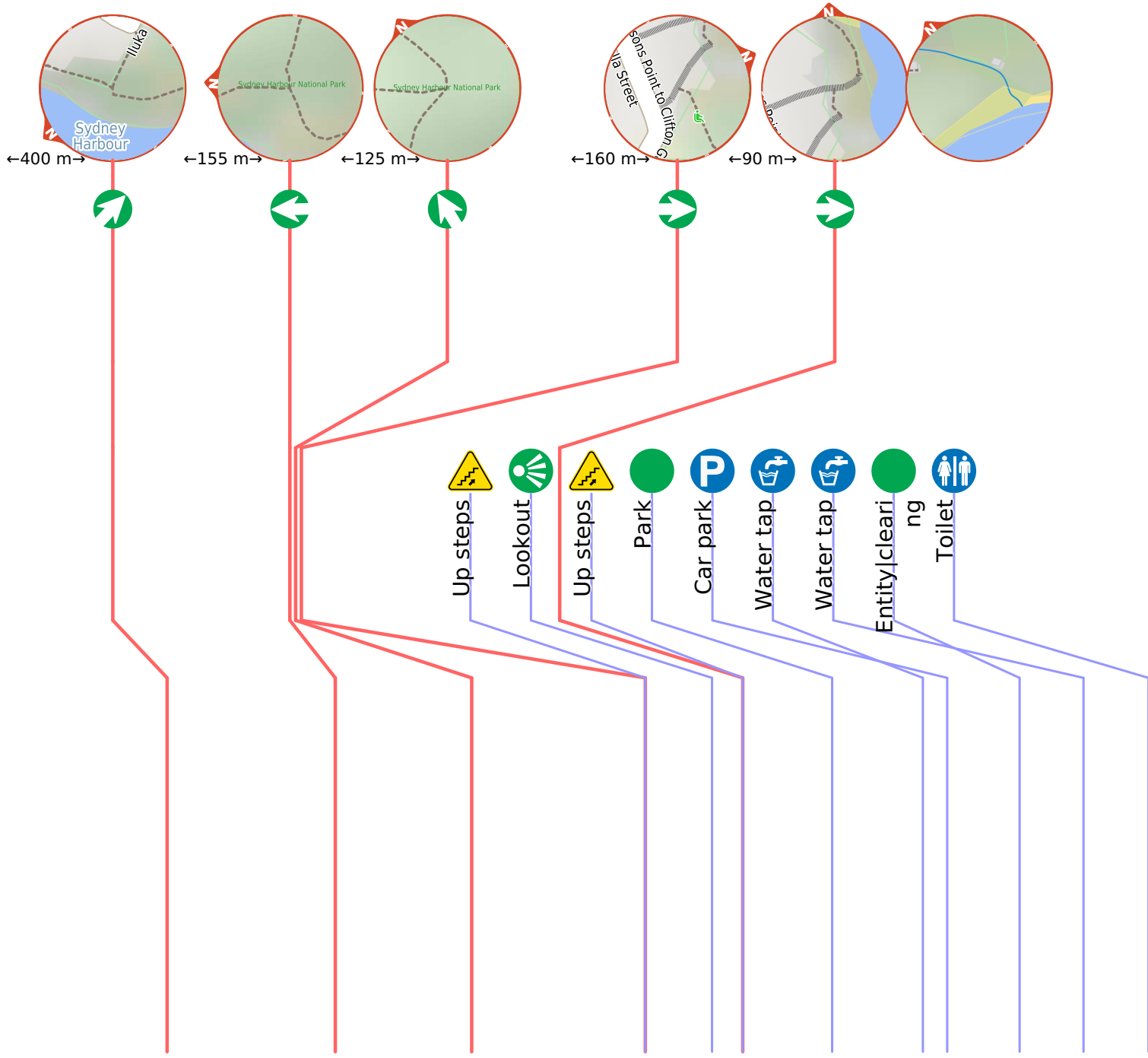
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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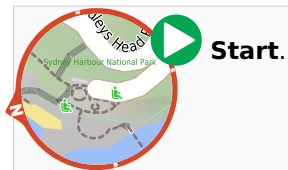






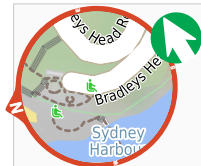


**Getting started:** From the intersection, this walk heads along the footpath, keeping the road to the left, for about 150m to where the road bends sharply left. From this point, this walk heads along boardwalk, on your right, keeping the water glimpses to your right. The boardwalk soon end and this walk follows the track along the side of the hill for about 600m to come to an intersection with a sign pointing back to 'Bradleys Head'.



**Start.**

**P** After 10 m to find the car park.



After another 10 m **veer left.**

Then pass the toilet (15 m on your left).

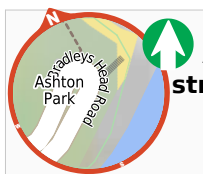
After another 6 m pass the water tap (9 m on your right).

Then find the "HMAS Sydney Memorial Mast" (7 m on your right).



The HMAS Sydney Memorial Mast was erected in 1934, following the HMAS Sydney's decommissioning in 1928. The mast stands as a sign of respect for 'Australian officers, sailors and ships lost at sea and in combat'. HMAS Sydney itself was a Chatham Class light cruiser which saw action in WW1.

After another 45 m pass the "Bradleys Head Lighthouse" (80 m on your right).



After another 65 m **continue straight.**

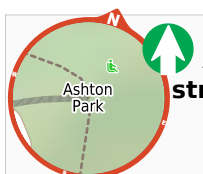


After another 30 m **veer right.**

After another 30 m pass the shelter (15 m on your left).

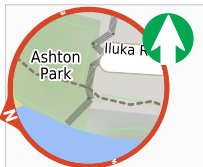


Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 790 m waypoint.

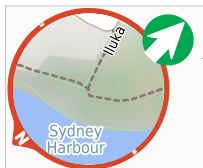


After another 590 m **continue straight.**

**P** After another 670 m pass the car park (175 m on your left).



**Continue straight.**



After another 400 m **veer right.**

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Chowder Head.



To start this optional side trip turn right here. **Start.**



After another 20 m come to the end.



About 70 m past the end is "Chowder Head".



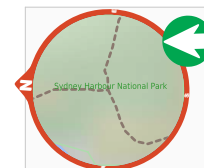
Chowder Head provides a small unfenced rocky outcrop to enjoy the wide harbour views. From this vantage point, there are views across the water to South Head, Vaucluse, Rose Bay, Shark Island and Bradleys Head. A great spot to watch the sailing boats on a clear day.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 20 m to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 2 km waypoint.



After another 155 m **turn left.**



After another 125 m **veer left.**



After another 160 m **turn right**.



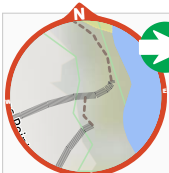
Then head up the steps (about 60 m long)



Then find the "Morella St lookout" (on your right).



This informally named clearing behind some houses on Morella St provides a great view across the harbour. The fairly large clearing has been maintained and is a good place to stop if wanting to avoid the large groups at Clifton Gardens.



After another 30 m **turn right**.



Then head up the steps (about 30 m long)



After another 50 m pass the "Clifton Gardens Reserve" (85 m on your left).



After another 105 m pass the "Clifton Gardens Car Park" (55 m on your left).  
This car park is wheelchair accessible.



Then pass the water tap (20 m on your left).



After another 150 m pass the water tap (on your right).



Then find the "Clifton Gardens Reserve" (15 m on your left).



Clifton Gardens was developed as a picnic spot in the late 1800s, with a local hotelier building a wharf and dance pavilion. In 1909, Sydney Ferries Ltd purchased the estate, and further developed the area, including a large swimming enclosure. The structure burned down in 1956. Today, Clifton Gardens is touted as 'remnant bushland', offering birdwatching, a netted swimming enclosure, change rooms, a fenced playground, and of course, spectacular views over Chowder Bay. A short bush track leads through to Rawson Oval.



After another 120 m pass the toilet (70 m on your left).  
This toilet is wheelchair accessible.

sunrise-sunset

