

RAILWAY TO RIVER

Discover the beauty of Chatswood and Chatswood West as you traverse the 3.5 km walk from Chatswood Train Station to the Lane Cove River. You will walk through suburban streets, gully rainforest, woodland and riverside plant communities. Simply follow the signs.

CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

The ridge below the Pacific Highway was once covered in massive Blue Gum (see cover photo) and Blackbutt trees. As you walk take notice of the remnant Blue Gum High Forest in streets, local parks and backyards.

Once in Ferndale Park, you will see ferns and other plants that love moist conditions in the closed forest along Swaines Creek.

As you near the Lane Cove River there is yet another change in the plants. Along the banks of the river are Grey Mangroves and plants that have adapted to survive the the harsh saline environment.



Brush-turkeys have recently returned to Willoughby's Reserves.

WILDLIFE CORRIDORS

Hidden behind suburban streets, Ferndale Park, Coolaroo and OH Reid Reserves provide a bush backyard for local residents and wildlife. The walk along the fern-clad Swaines Creek reveals a quieter, more peaceful side of Chatswood.



Nest boxes, like this one, are an easy way to start making your garden wildlife friendly. Adding native plants to your garden will also help. For more information on Bushfriendly Backyard gardening contact Willoughby City Council.

Once at the Lane Cove River, explore the magnificent Lane Cove National Park or join the Great North Walk.

WALKING TRACK CONDITIONS

Approx. 3.5 km one way. A 545 or 256 bus from Fullers Bridge will return you to Chatswood Station.

Grade:

Easy to medium on unsealed bush tracks with steps. Sturdy shoes required.

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Railway to River Walk



Did you know...

You can walk from Chatswood Station to the Lane Cove River and the National Park and be in bushland most of the way.

