# **ROUTE 6**

## **CHATSWOOD WEST**

2.5km walk (plus 2.4km return loop)

This magical walk takes you through tall trees and ferns alongside beautiful Blue Gum Creek. Stop and enjoy a picnic in Lane Cove National Park before returning via the shady groves beside the creek on the Railway to River walk.

Allow 1 hour 50 minutes if completing this loop walk. The main walk takes approximately 40 minutes. The return section takes approximately 1hr 10 minutes. Please note: Dogs are not allowed in any of the bushland areas of this walk.

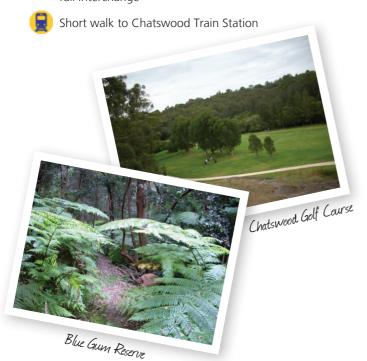
## **Nearby Amenities:**



Millwood Ave near Range St, Chatswood Train Station



Fullers Rd, short walk to Chatswood bus and rail interchange



#### WALKING NOTES: CHATSWOOD WEST LOOP

This walk starts at Dulwich Rd where you enter Blue Gum Park along the track marked to Kooba Ave. When you reach a sealed road – with a scout hall on the right – turn left up the sealed road to Kooba Ave. At the end of Greville St. take the path on the left beside number 158. The track goes through varied bushland along Blue Gum Creek. You may hear the sounds of Blue Gum Reserve's six species of frogs. Continue straight to where a track comes in from the left, and cross the creek. The track now follows the left side of the creek for some distance. There are remains of the old Chatswood Rifle range on the left. which was run by the Department of Defence from 1915 up to 1955. At the T-junction, with a large Blue Gum Park sign, turn left. The track emerges into more open country and goes under an aqueduct before coming out at Lady Game Drive. Across the bridge and to the right is an area of the Lane Cove National Park with toilets, picnic areas and barbecues and is a great place to stop for lunch. There is also an office of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, and in summer a boat-hiring service operates. Another attractive feature is Jenkins Cottage, built in 1856, behind the NPWS office. To continue to Walk 7 turn left down Lady Game Drive, cross Millwood Rd and Lady Game Drive, and take the path marked Rail to River Walk beside the bridge.

### **RETURN LOOP TO DULWICH ROAD**

Return along the Blue Gum Track the way you came and turn right at the junction with the Blue Gum Park sign, following the track marked Greville St Oval. When you reach the steps on the right, take these up to Greville St. There is coffee and snacks if you turn right up Fullers Rd, just past Range St. Continue until you reach the end of Sylvia St where you take the Ferndale Track off to the left. At the first junction take the left fork and follow the left side of Swaines Creek. This is a charming walk through shady groves beside an attractive creek. Cross Park Ave, then turn left and guickly right along the track marked Rail to River Walk. Follow this, keeping straight, until you meet Edgar St. If you turn right and follow the Rail to River signs from here, you get to Chatswood Railway Station. Otherwise follow the streets around to return to the start of the walk