

ROUTE 7

CHATSWOOD WEST TO LANE COVE NORTH

4.5km walk (plus 2km return loop)

Take a walk along the Lane Cove River and stunning bushland on this beautiful walk through Mowbray Park and Ferndale Park. The walk will take you along a mangrove boardwalk beside the river and past several middens and indigenous carvings. Look out for wildlife as Mowbray Park is home to a large variety of bird species.

2 hr 10 min.

Allow 1 hour 25 minutes for the main walk and an additional 45 minutes for the return section.

Nearby Amenities:



Epping Rd near the bridge over Lane Cove River



Epping Rd, Centennial Ave, Mowbray Rd

WALKING NOTES – LANE COVE NORTH

Join this walk at Fullers Rd beside the bridge over the Lane Cove River and take the left path marked Mowbray Park Walking Track. At the Rail to River sign veer right around the golf course.

Beware of golf balls on this section. Wait until players have hit off the tee before walking the first part, and until they have hit over the small creek.

Continue past the green and turn right along the path marked Mowbray Park. *Mowbray Park is home to more than 70 different bird species that you may spot or hear. Evidence of the original owners of the region, the Camaraigal Clan of the Guringai tribe, can also be found throughout this section of the park. On your way you will pass Judy's Arm, a popular destination for picnickers who rowed up the river from Fig Tree Wharf in the 1880s.* Stay on the lower track along the river until you reach a marker saying River Walk pointing left up some steps. At the top of the steps, take the left fork marked 'upper track' and follow this to Avro Cr. Turn into Avian Cr and take the track marked 'Upper Track' opposite number 16. Cross the clearing (ignoring the sealed path up to

the right) and follow the track beside the Mowbray Park sign. After 50 metres, take the right hand fork, then at the next marker turn right up to Hatfield St. *At Hart St there are pleasant views of Chatswood CBD to the left.* At the end of Hart St turn left into Coolaroo Rd and at the junction with Greenlands Rd, turn left down the track marked 'to Beaconsfield Rd'. This takes you to Moola Pde and the start of Walk 8 of the Round Willoughby Walk.

RETURN LOOP TO FULLERS ROAD

Take the steps up to Beaconsfield Rd, turn left and then right up Greville Street. At the end of Greville St, take the path on the right into Ferndale Park Reserve. Follow the Ferndale Park Track markers. At a junction take the Sylvia St fork (faint) rather than Dalrymple Rd fork (clear). Cross the creek and go left towards Harnett Place. *This is a very beautiful section of the walk alongside Swaines Creek.* Turn left up the steps at the Rail to River marker, and up to Greville Street. Make a right, then left turn into Lowanna Park and through to Fullers Road. Turn left here, and stay left, avoiding Millwood Road. Turn left into Bellevue Street, and left again into Hawthorne Ave. At the turning circle the track goes off to the right. Follow this to the O.H.Reid Oval and cross to the gate on the opposite side. Follow the road – Reid Drive – past the golf course, then opposite number 17 turn left down a track. This takes you back to the river where you rejoin the main walk. Turn right at the river to return to the starting point.

