

ROUTE 8

LANE COVE NORTH – ARTARMON – CHATSWOOD

2.7km walk (plus 2km return loop)

Complete this whole loop to take in the tall trees, ferns and rippling creek of Ferndale Park. This loop links local parks and also connects with route 1 of the Round Willoughby Walk.

1 hr 20 min.

Allow 40 minutes for the main walk and an additional 40 minutes for the return loop.

Nearby Amenities:

-  Artarmon Station, Pacific Highway
-  Pacific Highway, Mowbray Road, Epping Road
-  Artarmon Station

WALKING NOTES: CHATSWOOD LOOP

Starting at Moola Parade turn left into Dalrymple Avenue at the end. *There is attractive bushland of Coolaroo Reserve on the right.* Follow Dalrymple Avenue past the sandstone church of Holy Trinity Mowbray. Turn right into Campbell Park and follow the path through the park to Sharland Ave. *Campbell Park is an open parkland of remnant Blue Gum High Forest vegetation containing a playground and BBQs.* Once you reach Goodchap Rd, turn left to complete the loop walk (see directions below), or right to continue to Walk 1 of the Round Willoughby Walk. If continuing the main walk, follow Goodchap Rd to Mowbray Rd, crossing Pacific Highway and Mowbray Rd at the lights, and continue to Hampden Rd. Once you reach Artarmon Station, you can start Walk 1 of the Round Willoughby Walk by going through the underpass and turning right into Artarmon Reserve.

RETURN LOOP TO FULLERS ROAD

The return loop takes you through Ferndale Park and along a track beside the rocky Swaines Creek through wet sclerophyll forest and small pockets of rainforest. From Goodchap Road, turn left into Ivy St and enter Ferndale Park through the gate. Follow the track marked 'Ferndale Track' keeping to the right of Swaines Creek. *This is a*



Ferndale Park



lovely section of the walk, with a rippling creek, mossy rocks, tall trees and an abundance of ferns, providing a glimpse of the type of bushland that once covered the North Shore. Ferndale Park is now an important bushland corridor for wildlife. Follow the Ferndale Walk Track signs, crossing the creek twice. The track moves a little up hill and rejoins the creek, take the right fork and continue on the right hand side of Swaines Creek. At a marker with 4 on top take the left fork marked Greville St and cross the creek. At the junction, take the left fork marked Greville St going uphill away from the creek. Follow the track and turn left into Greville St. Go along Greville St left into Beaconsfield Rd, then right down the lane marked 'To Coolaroo Rd'. Follow this down to Moola Pde and the start of the walk.