Queens Beach to Hermit Point
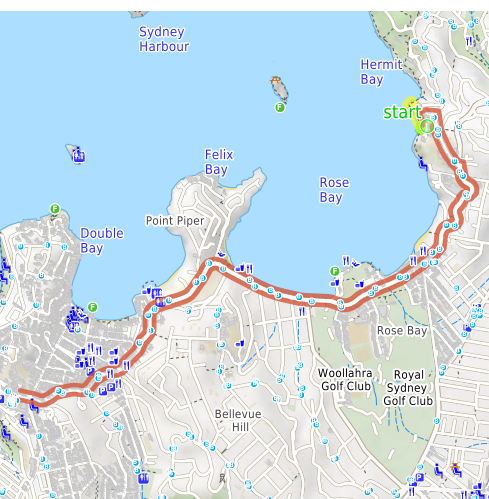## (Cadigal & Birrabirragal Country)
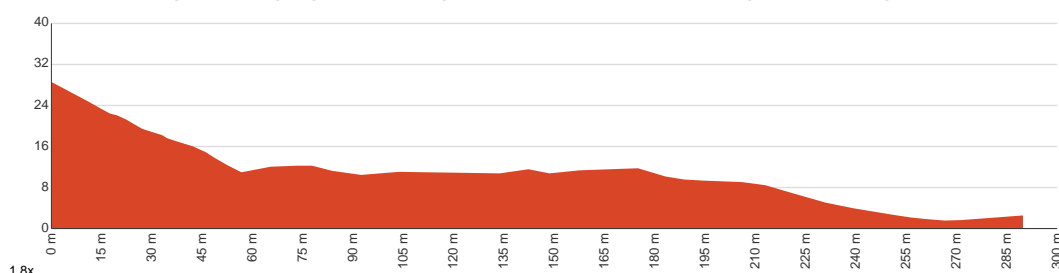
🚶 15 min to 20 min

📍 580 m Return

📈 ↑ 36 m ↓ 36 m

(3) Moderate track

This short walk explores a memorable section of the Hermitage Foreshore Walk. Starting from Queens Ave, this walk heads down the fairly steep stone steps and enjoys a short side trip to Queens Beach. From the beach, this walk heads back up the steps a short way, then follows the main walk around to Hermit Point. Hermit Point is a great place for a picnic and to enjoy the water views. There is access to the water, natural shade, and picnic tables. A short walk with great harbour views. Let us begin by acknowledging the Cadigal & Birrabirragal 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	
Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From New South Head Road

- Turn on to Vaucluse Road then drive for 440 m
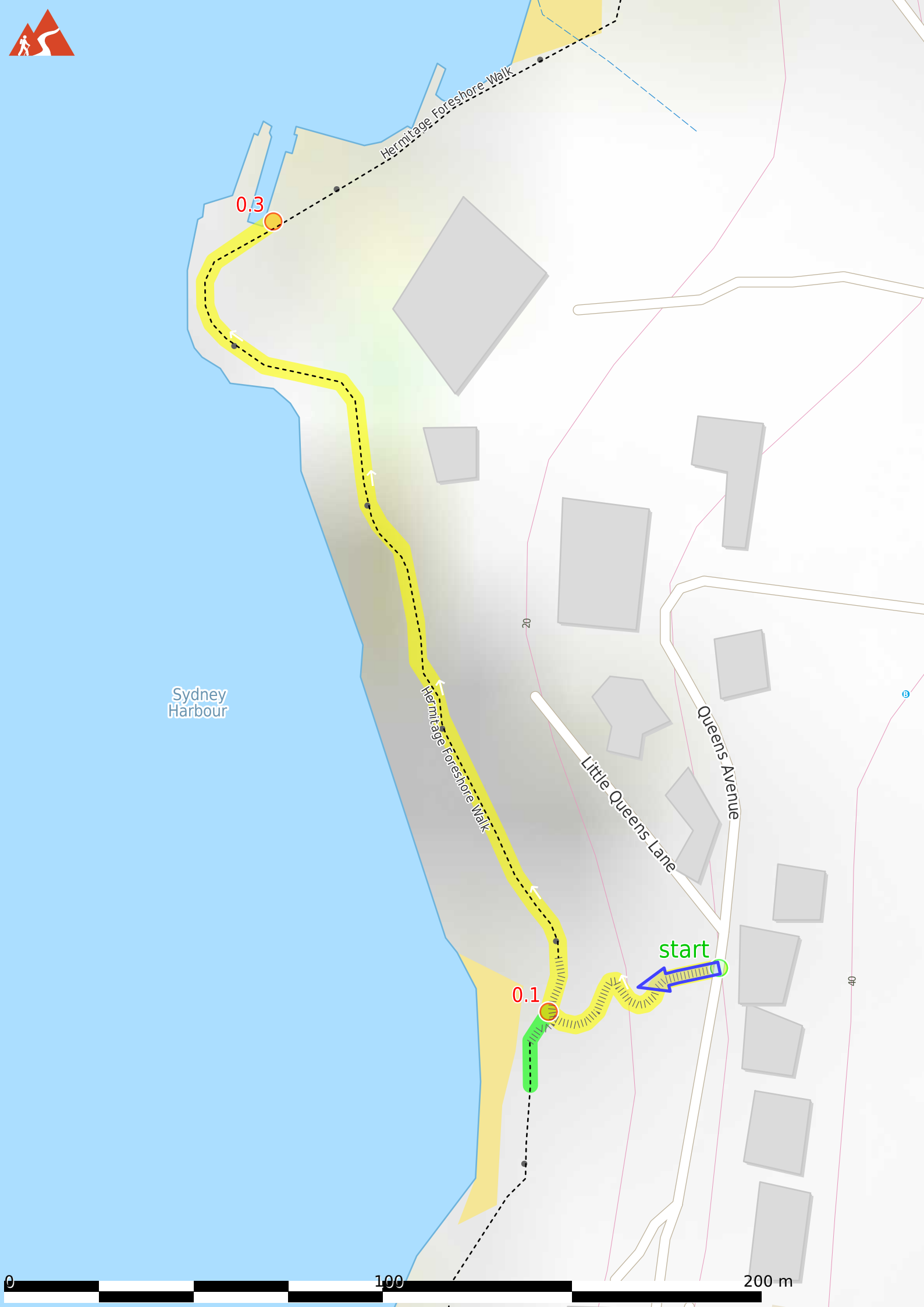- Turn left onto Queens Avenue and drive for another 165 m

Before you start any journey ensure you;
• 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.

Hermitage Foreshore Walk

Hermitage Foreshore Walk

Sydney
Harbour

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start

Little Queens Lane

Queens Avenue

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200 m

Start

←55 m→

←235 m→

Down steps

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0 m 15 m 30 m 45 m 60 m 75 m 90 m 105 m 120 m 135 m 150 m 165 m 180 m 195 m 210 m 225 m 240 m 255 m 270 m 285 m 300 m

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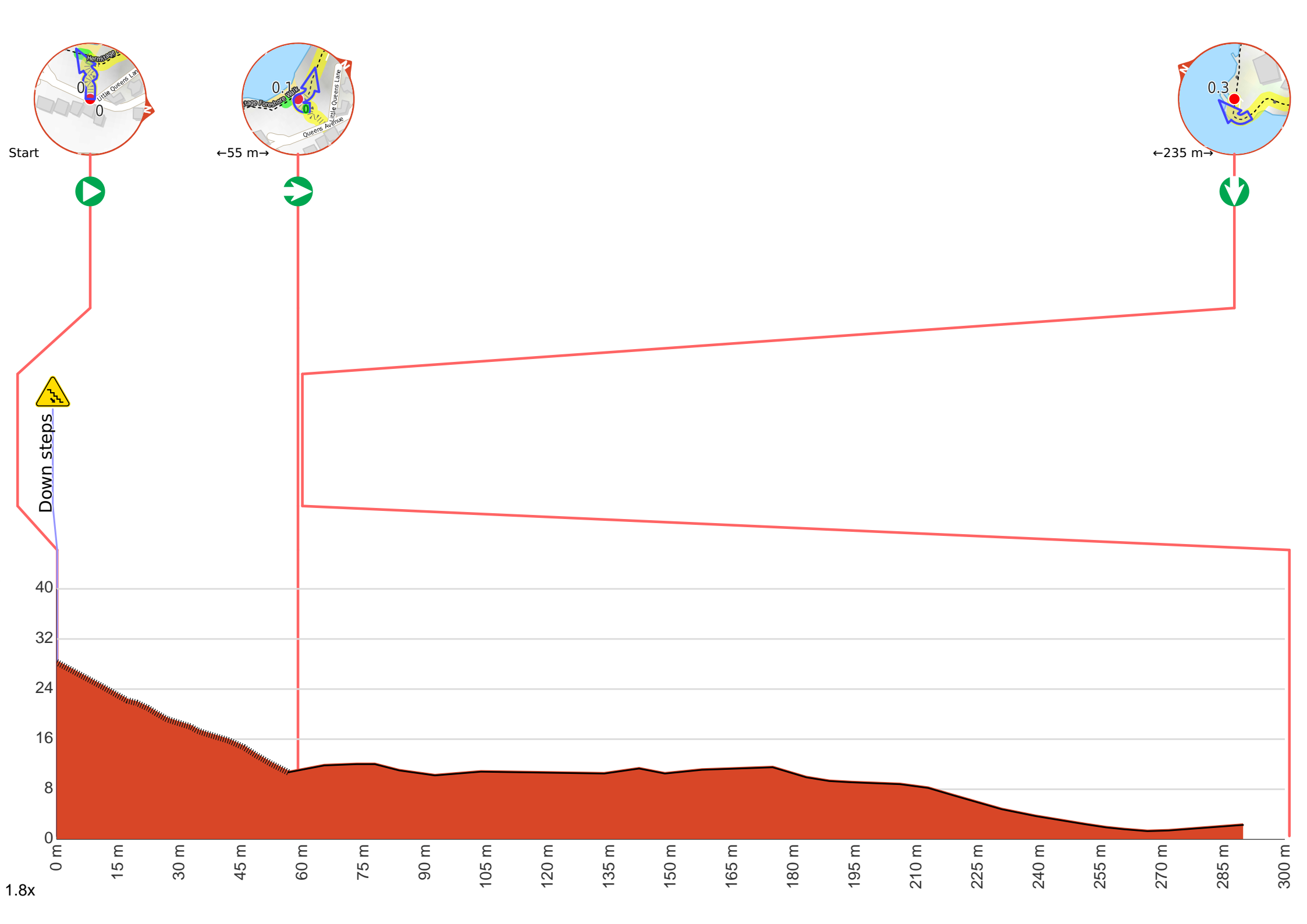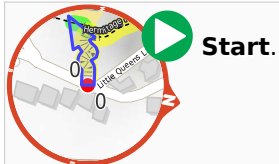**Getting started:** From the 'Hermitage Foreshore Walk - Queens Beach' sign on Queens Ave (just near Little Queens Lane), this walk heads down the sandstone steps towards the water. Partway down the steps (before the beach), this track comes to three-way intersection with the main Hermitage Foreshore walking track.

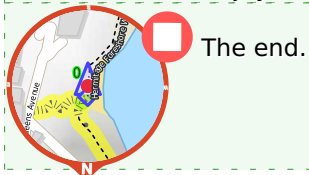**Start**.

⚠️ Then head down the steps (about 55 m long)

To start this optional side trip turn left here. **Start** heading along *Hermitage Foreshore Walk*.
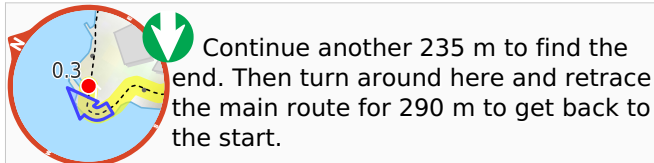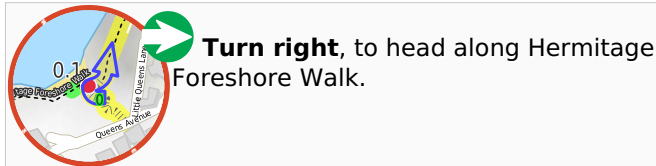
🟢 After another 20 m come to "Queens Beach".

Queens Beach is a small, 50m wide sandy beach that faces west, near Queens Ave Vaucluse. The beach has the Hermitage Foreshore walk running behind it. The beach is protected from the ocean surf and is not patrolled. There are great views across the harbour to the city and Harbour Bridge. A quiet spot, providing an excuse to enjoy the view and splash the feet.

The end.

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

↗️ Back at the main route veer right and follow on from the 55 m waypoint.

Turn right, to head along Hermitage Foreshore Walk.

Continue another 235 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 290 m to get back to the start.

🟢 About 10 m past the end is "Hermit Point".

Hermit Point hosts a grassy open area and is surrounded by a sandstone sea wall. The sea wall has been shaped to host some boat pens, a launch and a timber wharf. The area is now protected as part of the Sydney Harbour National Park. Here, you will find a number of picnic tables, a small sandstone cave, natural shade and some great water views. The headland, bay and ultimately the Hermitage Foreshore Walk, derive their names from the large home behind this point. The Hermitage was originally built in 1840 by Alexander Dick, then in the 1870's, Edward Mason Hunt undertook some significant renovations, turning it into a Victorian Rustic Gothic house.

🟢 About 115 m past the end is "Hermit Bay beach".

This secluded beach in Hermit Bay (just north of Hermit Point) is home to a 40m-wide, east facing sandy beach. Behind the beach is the Hermitage Foreshore walk track and a few houses through the trees. The beach is lined with some natural sandstone sculptures of interesting form and is a quiet place to enjoy the wide harbour views.