

Wattamolla picnic area to Wattamolla Dam

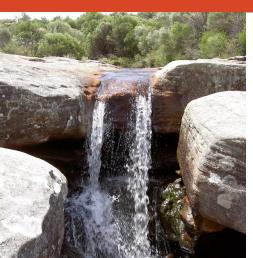
(Dharawal Country)

🟌 40 min to 45 min



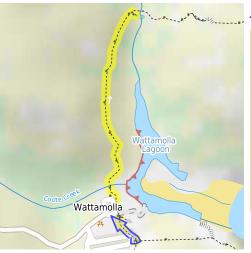






This short return walk starts from the Wattamolla picnic area car park, and winds north along the Coast Track to the Wattamolla Dam. The small dam is nestled below a waterfall on Wattamolla creek and is a great spot for a quiet dip before lunch. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharawal people, Traditional 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	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
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 Sir Bertram Stevens Drive

- Turn on to Wattamolla Road then drive for 3.3 km
- Turn sharp right and drive for another 50 m
- Turn left and drive for another 120 m

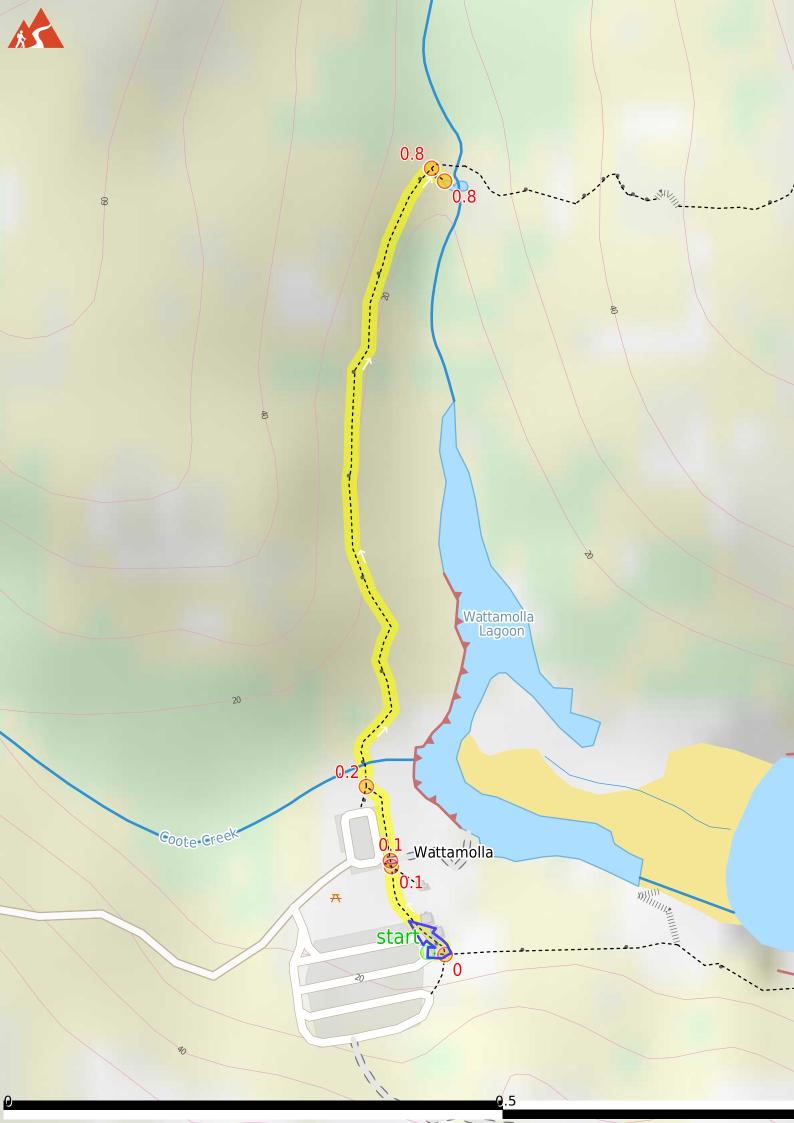


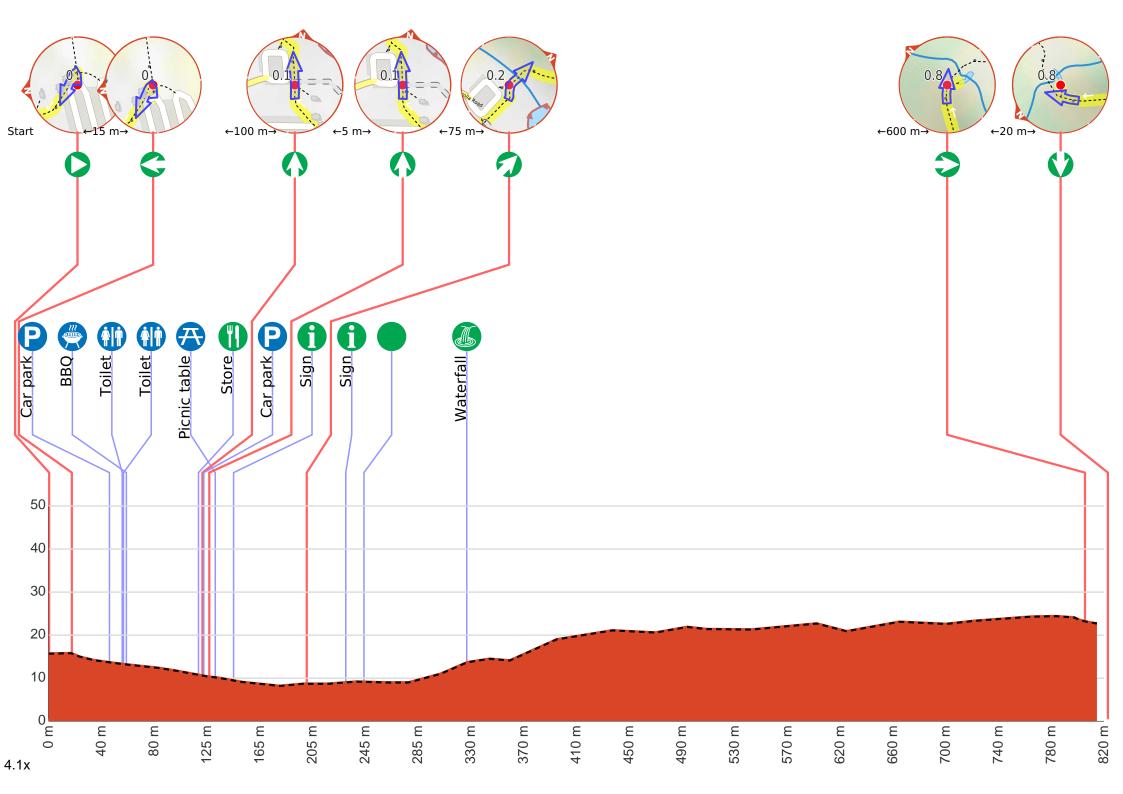
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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.







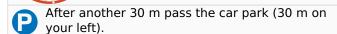
Getting started: From the toilet block, this walk follows the path down the hill and through the car park to the northern end of the picnic area, near the creek crossing.

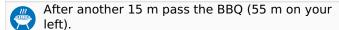


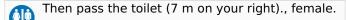
Start.



After another 15 m turn left.







- Then pass the toilet (on your right)., male.
 - After another 70 m pass the picnic table (70 m on your left).
- Then find the "Wattamolla Kiosk" (30 m on your right).



The Wattamolla Kiosk in the Wattamolla Picnic Area provides basic supplies for day visitors. The kiosk does not keep strict hours and opens depending on weather and demand. It usually opens on weekends at around 10:30am and closes between 4 and 6pm. You can buy icecreams, drinks and some hot food. For more information, call Audley Kiosk on (02) 9521 2240.



After another 3 m continue straight.

Then pass the car park (on your left).

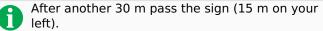


After another 4 m continue straight.

After another 20 m pass the sign (5 m on your right).



After another 55 m veer right.





After another 15 m find the "Wattamolla Picnic Area" (35 m on your left).



Wattamolla Picnic Area is found at the end of Wattamolla Road, about halfway along the coastline of Royal National Park. The area is blessed with a great beach, a lagoon and some wonderful creeks and rocks to explore. The small beach faces west and is tucked away in a deep bay. The lagoon sits behind the beach and is lined with sand on one side, and cliffs and rocks on the other shore. The picnic area has large open grassy areas, with some shade provided by trees and some picnic shelters. There is a small kiosk (often open weekends), toilets, electric BBQs and two car parks. There is water here, but needs to be treated before drinking. There is a gate on the road that is locked at night, the gate is open from 7am to 8:30pm.



After another 80 m pass the waterfall (55 m on your right).



After another 480 m turn right.

Continue another 20 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 810 m to get back to the start.

About 15 m past the end is "Wattamolla Dam".



Wattamolla pool (or dam), Royal National Park, is a small water hole on Wattamolla Creek, above the lagoon. The pool is on the Coast Track near Wattamolla picnic area and offers a quiet spot for a dip and a rest. The pool is formed by a small, constructed sandstone dam and fed by a small waterfall above.