

The Pipeline Track (Darug Country)

🔥 2 h to 4 h

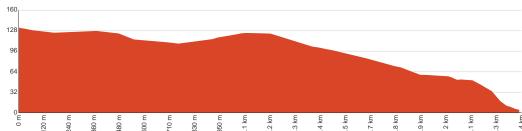








This walk explores the bush from St Ives and follows the pipeline down the the banks of Middle Harbour. There are a few steep sections in the second half of the walk. This walk is an interesting way to get into the heart of Garigal National Park following the Founders track. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darug people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

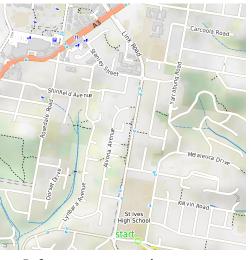




Class 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles Quality of track Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6) Gradient Short steep hills (3/6) Signage Directional signs along the way (3/6) Infrastructure Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6) Experience Required No experience required (1/6) Weather Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Mona Vale Road, A3

- Turn on to Link Road then drive for 500 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Horace Street and drive for another 1.1 km
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Hunter Avenue and drive for another 170 m
- Turn right and drive for another 2 m

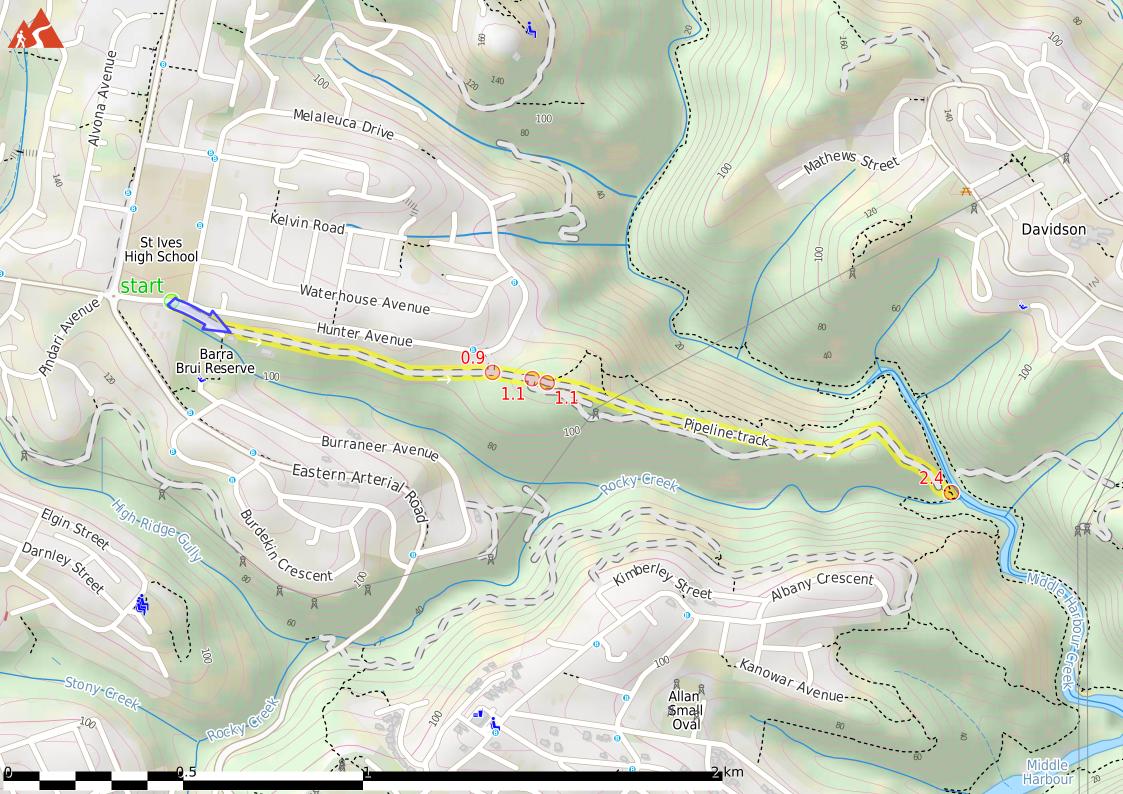


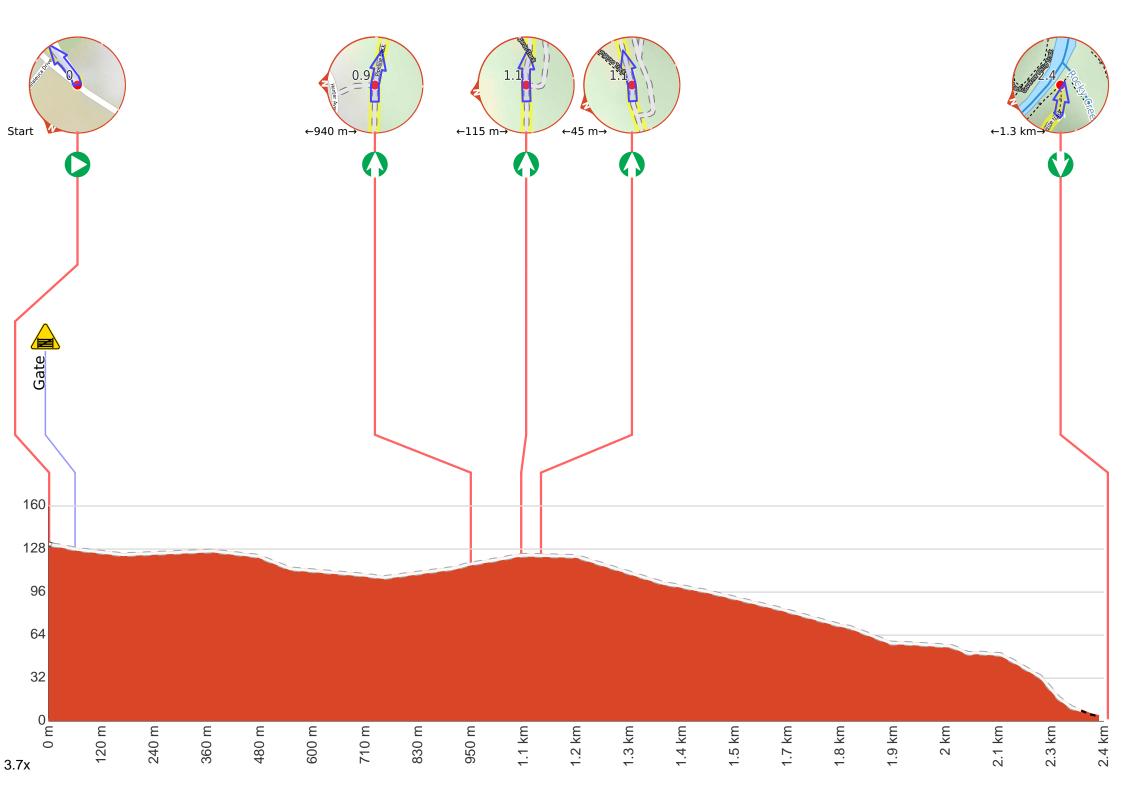
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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 intersection, this walk heads through the metal gate and follows the service trail down the hill, keeping the pipeline on the right, as it heads through the bush and behind the houses to the intersection of the wide service trail on the left.



Start.



After 60 m head through/around the gate.



After another 890 m continue straight.







After another 800 m continue straight.

Continue another 470 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 2.4 km to get back to the start.



"Pipeline".



This pipeline is unearthed at Hunter Street, St Ives, and travels through Garigal National Park, across Middle Harbour Creek to John Oxley Drive, Sorlie. The pipe carries water under pressure From Ryde to Pymble to the reservoir at Beacon Hill. The old smaller-capacity pipe can still be seen running parallel to the larger pipe.