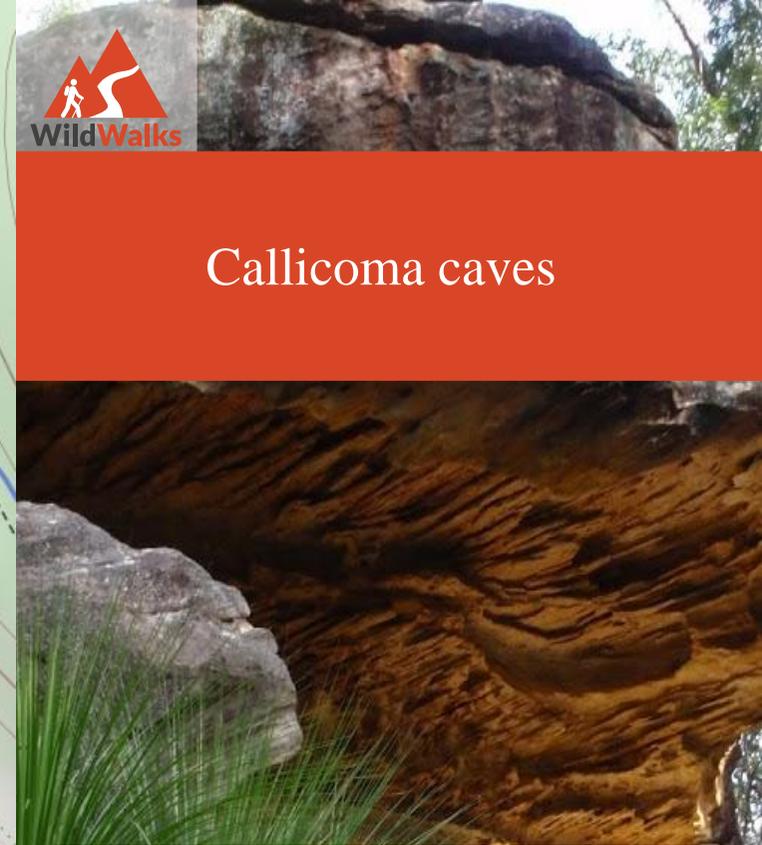
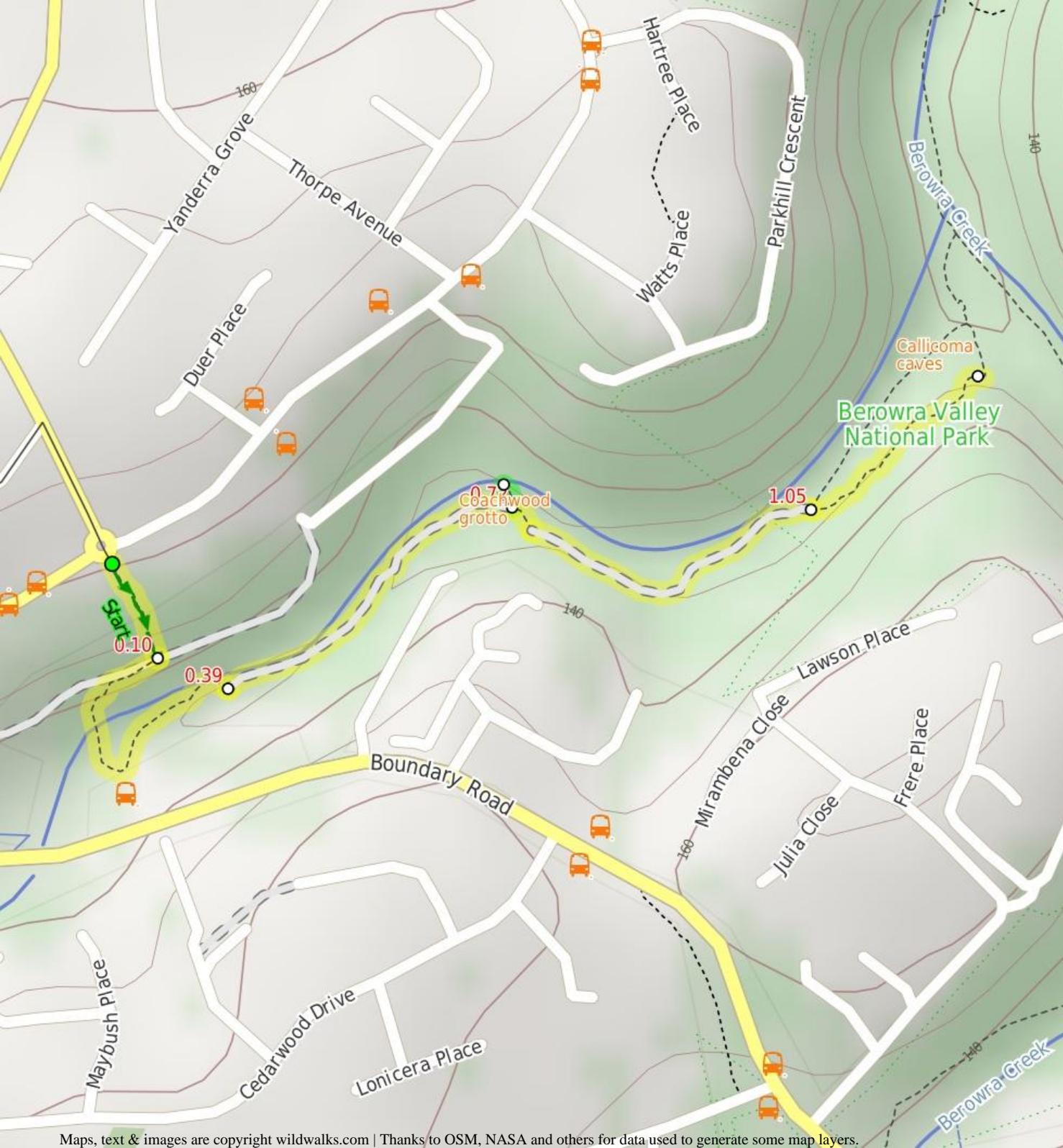


## Callicoma caves



1 hr 30 mins

Hard track

2.5 km Return

↑ 86m

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This walk provides a beautiful mixture of scenery, including rainforest-like sections along the creek, as well as drier forest with grass trees and beautiful sandstone overhangs. The walk starts on Francis Greenway Dr and follows part of the Callicoma Walk. There are two main points of interest on the walk, the 'Coachwood Grotto' and the 'Callicoma Caves', making it a rewarding walk.

124m

Berowra Valley National Park

### Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

**Getting there** You can get to Francis Greenway Dr trackhead (gps: -33.728, 151.0483) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a return, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/cc>

### 0 | Francis Greenway Dr trackhead

*(100 m 3 mins)* From the intersection of Francis Greenway Drive and Macquarie Drive, the walk follows the 'Bushland Walking Trail' arrow, then goes steeply down the stepped bush track, arriving at an intersection with a management trail, marked with a 'Callicoma Walk' signpost.

### 0.1 | Int of Callicoma Walk and Thorpe Ave trail

*(290 m 7 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail gently up the hill and soon branches to the left at an unmarked intersection, following a bush track gently down the hill away from the houses. Immediately after crossing the creek, on concrete stepping stones, the track bends to the left (just behind the houses) then meanders along, keeping the creek on the left, before reaching an intersection at the top of the wooden steps, marked with a 'Callicoma Walk' signpost.

### 0.39 | Int of sewer management trail and Callicoma Walk

*(330 m 5 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the track going gently down the hill, keeping the creek on the left. The track passes several sewer inspection points before arriving at the intersection marked with an '8' sign (just before the track bends up the hill to the right).

### 0.72 | Optional sidetrip to Coachwood grotto

*(20 m 1 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the steps steeply down the hill, soon coming to the viewing spot. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

### 0.72 | Coachwood grotto

This beautiful, shady spot is beside Nyrippin creek, on the Callicoma Walk near Cherrybrook. The 'grotto' is an open area, shaded by Coachwood trees, with a curved section of low cliffs across the creek, giving an 'amphitheatre' feeling. This is a very atmospheric spot to sit and relax for a while.

### 0.72 | Number 8 sign

*(330 m 6 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the stepped track going up the hill, leaving the creek on the left, and soon arrives at the signposted intersection for the 'Callicoma Walk'.

Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail gently down the hill, keeping the creek on the left (ignore a bush track going to the right where the main track drops a little to the left). The track then becomes a bush track and bends to the right at a ventilation stack, climbing some steps to arrive at the 4 way intersection.

### 1.05 | Nyrippin Creek four ways

*(210 m 5 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk goes steeply up the hill using the wooden steps. The walk then swings to the left and follows the short cliff line, on the right, before reaching a large overhang at the end of the cliffline, marked with a number '6' sign.

### 1.26 | Callicoma caves

The Callicoma caves are a series of large sandstone overhangs on the Callicoma Walk near Cherrybrook. These beautiful sandstone overhangs are a highlight on the walks in the area. The sandstone has some beautiful texture and golden colouring.

