

# Currie Rd Track



**1 hr 30 mins**

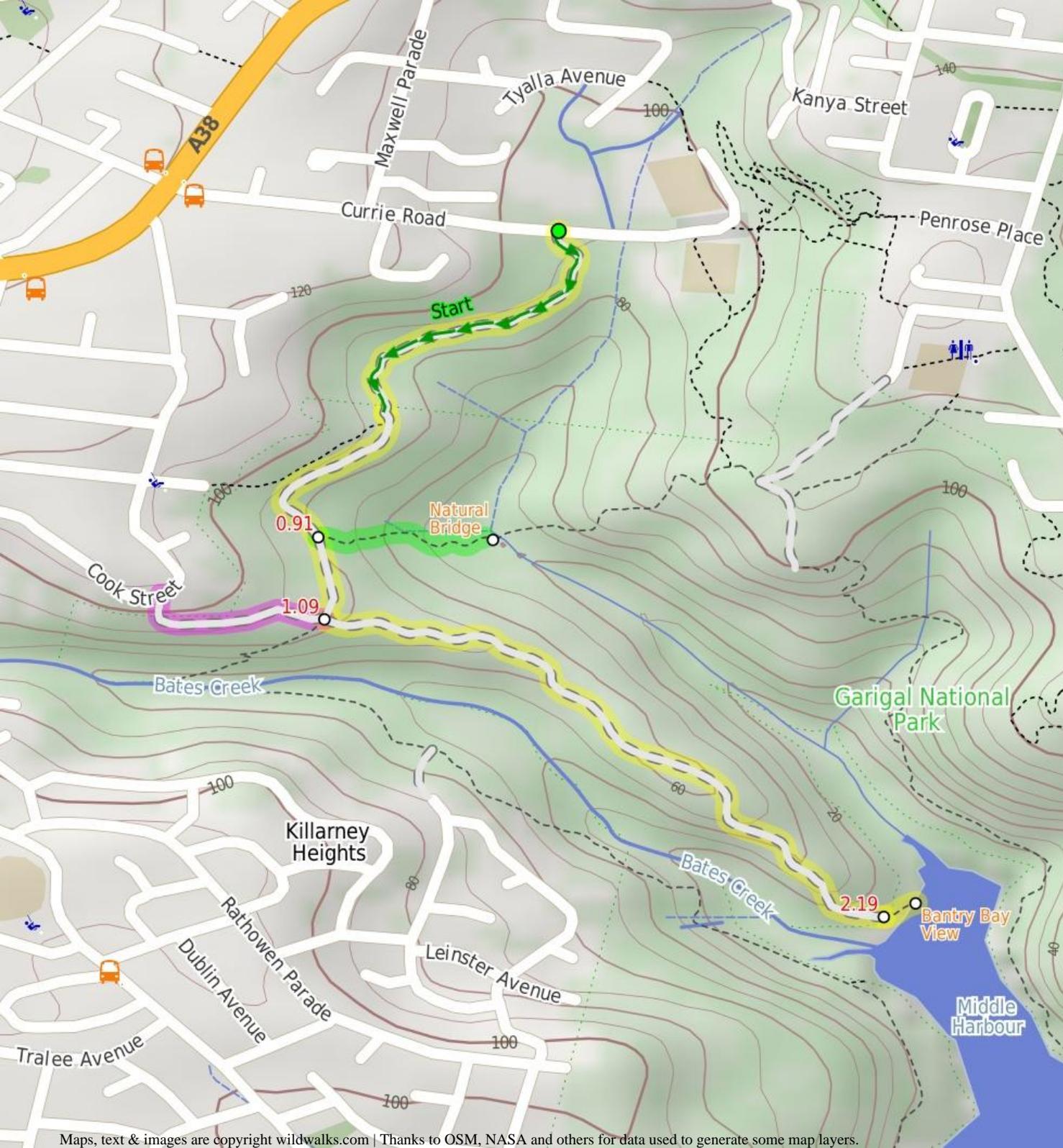
**Hard track**

**4.5 km Return**

**▲ 145m**



This nice walk explores some of the service trails at the northern end of Bantry Bay, in Garigal National Park. This walk is a great way to see many wildflowers, and some wildlife, of the area. The side trip to the Natural Bridge is worth the effort to see this interesting rock formation. Most of the walk is fairly flat with the exception of the last few meters to the water's edge where the track is quite rough. There is an option to exit at Cook St, just near a bus stop.



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Garigal 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 Start of Currie Road service trail (gps: -33.7601, 151.2247) 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/crt>

### 0 | Start of Currie Road service trail

(910 m 16 mins) From the intersection, this walk heads through the metal gate and along the service trail for a short distance before coming to some power lines. This trail follows the power lines through the bush, winding along beside the telegraph poles for a little while before coming to the intersection with the service trail that heads up the hill to the right.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the flat service trail heading south, in the opposite direction of the closest telegraph pole, winding alongside the power lines for a little while. The trail then breaks away from the power lines, heading through thicker vegetation until it comes to the signposted intersection of the Natural Bridge Track.

### 0.91 | Optional sidetrip to Natural Bridge

(250 m 6 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Natural Bridge' sign along the bush track, heading down the rocky hill which steepens as it winds down a few sets of wooden steps. The track then flattens out to a gentle descent, and winds down through the bush until coming to a wide stone arch referred to as the Natural Bridge, crossing a creek that feeds into Bantry Bay. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

### 0.91 | Natural Bridge

The Natural Bridge is a sandstone arch in Garigal National Park. The arch spans an unnamed creek feeding into Bantry Bay. The Natural Bridge track uses this arch to cross the creek, and is not always noticed by walkers as the surrounding vegetation hides the full view of the feature from the track. The arch has formed the eroding forces of water flowing down the creek. The arch provides an interesting natural feature to explore and enjoy.

### 0.91 | Int of Natural Bridge and Currie Road Tracks

(180 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the H/H walker on the 'Currie Road Track' sign south,

along the service trail. The track soon comes to a four-way intersection with a large gum tree in the centre.

### 1.09 | Alternate Route Int of Bates Creek and Currie Rd t

(290 m 7 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads west uphill along the wide management trail. At the top of the hill, the track turns left and heads behind the houses. It soon turns right and heads up though a cutting, around the gate and up onto Cooks St, Forestville (opposite number 76).

### 1.09 | Int of Bates Creek and Currie Rd tracks

(1.1 km 21 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail heading south east, gently down hill. The track gently winds down the hill passing some interesting rocky outcrops along the way. As the track starts to steepen it passes two service trails on the left (same track looping around), then becomes steeper before coming to an end at a small clearing (with a bush track heading down to the water).

### 2.19 | End of Service trail

(50 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the end of the service trail, this walk follows the bush track down the rocky path for a short distance to the waters edge where there is a great view of Bantry Bay from the rocky shoreline.

### 2.24 | Bantry Bay View

Bantry Bay View is a small, informal lookout, found at the end of a track on the northern end of Bantry Bay, in Garigal National Park. The track finishes on the rocky shoreline looking down Bantry Bay. On the right of the bay is the Bantry Bay Explosives Magazine complex, and on the left is the Bantry Bay Picnic Area. You can see along Middle Harbour to Seaforth. There are usually plenty of boats in the otherwise quiet waters.

