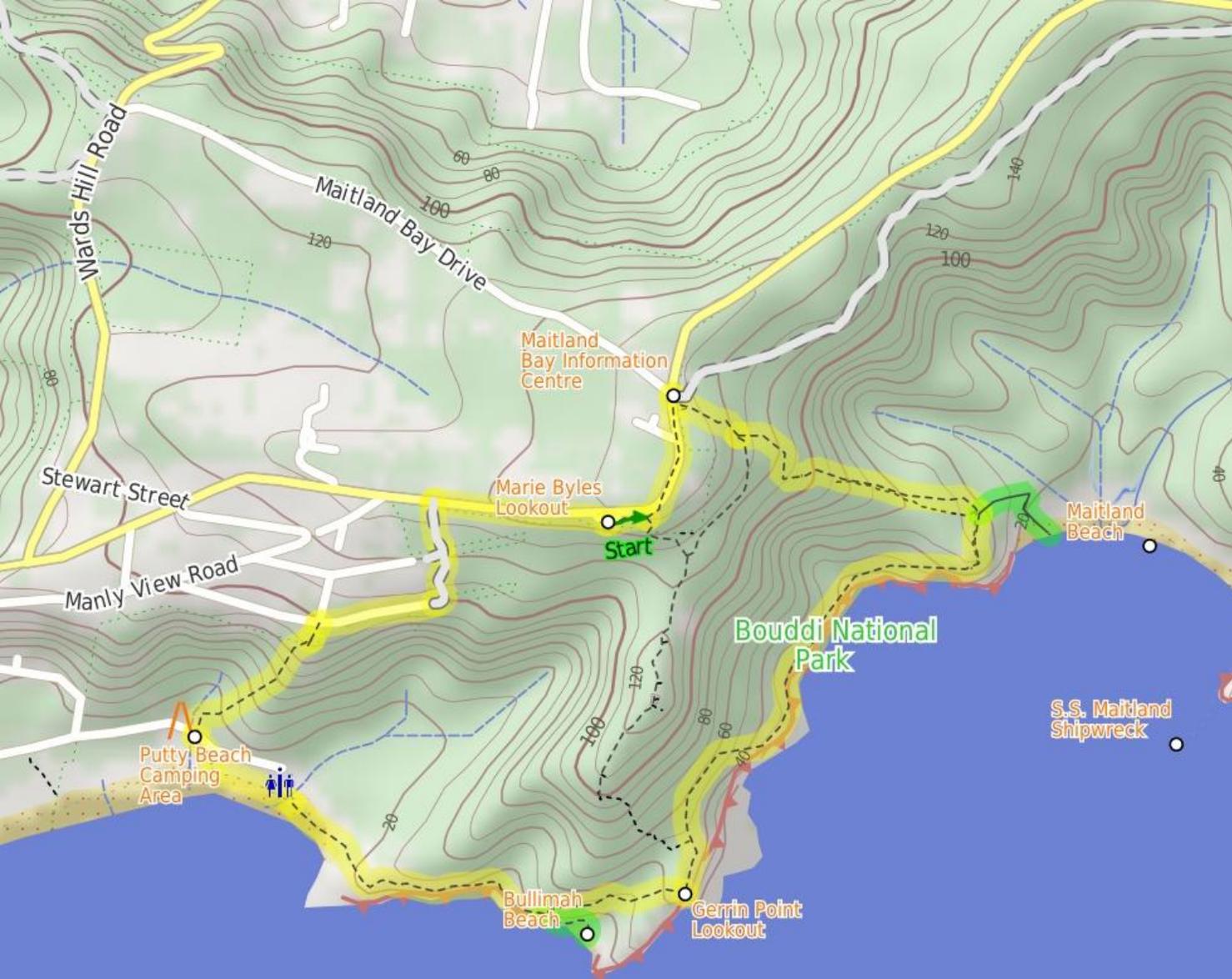


Gerrin Point Circuit



2 hrs 30 mins

Hard track

5.2 km Circuit

▲ 269m



A fantastic loop walk, showcasing the stunning coastal views and scenery of the Bouddi National Park. Optional sidetrips to a couple of beaches, and the opportunity to see the wreckage of the S.S. Maitland, add some variety to the walk.

155m

1m

Bouddi National Park

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Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an enjoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast ([BOM Hunter District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Bouddi National Park](#))
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

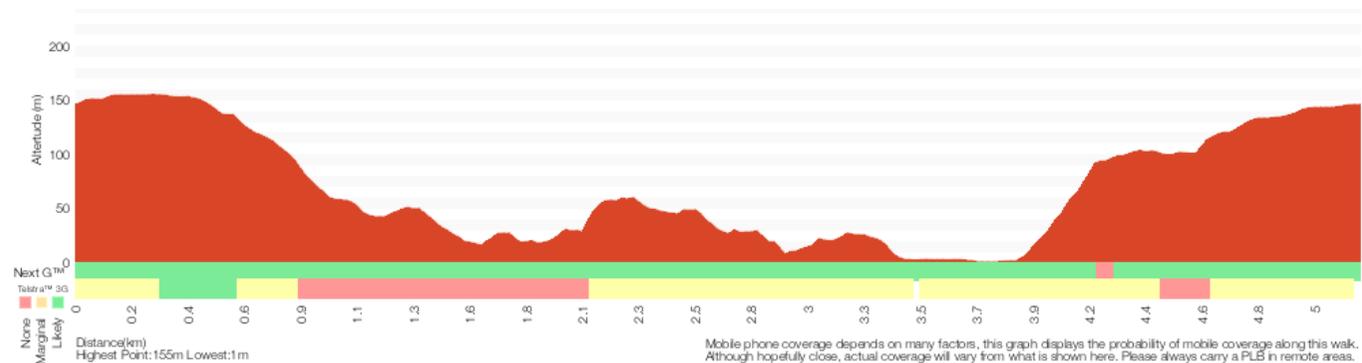
- T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

Topo Maps

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include;

1:25 000 Map Series:91301N BROKEN BAY

1:100 000 Map Series:9130 SYDNEY



Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



Grade 4/6
Hard track

Length	5.2 km Circuit
Time	2 hrs 30 mins
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)

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 walk 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 Marie Byles Lookout (gps: -33.5228, 151.3812) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit, 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/gpc>

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Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads north, keeping the road above to the left. The track tends left to a dirt driveway and the road, continuing along the road and passing a large water tank on the left. The walk continues to the Maitland Bay Information Centre, approximately 300m up the road.

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(180 m 4 mins) Turn sharp right: From the information centre, the walk passes the information sign to the start of the car park. From the car park, the walk follows the Maitland Bay sign left, down the hill. The walk then heads down the staircase for some time to a signposted intersection.

0.59 | Int. of Maitland Bay Info Centre Trk and Bullimah

(630 m 14 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track down the staircase. The walk winds through the forest, passing a rock platform with nice views over Maitland Bay. The track continues down the hill from the rock platform, keeping the rock face to the right and an overhang to the left, continuing for some time before crossing over a wooden bridge and going down more steps to a signposted intersection.

1.22 | Optional sidetrip to Maitland Beach West End

(250 m 6 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the footpath

down the hill, descending some steps, towards the beach that can be heard. The walk heads down to Maitland Beach with the final stretch winding down through open scrub to the sandy beach. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

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1.22 | Int. of Maitland Bay Trk and Bouddi Coastal Walk

(1.3 km 31 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill, following the track marked by the 'Bouddi Coastal Walk' sign. The track goes over many rises with steps, and crosses fenced bridges over the valleys between. This continues for some time, until the track arrives in a clearing before a fenced lookout, Gerrin Point.

2.55 | Gerrin Point Lookout

Gerrin Point Lookout is a fenced lookout with stunning views of Maitland Bay and north up the coast. The lookout has a bench seat built into the fence. Gerrin Point is well worth a visit, or a stop on your walk, however it is exposed to the elements and can become quite windy.

2.55 | Gerrin Point

(330 m 7 mins) Turn right: From Gerrin Point lookout, this walk follows the track down the hill, keeping the water below on the left. The track continues along steps and boardwalks, following the hillside to the sign posted intersection.

2.88 | Optional sidetrip to Bullimah Beach

(140 m 3 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads down the boardwalk track following the 'Bullimah Beach' sign. The walk follows the boardwalk staircase down to the beach below. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

2.88 | Bullimah Beach

Bullimah Beach, Bouddi National Park, is a small, yellow sand beach pressed into Gerrin Point headland and the surrounding cliffs. The beach is south-west facing, with views over the South Pacific Ocean to the Barrenjoey and Avalon headlands.

2.88 | Int. of Bullimah Beach Trk and Bouddi Coastal Walk

(880 m 18 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the edge of the headland following the railed pathway, with the ocean below on the left. As the track rounds the headland to Putty Beach, it passes a red rock

area and continues down to a staircase onto the beach. The walk then heads approximately 150m along the beach, to where the creek has cut through the sand.

Continue straight: From the creek, this walk heads west along the beach, keeping the water on the left. After approximately 200m, the walk reaches a spot on the beach opposite a white-roofed building behind the dunes, just before another wide (dry) creek entry.

3.76 | Putty Beach

Putty Beach, Bouddi National Park, is a large south-easterly facing beach that is almost completely framed by National Park. On the north-eastern end of the beach is the Bouddi Trail, and a large car park and campsite. At the south-western end of the beach is the Killcare Surf Lifesaving Club. Putty Beach is a patrolled beach and locals enjoy it for a surf, swim or dive.

3.76 | Putty Beach Camping Area Trk

(90 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the beach, this walk heads away from the ocean towards the white-roofed building behind the beach. The track winds along the fenced sandy track to Putty Beach camping area.

3.85 | Putty Beach Camping Area

Putty Beach camping area is a spacious, grassed area with easy access to the beach. The campsite is also home to many Brush Turkeys. Facilities include drinking water, flush toilets, open-air showers, rubbish bins, BBQ's (gas/electric). Wood fires not permitted. Campsites must be booked in peak periods, up to 3 months in advance. They can be booked by phoning (02) 4320 4203. A campsite costs \$14/ adult (16+) and \$7/child (5-15). Park Entry and parking: Parking and entry costs \$7/ 24 hours. Single park entry passes can be picked up from Killcare Cellars and General Store - 56 Araluen Drive, Killcare. Alternatively they can be obtained from ticket dispensers in the Picnic and Camping Areas. General enquiries - call DECC Central Coast (02) 4320 4200 or 4329 4280.

3.85 | Putty Beach Camping Area

(410 m 16 mins) Veer right: From the campsite, this walk heads away from the ocean, passing through the campsite on the uphill side of the road. The track leads up through the back of this campsite and into the bush. Winding up the hill, the track comes to a fenced house, then turns right and soon comes to an intersection with another track.

Veer left: From the intersection, the walk heads away from the ocean, passing a 'Bouddi National Park' sign and some power poles near the road.

4.26 | Jacqueline Ave

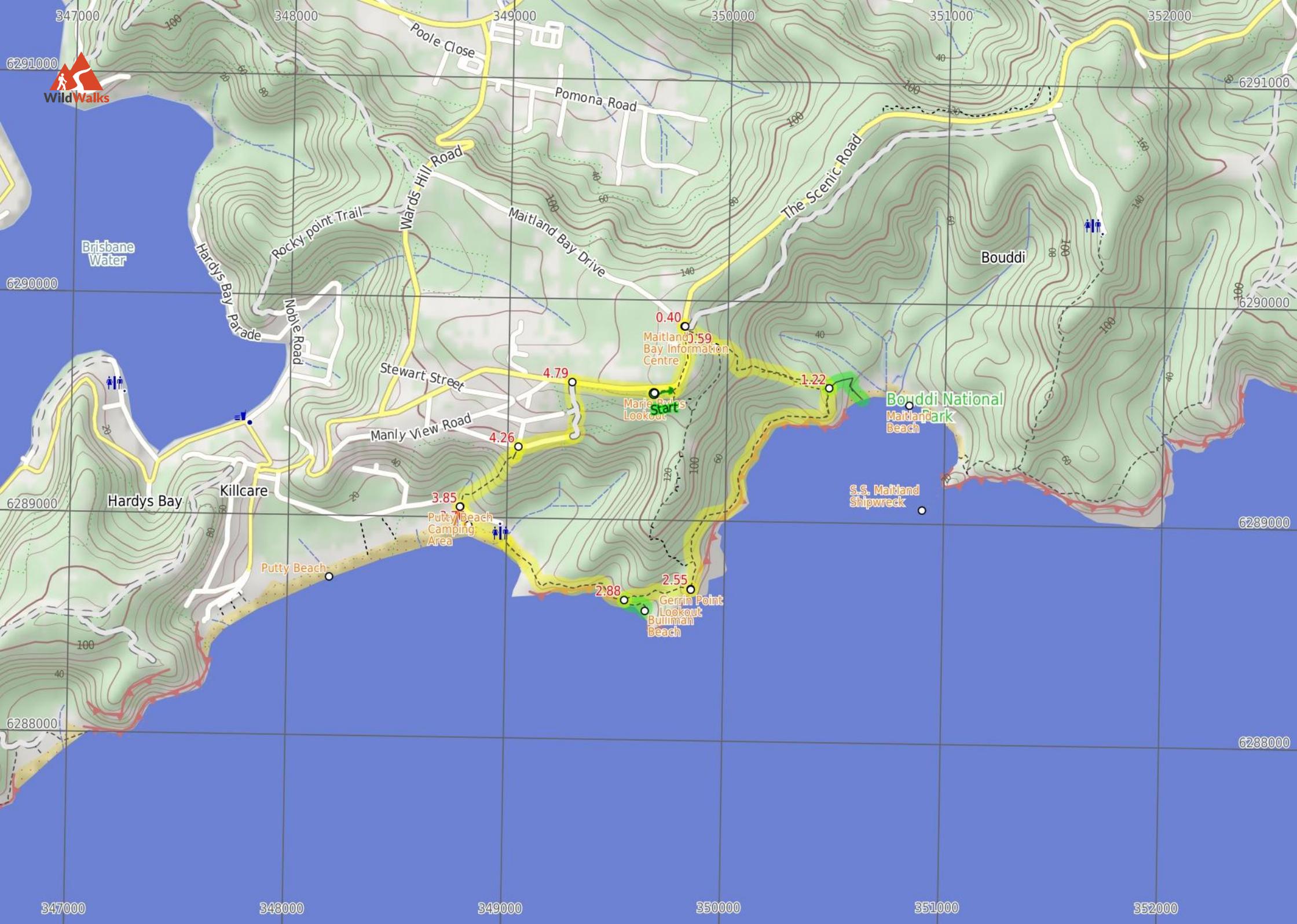
(530 m 12 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the bitumen road, following the 'Jacqueline Ave' street sign (leaving 'McDonald St' behind and Babs Rd to the left). The road passes a 'No Through Road' sign (on the right) and a line of houses (on the left), and soon comes to the cul-de-sac at the end of the road.

Continue straight: From the cul-de-sac, the walk heads through the bushes along the track, away from the ocean and the houses. The track opens up into a management trail, which heads up the hill and continues to an intersection with another management trail (on the left).

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads up the hill, away from the ocean, for a short time. The trail narrows to pass between boulders and continues as a track up the hill to The Scenic Road.

4.79 | Int. of The Scenic Rd Service Trail and The Scenic

(380 m 7 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the road, with the ocean views to the right. After about 350m, the walk merges to the right into a car park, at the lookout.



Summary navigation sheet for the Gerrin Point Circuit



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Marie Byles Lookout -33.5228,151.3812 (GR Broken Bay, 497896)	9 -3	400 m 7 mins	From the car park, this walk follows the track past the information board (reported as removed), keeping the road through the trees and your left.
0.40	Maitland Bay Information Centre -33.5201,151.3827 (GR Broken Bay, 498899)	1 -17	180 m 4 mins	Turn sharp right: From the information centre, the walk passes the information sign to the start of the car park.
0.59	Int. of Maitland Bay Info Centre Trk and Bullimah Lookout Trk -33.521,151.3842 (GR Broken Bay, 499898)	1 -95	630 m 14 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track down the staircase.
1.22	Int. of Maitland Bay Trk and Bouddi Coastal Walk -33.5226,151.3898 (GR Broken Bay, 505896)	0 -39	250 m 6 mins	Optional sidetrip to Maitland Beach West End. Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the footpath down the hill, descending some steps, towards the beach that can be heard.
1.22	Int. of Maitland Bay Trk and Bouddi Coastal Walk -33.5226,151.3898 (GR Broken Bay, 505896)	74 -68	1.3 km 31 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill, following the track marked by the 'Bouddi Coastal Walk' sign.
2.55	Gerrin Point -33.5309,151.383 (GR Broken Bay, 498887)	6 -36	330 m 7 mins	Turn right: From Gerrin Point lookout, this walk follows the track down the hill, keeping the water below on the left.
2.88	Int. of Bullimah Beach Trk and Bouddi Coastal Walk -33.5313,151.3797 (GR Broken Bay, 495886)	2 -12	140 m 3 mins	Optional sidetrip to Bullimah Beach. Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads down the boardwalk track following the 'Bullimah Beach' sign.
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3.85	Putty Beach Camping Area -33.5275,151.3716 (GR Broken Bay, 488890)	96 0	410 m 16 mins	Veer right: From the campsite, this walk heads away from the ocean, passing through the campsite on the uphill side of the road.
4.26	Jacqueline Ave -33.525,151.3745 (GR Broken Bay, 490893)	40 -5	530 m 12 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the bitumen road, following the 'Jacqueline Ave' street sign (leaving 'McDonald St' behind and Babs Rd to the left).
4.79	Int. of The Scenic Rd Service Trail and The Scenic Rd -33.5224,151.3771 (GR Broken Bay, 493896)	13 0	380 m 7 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the road, with the ocean views to the right.