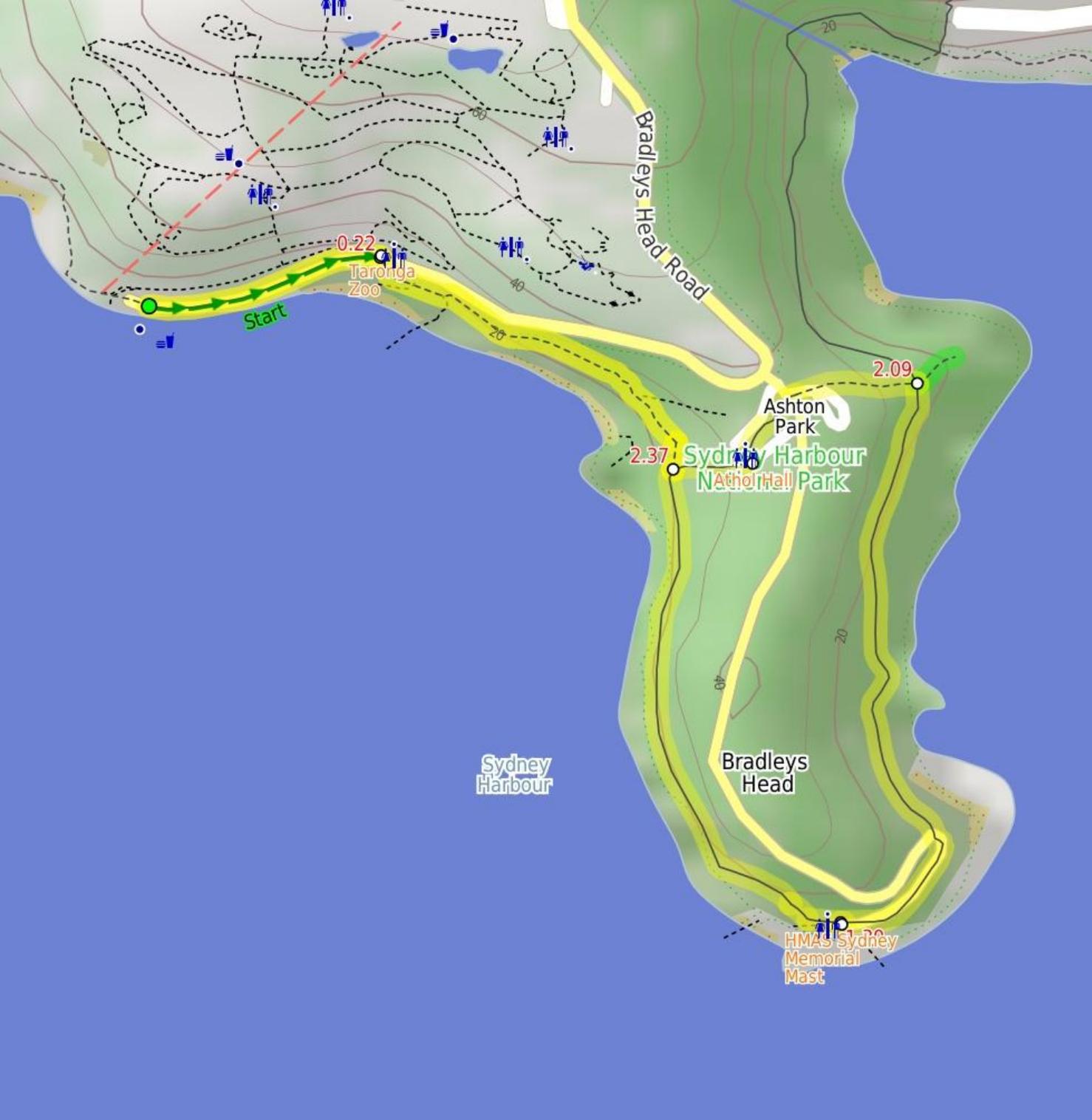


Taronga Zoo, Bradleys Head to Athol Hall



1 hr 30 mins

Moderate track

3

3 km Circuit

138m

The walk around Bradleys Head is a great way to see Sydney Harbour and some interesting cultural heritage. The walk passes stunning views at Bradleys Head, to the mast of HMAS Sydney, before coming back to the old Athol Hall for afternoon tea. The entrance to Taronga Zoo is passed twice so be prepared for the kids wanting to visit!

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 Taronga Zoo Wharf (gps: -33.8458, 151.2398) by car, ferry 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/tzbhtah>

0 | Taronga Zoo Wharf

(220 m 4 mins) From the wharf, the walk heads uphill along the footpath beside the road to the Taronga Zoo entrance at the pedestrian crossing.

0.22 | Taronga Zoo

Taronga Zoo was founded in 1916, with the vision of imitating the Hamburg Zoo's bar-less exhibits. Since its opening, Taronga Zoo has directed more attention to research, education and conservation efforts to support the animals. Taronga Zoo is open everyday 9am- 5pm. Phone: +61 2 9969 2777 or email: groups@zoo.nsw.gov.au. [More info.](#)

0.22 | Taronga Zoo Entrance

(410 m 9 mins) Turn right: From the opposite the zoo entrance, the walk heads down the ramp leaving the road up to the left. The track soon leads to a lookout with a set of bench seats and good harbour views. The walk continues along the footpath to a wire fence then follows the 'Walking Track' sign along the hillside to climb a few steps and cross a wooden bridge. The track comes to the corner of Athol Hall's grass clearing.

Veer right: From the intersection, the walk heads down the stairs then continues along the hill for a short time. The walk descends more stairs to a signposted intersection.

0.63 | Int. Borogegal Walking Trail and Athol Hall Trk

(670 m 16 mins) Continue straight: From the stairs, this walk heads around the hillside with the harbour below on the right. The walk travels across large sections of boardwalk which undulate slightly as the walk comes up to a trail (which leads to a bench overlooking Sydney Harbour). From the trail, this walk keeps contouring along the hillside, south and tending left, to the intersection, signposted as the way to 'Cannons picnic area'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads towards the car park, keeping the harbour to the right. The walk leads approximately 10m to the intersection with a track (leading down to Bradleys Head Amphitheatre).

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads along the footpath next to the car park for a short distance, until it comes to be above the flag pole, HMAS Sydney Mast.

1.3 | HMAS Sydney Memorial Mast

The HMAS Sydney Memorial Mast was erected in 1934, following the HMAS Sydney's decommissioning in 1928. The mast stands as a sign of respect for 'Australian officers, sailors and ships lost at sea and in combat'. HMAS Sydney itself was a Chatham Class light cruiser which saw action in WW1. [More info.](#)

1.3 | HMAS Sydney Mast, Bradleys Head

(790 m 17 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads along the footpath, keeping the road to the left, for about 150m to where the road bends sharply left. From this point, this walk heads along boardwalk, on your right, keeping the water glimpses to your right. The board walk soon end and this walk follows the track along the side of the hill for about 600m to come to an intersection with a sign pointing back to 'Bradleys Head'.

2.09 | Optional sidetrip to Taylors Bay Lookout

(50 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads away from the main tracks winding into the bush. The track winds past two white benches, to a small rock shelf overlooking the water. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

2.09 | Int. Borogegal Walking Trail and Taylors Bay Looko

(110 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign 'Park Entrance' up the hill. The track meanders up the hill for a short time to come out onto Bradleys Head Rd.

2.2 | Athol Hall car park

(100 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk crosses the road and heads down the footpath towards the building. The walk continues down the hill to the front steps and entrance of Athol Hall.

2.3 | Athol Hall

Athol Hall, built in 1908, was once a hotel. Sections of the original building date back to the 1800's. The hall has an excellent vantage point over the harbour with the Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge and city all well within its scope. Athol Hall today is a cafe and function centre with the cafe open Tues-Fri and Sun, 11am -3pm. [More info.](#)

2.3 | Athol Hall

(70 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the entrance to Athol Hall, this walk follows the footpath through the grass, down the hill towards the harbour. The walk heads down stairs to a signposted intersection.

2.37 | Int. Borogegal Walking Trail and Athol Hall Trk

(630 m 13 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads up the stairs, which are unsignposted, next to the Athol Hall sign. The track then continues to contour before meeting a second set of stairs which lead to the corner of Athol Hall's grass clearing.

Veer left: From the intersection, the walk heads along the hill and soon crosses a wooden bridge before heading down some stone steps. The track leads around the hillside to an intersection next to a wire fence, where the walk continues along the fairly flat path to find a set of bench seats and a harbour lookout. From here, the walk continues past the view and up the ramp to come to an intersection with a road opposite the Taronga Zoo Entrance. Turn left: From the pedestrian crossing, the walk heads down the hill towards the Sydney Harbour Bridge, along the footpath to the wharf entrance on the left.