



# Patonga to Warrah Trig Station

(Darkinjung & Guringai Country)

2 h to 4 h

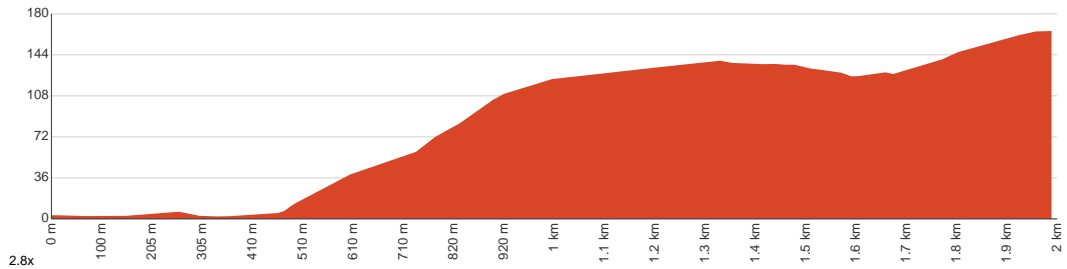
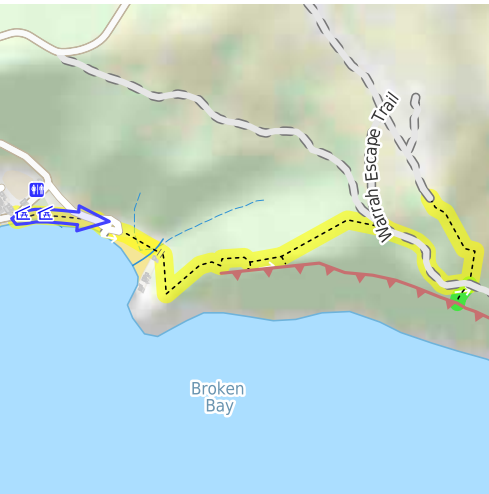
4.1 km  
Return

↑ 202 m  
↓ 202 m

3  
Moderate track



This walk explores part of the ridge heading out of Patonga. The walk visits two great lookouts, with great views of Lion Island, West Head and Palm beach. Warrah trig is not that interesting, but it is a high point in the area with more views. Make a day of it by catching the ferry from Palm beach or Brooklyn and spend some time exploring the township of Patonga. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darkinjung & Guringai 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	
<b>Quality of track</b>	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
<b>Gradient</b>	Short steep hills (3/6)
<b>Signage</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	No experience required (1/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

**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.

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start

Patonga Drive

Pearl Beach Patonga Firetrail

Warrah-Trig Road

Broken Bay



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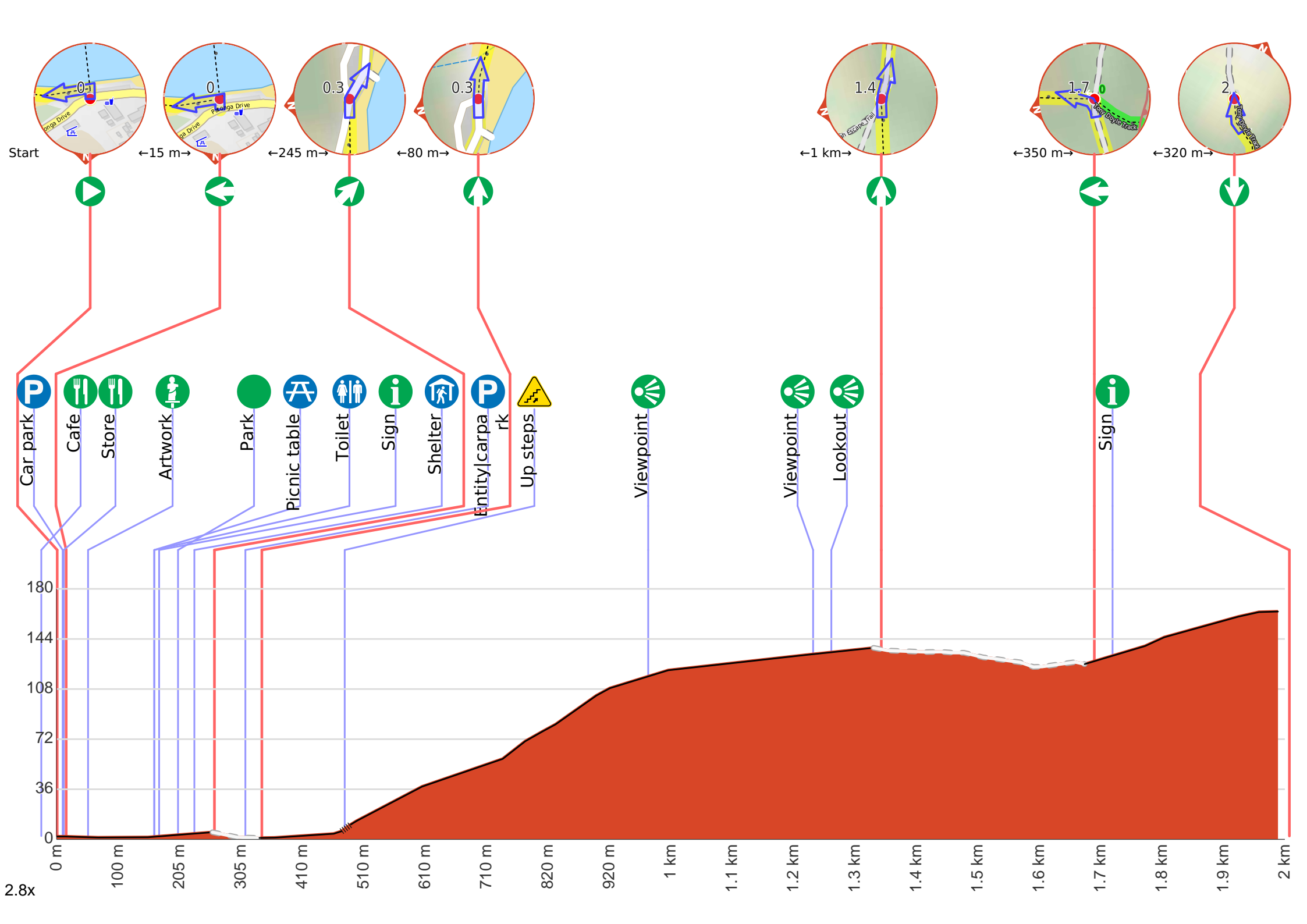
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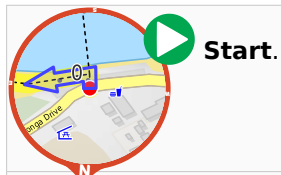
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**Getting started:** From the car park at Patonga wharf, this walk follows the footpath beside Patonga Drive, keeping the water on the right. The road leads out of town passing beside 'Eve Williams Memorial Oval' for 70m to find a large 'The Great North Walk' sign opposite the toilet block. Soon after this sign, this walk turns right following the 'Boat Ramp' sign and GNW arrow post down along a side road for 220m to find a parking area beside Patonga's boat ramp. (Alternatively it is possible to walk along the sandy beach from the wharf to the boat ramp.)

From the boat ramp, this walk follows the power lines across the car park, keeping the water to the right. The walk heads around the gate and continues to follow the power lines across the sand, coming to the eastern end of Patonga Beach and the 'Brisbane Water National Park' sign. This area of the beach is also known as 'Dark Corner'.



**P** Find the car park at the start.



**F** There is a cafe (about 40 m back from the start).  
W: [www.patongahotel.com](http://www.patongahotel.com)  
Mo-Su 07:00-15:00

**F** Patonga Village.



Patonga Village is a lovely small township on the Hawkesbury River. Just near the ferry wharf are a few helpful facilities: The Eve Williams Memorial Oval, where you will find a large pavilion, drinking water and public toilets. A fish and chips shop (and general store) is open reasonable hours, where you can buy lunch, a coffee and basic supplies (fishing needs, milk, canned food). Patonga Beach Hotel is available for a cold drink at the bar or a meal on the deck, or even overnight accommodation (from \$242 a couple) ph: 02 4379 1111.

**I** After another 40 m pass the artwork (75 m on your right).

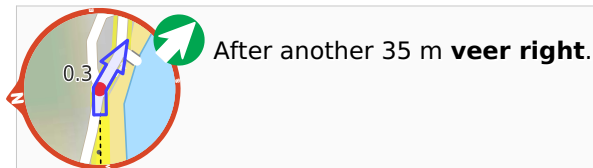
**G** After another 150 m pass the park (15 m on your left).

**A** Then pass the picnic table (45 m on your left).

**T** Then pass the toilet (90 m on your left).

**I** After another 8 m pass the "The Great North Walk" (10 m on your right).

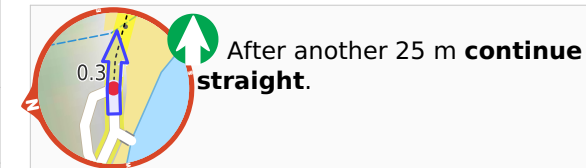
**S** After another 60 m pass the shelter (50 m on your left).



**P** After another 50 m find the "Warrah Reserve boat ramp" (15 m on your left).



Warrah Reserve boat ramp provides a large car park and access to both the boat ramp and Patonga Beach. There are garbage bins, a picnic table and information board. The boat ramp offers good views along the beach to 'Dark Corner', found at the eastern end of Patonga Beach.



**T** After another 135 m head up the steps (about 15 m long)

**A** After another 430 m **veer left**.

**S** After another 55 m come to the viewpoint (25 m on your right).

**A** After another 45 m **continue straight**.

**S** After another 230 m come to the viewpoint (30 m on your right).



After another 30 m find the "Broken Bay View" (30 m on your right).



Broken Bay View is an informal, unnamed and unfenced vantage point at the top of the cliffs, east of Patonga. The large rock platform has a number of large Sydney Red Gums, providing some shade. There are great views across the Hawkesbury River, along Cowan Creek and to West Head. The views to the left extend past Lion Island to Barrenjoey Head and out to the Pacific Ocean.



"Warrah Lookout".



Warrah Lookout is a mostly fenced lookout on a large sandstone platform. The lookout provides fantastic views across the Hawkesbury River. From left to right, you can see along the escarpment which forms the southern boundary of Brisbane Water National Park, out to the Pacific Ocean, Barrenjoey Headland, West Head, along Cowan Creek, Juno Point and along the escarpment to Patonga. This is a great place to spend some time soaking up the views.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 70 m to the main route.



Back at the main route veer right and follow on from the 1.7 km waypoint.



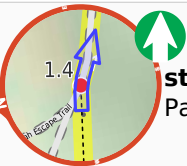
"Warrah Trig Station".



Warrah Trig Station is part of a national geodetic survey established during the 1970's. The 'Triangulation station' (aka trigonometrical or trig station) is a distinct marker once clear of trees, and would have been visible for many kilometers in the area. There are many such trig stations around Australia, which were used to help in surveying. Each station has a known position and altitude, which allows surveyors to use triangulation and determine another point's location. With advances in technology, these trig stations have been abandoned and superseded. The trig station is now surrounded by trees, with some filtered views along the Hawkesbury River. The area is rich with wildflowers in spring.



A sign.



After another 80 m **continue straight**, to head along Pearl Beach Patonga Firetrail.

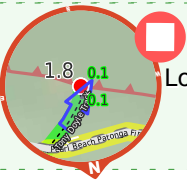
**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Warrah Lookout.



To start this optional side trip turn right here. at the intersection of Tony Doyle Track & Pearl Beach Patonga Firetrail **Start** heading along *Tony Doyle Track* (a footpath).



After 40 m pass the sign (on your right).



Continue another 30 m to find Warrah Lookout at the end.



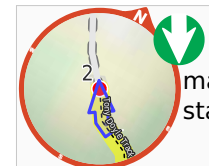
After another 350 m (at the intersection of Pearl Beach Patonga Firetrail & Tony Doyle Track) **turn left**, to head along Tony Doyle Track (a footpath).



After another 30 m pass the sign (on your right).



After another 290 m come to a car park.



Turn around here and retrace the main route for 2 km to get back to the start.