A Four Day Walk

Sydney Harbour is one of the great harbours in the world. The Circle Walk between the Harbour and Gladesville Bridge (marked in red on the map) takes four days and totals 106km. It can be walked continuously using overnight accommodation from a base such as the City or Darling Harbour using public transport each day or over any period of time.

Day 1 Circle Quay (H8) to Greenwich (6A) 14km 5hrs
Day 2 Greenwich (6C) to Mosman (G5) 15km 6hrs
Day 3 Hornsby Park (6C) to Bexley East Walk (F7) 14km 5hrs
Day 4 Bexley East Walk (F7) to Circular Quay (H8) 9km 3hrs

Visit www.sydneymapcentre.com to download leaflets for each day of the four day version of the walk. Each leaflet has a detailed map (1:10,000) and historical and general information. This is a magnificent walk focusing on the Harbour itself - the expanse of water the bridges, islands, urban bushland and city style. The walk winds along the parts of the foreshore, intoForestation and out to headlands through bush along historic streets and over grand bridges.

A One or Two Day Walk

A shorter circle of 27km between the bridges can be walked in one or two days but bypasses many beautiful headlands. Two leaflets for this route are also downloadable.

Day 1 Milsons Point (6A) to Hunters Hill (6G) 6km 2hrs
Day 2 Hunters Hill (6F) to Milsons Point (6H) 6km 2hrs

Shorter Loop Walks

As most walkers will want to walk for one to four hours and secure the experience, there are 10 identified individual loop walks based on public transport. Being only, they can be commenced at any point. Each includes part of the main walk, shown in red in addition with additional sections (shown in green) to create loop walks. Each has its own walk/downloadable leaflet list of all leaflets, with walking times and distances shown in the adjacent column.

Circular Quay to The Great North Walk (GNW)

While many will want to start the 250 km GNW to Taree by the traditional route, many others might want to walk over the Harbour Bridge and experience the rich natural beauty urban spaces and historic features of the North Shore before joining the GNW and then to Taree. This brochure provides three options, each shown in bold red. There is a separate leaflet for each option, see adjacent column.

A Discovery Kit for The Great North Walk ($11.30) can be purchased from Sydney Map Sales (Londi Depot) in Queens Square Tel 9228 7720. The gazette The Great North Walk brochure on www.sydneyvisitorcentre.com, see adjacent column.

Parramatta and Lane Cove River Walks

The brochure shows the first parts of the Parramatta River Walk (from Gladesville (6D) and Woolwich (6E) whereas west to Parramatta Two new brochures covering the public the route to The Rocks are being formed (see Network diagram adjacent) The Lane Cove River Walk from Woolwich (6F) to Balmain Bridge (C7) on the west side and back on the east side to Greenwich (6D).

The Walking Coastal Sydney & The Harbour Network

The walking route of the Parramatta River and the other regional brochures are shown on the diagram in the adjacent column.

Walking Times

Walking Times and distances are shown for all walks. Remember that the times marked are walking times only and are based on a walking speed of between 2.5 to 3 kilometres per hour having depend on the terrain. Add your own time for breaths, lunch or just looking.

Personal Care

The walk requires average fitness. Take care as it includes a variety of terrain and pathway conditions. Use sunscreen, carry water and wear a hat and good walking shoes.

Public Transport

Public transport is readily available at regular intervals along the way (see map). This allows considerable flexibility in entering and exiting the route. Note not all services operate every day and routes and timetables change.

Sydney Train and ferry (routes shown in blue) timetables.

Walking Volunteers

are a group of individuals who enjoy exploring Sydney and creating walking routes.

Leichhardt Municipal Council (6D area) 7-15 Wolseley Street, Leichhardt 2040. Tel 9367 9224 A brochure about and About in Leichhardt is available from Council and is downloadable from www.leichhardt.nsw.gov.au - click about Leichhardt in the Community section.

Accommodation

All overnight stops are at excellent transport hubs. The Four Day Walk can be done from one accommodation point such as Central CBD. The Rocks or North Sydney. Another option is to stay overnight or on near the route, and some B&Bs are marked on the map.

Further Information

www.walking.coastalsydney.com.au

Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc (G8 area) Town Hall House, 456 Kent Street, Sydney 2000 Tel 9426 7701 - www.sydneymapcentre.com

Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHF) Level 6, 66 Harrington Street, The Rocks. Tel 9240 8000 For information relevant to walks in the Rocks (GH), Darling Harbour (G9) Pyrmont (F9) and Balmain Wharf (G7) see www.syh.gov.au The Authority has two Sydney Visitor Centres (Prince Edward: 1800 676 676) www.sydneymapcentre.com

Sydney Harbour Coastal Map (GNW) 1:10,000. This booklet is available from Sydney Map Sales (Londi Depot) in Queens Square Tel 9228 7720. The gazette The Great North Walk brochure on www.sydneyvisitorcentre.com

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