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## Baker's Cottage

### 45 mins 1.5 km Return

# Moderate track

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15m

The Baker's Cottage Heritage Track is a quick and interesting walk. The track itself is mainly drivable road, and turns to bush track before going up the hill to the cottage itself. At 140 years of age, Baker's Cottage is the oldest unmodified structure, still standing, in the Ku-ring-gai area. All entrances to the cottage are blocked, so you can't see inside. It is worth looking around the ground to see some other historic remains.

Lane Cove 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** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Max Allen Drive Bridge (gps: -33.7907, 151.156). Car: Parking fees apply in the area.

This is a return, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <u>http://wild.tl/o</u>

#### 0 | Max Allen Drive Bridge

(640 m 14 mins) From the bridge, this walk heads gently uphill along the road to the intersection with the visible concrete stairs just below the National Parks Office.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the road uphill, keeping the short sandstone wall and National Parks office on your left. The road soon bends left and leads up past the staff parking, to an intersection (with a track on your right) marked with a large 'Great North Walk' sign.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the road up the hill. The road passes over the hill, to an intersection with a track on the left, marked by wooden posts.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill with the river below, on the left. The walk meets a clearing on the left marked as '28 Turramburra Flat'. This walk passes a parking area on the left, and toilets on the right. The road then comes to a signposted intersection, on the right.

#### 0.64 | Int. Opposite Bakers Flat

(120 m 3 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads up the stairs tending right, up the hill. The walk passes a sign about native grasses before continuing right, to Baker's Cottage.

#### 0.76 | Baker's Cottage

Baker's Cottage was built in 1865 as the residence of William Baker and his family. The cottage once stood in the middle of a well-kept garden and orchard. The cottage itself was once larger, with more rooms and a verandah surrounding it. The residence changed hands only twice, and was then appropriated by the Minister of Lands in 1938.

