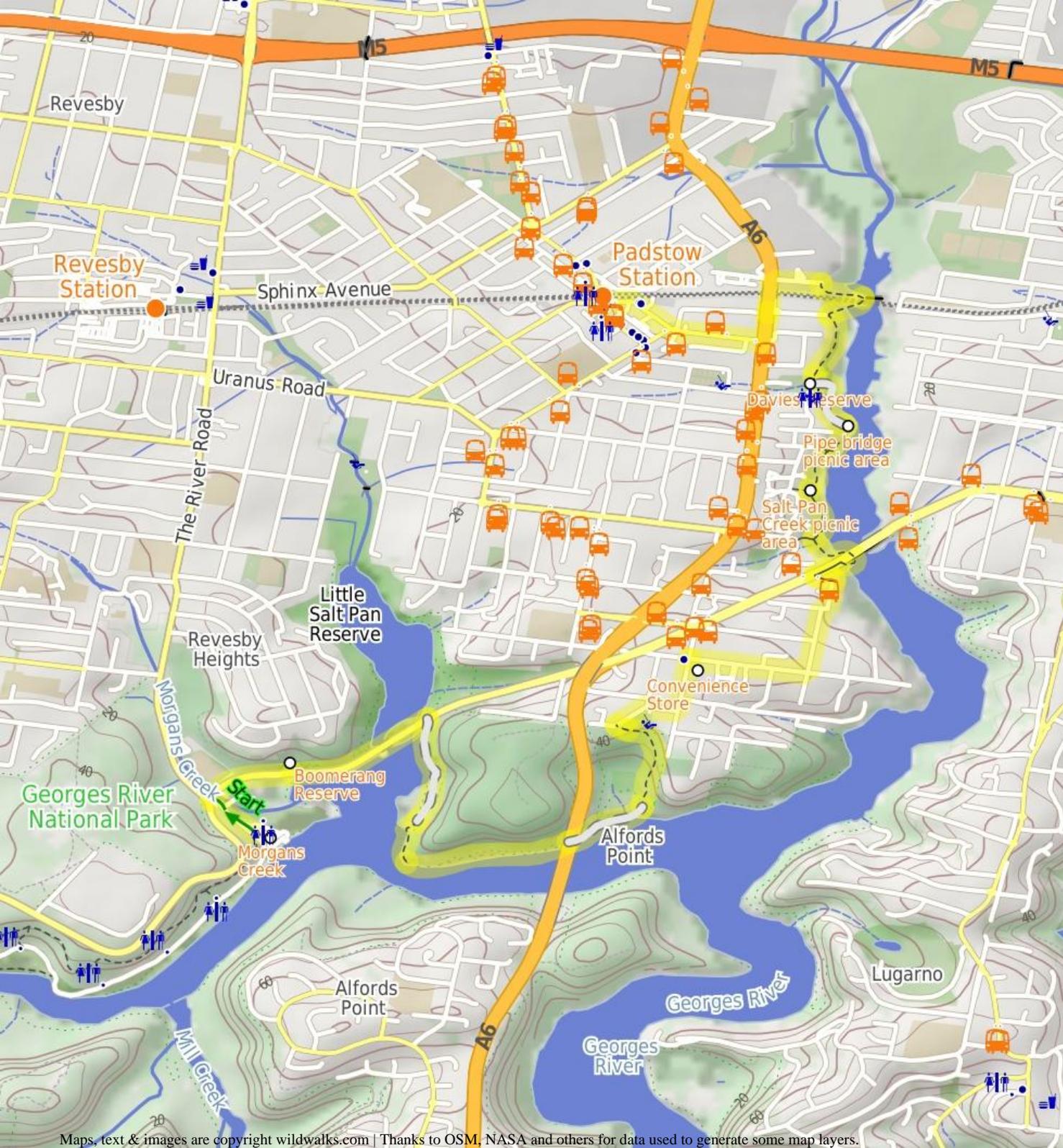


Morgans Creek to Padstow



2 hrs 45 mins

Moderate track

3

8 km One way

▲ 144m

This pleasant walk starts from the Morgans Creek park, at Henry Lawsons Drive, and follows the Georges River past the Boomerang Reserve, winding through the bush around Mickeys Point and under the Alfords Point bridge. The walk then continues up through Padstow Heights to the Henry Lawson Drive Bridge where it follows the boardwalks, bushtracks and service trails along Salt Pan Creek. The last section is along the roads to Padstow station.

Morgans Creek

This large, riverside area starts at the intersection of Henry Lawson Drive and The River Road, following the 'Georges River National Park' sign down the driveway, where it passes a large car park for the boat ramp and bends around to the right, continuing along the side of the river with several picnic areas and plenty of open space. There are toilets and taps at the northern end of the reserve, at the car park for the boat ramp.

Boomerang Reserve

This relatively small park can be found on Henry Lawson drive, between the Little Salt Pan creek and The River road. The park is surrounded by dense forest on three sides and a small timber barrier on the road side. The park has a few sheltered picnic benches and a large map of Bankstown that was erected by the local Rotary club. There is plenty of open space and a few nice large trees for shade.

Convenience Store

This great little convenience store can be found on the corner of Villiers and Dilke Roads, and serves hot food, ice creams and cold drinks, as well as many convenient groceries. There is a public phone out the front. The store is open 7 days.

Salt Pan Creek picnic area

This small picnic area on the Salt Pan Creek walking track can be accessed directly from the stairs at the end of Werona Ave. This clearing provides a couple of picnic benches and tables, natural shade and a small, grassy clearing. The space is big enough for a bit of running around or to spread out a picnic blanket. The picnic area is on the edge of Salt Pan Creek, with dense mangroves along to river bank. There are a number of houses overlooking the area from the cliffs above.

Pipe bridge picnic area

This small picnic area has a collection of low picnic tables in a grassy clearing by the edge of the Salt Pan Creek. The large pipe bridge crossing the creek provides some shade during the heat of the day. There are no water or toilet facilities. The unfenced edge of the picnic area provides clear access to the creek. This is one of the few spots along Salt Pan Creek walk where there is a clear view of the creek.

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 Metropolitan District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Georges River 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:91303S BOTANY BAY

1:100 000 Map Series:9130 SYDNEY

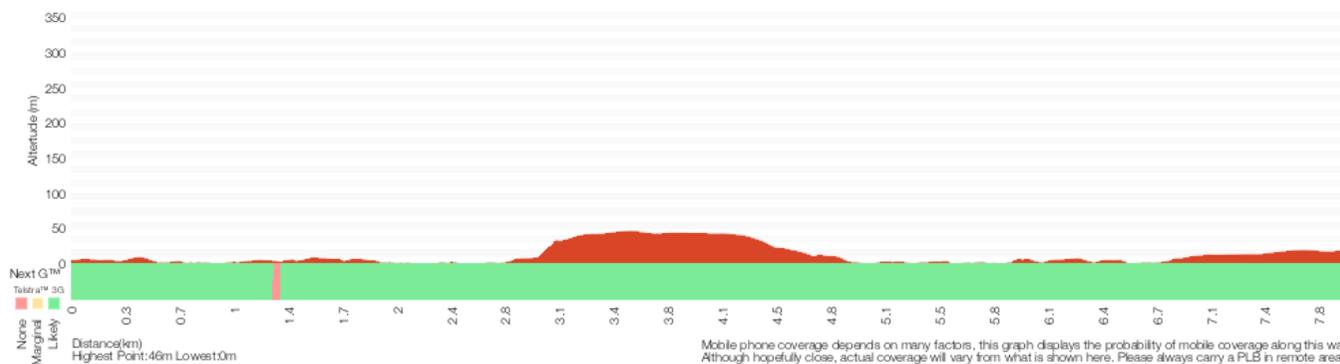
Grade

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 3/6
Moderate track

Length	8 km One way
Time	2 hrs 45 mins
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Signs	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



Mobile phone coverage depends on many factors, this graph displays the probability of mobile coverage along this walk. Although hopefully close, actual coverage will vary from what is shown here. Please always carry a PLB in remote areas.

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 Int of Morgans Creek and the Ridge Track (gps: -33.9758, 151.0187) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available. You can get back from Padstow Railway Station (gps: -33.9519, 151.032) by car, train or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

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

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0 | Int of Morgans Creek and the Ridge Track

(570 m 10 mins) From the intersection, the walk follows the road up the gentle hill, passing the entry ticket booth and coming to the intersection with Henry Lawson Drive.

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows Henry Lawson drive, keeping Georges River to the right. The road bends to the right and soon reaches Boomerang Reserve, on the left.

0.57 | Boomerang Reserve

This relatively small park can be found on Henry Lawson drive, between the Little Salt Pan creek and The River road. The park is surrounded by dense forest on three sides and a small timber barrier on the road side. The park has a few sheltered picnic benches and a large map of Bankstown that was erected by the local Rotary club. There is plenty of open space and a few nice large trees for shade.

0.57 | Boomerang Reserve

(570 m 10 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows Henry Lawson drive, keeping the river to the right. The road crosses the Little Salt Pan creek bridge then heads up to the intersection with the Georges River service trail, on the right (approximately 150 metres past the bridge).

1.14 | Int of the Henry Lawson drive and Georges River Na

(530 m 10 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the service trail away from the road, around the metal gate and towards Mickeys Point. The trail winds past mangroves and through thick bush until it comes out at a large open clearing. At the other end of the clearing the service trail ends at a small turning circle.

1.67 | End of Gorges river service trail

(230 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From the end of the service trail, the walk follows the bush track through the long grass towards the river. At the river, the track turns left and meanders up and down along the side of the river, until reaching the start (western end) of a long sandy beach.

1.9 | West end of Mickeys Point Beach

(600 m 10 mins) Continue straight: From the end of the bush track, the walk follows the beach (keeping the water on the right). The walk stays on the beach until reaching the base of the large Alford's Point bridge.

2.51 | Base of Alford's Point Bridge

(320 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the base of the bridge, the walk heads off the sand and winds around mangroves and through reeds (keeping the river on the right). After the clearing on the left, the walk comes to the sandy One Tree point service trail, near the trees.

2.83 | Int of One Tree Point service trail

(500 m 12 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the old service trail away from the river. The trail passes through the reeds and the pine trees as it winds up a steep rocky hill. At the top of the hill, the trail passes under the powerlines, bends to the left and soon reaches an intersection with a bush track, to the right.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track beside the powerlines up the small hill to the metal gate at the bend in Playford Rd.

3.33 | Int of One Tree Point bushtrack and Playford road

(510 m 8 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the footpath along Playford's road to the north-east, keeping the road on the right. The walk continues to follow Playford Rd when it bends to the right (at the intersection with Roma avenue), then turns left into Dilke road at the 'T' intersection. The walk continues to the intersection with Villiers Rd (there is a corner store and public phone on the left plus a large water tank on the right).

3.84 | Convenience Store

This great little convenience store can be found on the corner of Villiers and Dilke Roads, and serves hot food, ice creams and cold drinks, as well as many convenient groceries. There is a public phone out the front. The store is open 7 days.

3.84 | Int of Villiers and Dilke road

(920 m 15 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows Villiers road east (initially keeping the water tank on the right). Soon, the walk turns left onto Queensbury road and follows it, before turning right at the 'T' intersection onto Richmond avenue. The walk immediately turns left onto Riverview road, and continues to the end of the road.

4.76 | End of Riverview road

(190 m 3 mins) Turn left: From the end of the road, the walk follows the concrete footpath (following the power lines) between house numbers 5 and 6. After a short distance the walk reaches the footpath on Henry Lawson Drive.

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the footpath on Henry Lawson drive down the hill, (keeping the road on the left) towards the bridge. Just before the bridge, the walk comes to the top of a wooden staircase, to the right.

4.95 | Western end of Salt Pan Creek Bridge

(550 m 10 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the boardwalk down the wooden staircase and loops around under the bridge. The walk passes a few picnic chairs and winds around through some mangroves, following the boardwalk to the intersection of the Alma Road concrete footpath track on the left.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath north (keeping the river on the right) onto a bush track and then up some wooden steps. The track continues along for a while until it drops down some more

steps to the Salt Pan creek picnic area.

5.49 | Salt Pan Creek picnic area

This small picnic area on the Salt Pan Creek walking track can be accessed directly from the stairs at the end of Werona Ave. This clearing provides a couple of picnic benches and tables, natural shade and a small, grassy clearing. The space is big enough for a bit of running around or to spread out a picnic blanket. The picnic area is on the edge of Salt Pan Creek, with dense mangroves along to river bank. There are a number of houses overlooking the area from the cliffs above.

5.49 | Salt Pan Creek picnic area

(390 m 7 mins) Continue straight: From the picnic area, this walk follows the bush track up the steps (keeping the river on the right) and winds along the side of Salt Pan Creek until it drops back down some steps onto a boardwalk. The track continues along the boardwalk, alongside the creek, until it comes to the bottom of Weenamana Place steps on the left.

Continue straight: From the bottom of the steps, this walk follows the boardwalk as it winds alongside the river (keeping the river on the right), through mangroves for a short while. Soon the boardwalk becomes a bush track and continues to the picnic area under the large pipe bridge.

5.88 | Pipe bridge picnic area

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5.88 | Picnic area at base of Pipe Bridge

(280 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the picnic area, the walk follows the hardened management trail (keeping the creek on the right) as it winds along the side of the river. The walk passes a fenced-off area on the left before it turns left heads up the hill, coming near to the play equipment at Davies Reserve.

6.17 | Davies Reserve

This park can be accessed from the end of Tallawarra Ave or directly from Davies Road in Padstow. The Reserve is one of the spots along the Salt Pan Creek walking track. The facilities provided at this reserve include play equipment, a toilet block and picnic tables and seats. There is plenty of open space, and shade from a few large trees. There is parking for about 20 cars.

6.17 | Davies Reserve

(700 m 13 mins) Turn right: From Davies Reserve, this walk follows the fenced boardwalk running parallel to the power lines, keeping Salt Pan Creek on the right. The track passes through the wetlands for a short distance, coming to an intersection with the Truro Parade boardwalk on the left.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk continues along the short board walk (keeping the power lines above to the right). Soon the boardwalk joins onto a hardened footpath, which continues along through the grass clearing, running parallel to Salt Pan Creek. The track passes behind a number of houses, and then passes a couple of transmission towers as the footpath tends left to the end of Meager Avenue.

Veer right: ### This section of the track is closed for End of 2010 to sometime in 2011. Please walk along Meager Ave to Davies Rd as an alternate route### From the end of Meager Ave, the walk follows the footpath lined with wooden posts (with the white house at no.2 initially on the left) into the bush and down the gentle hill. After a short distance, the footpath joins a board walk and continues through some mangroves and out

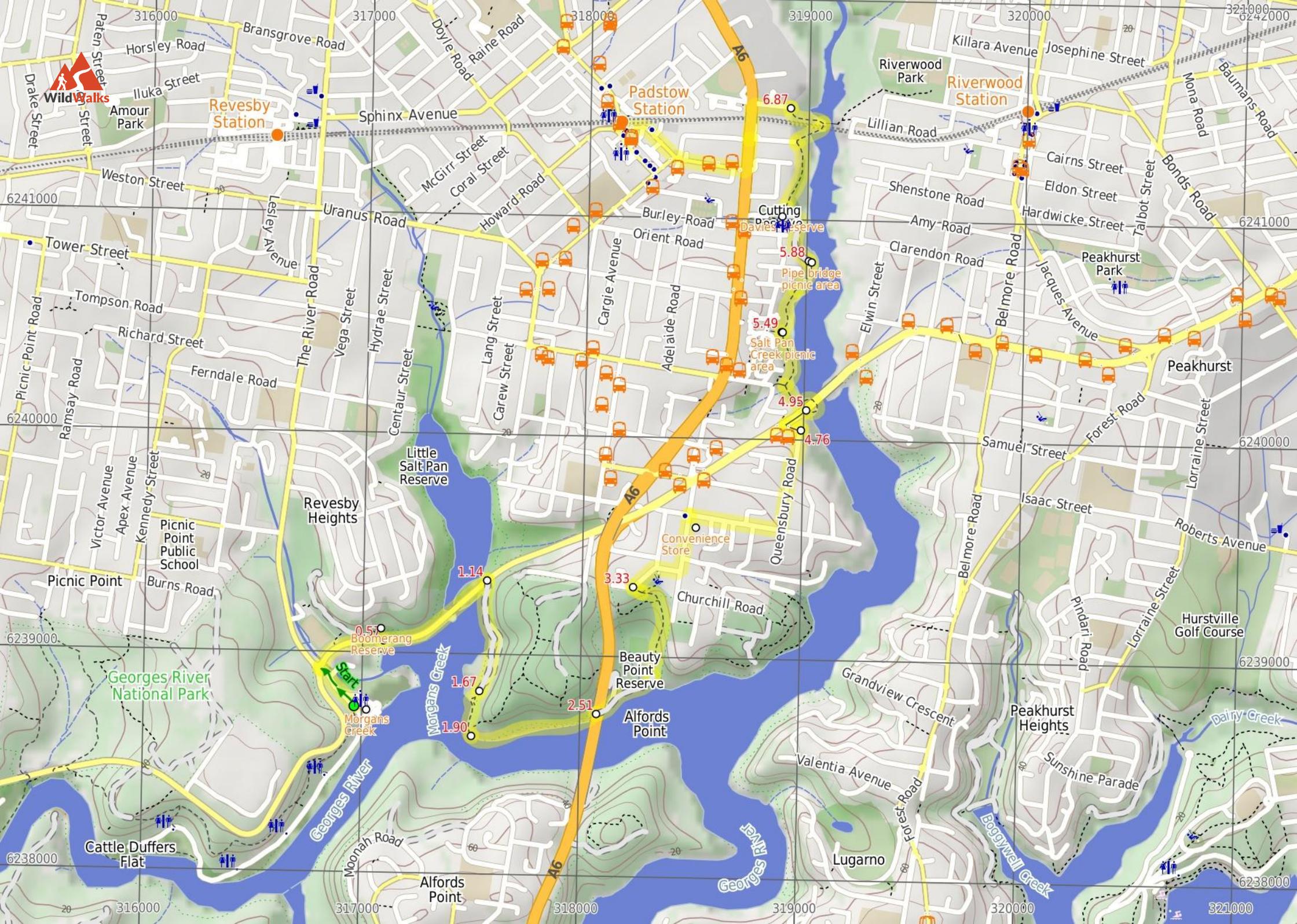
to the creek edge. The boardwalk then turns left, crossing under the railway bridge to the intersection with the Salt Pan Creek footbridge on the right. Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the boardwalk around the creek's edge (keeping the train line on the left) and through some mangroves for a short distance, until coming to a concrete footpath. This path continues past a transmission tower to the end of Bridge Street.

6.87 | End of Bridge Street

(1.1 km 19 mins) Turn left: From the car park at the end of the street, this walk follows the foot path along Bridge Street to the 'T' intersection of Davies Road, where the walk turns left. Following the footpath, this walk soon crosses the railway bridge and comes to the intersection with Meager Avenue.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads south (away from the trail line) along Davies Road, along the footpath. After a short while, the walk turns right into Ryan Rd, crossing at the traffic lights. This walk follows the footpath through the suburbs to cross, straight ahead at the roundabout, onto Howard Road. The road then passes a few shops and comes to the Padstow railway station on the right.





Summary navigation sheet for the Morgans Creek to Padstow



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
0.00	Int of Morgans Creek and the Ridge Track -33.9758,151.0187 (GR Botany Bay, 170388)	9 -11	570 m 10 mins	From the intersection, the walk follows the road up the gentle hill, passing the entry ticket booth and coming to the intersection with Henry Lawson Drive.
0.57	Boomerang Reserve -33.9732,151.0202 (GR Botany Bay, 171391)	10 -7	570 m 10 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows Henry Lawson drive, keeping the river to the right.
1.14	Int of the Henry Lawson drive and Georges River National Park service trail -33.9707,151.0253 (GR Botany Bay, 176393)	11 -9	530 m 10 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the service trail away from the road, around the metal gate and towards Mickeys Point.
1.67	End of Gorges river service trail -33.9752,151.0249 (GR Botany Bay, 175388)	4 -6	230 m 4 mins	Continue straight: From the end of the service trail, the walk follows the bush track through the long grass towards the river.
1.90	West end of Mickeys Point Beach -33.9771,151.0245 (GR Botany Bay, 175386)	5 -9	600 m 10 mins	Continue straight: From the end of the bush track, the walk follows the beach (keeping the water on the right).
2.51	Base of Alfords Point Bridge -33.9762,151.0307 (GR Botany Bay, 181387)	9 -2	320 m 6 mins	Continue straight: From the base of the bridge, the walk heads off the sand and winds around mangroves and through reeds (keeping the river on the right).
2.83	Int of One Tree Point service trail -33.9746,151.0335 (GR Botany Bay, 183389)	38 -2	500 m 12 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the old service trail away from the river.
3.33	Int of One Tree Point bushtrack and Playford road -33.971,151.0325 (GR Botany Bay, 182393)	5 -4	510 m 8 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the footpath along Playfords road to the north-east, keeping the road on the right.
3.84	Int of Villiers and Dilke road -33.968,151.0353 (GR Botany Bay, 185396)	0 -34	920 m 15 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows Villiers road east (initially keeping the water tank on the right).
4.76	End of Riverview road -33.9646,151.0409 (GR Botany Bay, 190400)	0 -10	190 m 3 mins	Turn left: From the end of the road, the walk follows the concrete footpath (following the power lines) between house numbers 5 and 6.
4.95	Western end of Salt Pan Creek Bridge -33.9637,151.0411 (GR Botany Bay, 190401)	8 -7	550 m 10 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the boardwalk down the wooden staircase and loops around under the bridge.
5.49	Salt Pan Creek picnic area -33.9605,151.0399 (GR Botany Bay, 189405)	5 -6	390 m 7 mins	Continue straight: From the picnic area, this walk follows the bush track up the steps (keeping the river on the right) and winds along the side of Salt Pan Creek until it drops back down some steps onto a boardwalk.
5.88	Picnic area at base of Pipe Bridge -33.9576,151.0412 (GR Botany Bay, 190408)	10 -6	280 m 6 mins	Continue straight: From the picnic area, the walk follows the hardened management trail (keeping the creek on the right) as it winds along the side of the river.
6.17	Davies Reserve -33.9558,151.0402 (GR Botany Bay, 189410)	14 -12	700 m 13 mins	Turn right: From Davies Reserve, this walk follows the fenced boardwalk running parallel to the power lines, keeping Salt Pan Creek on the right.
6.87	End of Bridge Street -33.9514,151.0404 (GR Botany Bay, 189415)	16 -4	1.1 km 19 mins	Turn left: From the car park at the end of the street, this walk follows the foot path along Bridge Street to the 'T' intersection of Davies Road, where the walk turns left.