



Silver Duke of Ed Adventurous Journey

Great North Walk – Sydney

GNW2S Hornsby to Brooklyn - 44km: 3 days / 2 nights

SUPERVISORS:

Supervisors are qualified in First Aid, have Working with Children clearance and carry emergency communication equipment.

MEETING PLACE:

Hornsby Station
Station St
Hornsby NSW 2077
GPS: -33.703666, 151.097773

There is a grassy area just outside the western side of the station. We will meet here in fine weather. If it is raining please meet under the walkway that crosses the train line at the station, near the ticket windows.

MEETING TIME: 9:00am

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Hornsby Station to Crosslands Campsite

(GPS coordinates of campsite:-33.630848,151.108515)
14km. Grading: moderate, some hard

This is the longest day, although not too difficult. We will stop for lunch at Galston Gorge, approximately half way. Water can be refilled here when the creek is flowing, but will need to be purified. Crosslands is a grassy expanse on Berowra Creek with toilets, drinking water and open fires are allowed. Swimming is also permitted.

Day 2: Crosslands to Berowra Heights

(GPS coordinates of campsite:-33.593828,151.135238)
10km. Grading: moderate, some hard.

Refill water in the morning. Lunch will be by the punt crossing at Berowra Waters - fresh drinking water and toilets available. The bush campsite is several hours past Berowra Waters and does not have water at the site. Participants will need to carry water for the afternoon and evening of Day 2 and the morning of Day 3. There are no toilets at the campsite and participants will need to bury their waste.

Day 3: Berowra Heights to Brooklyn

(GPS coordinates of campsite:-33.555046,151.208506)
20km. Grading: hard.

Drinking water is available at Cowan station an hour or two after leaving camp. There is a dam near Brooklyn where you can swim and refill water, if necessary. Water needs to be purified.



This is a long day with several steep climbs and a long, gentle downhill section.

END POINT:

Hawkesbury River Station
Dangar Rd
Brooklyn NSW 2083
GPS: -33.547045, 151.226343

END TIME: approx. 5pm

We recommend you use public transport to travel to and from your adventurous journey. We have designed this route specifically for this purpose. Check <http://www.transportnsw.info/> for train times to Sydney Central.

If your parents are collecting you, please ask them to be punctual. You can contact them on the guide's mobile if we are going to arrive a long way ahead or behind schedule.

DRINKING WATER: We recommend drinking 3 litres of water per day plus 1 litre to cook with at night. 1 litre of water weighs 1 kg. Please keep this in mind when packing. After the first day you should adjust this up or down depending on your water intake.

Tap water is available at camp on Day 1, lunch on Day 2 and early morning Day 3. We also anticipate creek or dam water being available every day, but this is never certain. Water from creeks or dams should be treated before drinking, see briefing notes for more details.

CREEK CROSSINGS: Creek crossings occur every day but the water level should be low enough to keep your feet dry. We do not anticipate high water on this hike but will keep you informed leading up to your journey and your hiking supervisors will make decisions on creek crossings in the field.

TOILETS: Flush toilets are available at our campsite on the first night and lunch on day 2. At all times toilet waste must be buried and you will need to bring a trowel for this purpose.