



Gold Duke of Ed Adventurous Journey

Great North Walk – Sydney

GNW3G Thornleigh to Brooklyn - 51km: 4 days / 3 nights

(Days 1, 2 and 3 will involve additional off-track navigation challenges after reaching camp to meet Duke of Ed hours per day criteria.)

SUPERVISORS:

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

MEETING PLACE:

Thornleigh Station
The Esplanade
Thornleigh NSW 2120
GPS: -33.731714, 151.078044

There is a park on the western side of the station. We will meet in the park, under the trees.

MEETING TIME: 9:00am

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Thornleigh Station to Tunks Ridge Campsite

(GPS coordinates of campsite: -33.678726, 151.081433)

Distance: 14km. **Grading:** moderate, some hard

There is a little bit of up and down today but nothing too difficult, including a detour around the shooting range at Hornsby. There is no water at the campsite so you will need to carry it all day or refill at the creek crossing before the last climb. Water needs to be purified. There are no toilets at this campsite and all waste needs to be buried.

Day 2: Tunks Ridge Campsite Crosslands Campsite

(GPS coordinates of campsite: -33.625640, 151.113588)

Distance: 10km. **Grading:** moderate

We drop down into Galston Gorge where we can probably refill water (needs to be purified) before continuing onto Crosslands. Our campsite is a big grassy expanse on Berowra Creek with toilets, drinking water and fireplaces. Swimming is also permitted.

Day 3: Crosslands to Berowra Heights (Turner Rd Campsite)

(GPS coordinates of campsite: -33.593828, 151.135238)

Distance: 10km. **Grading:** moderate, some hard.



We'll refill water at camp in the morning and stop at Berowra Waters to refill water and use the toilets at lunch. The bush campsite is an hour or two past Berowra Waters after a steep up and down and does not have water. Participants will need to carry water for the afternoon and evening of Day 3 and the morning of Day 4. There are no toilets at this campsite and all waste needs to be buried.

There is an option to continue to a campsite just short of Brooklyn, leaving a very short last day. This is a group decision made on the evening of Day 2.

Day 4: Berowra Heights to Brooklyn

Distance: 17km. **Grading:** hard.

This is the longest, steepest and hardest day. 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.

END POINT:

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

END TIME: between 10am and 4pm, depending on group decisions

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

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. You can adjust this after the first day depending on your water intake.

Tap water is available at camp on Day 2, lunch on Day 3 and early morning Day 4. We anticipate creek or dam water being available every day, but this is never certain. Water from creeks or dams needs to be treated.

CREEK CROSSINGS: Creek crossings occur every day but the water level should be low enough to keep your feet dry. Supervisors will make decisions on creek crossings in the field.

TOILETS: Flush toilets are available at our campsite on the second night and lunch on Day 3. At all other times toilet waste must be buried and you will need to bring a trowel for this purpose.