

# ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY ROUTE PLAN



## Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Bronze Adventurous Journey

### Great North Walk, Sydney

### Hornsby to Mt. Ku-ring-gai – 22.3km: 2 days / 1 night

**NB: All bearings listed in the Route Description are written as GRID bearings. Remember to convert these to MAGNETIC bearings.**

Start GR	End GR	Grid Bearing	Magnetic Bearing	Distance	Estimated Time	Actual Time
<b>Day 1: Hornsby Station to Crosslands Reserve</b>						
	231 708			2.4 km	30 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>			<i>Personal notes and observations</i>			
Starting on the west side of Hornsby station walk to the west of Clarinda St.						
231 708	229 715	340°		1.1 km	15 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>			<i>Personal notes and observations</i>			
On fire trail heading generally north. Track crosses top of gully and turns west before turning north again. The track then crosses the top of a subtle gully. Look 100 m later for the track on the left. Catching feature: if you are going directly east for 300 m you have gone too far.						
229 715	225 717	298°		800m	20 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>			<i>Personal notes and observations</i>			
Track goes downhill for 400m, winding slightly for easier gradients. You drop 90 m in elevation before coming to a small creek. Cross the creek and turn right onto Quarry Fire Trail, bearing 18°. Walk fire trail in a loop to the left for 250m. Berowra Creek crossing is at an intersection of tracks.						
225 717	222 718	356°		1.8 km	35 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>			<i>Personal notes and observations</i>			
After crossing the creek, the Quarry Fire Trail soon turns right and heads uphill. After about 300 m the track turns left and keep climbing. By GR 224 724 you will have gained 70m in elevation. The track now turns sharp left, bearing 165°, and steepens for 200m. The track becomes less steep, and you see a small knoll to your left. After another 300 m you reach the rest area.						

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222 718	221 731			1.5 km	25 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>				<i>Personal notes and observations</i>		
<p>The track divides so take care to find the Tunks Trail, which heads in a general north direction and contours underneath the hilltop. If your track is going SW and uphill, you have gone the wrong way. After about 1 km you will notice a subtle saddle. Soon after the track splits. The check point is where the tracks meet again.</p>						
221 731	220 731			400m	20 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>				<i>Personal notes and observations</i>		
<p>Heading north descend on the increasingly steep track. You will need to help each other down in some sections. Once at the bottom go under the bridge, cross the creek (stepping stones are in place) and then climb uphill briefly to reach the car park and lunch time.</p>						
220 731	236 751			3.1 km	50 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>				<i>Personal notes and observations</i>		
<p>Head north up the stairs away from the road. The track flattens out and parallels the creek. The track then starts to go down through grass trees and boulders, coming to a small flat rock platform. Soon after the track heads up hill, crosses a rocky gully, then up some more. You are heading in a general East direction. Once going down again you come to wider gully with large boulders and a nice rock face/waterfall (GR 228 740). The trail then heads North for 500m, losing height and becoming less steep. The track then turns east, contouring around the hillside. You will pass one more distinct gully then after another 500 m you are going downhill and getting close to the creek. By now you will have spotted the powerlines. One last big turn to the east and about 300 m later you will come to creek check point at GR 236 751.</p>						
236 751	249777			4km	60 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>				<i>Personal notes and observations</i>		
<p>An easy, mostly flat walk. The track continues north-east. After going under the powerlines, the track turns more to the north. The hillside is reasonably steep on your right as the track hugs close to the creek. As you reach GR 250 763 (river bend), the hillside becomes less steep, and the path turns east. Passing under two more powerlines the track is again close to the creek and the hillside gets steeper.</p>						

After 500m the track is on a much flatter area and crosses a creek at GR 246 767. It is now an easy walk to get to Crosslands Reserve. You need to go to the very northern end of the reserve to camp.

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<b>Day 2: Crosslands Reserve to Ku-ring-gai Station</b>						
249777	257 771			1.4 km	25 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>			<i>Personal notes and observations</i>			
From camp, find the track and follow SE till you are walking next to Berowra Ck. The track hugs the shore for 500m until it starts to go up and over the hillside on your right. After crossing the bridge over Calna Ck (1 km), you turn right to go on 170° bearing up Calna Ck. After 400m you will come to the side creek check point GR 257 771.						
257 771	257 761			1.0 km	20 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>			<i>Personal notes and observations</i>			
The track keeps heading south, crossing the creek a number of times (the map may not be accurate as to how many crossings there are). After 800m Donnelly Ck enters from the right. 200 m further on the track does cross the creek GR 257 761 and heads up a steep hill on the east side of creek.						
257 761	269 750	168°		1.8 km	30 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>			<i>Personal notes and observations</i>			
The track continues on bearing 168°, heading up hill at an angle. The track is now moving away from Calna Ck and next to the creek in Lyrebird Gully. The track turns increasingly to the SE. After about 900m you may notice the small creek coming in from the right. After another 400m there is a more significant gully, again on the right (GR 264 752). It's then another 500 m to the end of the track.						
269 750				900m	15 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>			<i>Personal notes and observations</i>			
Easy walk along a fire trail then beside the highway to the station.						
<b>END OF JOURNEY.</b>						