



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Adventurous Journey Great North Walk – Sydney Hornsby to Brooklyn - 43km: 3 days / 2 nights

SUPERVISORS:

Supervisors are qualified in Outdoor Recreation/Leadership, First-Aid, have Working have Children Check and carry first aid and 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:

You can find highly detailed notes for your journey here: [Wild Walks: Hornsby to Brooklyn](#)

Day 1: Hornsby Station to Crosslands Campsite

Campsite GPS coordinates: -33.625684, 151.113721; Grid Reference GR: 249777
15 km. Grading: easy to moderate, some hard

This is a long 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 flushing toilets, drinking water and open fires allowed. Swimming is permitted on open-enrolment hikes, and we will follow school policy if your journey is being arranged through your school.



Day 2: Crosslands to Berowra Heights

Campsite GPS coordinates: -33.593828, 151.135238; Grid Reference GR: 268813

10 km. Grading: moderate, some hard.

Refill water in the morning. Lunch will be by the puny crossing at Berowra Waters, where there is fresh drinking water and toilets available. The bush campsite is several hours past Berowra Waters and does not have water at the site. Participants 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

20km. Grading: hard.

You will need to depart early to pace yourself for this day. Today will include steep climbs and a long (and gentle) downhill section. Drinking water is available at Cowan station an hour or two after leaving camp. There is a dam near Brooklyn where you can swim if you have the time, and refill water if necessary; water needs to be purified.

END POINT:

Hawkesbury River Station

Dangar Road

Brooklyn, NSW 2083.

GPS -33.547045, 151.226343

END TIME: Approx. 5pm.

If your parents are collecting you, please ask them to be punctual. There is intermittent phone reception throughout your journey. If you are being picked up by car, you will be able to confirm expected arrival time when you reach Cowan Station.

We have designed this route specifically to allow for easy public transport access. Check <http://www.transportnsw.info/> for train times to and from your journey as part of your preparations.



DRINKING WATER:

We recommend drinking 2-3 litres of water per day plus bringing an additional 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 can adjust this up or down depending on your water intake.

Tap water is available once per day. We also anticipate creek water being available every day, but this is never certain. Creek water should be treated before drinking.

CREEK CROSSINGS:

A creek crossing occurs 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 Supervisor will make decisions on creek crossings in the field.

TOILETS:

Flush toilets are available at the 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.