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Return to the walk along Darling Point Rd to the intersection with Marathon Rd and turn left, taking the Marathon Rd, 'Breakneck Steps', down to William St and Steyne Park, Double Bay.

Double Bay to Rose Bay (2 hours)

3. Steyne Park, Double Bay

Steyne Park is a harbourside park with easy level access, only three minutes walk from Double Bay shopping centre. The park is also home to the NSW 18 Footers Sailing League.

Continue along the foreshore promenade adjacent to the beach. There is no Harbour access past the promenade, so return to William St via Beach St and turn left to continue on to Rose Bay. Turn left at New South Head Rd and continue up the hill to Redleaf, the Woollahra Council Chambers.

4. Redleaf Pool & Blackburn Gardens

Before proceeding to Redleaf Pool you may wish to take a short diversion to the quiet seclusion of Blackburn Gardens beside Woollahra Library. To reach Redleaf Pool return to the western side of the Chambers and descend to the terraces and beach via the stairway. At low tide you can walk along the sand at Seven Shilling Beach and return to New South Head Rd via the public stairs and St Mervyns Ave.

5. Lady Martins Beach and Duff Reserve

Continue along New South Head Rd to Rose Bay Park and the promenade. Alternatively, if you have time, take the 40 minutes return circuit walk out to Lady Martins Beach on Point Piper along Wolseley Rd. Duff Reserve offers stunning views over the harbour to Manly. If you're feeling fit, descend the stairs to the harbour-side terrace and gazebo. Return to New South Head Rd via Wyuna Rd and Wunulla Rd.

6. Rose Bay Park & Promenade

Near the end of Wunulla Rd, take the steps leading down to Rose Bay Park. This is one of the areas hidden treasures with massive figs on the banks, remnant rainforest and groves of Swamp Oaks beside a ribbon of white sand. On the corner of New South Head Rd, the Rose Bay Police Station, was once the gatehouse to "Woollahra House" c.1883 (now demolished).

The pedestrian ramp near the Rose Bay Marina will lead you back to New South Head Rd. Take the promenade, which curves around Rose Bay to Lyne Park. There are a number of spots to stop and relax or perhaps if you are still feeling energetic, join the many joggers along this section of the City-to-Surf route.

7. Lyne Park, Rose Bay

Lyne Park, "reclaimed" in 1900-1902 was used for many years as a flying boat base, with the last commercial flight to Lord Howe Island made in 1974. A seaplane service still operates from this location.

At Lyne Park you can launch a boat from the public ramp, kick a ball on the playing fields, picnic in the shade of huge Moreton Bay Figs, go fishing, sailboarding or take the toddlers to the best playground in the district.

For further information: pick up a Woollahra History and Heritage Society pack of Heritage Walks available from the Woollahra Library, Double Bay or visit www.woollahra.nsw.gov.au



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This walk takes you through some of Sydney's most exclusive harbour-side locations from Rushcutters Bay to Rose Bay. Stroll through the historic tree-lined streets and explore many parks along the way. The harbour views are spectacular. This walk is the first of a series of connected harbour and coastal walks. Other brochures include **The Harbour Walk – Rose Bay to Watsons Bay** and **The Coast Walk – Christison Park to Inner South Head**.

Allow 3 hours to complete this 5.5 km walk from Rushcutters Bay to Lyne Park, Rose Bay. Add extra time for diversions along the way.

Getting there

The Bondi & Bay Explorer (222) services parts of this walk with stops at New Beach Rd near the Cruising Yacht Club, Cross St, Double Bay and Lyne Park, Rose Bay. Other buses include the 324 and 325 (Circular Quay to Watsons Bay) which link with Eastern Suburbs trains at nearby Kings Cross or Edgecliff Stations.

On weekdays a ferry links Circular Quay with Darling Point, Double Bay, Rose Bay and Watsons Bay. At weekends and public holidays the ferry omits Darling Point but calls at

Taronga Zoo. Check with Sydney Buses and Ferries for timetables (T: 13 15 00).

Rushcutters Bay to Double Bay (1 hour)

1. Rushcutters Bay Park & Yarranabbe Park

Rushcutters Bay was named after the rush cutters who cut the wetland reeds for thatched roofs in the early days of the Colony. Made by reclaiming land from the Harbour at the end of the 19th Century, Rushcutters Bay Park is now a great spot for exercising, or just relaxing and taking in the view of Sydney's largest marina. Walk to the Cruising Yacht Club along New Beach Rd and then continue on to Yarranabbe Park, also reclaimed land, with its views of Garden Island and Sydney Harbour Bridge. More recent residential towers now dominate the Darling Point skyline, however there are still some magnificent nineteenth century properties including "Carthona", "Lindesay", and "Swifts".

For a shorter route to Double Bay, turn right up Yarranabbe Rd, then continue on to Marathon Rd and the steps down to William St, Double Bay. Brilliant mauve coloured flowering Jacarandas are a feature of this part of the walk during November.

2. McKell Park (Canonbury)

If you have time to explore further, take Thornton St (rather than Yarranabbe Rd) past the historic grounds of "Swifts" and turn left at Darling Point Rd. This will take you to McKell Park and adds only an extra 30 minutes to the walk. McKell Park, at the end of Darling Point is a magnificent park, built around the historic ruined foundations of "Canonbury", "Lansdowne", and an earlier cottage, dating from the 1840's. The park was opened by Woollahra Council in 1985, and offers breathtaking views over the Harbour from Manly to the Harbour Bridge.

