

NORTH HEAD SANCTUARY, MANLY

Manly's best kept secret – stunning views, beautiful walks, fascinating history.



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SYDNEY'S HIDDEN TREASURE

North Head Sanctuary is one of Manly's best kept secrets.

See Sydney's sparkling harbour from a fresh perspective. Experience spectacular views of the harbour and city. Enjoy a leisurely walk through virtually untouched bushlands.

Learn about our military past. Wind down with lunch, coffee or a glass of wine at the cafe. Keep an eye out for native wildlife. Take a moment to get away from it all.



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Visitor Centre

Come in to our Visitor Centre located in North Fort on North Head Scenic Drive. Our volunteers will provide you with information for your visit.

Open: 10am-4pm every day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday.

Sanctuary Loop

Take a leisurely walk around North Head Sanctuary, passing through the former School of Artillery, gun emplacements and through virtually untouched bushland with rare flora and fauna.

Enjoy breathtaking views over the city, harbour and ocean from lookouts perched on North Head Sanctuary's spectacular cliff tops.

Fairfax Lookout

The spectacular Fairfax Lookouts managed by NPWS provide some of Sydney Harbour's best views, over

South Head and the Pacific Ocean.
www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

Bella Vista Café

Overlooking Sydney Harbour, Bella Vista Café offers homemade traditional and modern Italian cuisine.

Located at North Fort.

Open: 9am-4pm Mon to Fri, 8.30am-5pm Sat and Sun.

Note: times may vary during winter months.

Bundu Espresso

Enjoy coffee and cake at the Australian Bronze Gallery.

Located in Building 19, the Barracks Precinct.

Open: 9am-3pm Mon to Sat.

Note: times may vary during winter months.

North Fort Tour

Learn about the World War II tunnels and gun emplacements and hear how North Fort was instrumental in the defence of Sydney.

Operate: Every Sunday at 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:00pm and 2:00pm.

Bookings: Sundays on site and groups in advance on request. Visit www.harbourtrust.gov.au

Cost: \$7 adult, \$5 child/concession, \$20 family (two adults and three concessions).

Nature Walks and Tours

The North Head Sanctuary Foundation offer walks and tours including Spring Wildflower Walks and group tours on request.

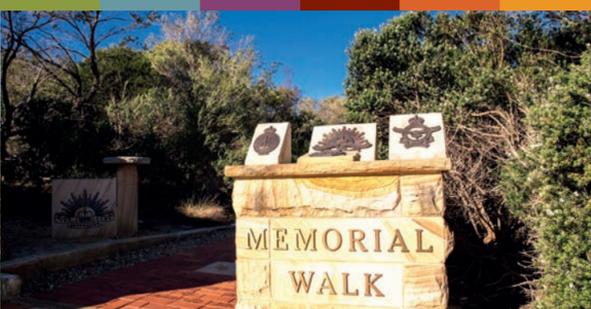
Operate: From Bandicoot Heaven, Building 20, the Barracks Precinct.

Bookings: www.northhead-sanctuaryfoundation.org.au

Cost: Free

North Head Sanctuary is home to a variety of businesses including a sculpture gallery, health and wellbeing providers, a nursery and wildlife conservancy.

Please check the on-site tenant directories for more information.



FLORA & FAUNA

North Head Sanctuary Manly is home to an array of flora and fauna, many of which are endangered and unique to this part of Sydney. This includes one of the few remaining patches of Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub. Once abundant in Sydney, now less than 3% remains.

At any time of the year, you will find something flowering at North Head Sanctuary. Walk quietly and you might see birds like the New Holland honeyeater feeding on the rich supply of nectar.

The Nursery Group is part of the North Head Sanctuary Foundation, a group of volunteers partnering with the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust to propagate plants in the native plant nursery from seed and cuttings collected on the site for planting back on the former army grounds. Over 15,000 plants have been planted to date.

The Australian Wildlife Conservancy is tracking and monitoring the Long-nosed Bandicoot populations at North Head Sanctuary. They are also working with success at reintroducing native Bush Rats.

Look out for Bandicoots – Our native bandicoots are most active at dawn and dusk. To help protect them, please check underneath your car before driving away and on the roads after dark.

Also watch out for Rainbow Lorikeets, Little Wattlebirds, echidnas, lizards, snakes, and the Long-nosed Bandicoot. Once common throughout Sydney, bandicoot populations in North Head Sanctuary are now listed as an 'endangered population.'

Learn more about North Head flora and fauna by visiting the North Head Sanctuary Foundation's Bandicoot Heaven, located in Building 20, in the Barracks Precinct. Open: Every weekend from 10am – 4pm.

HISTORY

During its early history, North Head, traditionally known as Car-rang-gel, held special significance for the local Aboriginal people and was used for ceremonies and medicinal practices.

From 1828, most of the North Head headland was set aside to quarantine passengers on ships arriving in the colony. More than 240 people were buried in the Third Quarantine Cemetery between 1881-1925. Many of the Quarantine Station buildings still exist and form part of the Q Station Accommodation and Conference facilities.

The Catholic Church, Archbishop's residence and Seminary (completed in 1886 and 1889) are adjacent to the Quarantine area and were separated by the beautiful sandstone walls that remain prominent today.

In 1928, the Avenue of Honour was built to commemorate the local fallen soldiers of WWI.

North Head also played host to important military fortifications which were integral to Sydney's defence in World War II and North Head was one of the most heavily fortified sites in Australian history. In the 1930s, events in Europe led the Federal Government to construct the North Head Fort and the associated Barracks. The main barracks were the largest erected in Australia in the pre-war years.

In 1946 following the War, the Army's School of Artillery was established here and occupied the buildings until 1998. The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust took over the management of North Head Sanctuary in 2001, remediated the site and opened it to the public in 2007.

Today, many of the buildings at North Head Sanctuary are used by a variety of businesses.

At North Fort, Australia's Memorial Walk honours those who have served and supported the defence of Australia in peace and in war. The paved pathway links five monuments erected to remember the major conflict periods in Australia's history. Memorial pavers are available for purchase at www.artilleryhistory.org

Did you know we are self-funded?

North Head Sanctuary is managed by the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, a fully self-funding Federal Government agency.

Donations to the Harbour Trust go towards enhancing and preserving this site and other key heritage sites around the harbour.

Volunteer Restoration Workshop

Our team of restoration volunteers preserve the military history of the former School of Artillery and North Fort.

Particular importance is given to the Defence of Sydney in which North Head played a pivotal role. Restoration projects include WWII searchlights, a blitz wagon and onsite military installations.

Visitor Centre

If you would like to help visitors enjoy the North Head Sanctuary, why not become a Visitor Centre volunteer.

To be part of the Volunteer program, contact the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.
Tel (02) 8969 2100 or visit www.harbourtrust.gov.au/volunteer

Ticks – When you leave, please check your clothes and body for ticks. If you think you have been bitten by a tick, please seek medical advice.

PLAN YOUR VISIT

North Head Sanctuary is open every day during daylight hours. On your arrival, make sure that you drop into the Visitor Centre, where our volunteers will provide you with information about the Sanctuary.

The Visitor Centre is located in North Fort and is open from 10am-4pm every day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday.

In case of emergency – call Triple Zero (000) or 112 if mobile coverage is limited. State your location: North Head Sanctuary, off North Head Scenic Drive, Manly. Then contact:

Ranger 0434 652 152 8am – 4pm
Security 0433 631 689 4pm – 8am

GETTING TO NORTH HEAD SANCTUARY

Car	From Manly follow Darley Road up the hill to North Head Scenic Drive, veer right at the fork in the road, go through the sandstone archway. Follow this road until you reach North Fort. The Visitor Centre is located in North Fort. Parking is available on site.
Ferry	Catch the Manly Ferry from Wharf 3 at Circular Quay. On arrival at Manly, you can make your way to North Head Sanctuary by following the directions below.
Bus	Sydney Buses run to North Head Sanctuary daily. The 135 service departs Manly Wharf approximately every hour. For further information and timetables, go to www.transportnsw.info
Walking	The walk from Manly Wharf to North Head Sanctuary takes approximately 45 minutes. Walking tracks from Shelly Beach and Collins Beach also link to North Head Sanctuary.
Bike	From Manly follow Darley Road up the hill (note: steep incline) to North Head Scenic Drive, veer right at the fork in the road and go through the sandstone archway.
Book a tour	Sunday tours can be booked on site on the day. To book a North Head Sanctuary group guided tour, call (02) 8969 2100 . For further information, visit: www.harbourtrust.gov.au

LEGEND

- Public Toilets
- Accessible Toilet
- Visitor Centre
- Café
- Third Quarantine Cemetery
- Lookout
- Tennis Court
- First Aid
- Public Parking
- Accessible Parking
- Bus Stop
- Shared Zone
- Tunnel
- Historical attraction
- Natural attraction
- Emergency Assembly Point

Pedestrian and Cycling

- Sanctuary Loop
- Secondary Route
- Bike Track (shared zone)

NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

- A Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub
- B Hanging Swamp
- C Harbour Lookout
- D Northern Lookout
- E Path to Fairfax Lookout

HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS

- F Parade Ground
- G Gun Emplacement 2
- H Gun Emplacement 1
- I Tunnel
- J Close Observation Post
- K Plotting Room
- L Defence of Sydney Artillery Display
- M Obstacle Course
- N Avenue of Honour
- O Australia's Memorial Walk
- P Stone Wall
- Q Third Quarantine Cemetery
- R The Defence of Sydney Monument
- S Nico Miniature Range
- T Anti-Aircraft Emplacement



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