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Creating extraordinary places on the world's best harbour.

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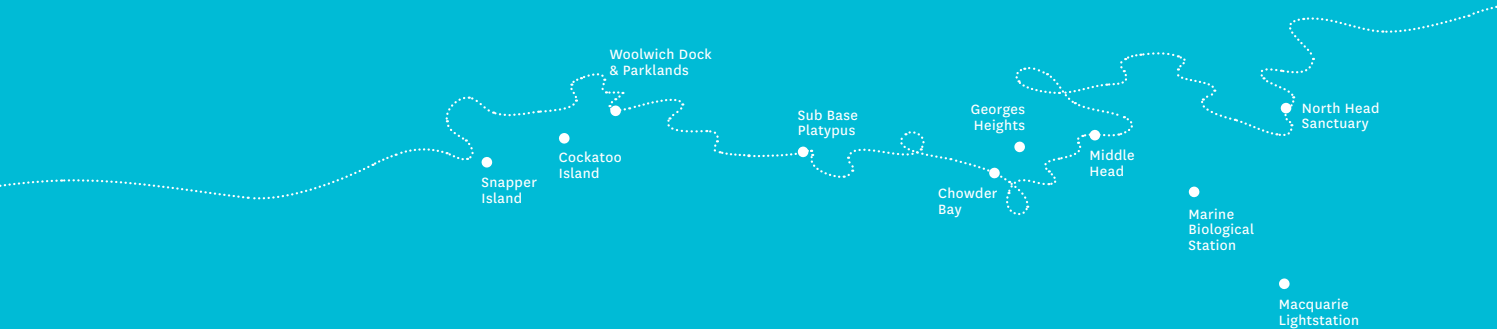
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FORESHORE PARKLANDS

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Welcome to Sydney Harbour

The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust invites you to experience some of the most beautiful urban parklands along the Sydney Harbour foreshore.

Former defence sites that were hidden from public view for many years are now open for all — offering peaceful walking tracks through natural bushland, historic military fortifications, scenic cafés and spectacular lookouts.

Whether you're a first-time, sometime, or all-the-time visitor, there's always something different to discover.

The Harbour Trust acknowledges the lands around Sydney Harbour, as part of the greater Sydney Basin, originally the home to 28 clans of the Tubugowhul Valley.

yi-ora

*In 1788 when the red coats would ask...
“Where you from?” we would say...“yi-ora”
with four fingers pointing towards the earth,
meaning “I am from here”.*

Today the homelands of the Borogegal, Birrabirragal, Cammeraygal, Gadigal, Gayamagal, Wallumedegal and Wangal people have been built upon and now house the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust sites.

Let's Get Going

However you choose to arrive — by ferry, bus, car, bike, or on foot:

- Go to transportnsw.info for travel timetables.
- Visit our sites for FREE all year round (excluding any travel or parking costs).
- Access walking tracks from sunrise to sunset.

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Cockatoo Island

Sydney Harbour

-  Free Entry
-  Camping
-  Accommodation
-  Cafés
-  Picnic Areas
-  BBQs
-  No Dogs
-  Visitor Centre (10am – 4pm)
-  Audio Tours
-  Self-guided Tours
-  Kids Activities
-  Exhibitions & Events
-  Venue Hire

Cockatoo Island Convict Site part of



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization



Australian Convict Sites
inscribed on the World
Heritage List in 2010

Just a short ferry ride from Circular Quay, Cockatoo Island played a pivotal role in Australia's convict and maritime history.

Explore the island with a self-guided or audio tour, or stay the night (or two) and use the island as a base to experience our stunning city.

There's something for everyone, so be sure to put Cockatoo Island on your Sydney itinerary.



Cockatoo
Island

Visitor Highlights



Start at the Visitor Centre

Our friendly volunteers will tell you what's on and assist with any island information.

Pick up a \$5 audio tour or a \$3 guidebook here, to help you explore the island at your own pace.

Convict History

A penal colony from 1839 to 1869, the island's former convict precinct is now a protected site on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Maritime History

Cockatoo Island became Australia's first naval dockyard in 1913.

Industrial History

A powerhouse of ship-building industry for more than a century, Cockatoo Island was the nation's leading shipyard during WWII.

Play with Us



Ghosts of Biloela App

Download our FREE story app on your smartphone and walk through an 1870s drama based on the true history of Cockatoo Island's Reformatory and Industrial School for Girls.

Fun for the Kids

Pick up a free Ship Shape Challenge or Convict Clues activity book from the Visitor Centre.

Games

Tennis anyone? Cockatoo Island's tennis court boasts spectacular harbour views. Or shoot some hoops on the basketball courts. There's even a giant chess set.

Restoration Workshop

Watch our volunteers bring the island's machinery back to life in the Workshop buildings.

Don't Miss



SHIPYARD Stories

This maritime exhibition inside Biloela House celebrates the history and memories of the island's dockyard workers.



Stay with Us

Did you know Cockatoo is the only island in Sydney Harbour where you can stay overnight?

You can camp or glamp at the world's first urban harbour campground, or stay in one of our beautifully restored heritage houses and apartments. Whether you're a backpacker wanting a convenient base to explore the city, or you're after a little luxury for a special getaway, you'll find Cockatoo Island has something for everyone's taste and budget.

Visit cockatooisland.gov.au/stay to find out more.

Lights, Camera, Action!

Did you know that scenes from *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*, and the Angelina Jolie directed WWII epic *Unbroken* were filmed on Cockatoo? Spot the remnants as you explore the island. [#cockatooisland](https://twitter.com/cockatooisland)



Connect with Us

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North Head Sanctuary

Manly

- Free Entry
- Cafés
- Walking Tracks
- Bike Tracks
- Lookouts
- No Dogs
- Visitor Centre (10am – 4pm)
- Self-guided Tours
- Tunnel Tours
- Venue Hire

North Head
Sanctuary

Right in Manly's backyard, North Head Sanctuary offers you a fresh perspective of Sydney Harbour.

Ride the bike tracks or choose from 10 kilometres of easy walking tracks to experience the protected bushland, bursting with native plants, birds and animals.

Drop in to the Visitor Centre to discover North Head Sanctuary's Indigenous, quarantine, and military past. Then relax over a meal and drinks, as you take in the spectacular views.

Visitor Highlights

The island-like geography of dramatic cliff tops, hanging swamps and wild scrub, once made North Head Sanctuary a place of ceremony for Indigenous Australians, then strategic defence outpost, and now a protected wildlife haven. Today there is something for everyone to enjoy at this parkland treasure in Manly.



Wander through the former School of Artillery

Take the North Fort Tour

Learn about the WWII tunnels and gun emplacements and find out how North Fort was instrumental in defending Sydney.

Held on Sundays year round and Saturdays in summer.



Start at the Visitor Centre

The best place to begin your Sanctuary experience is the Visitor Centre in the North Fort Precinct, off North Head Scenic Drive. Drop in for maps, information and friendly smiles from our dedicated volunteers.



Lookouts

Sanctuary Loop leads to North Fort and on to Fairfax Lookout inside Sydney Harbour National Park, managed by our friends at the National Parks and Wildlife Service. View the city and the sea through beautiful bushland.



Australia's Memorial Walk

While you're in the North Fort Precinct, take a stroll along Australia's Memorial Walk, honouring our servicemen and women and remembering major conflicts and peacekeeping missions.

Coffee, Anyone?

Stop at Bella Vista Café, near the Visitor Centre at North Fort for great food and spectacular views. Or have a cuppa when you visit the Australian Bronze Sculpture Gallery & Foundry, located near the Parade Ground.



Third Quarantine Cemetery

Only a short walk from North Fort, discover the quarantine history and experience the sweeping views from this special site.



Take a Walk on the Wild Side

Volunteers from the North Head Sanctuary Foundation have partnered with the Harbour Trust to propagate native plants from on-site seeds and cuttings. Free wildflower walks and tours take place throughout the year on request.

Visit northheadsanctuaryfoundation.org.au to find out more.

North Head Sanctuary

North Head Scenic Drive, Manly Phone (02) 8969 2100










Visit harbourtrust.gov.au/north-head-sanctuary

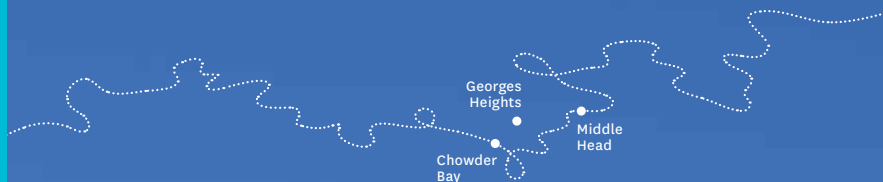
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Headland Park

Mosman

-  Free Entry
-  Cafés
-  Picnic Areas
-  BBQs
-  Beaches Nearby
-  Walking Tracks
-  Harbour Trust Office (Mon – Fri)
-  Tunnels & Gunners Tours
-  Lookouts



One of Sydney's most striking urban parklands, Mosman's Headland Park is home to three unique precincts — Chowder Bay, Georges Heights and Middle Head.

On land formerly occupied by six defence bases, you'll now experience native bush tracks, boutique cafés, art studios and breathtaking views to the entrance of Sydney Harbour — all just minutes away from Mosman Village.



Chowder Bay

Headland Park

-  Free Entry
-  Walking Tracks
-  Cafés
-  Lookouts
-  Picnic Areas
-  Beaches Nearby
-  BBQs
-  Exhibition Space



A day trip to Chowder Bay is ideal for family-friendly recreation all year round. Go for a bushwalk, relax on the beach, explore historic buildings or dine by the harbour.



The perfect rest point along the stunning coastal walk from Taronga Zoo to Balmoral Beach, bring your snorkelling gear to explore Chowder Bay's aquatic wonders.

Stop, Indulge, Unwind

Named after the American whalers who once enjoyed abundant seafood here, today Chowder Bay lays claim to some delightful waterside eateries. Pop into Drift Café for coffee or a light meal, indulge in the fine dining of Ripples on the deck above SIMS, or unwind at East Coast Lounge with a glass of wine and a cheeseboard.

Discover Marine Life

In the historic sandstone labs of the former Submarine Miners Depot, the Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS) opens up its fascinating Discovery Centre to the public through organised tours. Bookings are essential via sims@sims.org.au

Chowder Bay, a precinct of Headland Park #chowderbay

 Chowder Bay Road, Mosman Phone (02) 8969 2100

Visit harbourtrust.gov.au/chowder-bay

Georges Heights Headland Park

- Free Entry
- Picnic Areas
- Fortifications
- Artist Studios
- WWI Exhibition
- BBQs
- Tennis Courts
- Harbour Trust Office (Mon – Fri)
- Tunnels & Gunners Tours
- Walking Tracks
- Lookouts

Georges Heights presents one of the most panoramic vistas anywhere on Sydney Harbour — with uninterrupted views across to Manly, Vaucluse and the CBD.

Georges Heights

A great place to begin your own tour of the area is the breathtaking Georges Heights Lookout, featuring an elegant sandstone viewing platform designed by award-winning architect Richard Leplastrier.

And don't miss the *Hospital on the Hill* exhibition in Building 21. Read stories of the staff and convalescing soldiers of Australia's third largest military hospital, built here in 1916 to treat WWI casualties returning from the trenches of the Western Front.

Take a Tour



On the first Sunday of every month, you can take the Tunnels & Gunners Tour through two sets of fortifications dating back to the 1870s.



Eat, Drink, Enjoy

Even a short stroll can stir an appetite, so make sure you stop for refreshment when you're visiting Georges Heights. Frenchy's Café offers the authentic taste of Parisian brasserie fare served along with the stunning harbour views.



For morning or afternoon tea, or an à la carte lunch in an historic former military building overlooking Sydney Harbour, try the beautiful Tea Room at Gunners Barracks.



Enjoy the bushland setting whenever you visit the Artist Precinct, wander amongst the sculptures or play a round of tennis.

Georges Heights, a precinct of Headland Park #georgesheights

Access via Suakin Drive or Best Avenue, Mosman
Phone (02) 8969 2100

Visit harbourtrust.gov.au/georges-heights

Middle Head

Headland Park

-  Free Entry
-  Cafés
-  Picnic Areas
-  BBQ
-  Fortifications
-  Beaches Nearby
-  Sports Oval
-  Tennis Courts

Once the traditional land of the Borogegal clan, Middle Head lies between North Head and South Head, defining the entrance to Sydney Harbour.



Take Your Time

Explore this heritage precinct at your own pace and discover the panoramic views, peaceful bushland and defence history.

For a unique shopping and dining experience, visit Burnt Orange — in the renovated 1930s sandstone building that was once a golf clubhouse. Or stop in at the café near Middle Head Oval, home to many local sporting clubs.



The first gun battery was constructed at Middle Head Fort in 1871, now on land managed by the National Parks & Wildlife Service. Today you can tour the remnants of underground tunnels, gun pits and even notorious 'tiger cages', once used to train soldiers in resisting torture.

HMAS *Penguin*, a naval base commissioned in 1942, is now the only active military presence here.

You can even stroll through the beautiful public walkways built around the former ***Australian School of Pacific Administration (ASOPA)***, now a thriving community of small businesses.



Middle Head, a precinct of Headland Park #middlehead


 Middle Head Road, Mosman Phone (02) 8969 2100

Visit harbourtrust.gov.au/middle-head

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Macquarie Lightstation

Vaucluse

-  Free Entry to Grounds
-  Lookouts
-  Walking Tracks
-  Guided Tours

Macquarie Lightstation

Macquarie Lightstation is Australia's oldest continuously operating lighthouse. Its prominent position on Sydney's South Head peninsula has helped to guide vessels into Sydney Harbour since the beginning of the 19th Century.



Originally designed in 1818 by convict architect Francis Greenway, Governor Macquarie was so delighted with his namesake lighthouse that he granted Greenway a pardon.

Constructed from locally-quarried sandstone, it was rebuilt in 1883 due to erosion, when adjoining quarters were added for the head keeper, engineer and other lighthouse staff, some of which are still standing today.

First powered by oil lamps set in revolving reflectors using a weight system similar to a pendulum clock, the navigational light has been fully automated since 1976.

Go for a Wander

The grounds of Macquarie Lightstation can be visited year-round as part of Sydney's 100km Great Coastal Walk.

Take a Tour

Climb the 100 steps to the top for magnificent harbour views.

Good mobility is required and bookings are essential.

Macquarie Lightstation #macquarielighthouse

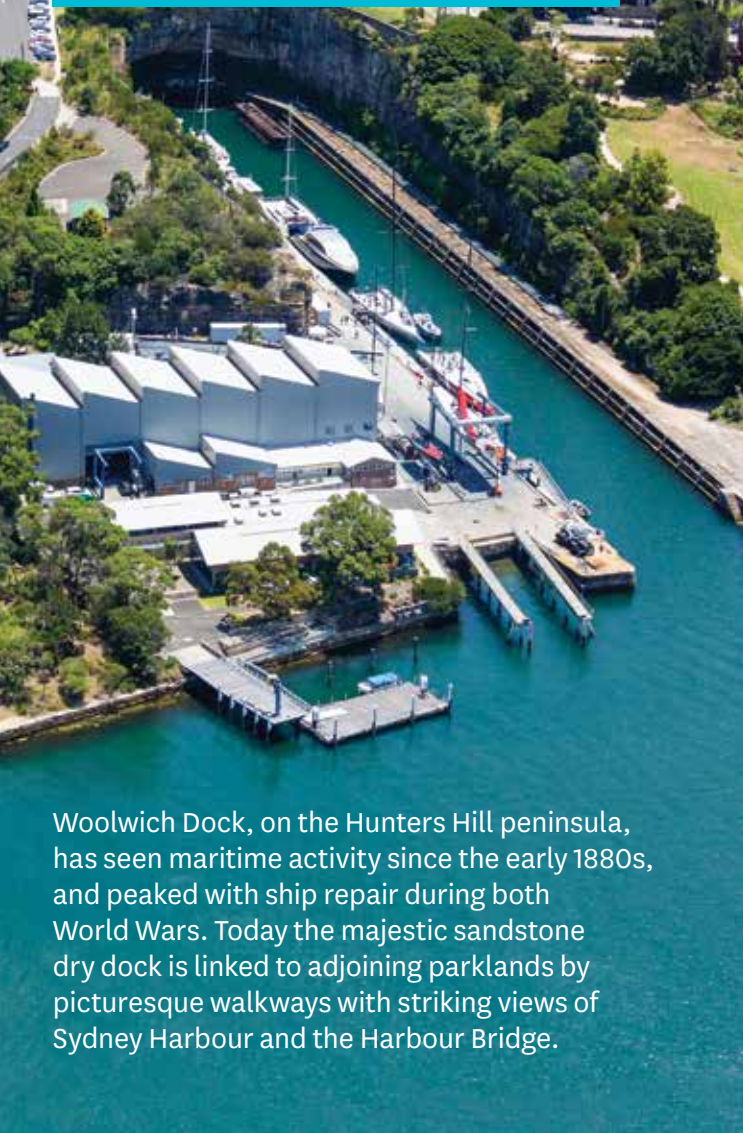
 Old South Head Road, Vaucluse Phone (02) 8969 2100

Visit harbourtrust.gov.au/macquarie-lightstation

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Woolwich Dock & Parklands

-  Free Entry
-  Restaurant
-  Picnic Areas
-  Walking Tracks
-  Lookouts



Woolwich Dock, on the Hunters Hill peninsula, has seen maritime activity since the early 1880s, and peaked with ship repair during both World Wars. Today the majestic sandstone dry dock is linked to adjoining parklands by picturesque walkways with striking views of Sydney Harbour and the Harbour Bridge.

Woolwich Dock & Parklands



Existing industrial buildings have been refurbished and today you can watch vessels being lifted in and out of the water, echoing the precinct's boat-building and boat-repairing past.

Go for a Wander

Spend the morning or afternoon exploring the landscaped parklands of the nearby Goat Paddock and Horse Paddock, perfect for picnics and family recreation. Pathways link these parklands to Woolwich Dock, as well as to the Sydney Coastal Walk.



Don't Miss Woolwich Lookout

Accessed via Clarke Road or Gale Street, the dramatic cantilevered platform of Woolwich Lookout juts over the sandstone dry dock, offering sweeping views across the city skyline and the nearby Lane Cove River.

Eat, Drink, Enjoy

Visit the Deckhouse restaurant and function centre on the Woolwich Dock foreshore. Sit back and relax as you sample the menu and take in the spectacular views.

Woolwich Dock & Parklands #woolwichdock

 off Clarke Road, Woolwich

Visit harbourtrust.gov.au/woolwich-dock