



This walk to Bare Island is thoroughly recommended. Bare Island is a small island, which is accessed via a timber bridge. The island was originally fortified to prevent foreign invasion, however it has also been a retirement home and is now a museum and tourist attraction (managed by NSW Parks and Wildlife Service). A visit to the nearby La Perouse Museum is a great addition to this walk and a good place to organise a tour of Bare Island (available on Sunday afternoons).

**Length:** 0.9 km  
**Time:** 30 mins  
**Climb:** 18 m  
**Style:** Return  
**Rating:** Walk: Easy  
**Where:** 0.6 km S of La Perouse  
**Transport:** bus car



## Botany Bay National Park

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*Side trips and Alternate routes mentioned in these notes are not included in the tracks overall rating, distance or time estimate. The notes only describe the side trips and Alternate routes in one direction. Allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing these notes but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury sustained by using these notes or maps. Please take care and share your experience through the website. Please check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating just before leaving for your walk. Walk maybe closed during Total Fire Ban. GPS for start and end of this walk: -33.9886,151.2337*

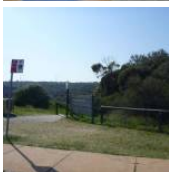


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### Southern End of Cann Park to The Barrack Tower 0.1km 2 mins

(From S) From the southern end of Cann Park and 'Congwong Beach Walk' sign, this walk initially follows a footpath toward the water and a stone tower). The walk crosses a sealed road and after about 50m finds a 'Botany Bay National Park' sign. This walk then passes between timber posts, walking across grass for about 50m, until coming to the stone tower (The Barrack Tower).



### The Barrack Tower to Int of Bare Island Fortification & Anzac Rd 0.1km 2 mins

(From 0.14 km) Continue straight: From the stone tower (The Barrack Tower), this walk travels gently downhill, towards the water, over grass for about 80m. The walk then continues over the sealed road for about 20m, until coming to white timber posts and a 'Botany Bay National Park' sign.



### Int of Bare Island Fortification & Anzac Rd to Bare Island Fortification 0.2km 4 mins

(From 0.23 km) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail gently downhill toward Bare Island. Then this walk continues to follow the trail for about 90m to find a long timber bridge. This walk crosses the bridge (for about 110m), until coming to a large metal gate and a 'Bare Island Fortification' sign behind the gate.



### Bare Island Fortification

In 1885 the Bare Island Fortification on the northern side of Botany Bay was built in order to prevent foreign invasion and protect the water supply of the new colony. While the building is now accessible for tours, originally the only way of getting onto the island was by flying fox. The fortifications were decommissioned in the early 1900s. In 1912, Bare Island became a retirement home for war veterans from the Crimea, Sudan and China campaigns. It continued to operate as a retirement home until 1963, after this the Randwick District Historical Society became caretakers of the island. In 1967 it was passed onto the New South Wales Parks and Wildlife Service for use as a museum and tourist attraction. The Bare Island fort has now been declared an historical site. The Bare Island Fortification is available for tours on Sundays in the afternoons, for more information on how to book tours call 9247 5033. Bare Island is also one of the most popular scuba diving sites in New South Wales.



### LaPerouse Museum

The La Perouse museum, in Botany Bay National Park, is housed in the historic cable station at La Perouse. The museum contains much information regarding Bare Island, the fate of La Perouse himself and Botany Bay National Park. There are many relics from ship wrecks, with maps and scientific instruments dating back to the 16th century. The museum contains over 2000 items, with one of the most significant collection items being a complete Atlas of the Voyage of La Perouse, consisting of 72 coloured drawings and maps, featuring places the expedition visited between 1785 and 1788. The museum is open Thursday to Sunday 10am to 4pm, closed Christmas Day. Contact La Perouse (Botany Bay National Park) on 02 9311 3379. [More info](#)



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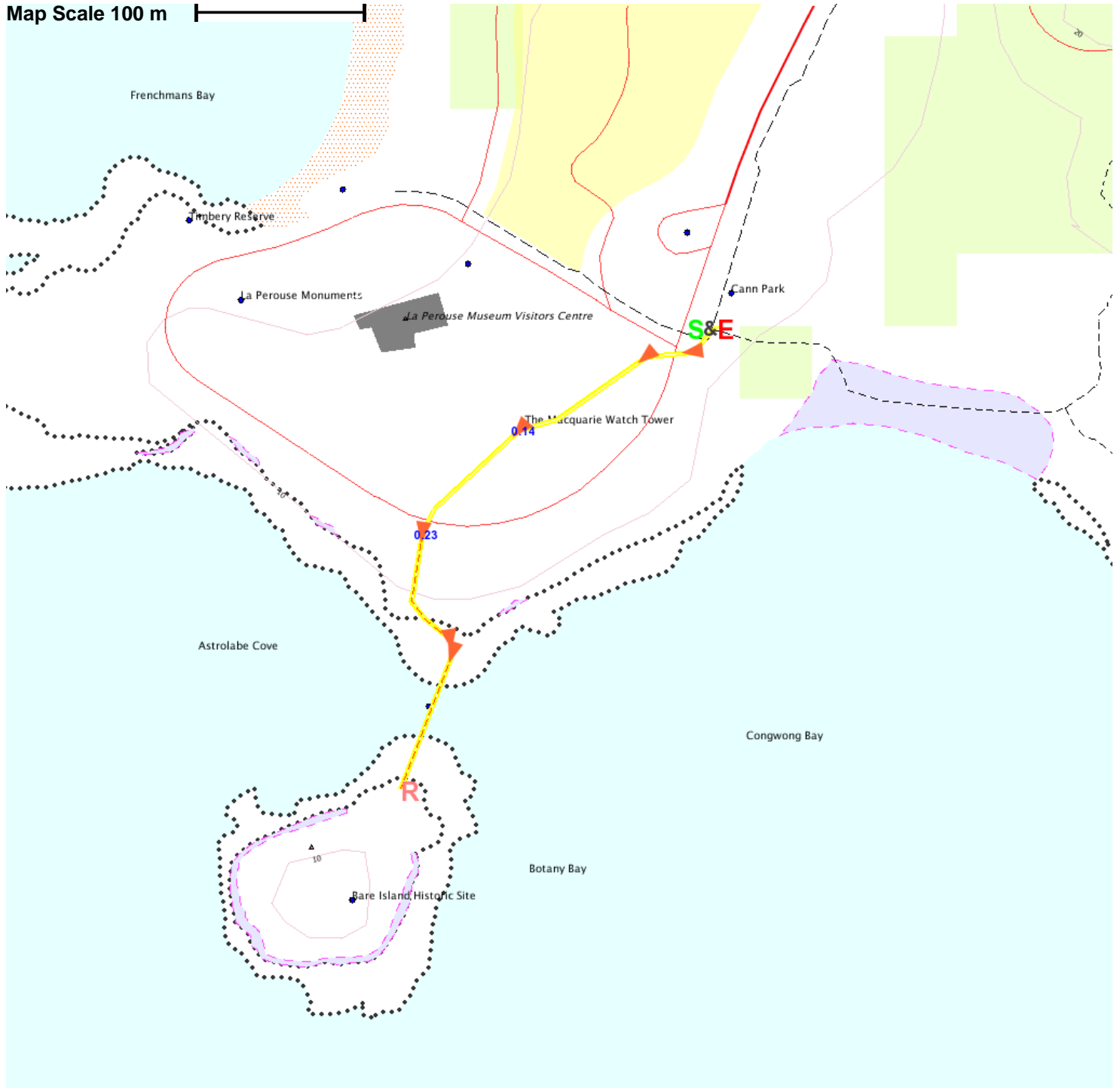
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