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Start

Bush Street

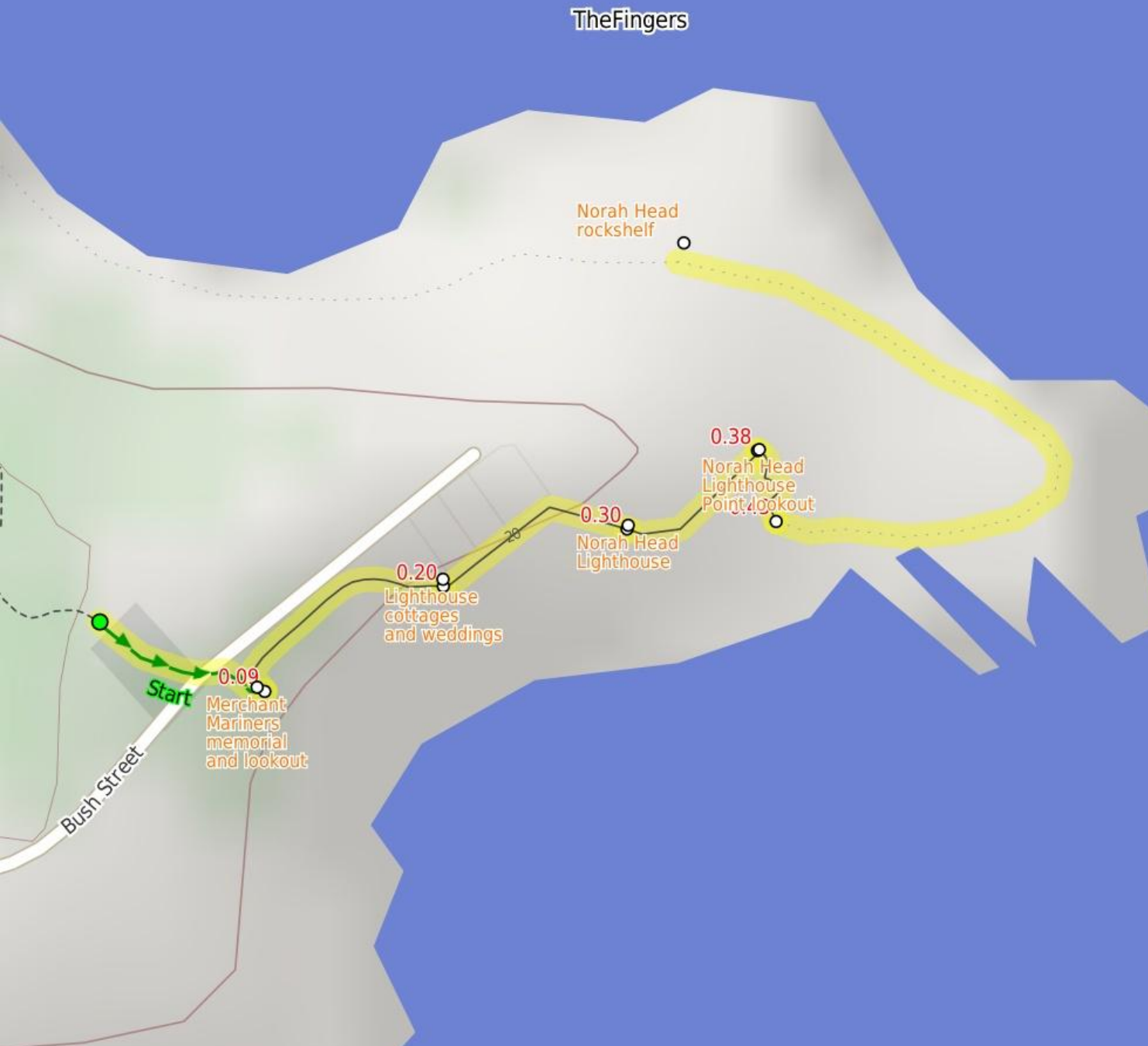# WildWalks

Norah Head Lighthouse and Rockshelf walk

45 mins   **Hard track**

1.6 km Return   ⛰ **56m**

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A very interesting and very scenic walk, taking in the merchant mariners memorial, and lookout, and the Norah Head lighthouse before exploring the rockshelf below Norah Head. The lighthouse is very picturesque and the setting is beautiful, with some fantastic views along the coastline from the paths around the area. The merchant mariners memorial adds some more historic interest to the walk. The rockshelf is interesting to explore, with plenty of shapes and textures in the rock.

30m

4m

Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve

Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

Getting there You can get to Lighthouse car park (gps: -33.2821, 151.5736) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a return, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at http://wild.tl/nhlarw

0 | Lighthouse car park
(90 m 2 mins) From the end of the car park, this walk crosses the car park, tending to the left, then crosses Bush St to the Merchant Mariners memorial and lookout. There are numerous plaques in the footpath and set in rocks at the memorial, providing information about merchant ships and lives lost during times of war.

0.09 | Merchant Mariners memorial and lookout
This memorial and lookout point commemorates the loss of lives in the merchant navy, during times of war, primarily WWII . There are several plaques with details of the ships and number of lives lost. The stunning views from the lookout take in the nearby Norah Head lighthouse and much of the coastline to the south.

0.09 | Merchant Mariners memorial lookout
(120 m 3 mins) Turn sharp left: From the lookout, this walk follows the footpath towards the lighthouse, passing an information board, to the right, and keeping the driveway to the left. The walk soon arrives at the corner of the lighthouse cottage yard, beside the car park.

0.2 | Lighthouse cottages and weddings
The cottages at the Norah Head Lighthouse can be booked as accommodation (ph: 1300 132 975) and the Lighthouse grounds can be booked for weddings (ph: (02) 4396 4102). More info.

0.2 | Cottage car park
(100 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the corner of the cottage yard, this walk follows the footpath past the lighthouse cottages, to the left, to the gate beside the lighthouse.

0.3 | Norah Head Lighthouse
The lighthouse was established in 1903 and was converted from a kerosene burner to mains electricity power in 1961. Tours of the lighthouse are available on weekends , every half hour between 10am and 1:30pm . More info.

0.3 | Lighthouse
(80 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the gate beside the lighthouse, this walk follows the footpath, gently down the hill, towards the ocean. The walk soon reaches a viewing point at the top of the beach access steps.

0.38 | Norah Head Lighthouse Point lookout
This lookout, on the point of Norah Head, near the lighthouse, has amazing views in all directions, up and down the coastline, across the rockshelves and beaches below, and of the lighthouse itself.

0.38 | Lighthouse Point lookout
(40 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the top of the steps, this walk goes down the timber steps to the beach at the bottom.

0.43 | Bottom of Norah Head steps
(360 m 6 mins) Veer left: From the bottom of the steps, this walk crosses the end of the sandy beach and explores the extensive rock platform before heading north around the headland, keeping the ocean to the right. Soon after going around the headland, the walk reaches the southern end of Lighthouse Beach.

0.78 | Norah Head rockshelf
This rockshelf is at the tip of Norah Head, below the lighthouse. The general scenery in the area is beautiful and the rockshelves have a lot of interesting shapes and textures, making the area interesting to explore. The rockshelf can be reached from the nearby beaches or via steps from the lighthouse.