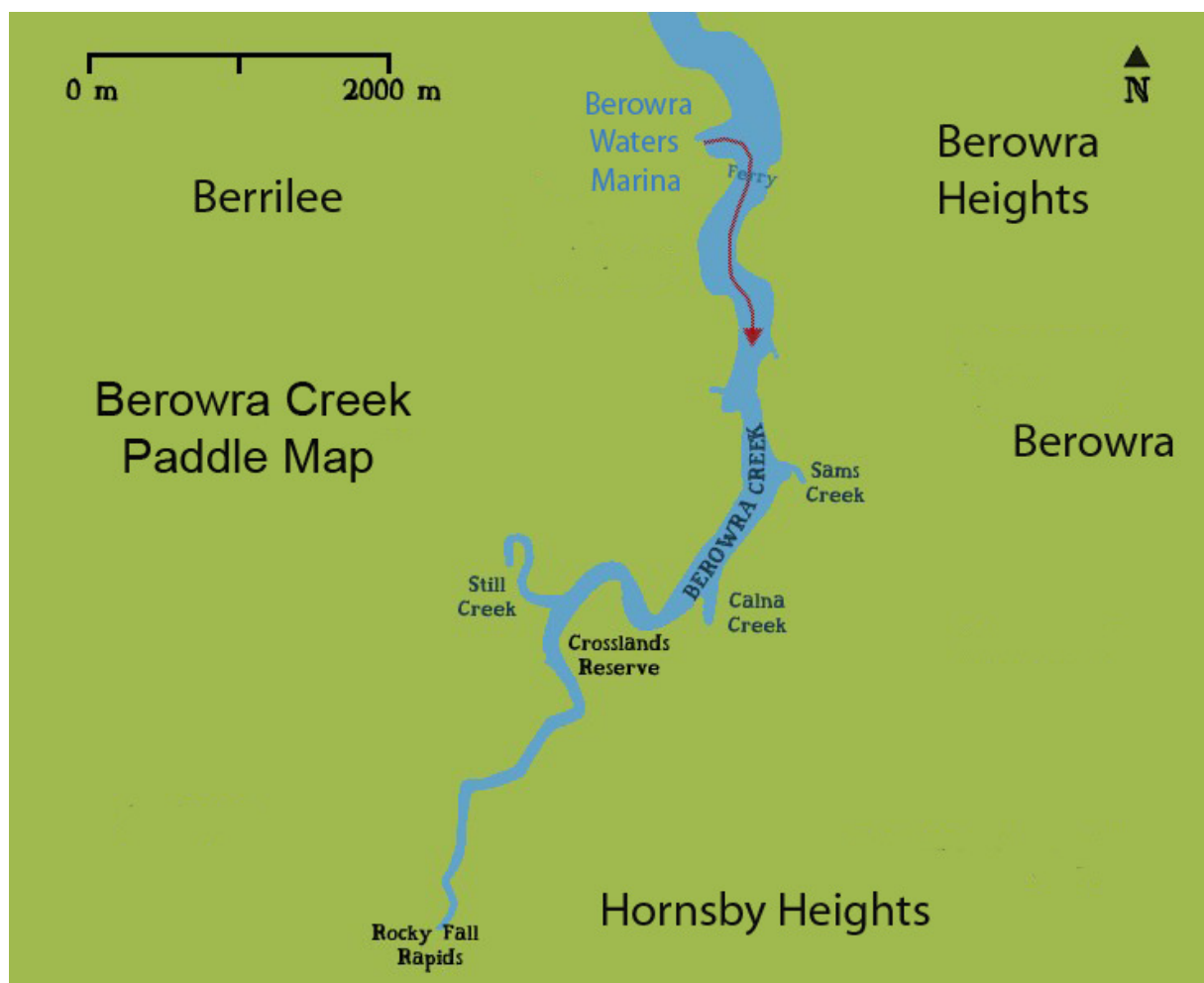


## Upper Berowra Creek Paddle Map



As you paddle out from Dusthole Bay, turn right and head south towards the upper reaches of Berowra Creek. Take care crossing the vehicle ferry cables and always cross behind the ferry.

South of the Ferry, on the right hand or western side, is Silverwater estate, part of Berowra Waters. Most of the houses are only accessible by boat and this definitely adds to their appeal.

Apart from the houses at Berowra Waters, this paddle is flanked on both sides by the Berowra Valley Regional Park. Along the left hand or eastern shore is a section of the Great North Walk called the Benowie Track, which runs alongside Berowra Creek, and up to Crosslands Reserve.



Keep an eye out for the mangrove lined creeks on either side. Berowra is an aboriginal word meaning 'place of many winds' and if that is true on the day of your visit then the calm sheltered environment of these creeks will provide a nice change of scenery.

About 3km into the trip, just after where the creek makes a sharp right hand turn, you will come to Crosslands Reserve on the left. This is a public picnic area and camping ground (with toilets), that can also be reached by road from Hornsby Heights. It is heritage listed and is regarded as being of regional significance. In the late 1800s steam boats traveled up Berowra Creek from Sydney on pleasure trips. Even then, Crosslands was a popular

place to go for a picnic or a holiday.

Opposite Crosslands Reserve is Still Creek. This runs around the edge of the Crosslands Seventh Day Adventist Youth Centre and is worth a look if you have extra time.

Perhaps the most distinctive part of this paddle is the section south of Crosslands. The banks rise up steeply on either side as you make your way into this strikingly beautiful gorge dissecting the Hornsby Plateau. It is worth pausing for a moment to soak in the ambience.

We have shown the creek up to the tidal limit at Rocky Fall Rapids. It continues well past this but not in a fashion that makes for easy paddling, so it may be a good point to start making your way back.