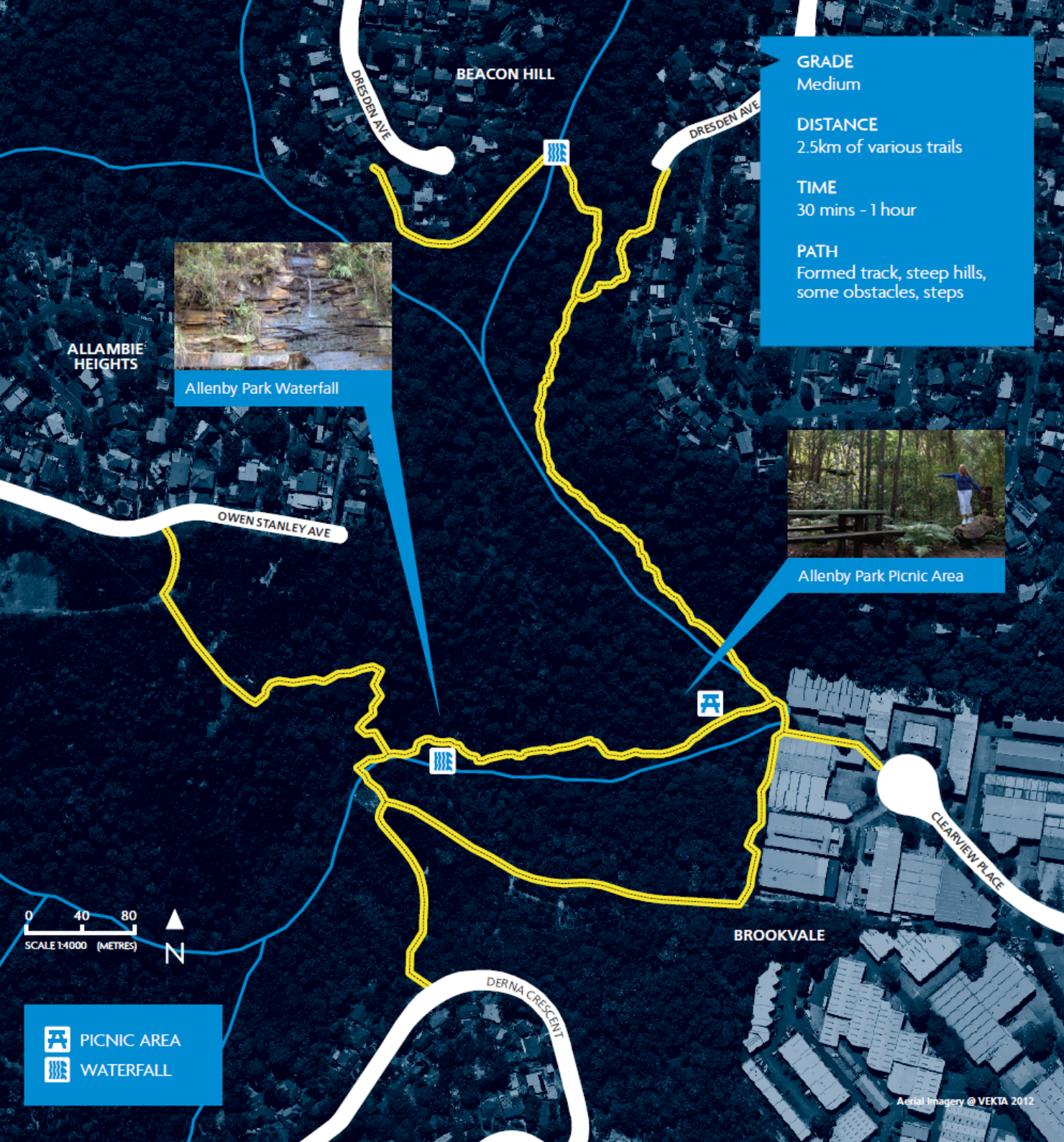




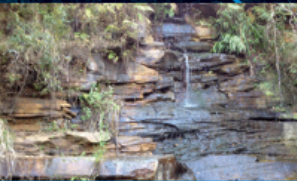


GRADE
Medium

DISTANCE
2.5km of various trails

TIME
30 mins - 1 hour

PATH
Formed track, steep hills,
some obstacles, steps



Allenby Park Waterfall



Allenby Park Picnic Area

ALLENBY PARK

Warringah's best kept secret! You'll forget you're in Sydney as you slip into the tranquility of this stunning pocket of natural bush. Enjoy the picturesque waterfalls and mossy boulders as well as panoramic views of the coast.

The park is named after Field Marshal Edmund Henry Hynman Allenby, 1st Viscount Allenby, an English soldier and British Imperial Governor. Allenby spent part of the Boer War commanding the New South Wales Lancers Cavalry.

SURVIVING THE SPRAWL

The first Brookvale land grant was in 1836 at the base of Allenby Park. Population growth was slow to start with, but by the mid-1950s, Brookvale was full of migrant market gardens. It is now an important business area.

The first land parcel was dedicated for public recreation in 1919. Nestled in the **steep valley slopes**, it's bordered by residential and industrial development.

FLORA AND FAUNA

The park hosts a **range of habitats**, from Sydney Sandstone Gully Forest consisting of Coachwood Rainforest and Forest Oak Forest, to Peppermint-Angophora Forest, rising to upland Coastal Sandstone Heath and Bloodwood-Scribbly Gum Woodland.

Threatened species include the Powerful Owl and the *Tetratheca glandulosa*, commonly known as Glandular Pink-bell, which flowers between July and November.

PICTURESQUE WATERFALLS

Deeply incised valleys are formed through the Hawkesbury sandstone scarps and outcrops. A series of pools, waterfalls and smaller cascades can be found. Eastern Water Dragons are often seen sunning themselves close by.

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

Several engravings survive on the plateau, showing depictions of humans, fish, whales, kangaroos, shields and spirit figures. Ochre, gypsum, charcoal or white pipeclay were used to create art.

Catchment Health: Brookvale Creek is in the Manly Lagoon catchment and has been highly modified since the 1960s when it was piped underneath Warringah Mall and the industrial area. Pollution from the surrounding houses, gardens, roads and businesses flows into the Lagoon.

Caution: Creeks and stormwater drains can be dangerous during and after heavy rainfall. Please be cautious and never enter a stormwater pipe.

Dogs: Dogs must be on a lead at all times



PICNIC AREA



WATERFALL

0 40 80
SCALE 1:1000 (METRES)

