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Beach - Bronte

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View of Bronte Beach

Beach number:	nsw323
State/Region:	New South Wales
Beach name:	Bronte
Club name:	Bronte
Beach hazard rating:	High Tide: 7 Low Tide: 7 Least hazardous: 1-3 Moderately hazardous: 4-6 Highly hazardous: 7-8 Extremely hazardous: 9-10
Summary:	One of the more popular eastern suburb beaches with a large park and picnic area, good bus access and reasonable parking. However watch the rips.
Description:	Bronte Beach lies just south of Tamarama and in many respects is like a big brother. It is a slightly bigger beach at 250 m long, but with bigger rips. So again bathers beware. Australia's oldest surf club was formed here in 1903. The beach is set in a picturesque valley, occupied by Bronte Park covering 10 ha and one of the nicest oases on the south side. By all means go and enjoy the park, but watch the surf. The park and a moderate amount of parking in the old tramway cutting, plus the government bus service make Bronte a popular beach. However this popularity keeps the life savers and year round lifeguards busy with an average of 127 rescues a year. The beach is fronted by a surf zone that is usually occupied by 2 to 3 rips, one at either end against the headlands, and often a third one in the centre. The southern headland rip is known as the 'Bronte Express' and guarantees a fast ride out the back. An additional hazard are the rocks off the southern end of the beach, an area favoured by board riders. All in all the southern rock pool is the safest place to go.
Swimming conditions:	Bronte will always be an attractive and popular destination with a potentially hazardous surf. Definitely bathe between the flags and still watch for rips, as they occupy most of the beach. If you feel yourself being dragged sideways or out to sea, you are in a rip. If you are not an experienced bather use the rock pool.
Surfing conditions:	Contains Bronte Reef at the south end which can produce good rights off east to south east swell, while a beach break left occupies the northern half.
Fishing conditions:	A permanent gutter runs out from the beach, with the high and exposed rocks at both ends requiring some caution.
Beach length (m):	250