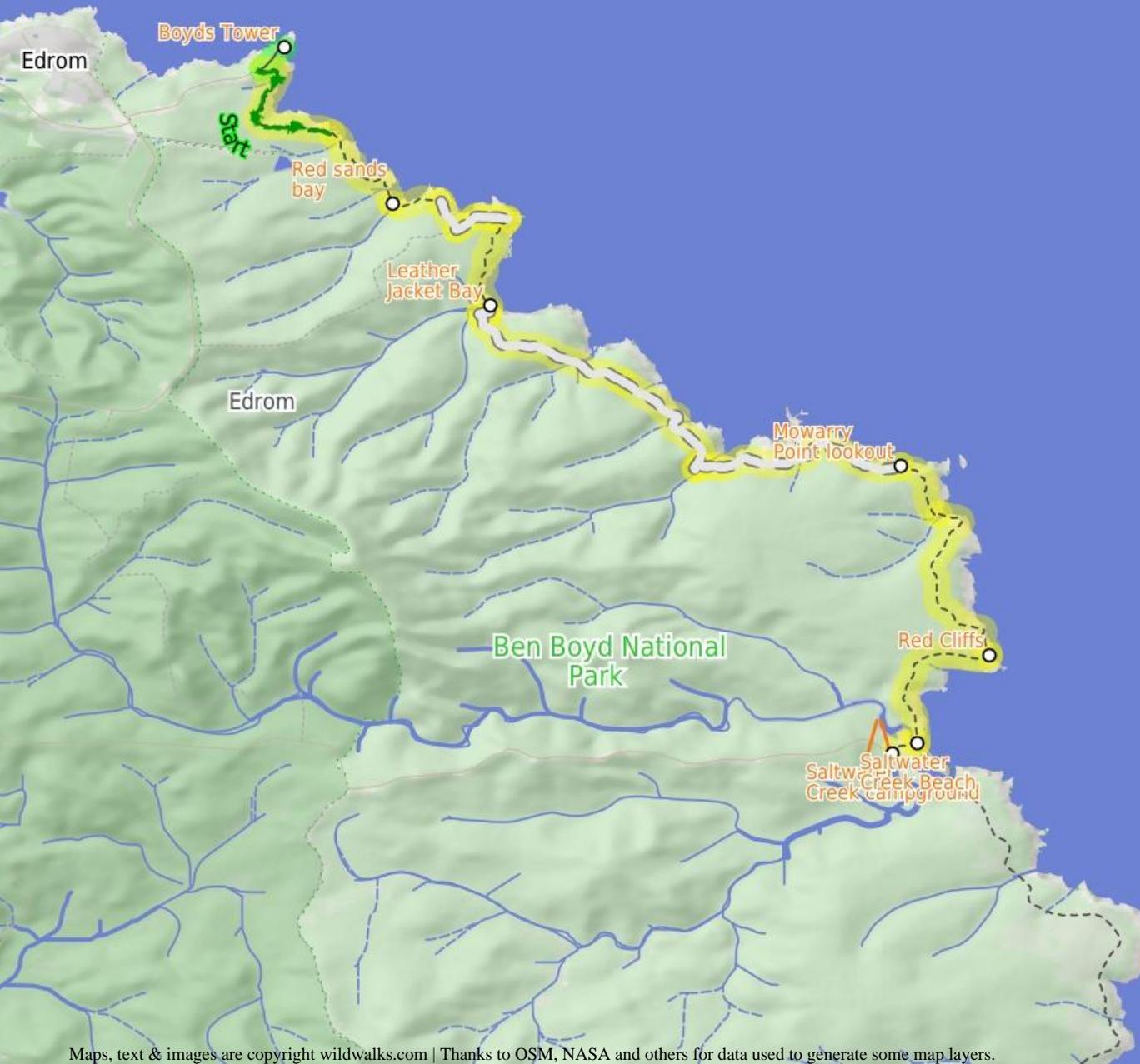


Boyd Tower to Saltwater Creek



5 hrs

Hard track

13.4 km One way

▲ 382m

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This is the first of the three main sections that form the Light to Light walk. You can start the walk with an optional sidetrip to the historic and interesting Boyd Tower. From here, the walk starts its southward journey to Saltwater Creek. The walk explores a number of picturesque bays with bright red rocks and imposing sea cliffs. Leather Jacket Bay, about halfway along, makes a nice place to relax, with beaches, bays and headlands to explore. The last half of this walk includes a few open grassland sections, providing some panoramic views.

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Ben Boyd National Park

Boyd's Tower

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Leather Jacket Bay

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Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an enjoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast ([BOM South Coast District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Far South Coast, unknown](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Ben Boyd National Park](#))
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

- T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

Topo Maps

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include;

1:25 000 Map Series: 88231S KIAH, 88231N EDEN

1:100 000 Map Series: 8923 GREEN CAPE, 8823 EDEN

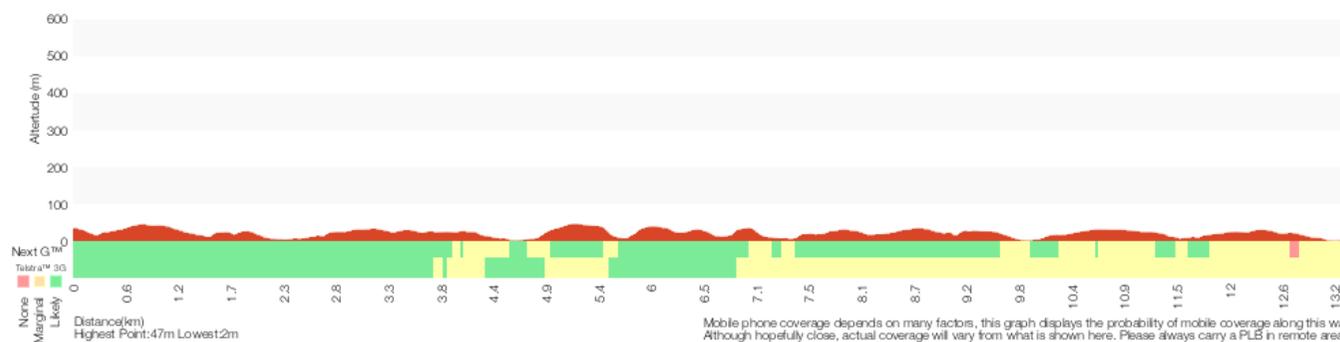
Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



**Grade 4/6
Hard track**

Length	13.4 km One way
Time	5 hrs
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)



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 walk's 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 Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Ben Boyd Car park information sign (gps: -37.1047, 149.9513). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Saltwater Creek Campsite Information Sign (gps: -37.169, 150.0007). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

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0 | Optional sidetrip to Int. Boyds Tower and Lookout

(280 m 5 mins) From the car park, this walk heads past the information billboard on the left and follows the sign to 'Ben Boyd Tower', down the hill. The walk winds down the hill to a seat on the left and signs on the right. This walk continues, to pass another seat on the right with fantastic views along the rocky coast. The track meanders down the hill to an intersection with a boardwalk below Boyds Tower.

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0 | Ben Boyd Car park information sign

(2.4 km 48 mins) Continue straight: From the information sign, the walk heads down the hill, following the low posts away from the information sign, to a signposted intersection on the left. From the intersection, the track follows the sign for 'Coastal Walk' down the hill away from the car park. The track soon passes an information sign on the right before tending right, down the hill to be above the coastline. The walk then continues with the coast on your left, down stairs into a gully and back out. The track winds and undulates for some time, leading away from the coast. The track then continues back towards the coast, to a view of the tower on your left and a rock island below in the sea.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads along the track, keeping the coast to the left. The track soon leads out of the heath and winds along the hillside, tending away from the coast (which disappears below the trees on the left). The walk then winds down into a gully with access to the rocks (below on your left). Rising up and out of the gully, the track winds across the hillside and then down into a rocky bay with an arrow marker. The walk continues across the red flat rock at the back of the bay, coming to the arrow marker pointing inland, in the middle of the bay.

2.44 | Red sands bay

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2.44 | Red sands bay

(410 m 8 mins) Turn right: From the red rock bay, this walk follows the track marker away from the ocean and up the stairs. The track climbs over the hill to head down into a creek bed, where it heads up the hill keeping the ocean on the left of the track. The stairs lead this walk around the hill to the right and then to a signposted intersection with a service trail.

2.85 | Int. Light to Light and Leather Jacket Pt Trks

(740 m 13 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the arrow of the tower sign through the small clearing and along the clearer service trail. The track winds quickly through the heath for some time to meet a signposted intersection.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows track marker down the hill, towards the ocean. The track leads downhill to a signposted intersection.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track marker past a white post, keeping the ocean and the other service trail to the left of the track. The walk continues along the service trail for a short time to a signposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the track marker, leaving the fork in the trails behind and heading down the slight hill towards the ocean. The track continues down the hill to a signposted intersection.

3.59 | Int. Light to Light and Leather Jacket View Trks

(1.1 km 19 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track marker into the tall heath, towards the views of the ocean. The track then winds through the heath, passing through some large areas of tall heath and melaleuca trees. The walk follows white posts through the heath to then enter an area of tall eucalypt bush. The track soon passes an old farm fence post on the left of the track while winding down the hill into Leather Jacket Bay. The track follows the creek across the back of the rocky bay to a well signposted clearing - the campsite.

4.66 | Leather Jacket Bay

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4.66 | Leatherjacket Bay

(2.7 km 57 mins) Turn right: From the clearing, this walk follows the sign up the hill along the service trail, away from the clearing and the bay. The track soon comes to a signposted intersection.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Mowarry Point' up the hill. The track winds up the hill to continue across the ridge, with the track soon heading down the hill over large speed bumps. The walk comes to a small bridge over a creek bed, after which it leads up a hill, tending left to head across the flat to an unsignposted intersection on the left.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill, leaving a track behind on the left. This walk leads down into a saddle, to rise up again along a section of yellow dirt service trail. The track continues to

undulate and wind for some time, with views of the ocean appearing on the left of the track under the trees. The track then leads down the hill, tending right for some time to the signposted cul-de-sac at Mowarry car park.

7.33 | Mowarry Bay car park

(80 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Mowarry Point 500m', down the hill. The track leaves the car park through the gap in the logs and tends right, heading down the hillside to an intersection (with a track marker present), above a creek.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track marker down the stairs and upstream of the creek, to turn left across the rocky creek bed. The walk heads up the stairs, leading to a service trail.

7.41 | Mowarry Creek Sth bank

(1.8 km 34 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign up the hill, tending left. The track soon meets a flatter area where this walk comes into sight of a beach, below on the left. The walk passes two access tracks on the left which lead down to the beach. The track continues to a small clearing at an intersection, marked by an arrow.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill, keeping the ocean below on the left. The track winds up the hillside to a large signpost 'Mowarry Point'. This walk follows the arrow to 'Saltwater Creek 5.4km' into an open grassland, following numerous track markers through the open grass area and patches of heath. The walk soon turns right, up the hill, keeping the ocean well below to the left of the track. The track then enters and winds through an area of heath. Many trees cover the tracks and trodden paths in this part of the walk. The track passes through these trees to a clearing with views towards Boyd Tower and waves crashing below.

9.16 | Mowarry Point lookout

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9.16 | Mowarry Lookout

(2.6 km 48 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, the walk winds through the heath, keeping the ocean to your left. The track heads through sections of low and tall heath and eucalypt bush. The walk begins to wind down the hill, and passes a clearing with a fire place, leading onto the rocky beach where there is an arrow marker standing in the pebbles of the beach.

Veer right: From the signpost, the walk heads towards the next arrow sign within sight, keeping the ocean on the left. The walk crosses the pebbly beach to the arrow marker, where another can be seen further along the coast on the red rock shelf. The walk meanders across the rock shelf to the track marker, which points into the bush. The walk follows this arrow away from the coast and up the stairs into the heath, where the track winds for quite some time through the heath and then bush. The track then heads back through the bush, down onto a red rock platform above the sea. The walk continues down the rock platform following the arrow signs, with the sea on the left of the track, coming to be opposite a set of stairs (on the right of the track).

11.74 | Red Cliffs

Red Cliffs - These fantastic red coastal cliffs are found about 1km north of saltwater creek in Ben Boyd National Park. The cliffs are made of a red siltstone. As the name suggests, this rock is made from deposited silt, making it much finer grain than sandstone. The red silt came from nearby volcanic eruptions long ago, and is clearly different from the other brown siltstone and

sandstone in the region. The cliff is unfenced and provides views out to sea and into a few surrounding bays. [More info.](#)

11.74 | Red Rocks

(1.5 km 27 mins) Turn right: From the rock platform, the walk heads up the stairs away from the rock shelf and ocean. The walk winds through the heath along the track, leading away from the coastline. After a while, the heath gives way to Melaleuca trees. There are numerous fallen trees and hanging branches over the track, so walkers should take due care. The track leads down the hill, with views of the ocean under the trees. The track passes through an old farm fence and soon comes down onto Saltwater Creek Beach. The track here is signposted on the ocean side of the headland.

13.22 | Saltwater Creek Beach

Saltwater Creek meets the South Pacific Ocean at a beautiful white sand beach in Ben Boyd National park. The beach looks north-east and has a rock shelf at either end. The wide Saltwater Creek forms a lagoon at the northern end, popular for swimming. Woodburn Creek also forms a lagoon on the southern end of the beach. Both creeks have a brown colouration from the tea tree, that forms a beautiful contrast with the white sand and blue ocean. The back of the beach is heavily wooded, providing some shade, and is home to the Saltwater Creek campsite. The beach can be accessed from the Saltwater Creek campsite at the end of the access road from Duck Hole Road.

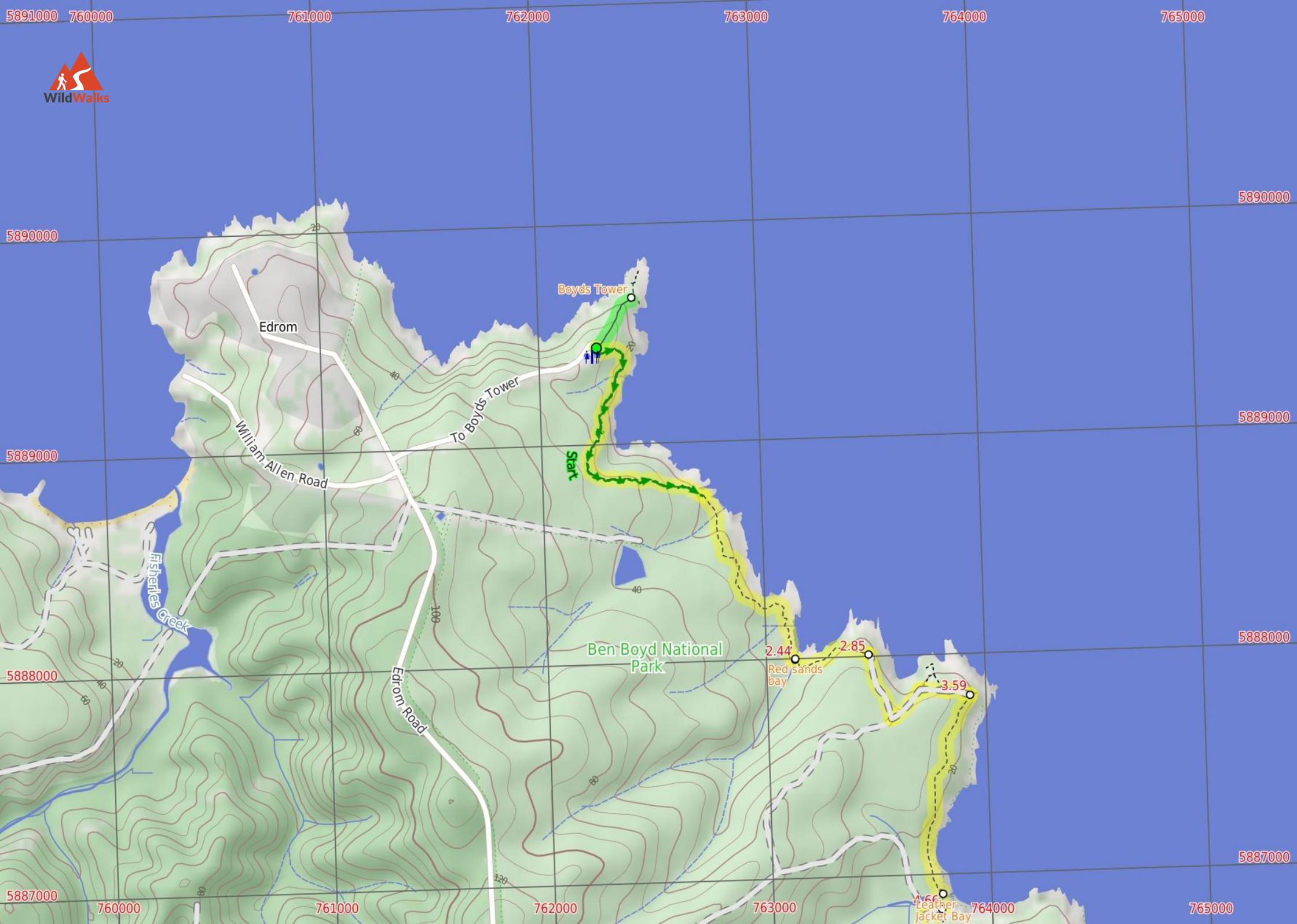
13.22 | Saltwater Creek Beach Nth

(180 m 3 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the sign to the camping ground across the sandbar, which separates the creek (on the right) from the ocean (on the left). The track heads up the stairs on the opposite side, to follow the fence line through to the day-use parking area. The track continues through to the information signs just behind the day-use area.

13.41 | Saltwater Creek campground

Saltwater Creek campground is a nice place from which to access the coastal walking track -there is plenty of swimming, fishing and snorkeling to be done as well. There are some rainwater tanks on site, but be prepared for them to be empty.





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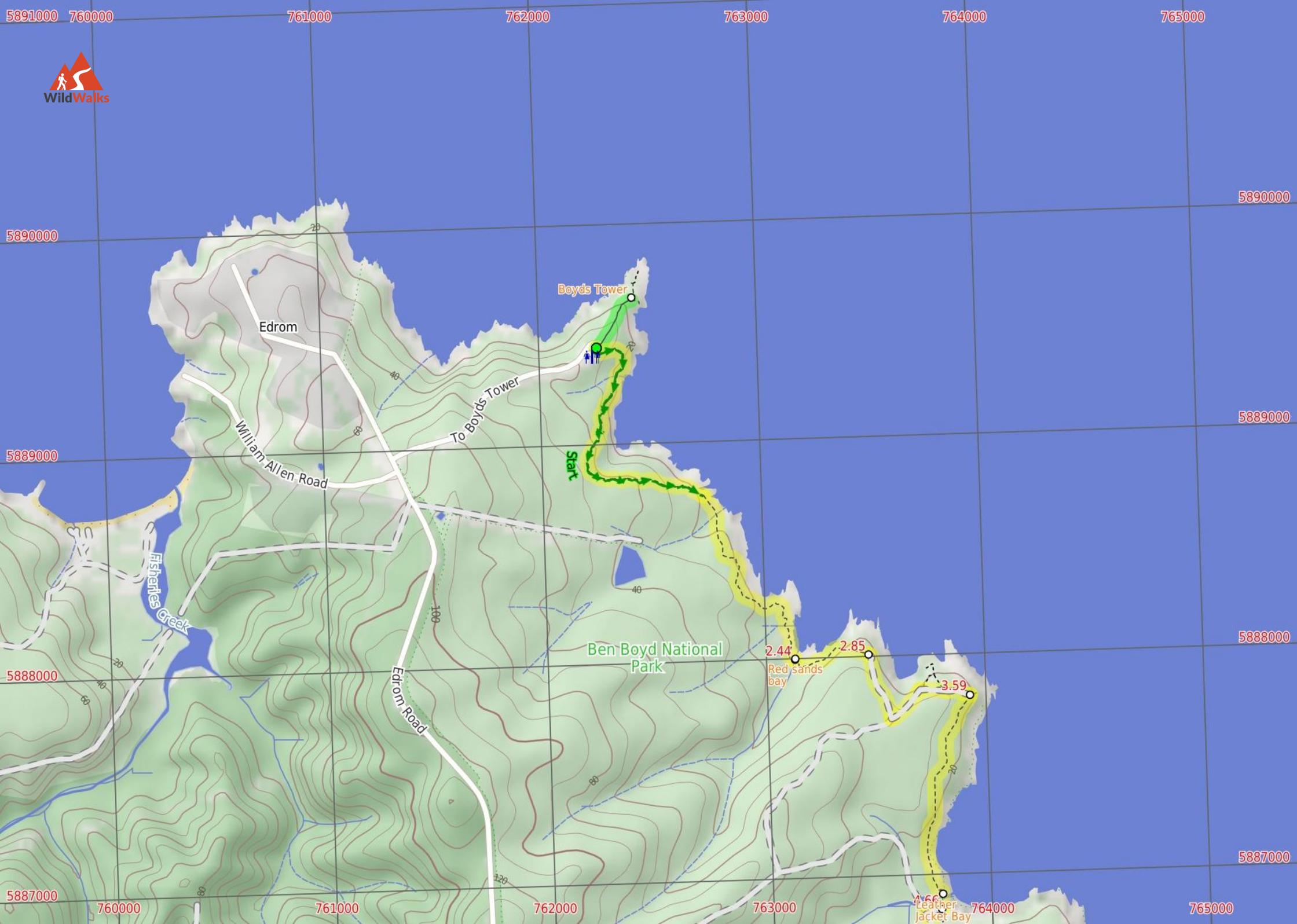
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Summary navigation sheet for the Boyd Tower to Saltwater Creek



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
0.00	Ben Boyd car park information sign -37.1047,149.9513 (GR Eden, 623894)	0 -15	280 m 5 mins	Optional sidetrip to Int. Boyds Tower and Lookout Trks. From the car park, this walk heads past the information billboard on the left and follows the sign to 'Ben Boyd Tower', down the hill.
0.00	Ben Boyd Car park information sign -37.1047,149.9513 (GR Eden, 623894)	71 -100	2.4 km 48 mins	Continue straight: From the information sign, the walk heads down the hill, following the low posts away from the information sign, to a signposted intersection on the left.
2.44	Red sands bay -37.1174,149.9615 (GR Eden, 631880)	21 -3	410 m 8 mins	Turn right: From the red rock bay, this walk follows the track marker away from the ocean and up the stairs.
2.85	Int. Light to Light and Leather Jacket Pt Trks -37.1172,149.9653 (GR Eden, 635880)	16 -19	740 m 13 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the arrow of the tower sign through the small clearing and along the clearer service trail.
3.59	Int. Light to Light and Leather Jacket View Trks -37.1189,149.9705 (GR Eden, 639878)	13 -32	1.1 km 19 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track marker into the tall heath, towards the views of the ocean.
4.66	Leatherjacket Bay -37.1276,149.9691 (GR Kiah, 638868)	113 -108	2.7 km 57 mins	Turn right: From the clearing, this walk follows the sign up the hill along the service trail, away from the clearing and the bay.
7.33	Mowarry Bay car park -37.1425,149.9851 (GR Kiah, 651851)	1 -2	80 m 1 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Mowarry Point 500m', down the hill.
7.41	Mowarry Creek Sth bank -37.1422,149.9856 (GR Kiah, 652852)	56 -47	1.8 km 34 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign up the hill, tending left.
9.16	Mowarry Lookout -37.1422,150.0012 (GR Kiah, 336851)	60 -66	2.6 km 48 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, the walk winds through the heath, keeping the ocean to your left.
11.74	Red Rocks -37.1601,150.0081 (GR Kiah, 343832)	29 -36	1.5 km 27 mins	Turn right: From the rock platform, the walk heads up the stairs away from the rock shelf and ocean.
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