



Awabakal Viewpoint Walk

(Awabakal Country)

 20 min to 30 min

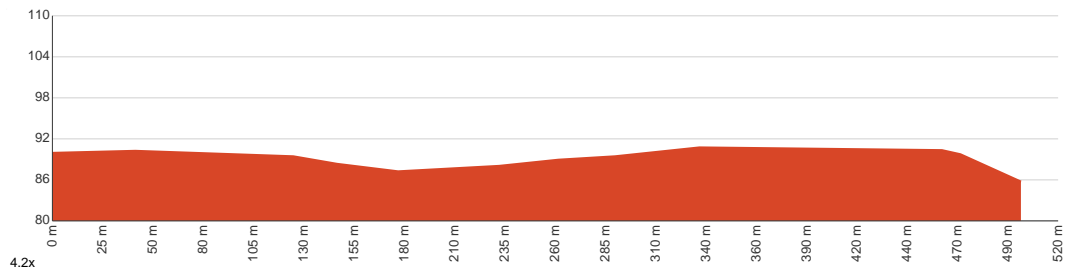

1 km
Return


↑ 12 m
↓ 12 m


Hard track



This short walk from the Awabakal car park out to the Awabakal Viewpoint offers a relaxing walk through native forest, with a quiet and secluded viewpoint at the end. The native heath throughout this walk is particularly attractive when in flower (July to October). Why not take a blanket and enjoy a picnic at the viewpoint? This short walk takes you to a lovely viewpoint through native forest and is recommended. Let us begin by acknowledging the Awabakal people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 4 of 6 Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Pacific Highway, A43

- Turn on to Oakdale Road then drive for 2.3 km
- Turn left onto Redhead Road and drive for another 315 m
- Turn sharp right onto Ocean Street and drive for another 1.6 km

Before you start any journey ensure you;

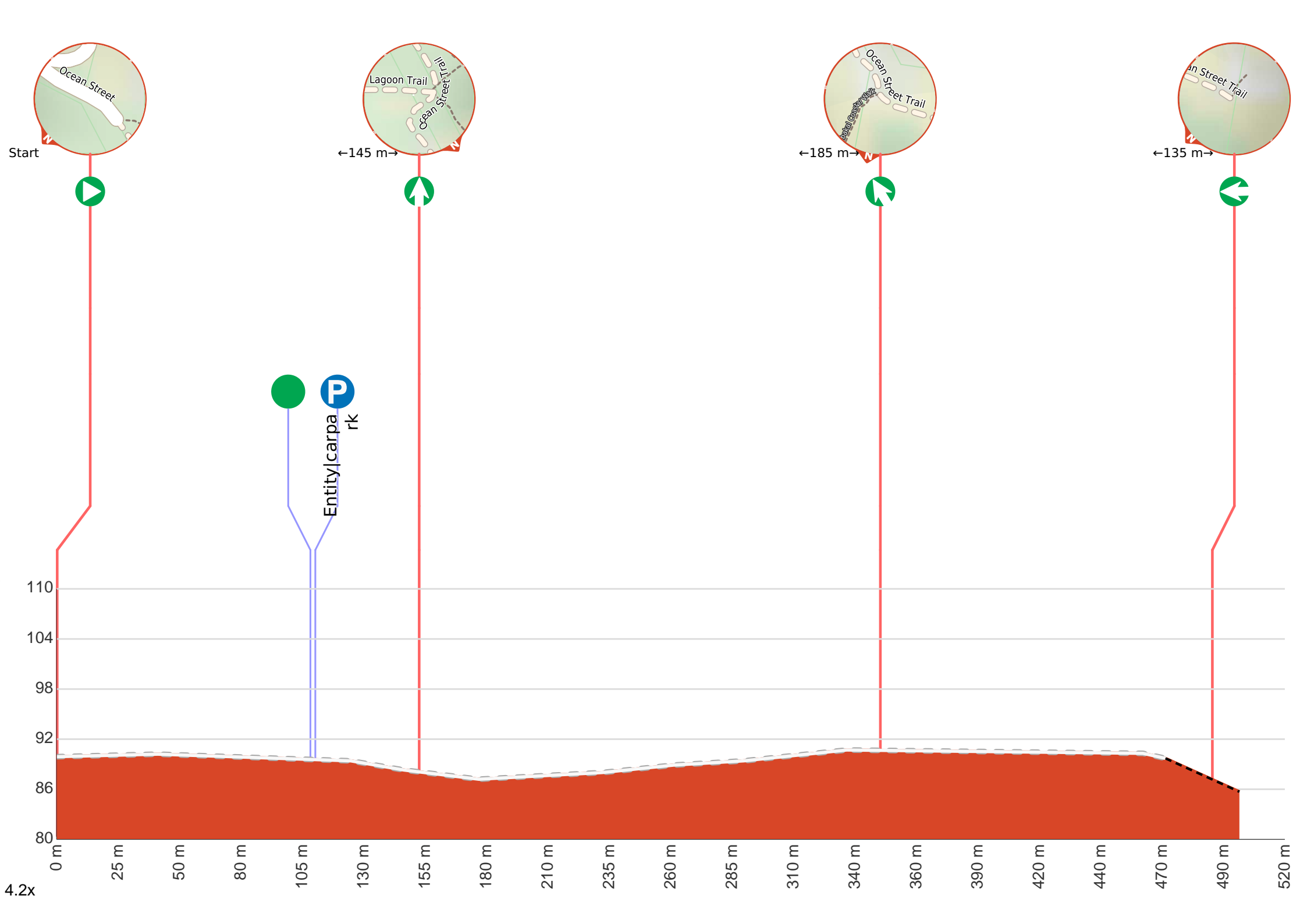
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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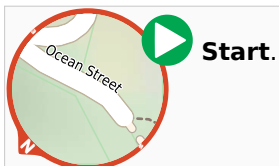






Getting started: From the Awabakal car park (end of Ocean St, Dudley), this walk passes around the locked metal gate and follows the track gently downhill. The walk continues through native forest for about 110m until coming to a three-way intersection, with a large stand-alone tree and picnic table.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track gently uphill, while leaving the stand-alone tree directly behind you and keeping the ocean on your left. This walk continues, undulating through coastal vegetation for about 160m, until coming to a level three-way intersection with a smaller track on the right.



Start.

After 105 m find the "Awabakal Nature Reserve" (6 m on your right).



Awabakal Nature Reserve covers 227 hectares of coastal heath between Dudley and Redhead. The Awabakal Reserve contains a wide range of habitats including one of the largest remaining coastal heath communities, and also perched lagoons, creek catchments, dry and wet sclerophyll forest and remnants of rainforest. This park was created in January 1978. The coastal viewpoints from the reserve are also great for whale watching, bird watching and wildflower photography.

P Then find the "Awabakal Car Park" (5 m on your right).



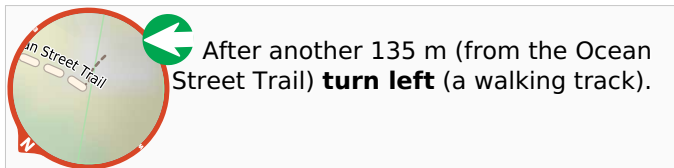
The Awabakal car park at the end of Ocean Street, Dudley is a good spot to start a walk within the Awabakal Nature Reserve. The car park contains a turning circle and is fenced amongst open forest. No other facilities exist here. Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle.



After another 40 m (at the intersection of Ocean Street Trail & Lagoon Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Ocean Street Trail.



After another 185 m (from the Ocean Street Trail) **veer left**, to head along Ocean Street Trail.



After another 135 m (from the Ocean Street Trail) **turn left** (a walking track).

Continue another 30 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 500 m to get back to the start.

About 15 m past the end is "Awabakal Viewpoint".



The Awabakal Viewpoint offers excellent views out over the ocean from its elevated viewpoint. This viewpoint is unfenced and care should therefore be taken. The views are particular good to the north towards Newcastle. Please stay on the tracks already created to reduce the erosion of the cliff top.