




Green Cape to Pulpit Rock

(Yuin Country)

 1 h 15 min to 1 h 30 min

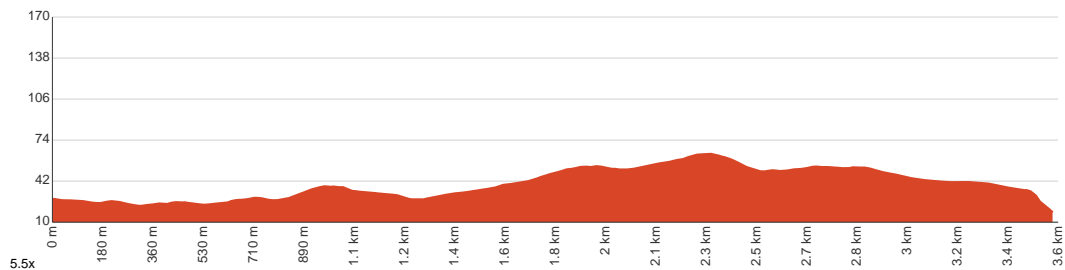

3.5 km
One way


↑ 65 m
↓ 76 m


Hard track



The walk to Pulpit Rock is a great way to see an amazing section of coastline. Traveling from Green Cape car park, near the lighthouse, the walk passes through large sections of heath and melaleuca to reach Pulpit Rock car park. Pulpit rock is quite a large formation with an excellent lookout, providing great views north up the coast. Let us begin by acknowledging the Yuin 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	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

Getting to the start: From Princes Highway, A1

- Turn on to Princes Highway, A1 then drive for 1.3 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Princes Highway, A1 and drive for another 27.3 km
- Turn right onto Princes Highway, A1 and drive for another 6.7 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Quondolo Street, A1 and drive for another 245 m
- Turn slight right onto Bullara Street, A1 and drive for another 18.7 km
- At roundabout, take exit 3 onto Mitchell Street, A1 and drive for another 18.3 km
- Turn left onto Edrom Road and drive for another 5.7 km
- Turn right onto Green Cape Road and drive for another 11.2 km
- Turn left onto Green Cape Road and drive for another 6.8 km
- Continue onto Green Cape Road and drive for another 2.5 km

Before you start any journey ensure you;

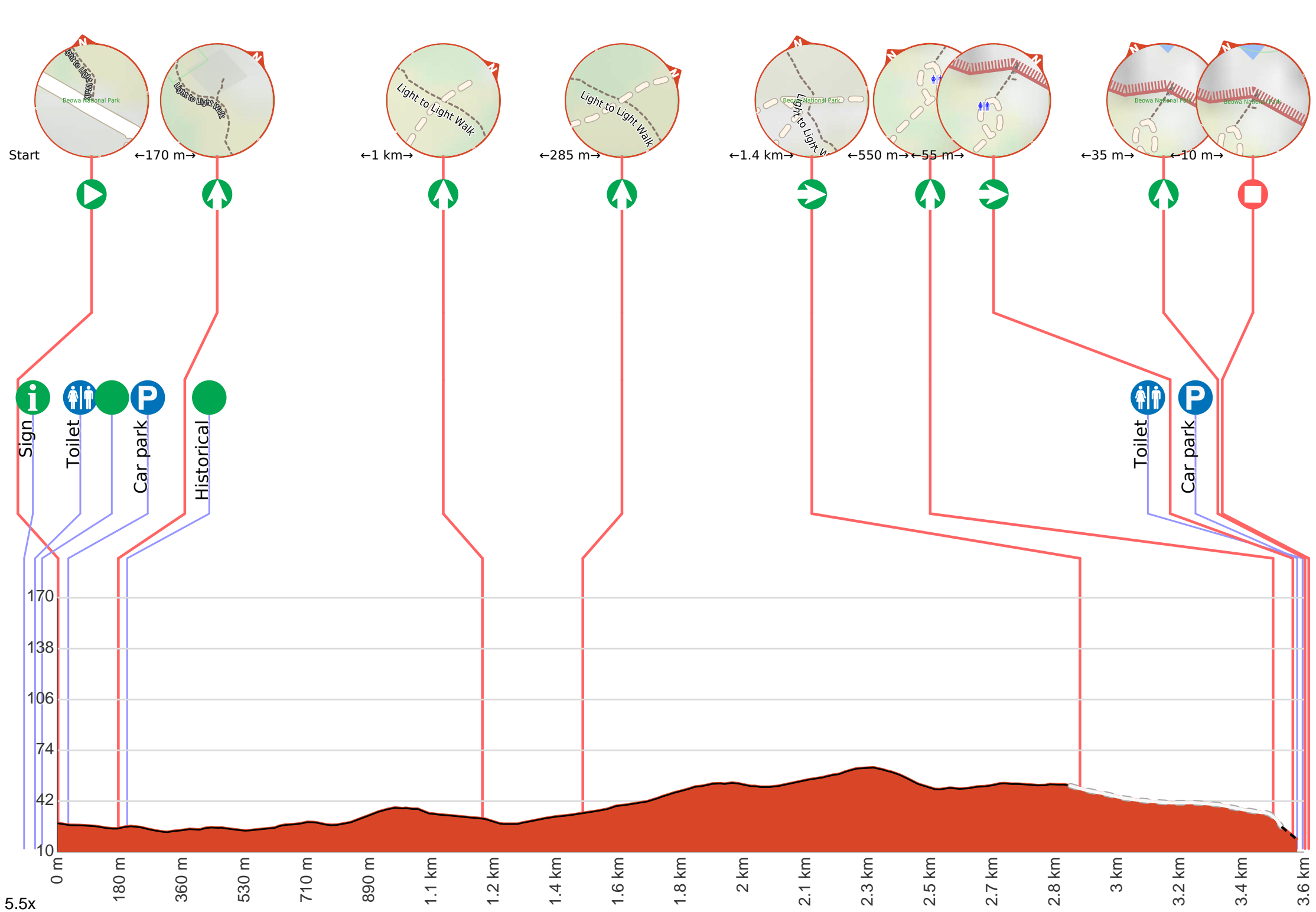
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are 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 intersection, this walk heads in the opposite direction to the 'Lighthouse Walkway' signs through the car park. The walk soon meets a bush track into the melaleuca and heath, which it follows to the signposted intersection of the Ly-ee-moon Graveyard.



Start.



There is a sign (about 125 m back from the start).



There is a toilet (about 95 m back from the start).



Green Cape (about 75 m back from the start).



Green Cape is a headland at the southern end of Ben Boyd National Park, forming the northern head of Disaster Bay. The cape's traditional owners are the people of the Yuin nation, from whom there remains evidence of a number of camps in the area. The cape was named 'Green Point' by Matthew Flinders in 1798. The area began its notorious fame in 1802 when eight of Flinders' crew disappeared when fetching water, in what he then appropriately named 'Disaster Bay'. The Imlay brothers and Boyd both established whaling business in the area in the early to mid 1800's, leaving several buildings in the park. There were many shipwrecks in the surrounding waters, the most famous being the SS Ly-ee-moon, whose victims are buried on the cape. The most visible feature on the cape is the 29-metre high lighthouse that is still operational today. NPWS run 1-hour tours of the site based on bookings. There is a composting toilet at the car park at the end of Green Cape Road. Accommodation is also available in the renovated lighthouse keeper cottages.



After 75 m to find the car park.



After another 140 m (from the Light to Light Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Light to Light Walk.



After another 25 m find the "Ly-ee-moon Graveyard" (10 m on your right).



The Ly-ee-moon Graveyard is a stark reminder of the horrific accident on the night of May 31st, 1886, when 71 men, women and children lost their lives. The white stone and single cross marks the positions of the unnamed graves. The nearby plaque names the people who lost their lives - sadly some names where not known and these people are remembered only by comments such as 'one who had a German accent'. During the dark night, the lighthouse keeper and assistant heroically rescued 16 people from the sea, and were left to listen to cries for help though the night of other people who could not be saved. The mother of Blessed Mary MacKillop, the first Australian to be beatified by the Catholic church, was one of those lost during the night. The fast and normally reliable ship, operated by the Australian Steam Navigation Company, was a single screw ship converted from a paddle steamer when it was brought to Australia in 1876. The graveyard is about 300m north-west of the Green Cape lighthouse, which was operational at the time the SS Ly-ee-moon struck the reef and sunk.



After another 1 km (from the Light to Light Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Light to Light Walk.



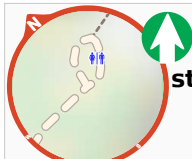
After another 285 m (from the Light to Light Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Light to Light Walk.



After another 1.4 km (from the Light to Light Walk) **turn right** (a vehicle track).



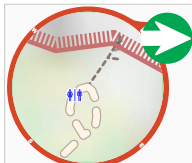
After another 350 m **continue straight**.



After another 195 m **continue straight**.



After another 85 m pass the toilet (10 m on your left).



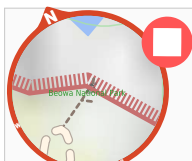
Turn right.



After another 10 m pass the car park (20 m on your left).



After another 20 m **continue straight**.



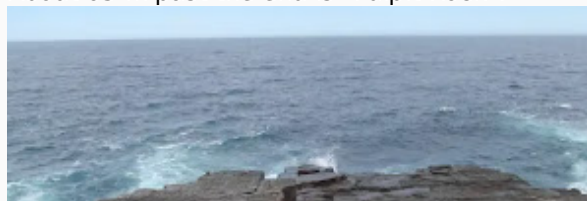
After another 10 m come to the end.



About 10 m past the end is a viewpoint.



About 65 m past the end is "Pulpit Rock".



Pulpit Rock is a large rock platform on the south-east coast of NSW, between Green Cape and Bittangabee in Ben Boyd National Park. The rock platform is a popular spot for rock fishing. Pulpit Rock is accessed via a staircase near the end of a service trail off Green Cape Rd. Near the car park is a pit toilet and garbage facilities. From the rock platform, there are great views north up the coast, with the red rock cliffs providing a spectacular highlight.