




Freemans Camping Area to Birdie Beach

(Darkinjung & Guringai Country)

 20 min to 25 min

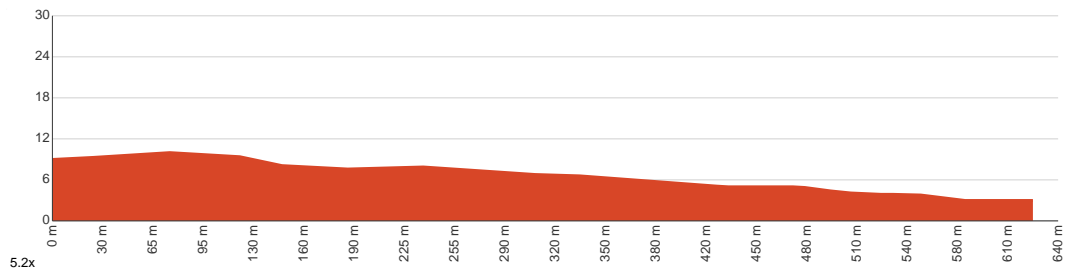

1.2 km
Return


↑ 8 m
↓ 8 m


Easy track



A short walk to access the beach from Freemans Camping Area. This undemanding walk takes campers along a wide path to Birdie Beach car park, then to Birdie Beach. The campsite is far enough back from the beach to be protected from the sea breeze, so this walk saves the longer trip via the road. Further north on Birdie Beach is Red Ochre Beach (a nude beach) and also Birdie Lagoon. Birdie Beach is not patrolled. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darkinjung & Guringai people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 2 of 6 Clear and well formed track or trail	
Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Flat, no steps (1/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Pacific Highway, A43

- Turn on to Elizabeth Bay Drive then drive for 1.8 km
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Birdie Beach Drive and drive for another 2.2 km
- Turn sharp left and drive for another 335 m
- Keep left and drive for another 30 m
- Turn right and drive for another 10 m
- Turn slight left and drive for another 6 m

Before you start any journey ensure you;

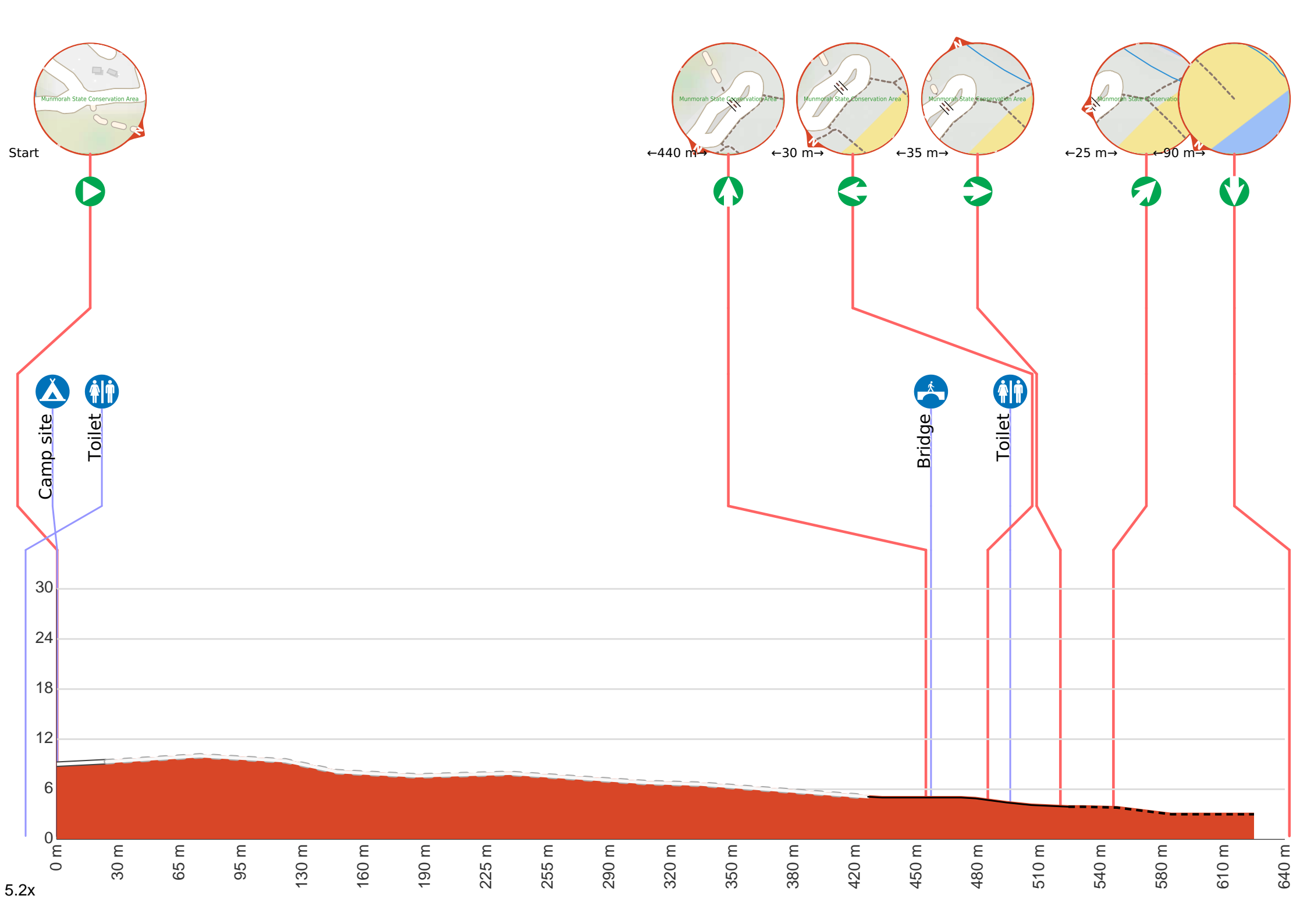
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are 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 speed hump on the Men's side of the toilet block in Freemans Camping Ground, this walk follows the 'Birdie Beach Access' sign. The walk follows the sealed path (old road) through the tall heath, passing a couple of glimpses of Red Ochre Beach (on the left) before coming to timber foot bridge in the middle of Birdie Beach car park.



Start.



Then come to the "Freemans Camping Area".



After another 25 m **turn left**.



There is a toilet (about 40 m back from the start).



After another 460 m (from the Birdie Beach Drive) **continue straight**.



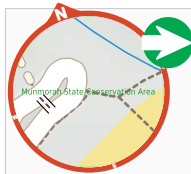
Then cross the bridge (about 15 m long)



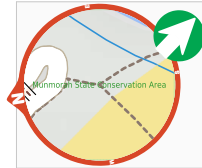
After another 25 m pass the toilet (100 m on your right).



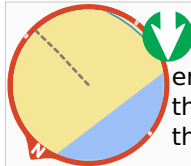
Turn left.



After another 35 m **turn right**.



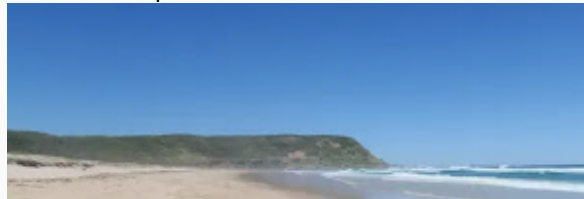
After another 25 m **veer right**.



Continue another 90 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 620 m to get back to the start.



About 50 m past the end is "Birdie Beach".



Birdie Beach is a several kilometre long beach stretching from Budgewoi in the south to near Wybung Head in the north. The sandy beach faces south-east and Bird Island is found about 1.5km from the shore. There are several access points along this beach. The beach is not patrolled.