



# Cape Byron Circuit

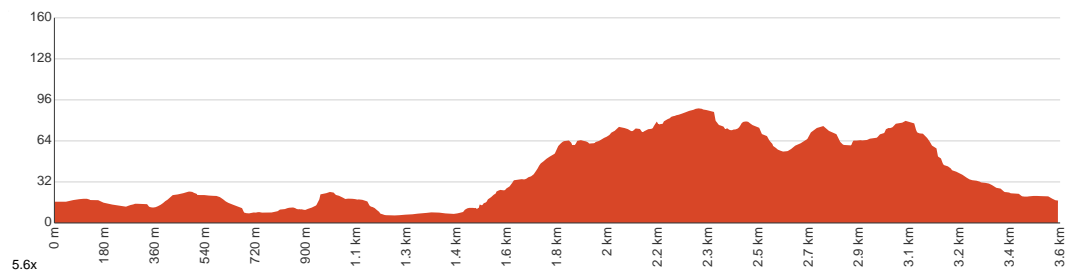
 1 h 15 min to 2 h

  
3.6 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 186 m  
↓ 185 m

  
Moderate track

Starting from the car park of Captain Cook Lookout, Byron Bay, this track takes you on a coastal circuit in Cape Byron, visiting the easternmost point of the Australian mainland along with the historic lighthouse and 3 scenic beaches. This spectacular coastal track can be a great destination for sea life enthusiasts. It is possible to spot dolphins, stingrays and even whales during their migrating season. You can also come across other animals such as Australian pelicans, bush turkeys and the occasional wallaby. The white tower of the Cape Byron Lighthouse rises 22 metres above ground, warning the sailors passing by since 1901. Visit the Clarkes, Wategos and Little Wategos beaches and cool off in the welcoming waters of the Pacific. The track is partly shaded by the bangalow palms and burrawangs and involves lots of steps. Exercise extra caution around cliff edges and try to avoid the midday heat. Keep in mind that the area tends to be busy on the weekends. Let us begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



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| Class 3 of 6<br>Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles |   |
| Quality of track   | Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)                          |
| Gradient   | Short steep hills (3/6)   |
| Signage  | Clearly signposted (2/6)  |
| Infrastructure   | Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6) |
| Experience Required  | No experience required (1/6)  |
| Weather  | Weather generally has little impact on safety (2/6)                 |

**Getting to the start:** From Pacific Highway, M1, Ewingsdale.

- Turn on to Pacific Highway Offramp then drive for 490 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Ewingsdale Road and drive for another 430 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Ewingsdale Road, 30 and drive for another 2 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Ewingsdale Road, 30 and drive for another 690 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Ewingsdale Road, 30 and drive for another 1.1 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Ewingsdale Road, 30 and drive for another 1.9 km
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Lawson Street, 30 and drive for another 160 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Lawson Street and drive for another 160 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Lawson Street and drive for another 160 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Lawson Street and drive for another 700 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Lighthouse Road and drive for another 500 m
- Turn left and drive for another 10 m

## Before you start any journey ensure you;

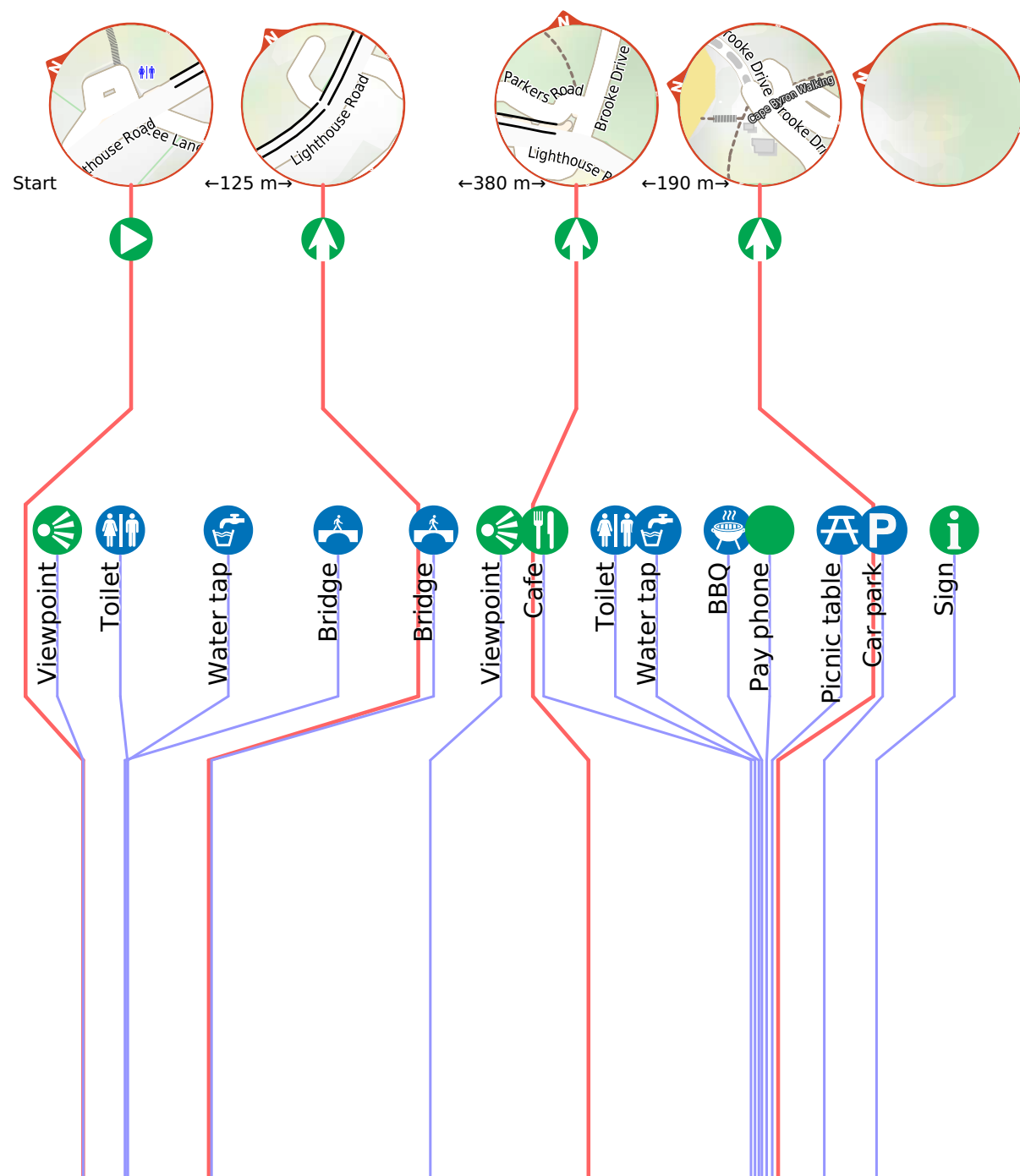
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

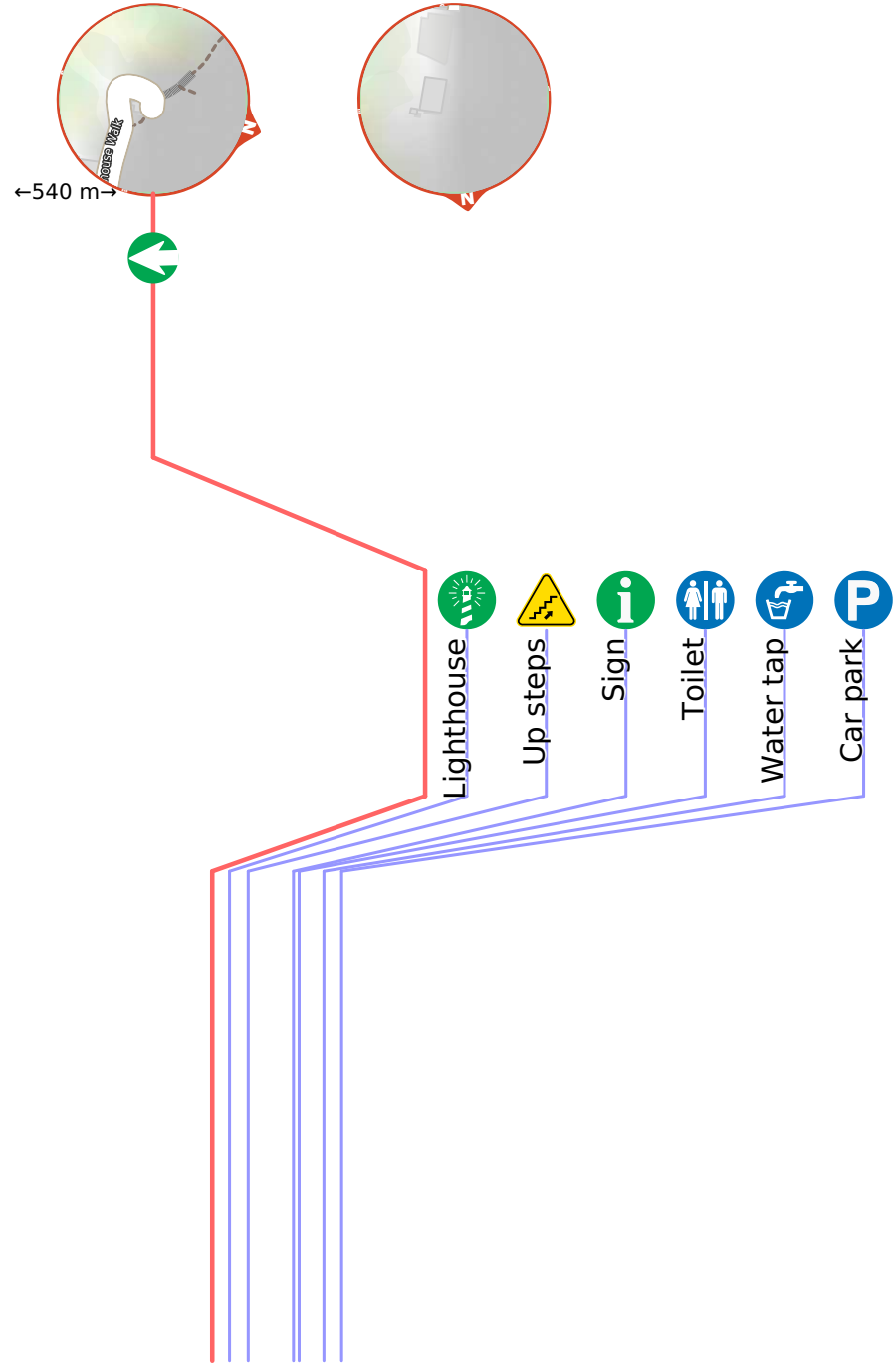
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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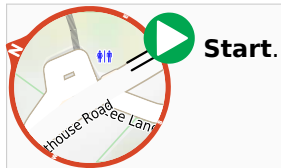











**Getting started:** From the car park of Captain Cook Lookout(off Lighthouse Road), head back towards the road, then turn left to join the concrete footpath alongside the said road, keeping it to your right. Pass by the toilet and an informative signpost to your left, then stay on the track as it turns into a boardwalk. Follow the walking track as you keep the ocean to your left to continue along Cape Byron Circuit (clockwise).

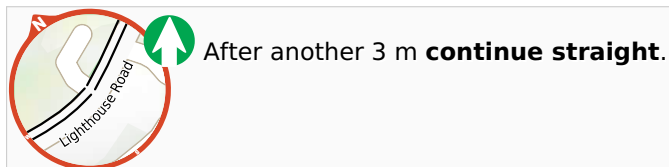



 Find the Captain Cook Lookout at the start.


 Find the toilet at the start.

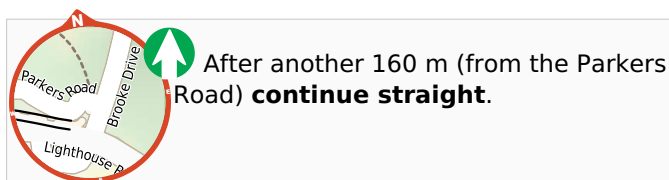
 Find the water tap at the start.


 Then cross the bridge (about 80 m long)





 Then cross the bridge (about 345 m long)


 Then come to the viewpoint.





 After another 165 m pass the "The Pass Cafe" (25 m on your right).  
W:[www.thepasscafe.com.au](http://www.thepasscafe.com.au) T:[+61 2 6680 8028](tel:+61266808028)

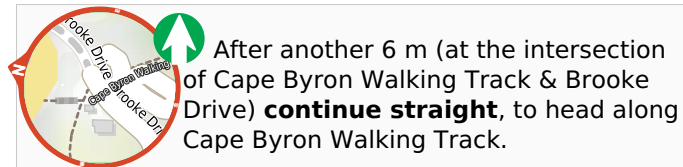
 Then pass the toilet (8 m on your right).


 After another 8 m pass the water tap (on your right).


 Then pass the BBQ (8 m on your left).


 Then pass the pay phone (8 m on your right).

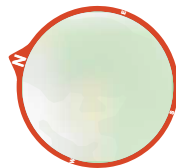
 After another 6 m pass the picnic table (on your left).




 After another 25 m (from the Cape Byron Walking Track) **continue straight**, to head along Cape Byron Walking Track.


 After another 20 m pass the "Palm Valley Car Park" (20 m on your right).


 After another 50 m pass the sign (on your left).





 After another 105 m pass a seat (on your left)., has a backrest.


**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip taking you to the northernmost viewpoint on Cape Byron (via Little Wategos Track).

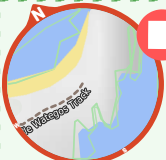
 To start this optional side trip continue straight here, at the intersection of Little Wategos Track & Cape Byron Walking Track **Start** heading along *Little Wategos Track* (a footpath).


 Find the seat at the start. , has a backrest.


 After another 60 m (from the Little Wategos Track) **continue straight**, to head along Little Wategos Track.

 Then cross the bridge (about 10 m long)


 After another 95 m come to a viewpoint.


 Continue another 0 m to find from the Little Wategos Track at the end.


 Turn around and retrace your steps back the 170 m to the main route.


 Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 1.6 km waypoint.


 After another 30 m (at the intersection of Cape Byron Walking Track & Little Wategos Track) **turn right**, to head along Cape Byron Walking Track.


 After another 135 m pass a seat (7 m on your right)., has a backrest.


 After another 35 m head down the surface|paved steps (about 45 m long)


 After another 25 m pass a seat (on your right).


 Then come to the "Easterly Point Lookout" (on your left).


 After another 60 m come to the viewpoint (on your left).


 After another 15 m pass a seat (10 m on your left).

 After another 20 m head down the surface|paved steps (about 25 m long)

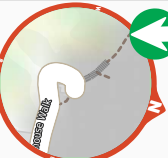
 Then come to the viewpoint (4 m on your left).


 After another 30 m pass a seat (9 m on your left)., has a backrest.


 After another 115 m head down the steps (about 30 m long)


 Then come to the viewpoint (15 m on your left).


 **Continue straight.**


 After another 25 m **turn left**.


 After another 15 m pass the "Cape Byron Lighthouse" (9 m on your right).


 After another 15 m head up the surface|paved steps (about 5 m long)


 From the Lighthouse Walk **veer left**, to head along Lighthouse Walk (a footpath).

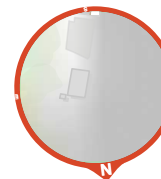
 After another 35 m pass the "Cape Byron Information Centre" (5 m on your right).

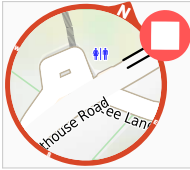
 After another 3 m (from the Lighthouse Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Lighthouse Walk.

 Then pass the toilet (40 m on your right).

 After another 20 m pass the water tap (30 m on your right).

 After another 15 m pass the "Lighthouse Upper Car Park" (5 m on your right).





After another 10 m come to the end.