



Rock Arch (Yuin Country)

 25 min to 30 min

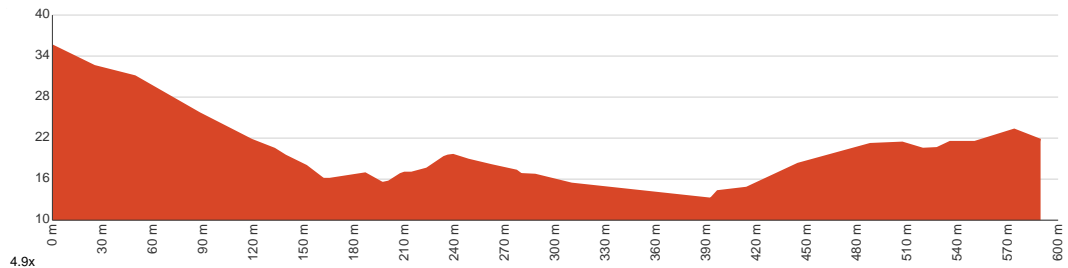

1.2 km
Return


↑ 46 m
↓ 46 m

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Moderate track



The arched rock is just off the headland north-east of Barmouth Beach and is an interesting rock formation. The walk winds along the hillside above Barmouth Beach, which is a worthy side trip, and continues to the unfenced clearing that looks down to the arched rock. This walk will inspire the geologist in us all as we try to figure out how the rock arch was made. 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 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Princes Highway, A1

- Turn on to Haycock Road then drive for 6 km
- Turn left onto Barmouth Beach Track and drive for another 660 m

Before you start any journey ensure you;

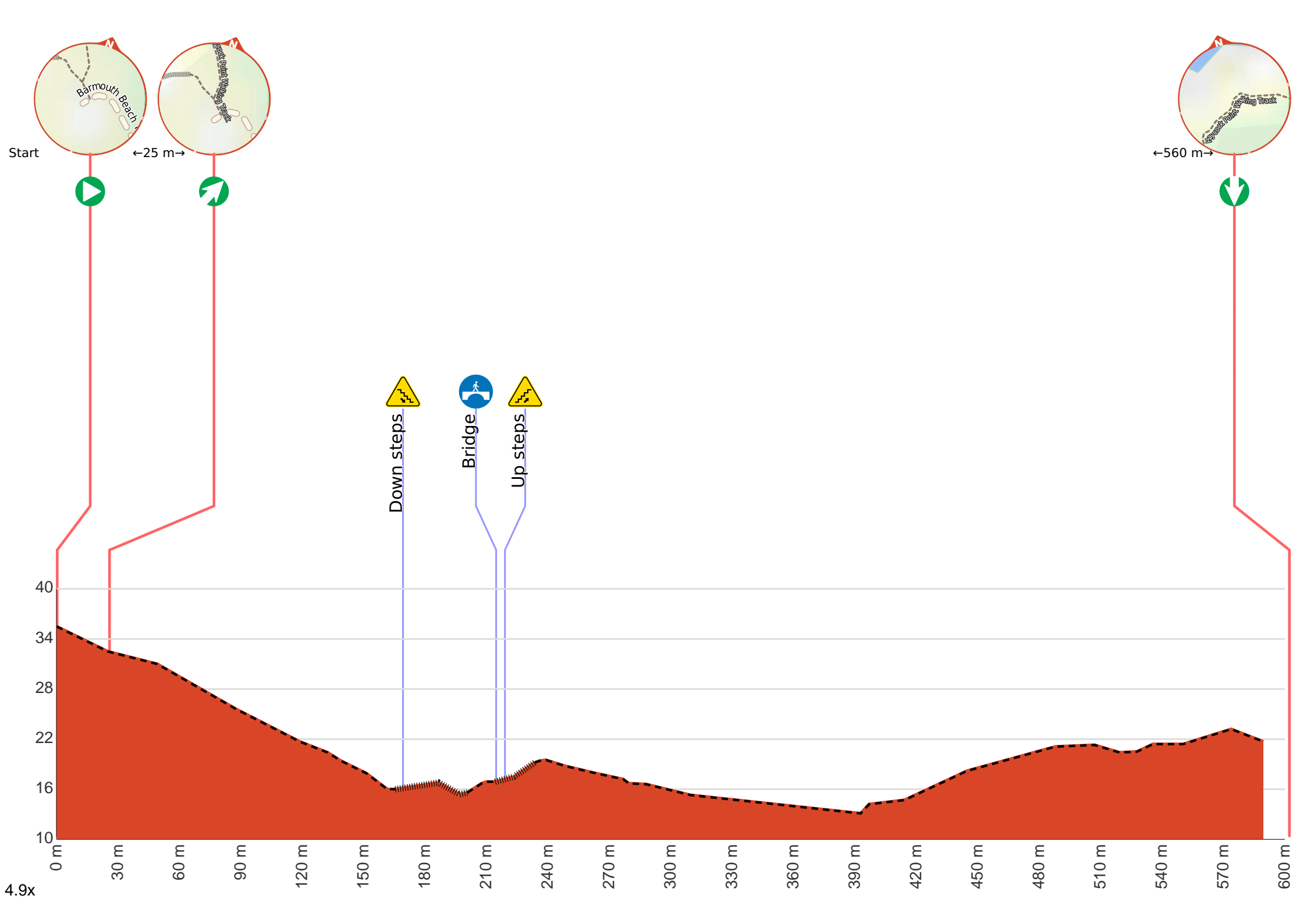
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are 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, this walk heads down the hill, following the path made by the cut logs. The track soon comes to a signposted intersection.



At the intersection of Barmouth Beach Track & Haycock Point Walking Track **Start** heading along *Haycock Point Walking Track* (a walking track).

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Barmouth Beach.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. from the Haycock Point Walking Track **Start** (a walking track).



After another 45 m head down the 100 steps (about 65 m long)



After another 25 m come to the end.



About 15 m past the end is "Barmouth Beach".



Barmouth Beach is in Ben Boyd National Park, at the mouth of Pambula River. The beach is opposite the township of Pambula Beach and can be access from inside the national park via a small track, not too far from Haycock Point. The beach is a small north-facing, yellow sand beach with no facilities (no Surf Life Saving patrols). The beach has some bright red rock platforms at either end that are worth exploring. Exploration is a part of Barmouth Beach's history, with George Bass escaping the winds, landing on the beach in 1797. He explored the area and named Barmouth River, today Pambula River.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 135 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn sharp right and follow on from the 25 m waypoint.



About 15 m past the end is "Arched rock lookout".



This is an informal, unnamed, and unfenced lookout, on the southern side of the headland forming the mouth of the Pambula River. The lookout is in Ben Boyd National Park and can be accessed by walking track to Haycock Point. There is a great view out to sea and up the coast as far as Merimbula. The view is memorable for the unusual rock arch, formed from the eroding force of the ocean.



After another 25 m (from the Haycock Point Walking Track) **veer right**, to head along Haycock Point Walking Track.



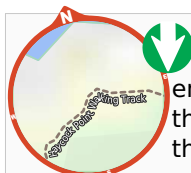
After another 140 m head down the 47 steps (about 35 m long)



After another 9 m cross the bridge (about 4 m long)



Then head up the 28 steps (about 20 m long)



Continue another 360 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 590 m to get back to the start.