



Bateau Bay Beach to Crackneck Beach

(Darkinjung & Guringai Country)

 1 h 15 min to 2 h 30 min

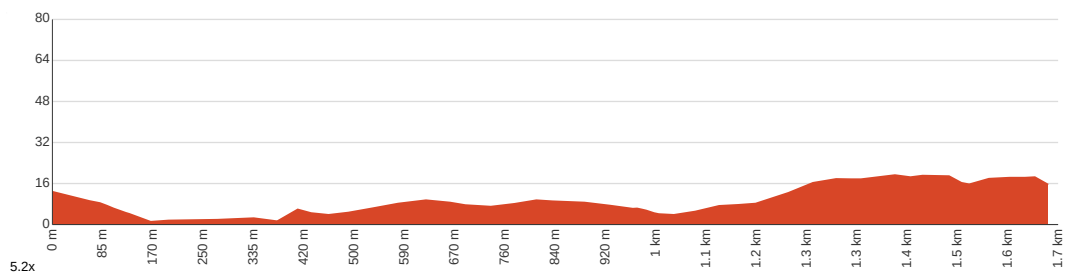

3.3 km
Return


↑ 64 m
↓ 64 m


Very challenging



A great walk along the beach and rocky shoreline near Bateau Bay. The unnamed, rocky beach below Crackneck Lookout is a beautiful spot and there are plenty of interesting shapes and textures in the rocks and rockshelf along the way. There is a bit of rockhopping, but much less than when approaching 'Crackneck' beach from the south. Parts of the walk are very exposed to the ocean and should not be attempted at high tides or during high seas. 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 5 of 6 Rough unclear track	
Quality of track	Rough unclear track (5/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

Getting to the start: From Central Coast Highway, A49

- Turn on to Dane Drive, A49 then drive for 6.5 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto The Entrance Road, A49 and drive for another 3.6 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto The Entrance Road, A49 and drive for another 710 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto The Entrance Road, A49 and drive for another 1.6 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto The Entrance Road, A49 and drive for another 100 m
- Continue onto The Entrance Road, A49 and drive for another 870 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto The Entrance Road, A49 and drive for another 2 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto The Entrance Road, A49 and drive for another 540 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto The Entrance Road, A49 and drive for another 340 m
- Turn right onto Bateau Bay Road and drive for another 1.3 km
- Turn right onto Harbour Street and drive for another 170 m
- Turn left onto Reserve Drive and drive for another 60 m

Before you start any journey ensure you;

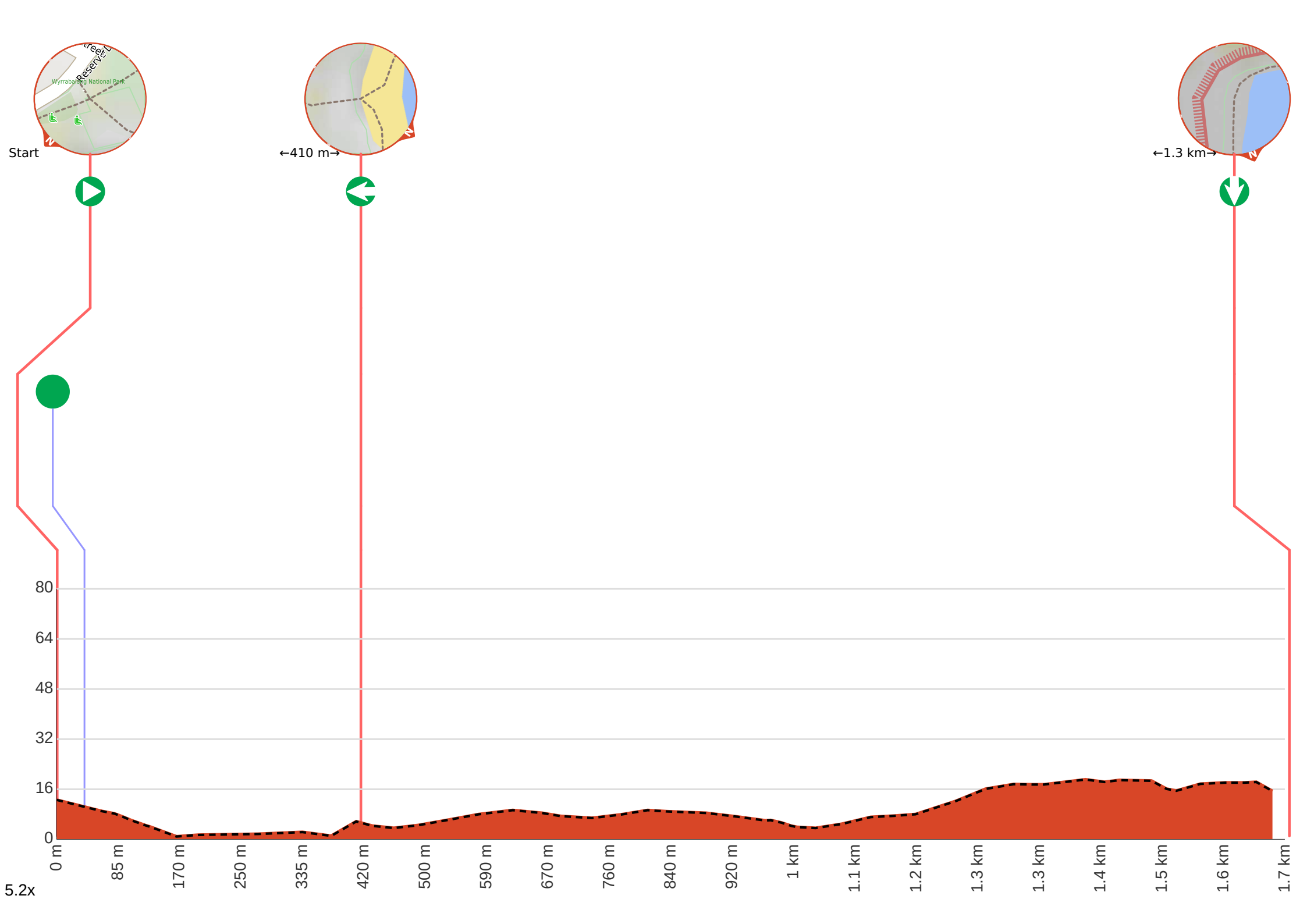
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

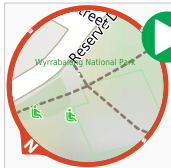
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Getting started: From the intersection, this walk goes down the timber steps, towards the beach. The walk follows the boardwalk and timber steps down the hill until reaching Bateau Bay Beach.



Start.



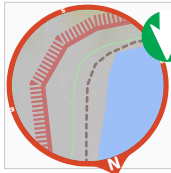
Bateau Bay Beach picnic area and lookout (about 25 m back from the start).



This unnamed picnic area and lookout is within Wyrabalong National Park, at the intersection of Reserve Dr and Harbour St, Bateau Bay. The picnic area overlooks Bateau Bay and the beach. There are large grass areas, plenty of shade and facilities including picnic tables, garbage bins, and beach access steps. There are beautiful views along the coast and out to sea from the picnic area. There are free electric BBQs at Sutton Reserve, a block further south along Reserve Drive. Takeaway food is available at a small shopping centre near the intersection of Harbour St and Bateau Bay Rd, one block from the picnic area.



After another 370 m **turn left.**



Continue another 1.3 km to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 1.7 km to get back to the start.



"Crackneck Beach".



This unnamed beach is below Crackneck Lookout and can be reached with some difficulty by walking along the very rocky shoreline from Forresters Beach, to the south, or from Bateau Bay beach, to the north. The beach is covered in rounded rocks about the size of a fist.