

Norah Head Lighthouse Loop



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Hard track

2.5 km Circuit

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A fantastic loop walk with a great variety of excellent scenery. The walk covers the Norah Head Nature Trail with its beautiful forest scenery, the merchant navy memorial and Norah Head lighthouse before returning via the shoreline. There are plenty of stunning coastline views and some exploration of the rockshelf below the lighthouse. On weekends, you could also join a tour of the lighthouse.

Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

Getting there You can get to Bush St Reserve car park (gps: -33.2804, 151.5694) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/nhll>

0 | Bush St Reserve car park

(90 m 2 mins) From the car park at the Bush St Reserve, Norah Head (near the intersection with Young St), this walk goes past the toilet block and across the park to the information board and trackhead at the back corner of the park.

0.09 | Bush St reserve

This picnic area is in Bush St, Norah Head, near the intersection with Young St. The reserve has parking, toilets, picnic tables and garbage bins. There are fantastic views along the coastline. The Headland Nature Trail starts here, and it also a short walk to the beach and ocean rockpool.

0.09 | Headland Nature Trail trackhead

(160 m 3 mins) Veer right: From the trackhead at the back of Bush St Reserve, this walk goes through the timber barricade, passing the 'Headland Nature Trail' sign and following the bush track. The track winds through the beautiful area of bush for a while before reaching an intersection with another bush track, close to a fenced lookout platform.

0.25 | Int near headland lookout

(20 m) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk goes a very short distance along the bush track to the fenced lookout platform.

0.27 | Headland lookout

This unnamed lookout is on the Headland Nature Trail at Norah Head and has excellent views along the coastline and out to sea. The lookout is on a small, fenced, wooden platform.

0.27 | Headland lookout

(380 m 7 mins) Turn around: From the lookout platform, this walk goes a very short distance along the bush track to a 'Y' intersection.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track, taking the left fork, directly away from the nearby lookout platform. After a short distance, the track follows a 'Nature Trail' arrow to the left, ignoring a track to the right, and continues meandering through the bush. The track passes over a small timber bridge and bends to the right, continuing through the bush for some time and arriving at the end of the lighthouse car park.

0.65 | Lighthouse car park

(90 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the end of the car park, this walk crosses the car park, tending to the left, then crosses Bush St to the Merchant Mariners memorial and lookout. There are numerous plaques in the footpath and set in rocks at the memorial, providing information about merchant ships and lives lost during times of war.

0.74 | Merchant Mariners memorial and lookout

This memorial and lookout point commemorates the loss of lives in the merchant navy, during times of war, primarily WWII . There are several plaques with details of the ships and number of lives lost. The stunning views from the lookout take in the nearby Norah Head lighthouse and much of the coastline to the south.

0.74 | Merchant Mariners memorial lookout

(120 m 3 mins) Turn sharp left: From the lookout, this walk follows the footpath towards the lighthouse, passing an information board, to the right, and keeping the driveway to the left. The walk soon arrives at the corner of the lighthouse cottage yard, beside the car park.

0.85 | Lighthouse cottages and weddings

The cottages at the Norah Head Lighthouse can be booked as accommodation (ph: 1300 132 975) and the Lighthouse grounds can be booked for weddings (ph: (02) 4396 4102). [More info.](#)

0.85 | Cottage car park

(100 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the corner of the cottage yard, this walk follows the footpath past the lighthouse cottages, to the left, to the gate beside the lighthouse.

0.95 | Norah Head Lighthouse

The lighthouse was established in 1903 and was converted from a kerosene burner to mains electricity power in 1961. Tours of the lighthouse are available on weekends , every half hour between 10am and 1:30pm . [More info.](#)

0.95 | Lighthouse

(80 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the gate beside the lighthouse, this walk follows the footpath, gently down the hill, towards the ocean. The walk soon reaches a viewing point at the top of the beach access steps.

1.03 | Norah Head Lighthouse Point lookout

This lookout, on the point of Norah Head, near the lighthouse, has amazing views in all directions, up and down the coastline, across the rockshelves and beaches below, and of the lighthouse itself.

1.03 | Lighthouse Point lookout

(40 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the top of the steps, this walk goes down the timber steps to the beach at the bottom.

1.08 | Bottom of Norah Head steps

(360 m 6 mins) Veer left: From the bottom of the steps, this walk crosses the end of the sandy beach and explores the extensive rock platform before heading north around the headland, keeping the ocean to the right. Soon after going around the headland, the walk reaches the southern end of Lighthouse Beach.

1.43 | Norah Head rockshelf

This rockshelf is at the tip of Norah Head, below the lighthouse. The general scenery in the area is beautiful and the rockshelves have a lot of interesting shapes and textures, making the area interesting to explore. The rockshelf can be reached from the nearby beaches or via steps from the lighthouse.

1.43 | Southern end of Lighthouse Beach

(750 m 14 mins) Continue straight: From the southern end of Lighthouse Beach, this walk follows the beach north, keeping the ocean to the right, until reaching the rock platforms at the north end of the beach.

Continue straight: From the northern end of Lighthouse Beach, this walk goes north across the rock shelf, keeping the ocean to the right. The walk then goes up the steps and along the concrete footpath with the metal

handrail, around the headland and past the ocean pool, to the right, before arriving at the bottom of the concrete steps, just below the toilet block.

2.18 | Norah Head Rock Pool

This tidal ocean pool is in Cabbage Tree Harbour at Norah Head. It is a beautiful, sheltered place to swim or to relax on the sand. There are public toilets nearby. [More info.](#)

2.18 | Rock Pool

(90 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the bottom of the steps, this walk goes up the concrete steps and footpath, away from the ocean pool, passing the toilet block, to the left. The walk continues up the footpath, with houses to the right, until an intersection with a sandy path, to the left, signposted 'Cabbage Tree Harbour Rock Pool path, Bush St'.

2.27 | Int of Rock Pool Path and Bush St reserve path

(180 m 4 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sandy track away from the houses and the concrete footpath. The walk bends to the left and soon reaches an open grassy area. Here, the walk bends to the right and continues across the grassy area, keeping the car park to the right, and passing some picnic tables, until reaching the information board and trackhead at the back of the park.

Turn right: From the information board and trackhead, this walk goes across the park, past the toilet block, to the car park of the Bush St Reserve, Norah Head (near the intersection with Young St).