

Bittangabee Bay Imlay House loop



30 mins

Moderate track

3

1.1 km Circuit

↑ 29m

This walk takes a look at the historical ruins of the Imlay brothers house. The ruins reveal the outline of what would have been a great house, in a quiet and scenic bay. The walk returns by the coast with views through the trees of the turquoise waters. This is an interesting trip to help understand the work of local whalers and business men who lived in the region during the mid 1800's.

21m

Ben Boyd National Park

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 Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Bittangabee Bay Picnic area (gps: -37.2168, 150.0149). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park. 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/bbihl>

0 | Bittangabee Bay Picnic Area

Bittangabee Bay Picnic Area is near Bittangabee Bay and camp area in Ben Boyd National Park. The picnic area is a day-use only area with a few picnic tables, an electric BBQ and a pit toilet. There is a reasonable amount of natural shade, and is close to a car park. There is short walk to the beach and ruins at Bittangabee Bay. The picnic area is well signposted on the loop road near the Bittangabee camping area.

0 | Bittangabee Bay Picnic area

(150 m 3 mins) From the picnic area, the walk follows the sign to 'Saltwater Creek 9.0km' down the hill, keeping the road above on the left. The track heads down the hillside and crosses a rocky creek bed, then leads up the hill to an information sign marking the intersection.

0.15 | Int. Coast and Ruins Trks Sth

(140 m 3 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the track heads up the hill keeping the 'Welcome to Bittangabee' sign below on the right. The track tends right up the hill, to a black platform overlooking the Imlay House ruins.

0.3 | Imlay House

Imlay House ruins still show the foundations of a house built by the Imlay brothers in 1844. The ruins are found in Bittangabee Bay in Ben Boyd National Park, along the Light to Light track. The house was to be a station for the Imlay family to further their grazing and whaling in the area. It appears the stone house was never completed, with the brothers dying in 1846 (George) and 1847 (Alexander). Soon after the Imlay brothers died, Benjamin Boyd began using the

bay for his own whaling company in 1848. [More info.](#)

0.3 | Imlay House Ruins

(800 m 16 mins) Continue straight: From the platform, the walk keeps the platform and ruins on the right as it heads down the hill to a signposted intersection.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign 'VIA COAST' along the hillside, keeping the water below on the left. The track tends right as it meanders to an information sign at the intersection.

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk heads down the hill towards the water. The track goes across a rocky creek bed to rise up the other side of the gully. The walk continues up the hill to soon find formed log road barriers on the right and then a signposted intersection and picnic area.

