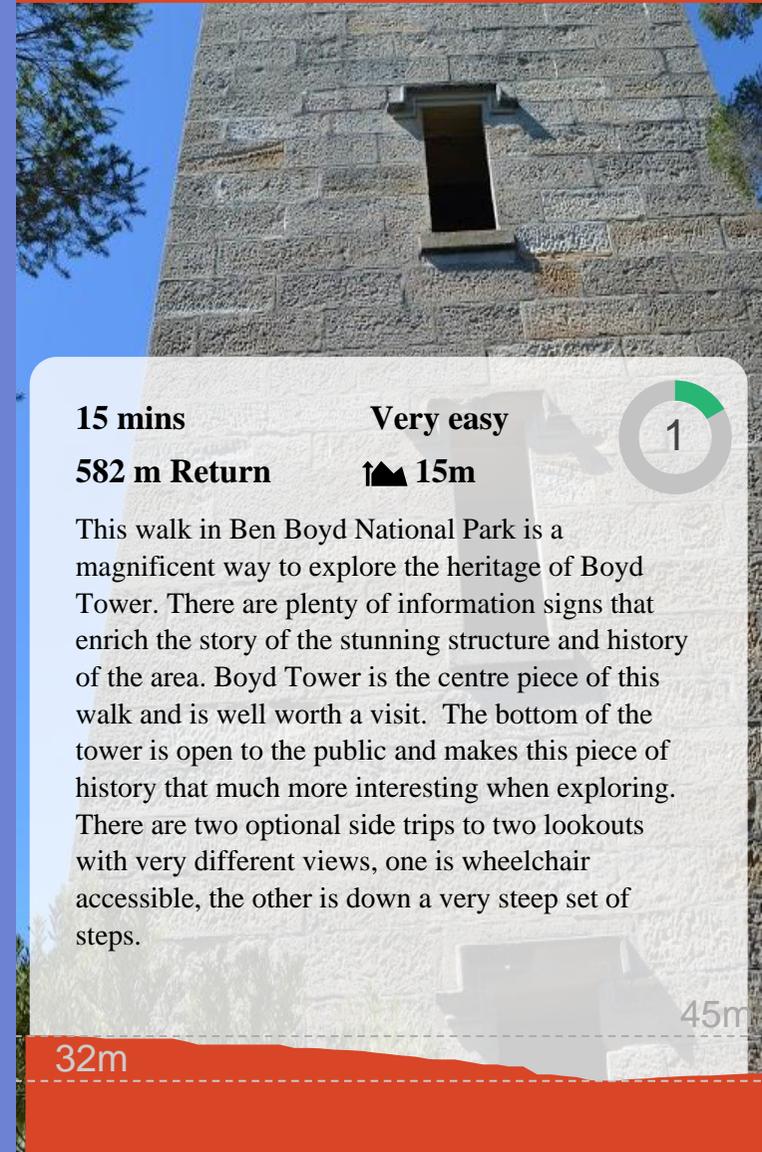


Boyd Tower



15 mins

Very easy

582 m Return

↑ 15m

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This walk in Ben Boyd National Park is a magnificent way to explore the heritage of Boyd Tower. There are plenty of information signs that enrich the story of the stunning structure and history of the area. Boyd Tower is the centre piece of this walk and is well worth a visit. The bottom of the tower is open to the public and makes this piece of history that much more interesting when exploring. There are two optional side trips to two lookouts with very different views, one is wheelchair accessible, the other is down a very steep set of steps.

32m

45m

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 Ben Boyd car park (gps: -37.1045, 149.9512). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

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

Find us to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/1v>

0 | Ben Boyd car park

(280 m 5 mins) From the car park, this walk follows 'Boyd Tower 300m' arrow along the asphalt footpath, between the timber bollards to pass the information sign (and parking pay station, on the left). The path leads gently downhill for 45m to pass a 'Welcome to Ben Boyd NP and Boyd's Tower' information sign then the path meanders for 150m through the melaleuca forest to find a seat and the 'Gambling on the Future' & 'Boyd's Folly?' information signs. Just 35m further along the path you pass another seat with pleasant coastline view. From here the path starts to lead gently uphill for 50m to come to a clear 3-way intersection (with a timber path and Boyd Tower on the left).

0.28 | Optional sidetrip to Red Point Lookout

(40 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the asphalt footpath towards the sea, keeping the tower a short distance to the left. The path leads over a small rise then in about 20m leads down a very steep and narrow set of steps to the fenced Red Point Lookout and 'Stony History' information sign. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

0.28 | Red Point Lookout

Red Point Lookout is in Ben Boyd National park and is accessed by a clear but very steep set of steps from Boyd Tower. The lookout is fenced and has a sign explaining a bit about the local geology. The lookout provides a great view south, down the coast of the park. A great example of folded rocks is clearly visible where the sandstone and metamorphosed red siltstone were compressed and bent to form distinct arches.

0.28 | Int. Boyds Tower and Lookout Trks

(10 m) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the timber board walk gently up to come to the front entrance of Boyd Tower.

0.29 | Boyds Tower

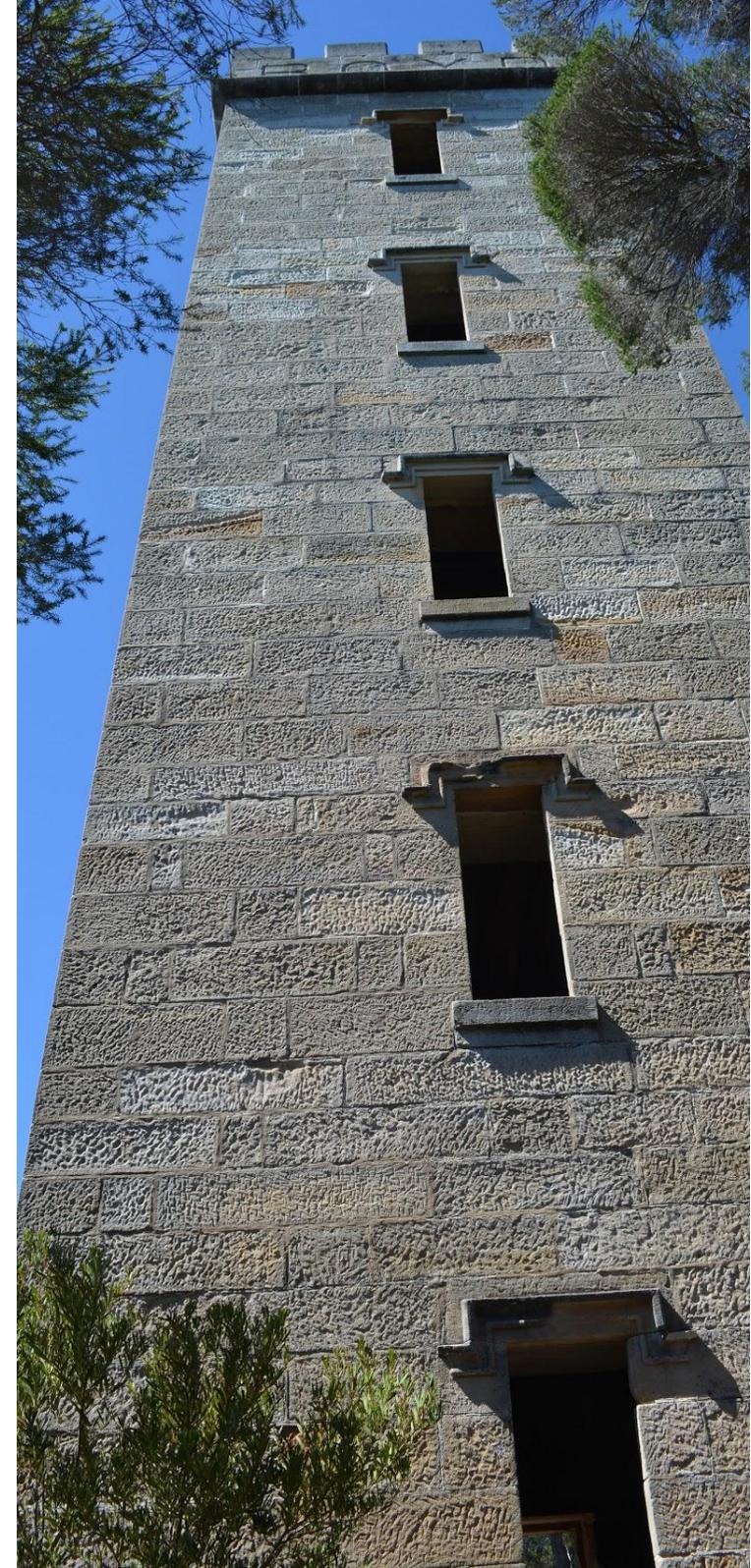
Boyds Tower was commissioned by Benjamin Boyd and originally designed to be a lighthouse. After the Government rejected the proposal of the private lighthouse, Boyd changed tact and built the Sydney sandstone tower for whale spotting. The tower gave his whaling ships a strong advantage over other whalers in the area. Built in 1847, Boyds Tower is a large sandstone tower on the southern head of Twofold Bay in Ben Boyd National Park. The top of the tower bears the BOYD title, and boast several viewing points. The ground floor of the tower is open to the public and is well worth exploring. Boyd was declared bankrupt soon after completing the tower and left Australia for the Californian goldfields. Boyd died in the Solomon Islands in 1851 whilst hunting game. "Ben Boyd's Tower is watching - Watching o'er the sea Ben Boyd's Tower is waiting For her and me." Henry Lawson (1910) The bottom floor of the tower is open to the public via a 1.2m wide sandstone door frame.

0.29 | Optional sidetrip to Twofold Bay lookout

(90 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the entrance of Boyd Tower this walk follows the timber boardwalk around to the back of the tower (keeping the tower to the left). The walk continues along the boardwalk gently downhill for about 25m to pass a 'Waiting for whales' information sign. The walk continues along the boardwalk away from the tower for another 30m to pass the 'Whaling Frenzy' information sign, then just another 25m to a seat then the fenced Twofold Bay lookout platform. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

0.29 | Twofold Bay Lookout

Twofold Bay Lookout (not officially named) is in Ben Boyd National Park, on the southern headland of Twofolds Bay. The lookout is accessed via a boardwalk from Boyds Tower. The lookout platform has a 1m high metal fenced and is wheelchair-accessible. There is a bench seat near the lookout to rest and enjoy the view. The view looks north-west across the bay to Eden, Boyd Town and Edrom to the left, and out over the South Pacific Ocean on the right.





This page is designed to give you a sense of the facilities that help improve access for people with disabilities or mobility restrictions. See tracknotes and map for navigation, point of interest and other information. See the Accessibility Details page for specific information about each facility.

Parking: There are 0 designated accessible parking areas on this walk.

Toilets: There are 0 toilets on this walk.

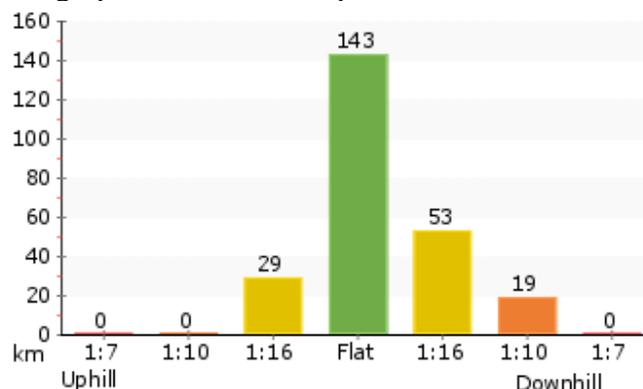
Seats: There are 2 seats on this walk. They are 230m apart.

Surface

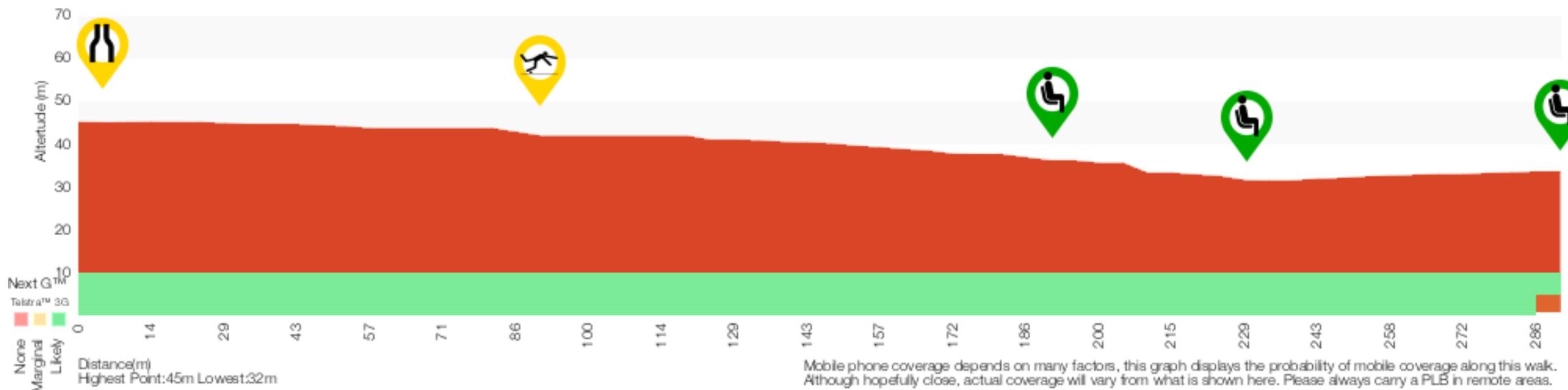
The car park has a rough dirt surface, the rest of walk follows a hard asphalt footpath with a 15m section of timber boardwalk to the tower

Steepness

No steps, mostly gentle slopes. (one optional side trip has a very steep set of steps). This graph shows how steep the track is.



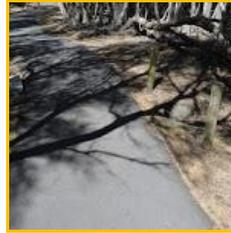
1		Grade 1/6 Very easy	
Length	582 m Return		
Time	15 mins		
Quality of track	Smooth and hardened path (1/6)		
Signs	Clearly signposted (1/6)		
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)		
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)		
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)		



Mobile phone coverage depends on many factors, this graph displays the probability of mobile coverage along this walk. Although hopefully close, actual coverage will vary from what is shown here. Please always carry a PLB in remote areas.



1 Pinch Point (0m)
Timber bollard pinch points at the start of the track at the carpark. The gap between the bollards are 1.18m, they are 55cm high.



2 Trip Hazard (90m)
Culvert under path with exposed drainage ditch on the very edge of path. A drop of about 25cm. Marked with timber bollards, there are a series of 4 more similar drainage ditches about every 40m.



3 Seat (190m)
A timber bench seat, 55cm high, 22cm deep and 2.4m wide with no backrest. The seat is 1.7m off the side of the path.



4 Seat (230m)
A timber bench seat, 58cm high, 22cm deep and 2.4m wide with no backrest.



5 Seat (290m)
A timber bench seat, 50cm high, 43cm deep and 2.1m wide with no backrest.