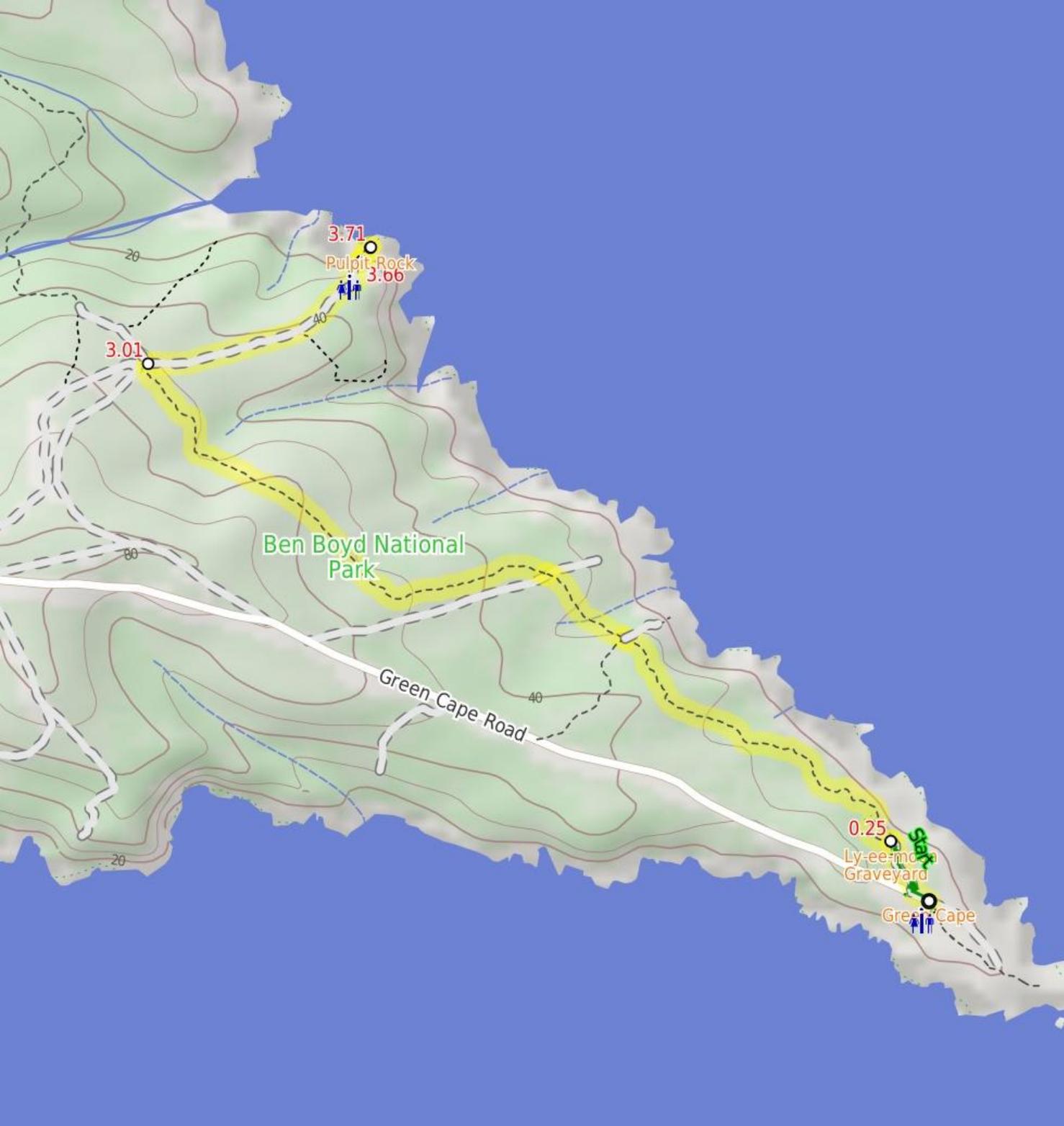


Green Cape to Pulpit Rock



1 hr 30 mins

Hard track

3.8 km One way

▲ 89m



The walk to Pulpit Rock is a great way to see an amazing section of coastline. Traveling from Green Cape car park, near the lighthouse, the walk passes through large sections of heath and melaleuca to reach Pulpit Rock car park. Pulpit rock is quite a large formation with an excellent lookout, providing great views north up the coast.

3m

63m

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 walk's 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 Green Cape Lighthouse Car park (gps: -37.2596, 150.048). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Pulpit Rock Lookout (gps: -37.2398, 150.0341). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

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

0 | Green Cape

Green Cape is a headland at the southern end of Ben Boyd National Park, forming the northern head of Disaster Bay. The cape's traditional owners are the people of the Yuin nation, from whom there remains evidence of a number of camps in the area. The cape was named 'Green Point' by Matthew Flinders in 1798. The area began its notorious fame in 1802 when eight of Flinders' crew disappeared when fetching water, in what he then appropriately named 'Disaster Bay'. The Inlay brothers and Boyd both established whaling business in the area in the early to mid 1800's, leaving several buildings in the park. There were many shipwrecks in the surrounding waters, the most famous being the SS Ly-ee-moon, whose victims are buried on the cape. The most visible feature on the cape is the 29-metre high lighthouse that is still operational today. NPWS run tours on the site in the middle of the day from Thursdays to Monday - the tour takes about 1 hour and costs \$20 per family. There is a pit toilet at the car park at the end of Green Cape Road. Accommodation is also available in the renovated lighthouse keeper cottages. [More info.](#)

0 | Green Cape Lighthouse Car park

(250 m 4 mins) From the intersection, this walk heads in the opposite direction to the 'Lighthouse Walkway' signs through the car park. The walk soon meets a bush track into the melaleuca and heath, which it follows to the signposted intersection of the Ly-ee-moon Graveyard.

0.25 | Ly-ee-moon Graveyard

The Ly-ee-moon Graveyard is a stark reminder of the horrific accident on the night of May 31st, 1886, when 71 men, women and children lost their lives. The white stone and single cross marks the positions of the unnamed graves. The nearby plaque names the people who lost their lives - sadly some names were not known and these people are remembered only by comments such as 'one who had a German accent'. During the dark night, the lighthouse keeper and assistant heroically rescued 16 people from the sea, and were left to listen to cries for help though the night of other people who could not be saved. The mother of Blessed Mary MacKillop, the first Australian to be beatified by the Catholic church, was one of those lost during the night. The fast and normally reliable ship, operated by the Australian Steam Navigation Company, was a single screw ship converted from a paddle steamer when it was brought to Australia in 1876. The graveyard is about 300m north-west of the Green Cape lighthouse, which was operational at the time the SS Ly-ee-moon struck the reef and sunk.

[More info.](#)

0.25 | Ly-ee-moon Graveyard

(2.8 km 49 mins) Veer left: From the graveyard, this walk keeps the 'Ly-ee-moon Cemetery' sign behind on the right of the track, as it heads through the melaleuca trees. The track meanders through the thick bush for a short time to an unsignposted intersection with a slightly overgrown service trail. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the track marker through the heath, keeping the ocean on the right of the track. The track leads across the hill, through the heath and Banksias for a short time, coming to an overgrown service trail (on both sides of the track).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the track-marker along the hillside through the heath, keeping the ocean to the right of the track. The track soon turns left to wind up the hill, before turning right and continuing across the hillside. The track leads through the heath and Banksias, with the hill above on the left, coming to a signposted intersection with a service trail.

3.01 | Int. Light to Light Trk and Pulpit Rock Rd

(640 m 12 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows none of the signs but instead heads down the hill towards the sea. The track winds down through the heath to the one-way car park and toilet. The walk continues through to the far side of the car park, where there is a fenced lookout over the rocks.

3.66 | Pulpit Rock Lookout

(60 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads down the stairs just near the lookout. The stairs lead onto the rock shelf, with stunning views to the north (left) and of waves crashing onto the rocks below.

3.71 | Pulpit Rock

Pulpit Rock is a large rock platform on the south-east coast of NSW, between Green Cape and Bittangabee in Ben Boyd National Park. The rock platform is a popular spot for rock fishing. Pulpit Rock is accessed via a staircase near the end of a service trail off Green Cape Rd. Near the car park is a pit toilet and garbage facilities. From the rock platform, there are great views north up the coast, with the red rock cliffs providing a spectacular highlight.

3.71 | Pulpit Rock

(60 m 2 mins) Turn around: From Pulpit Rock, the walk heads away from the ocean, up the hill. Heading up the stairs, the walk comes to a fenced lookout.

