



# Bittangabee Bay to Pulpit Rock



2 hrs 5.3 km One way

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# Hard track

This walk from Bittangabee Bay is a magnificent way to view the coastline of Ben Boyd National Park. The low heath for much of this walk allows great views out across the ocean and across the flora of the park. The walk finishes with a longish section of service trail leading down to Pulpit Rock, where the ocean relentlessly beats against the rock shelf. Allowing more time you could return to Bittangabee Bay by retracing your steps.

Ben Boyd National Park

55m

## 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.

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 inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <u>http://wild.tl/bbtpr</u>

#### 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

(210 m 5 mins) From the picnic area, the walk follows the sign to 'Camping Area 500m', keeping the car park on your right. The track leads below the road (above on the right) for some time, following the arrow markers to a signposted intersection next to the log road barriers.

#### 0.21 | Bittangabee campground

A popular beach-side campsite, Bittangabee campground is a bush campsite with a short walk to the nearby Bittangabee Bay. The bay has a beach and a couple of creeks. This is a great place to access the coastal walking track - there is also plenty of swimming, fishing and snorkeling. The area has some interesting history, with the ruins of the storehouse and Imlay Brothers' house worth exploring. There are a some rainwater tanks, but these are not suitable for drinking so bring your own water.

# 0.21 | Bittangabee Campsite

(30 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the sign for 'Walking Track' (not the same direction as the 'Beach' arrow) down the hill. The track leads down the hill a short way to an arrow track marker.

## 0.24 | Alternate Route Int. Light to Light Trk and Bittan

(150 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk does not follow the arrow marker but heads straight down the hill towards the water. The walk steps down to the water's edge where there is a roofless building on the right. The walk follows around the building on

#### the water side, to an information sign.

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk leads up the hill, keeping the bay on your left and the storehouse ruins behind on the right. The track veers right, up the hill to a signposted intersection. Now Veer left to rejoin the main walk.

## 0.24 | Bittangabee Storehouse ruins

Bittangabee Storehouse ruins is located on the shore of Bittangabee Bay, near the campground, in Ben Boyd National Park. The concrete structure was built by Albert Aspinall (1839 - 1903) in 1881. The building was used to store material unloaded from ships onto a wooden jetty built at the same time. Aspinall then built a wooden tramway to move material and supplies to Green Cape to help in the construction of the lighthouse. The building is now a basic shell, missing roof, windows and a door. The concrete foundations of the timber wharf are still visible. Unfortunately, the building has been marred by graffiti, but is still worth the visit. <u>More info.</u>

# 0.24 | Int. Light to Light Trk and Bittangabee Storehouse

(240 m 5 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the arrow into the bush, keeping the bay below on the left. The track winds through the bush to a signposted intersection.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Walking Track' sign and arrow posts up the hill. The track winds through the heath and melaleuca for a short time, passing near the campsite (on the right) while following the arrow markers. The track leads closer to the sea on the left, to a clearing overlooking a rock shelf below at the sea and the mouth of Bittangabee Bay.

#### 0.48 | Southern Bittangabee Point lookout

Southern Bittangabee Point lookout is an unofficial lookout on the southern headland forming the entrance to Bittangabee Bay in Ben Boyd National Park. The lookout is not fenced or signposted and does not have any facilities. The lookout provides a view across the mouth of Bittangabee Bay and a short way down the coast to the south. There is also a view of the red rock platform below, forming a picturesque contrast with the ocean on sunny days.

#### 0.48 | Bittangabee Sth Headland Lookout

(3.8 km 1 hr 10 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the arrow markers around the headland, keeping the ocean to the left and the camping area to the right. The track soon comes to a set of wooden stairs. The walk heads down these stairs into the creek bed, and then up the stairs on the other side.

Continue straight: From the top of the stairs, this walk leads upstream of the creek, which is below on the right. The track follows this creek for some time, tending left away from it into the bush at times. The track winds slightly uphill for a while, then winds downhill to cross the rocky surface of another creek. The track heads up the hill and over the ridge before heading down to another creek bed. The track then leads up the hill to the cul-de-sac of a service trail.

## 4.3 | Int. Light to Light Walk and Pulpit Rock Rd Access

 $(900 \ m \ 16 \ mins)$  Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the track markers up the hill to a signposted intersection. Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track marker

along the hillside, keeping the ocean on the left of the track. The track passes a few overgrown service trails on either side, as it continues on to the signposted intersection with the main service trail. Turn left: 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.

#### 5.2 | 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.

### 5.25 | 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.

# 5.25 | 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.