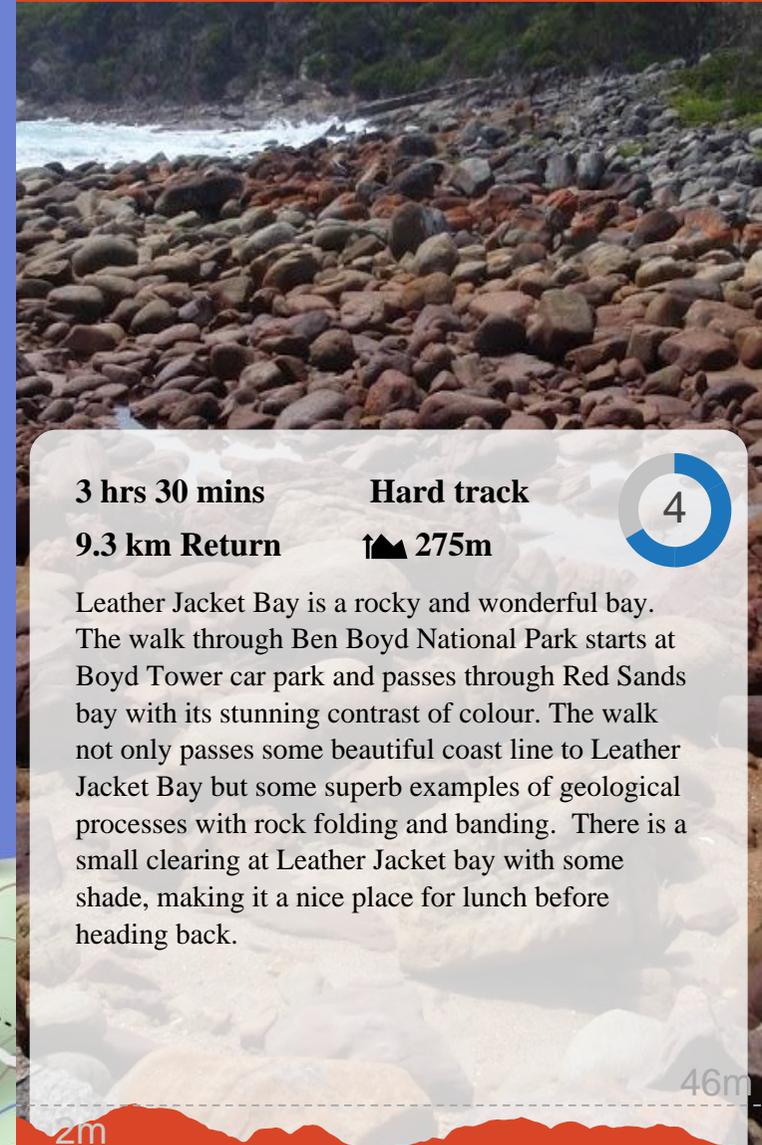
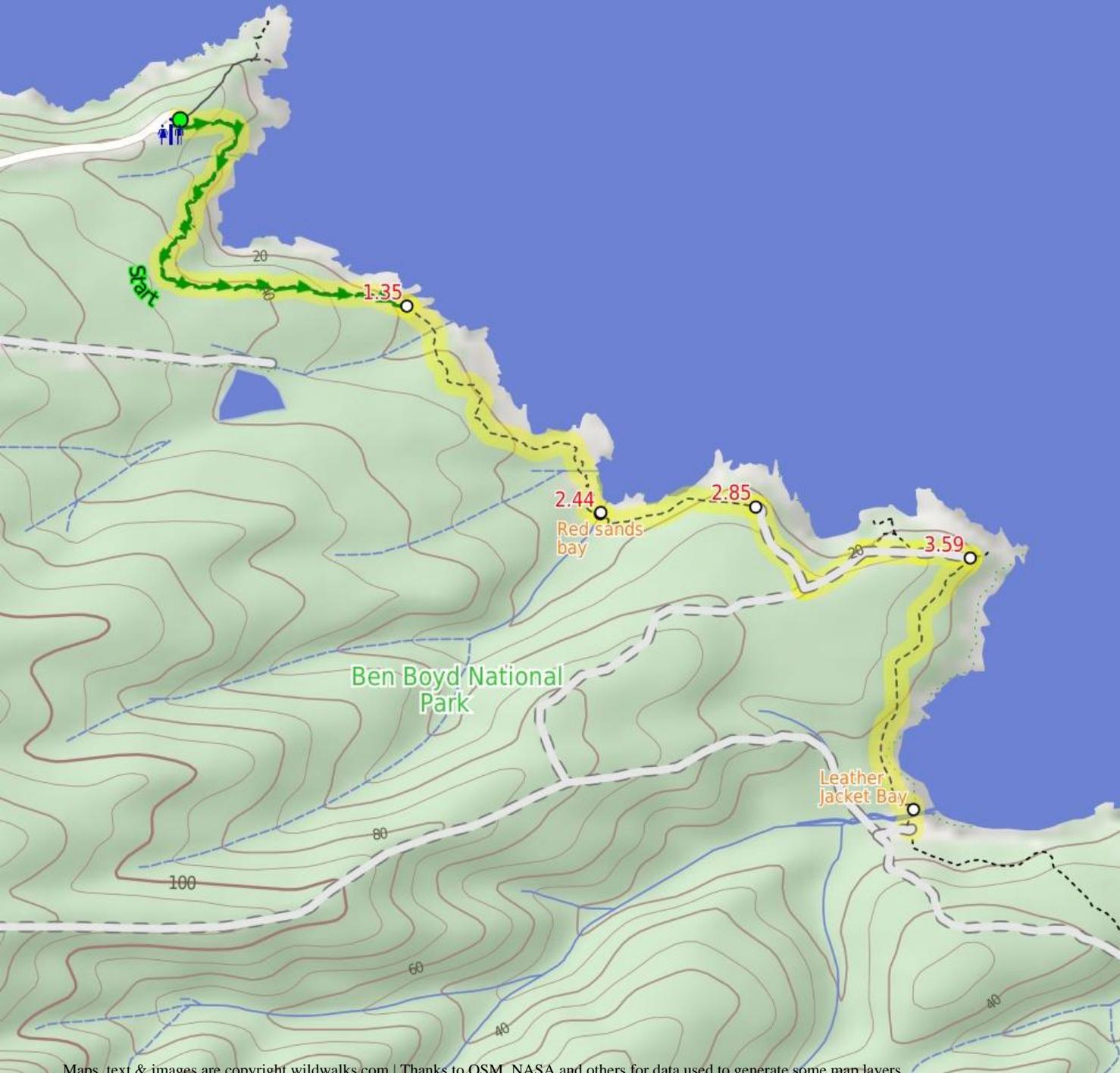


Boyd Tower to Leather Jacket Bay



3 hrs 30 mins

Hard track



9.3 km Return

275m

Leather Jacket Bay is a rocky and wonderful bay. The walk through Ben Boyd National Park starts at Boyd Tower car park and passes through Red Sands bay with its stunning contrast of colour. The walk not only passes some beautiful coast line to Leather Jacket Bay but some superb examples of geological processes with rock folding and banding. There is a small clearing at Leather Jacket bay with some shade, making it a nice place for lunch before heading back.

2m

46m

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 information sign (gps: -37.1047, 149.9513). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

This is a return, 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/jb>

0 | Ben Boyd Car park information sign

(1.3 km 27 mins) From the information sign, the walk heads down the hill, following the low posts away from the information sign, to a signposted intersection on the left. From the intersection, the track follows the sign for 'Coastal Walk' down the hill away from the car park. The track soon passes an information sign on the right before tending right, down the hill to be above the coastline. The walk then continues with the coast on your left, down stairs into a gully and back out. The track winds and undulates for some time, leading away from the coast. The track then continues back towards the coast, to a view of the tower on your left and a rock island below in the sea.

1.35 | Boyd Tower Lookout Point

(1.1 km 21 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads along the track, keeping the the coast to the left. The track soon leads out of the heath and winds along the hillside, tending away from the coast (which disappears below the trees on the left). The walk then winds down into a gully with access to the rocks (below on your left). Rising up and out of the gully, the track winds across the hillside and then down into a rocky bay with an arrow marker. The walk continues across the red flat rock at the back of the bay, coming to the arrow marker pointing inland, in the middle of the bay.

2.44 | Red sands bay

Red sands bay (not officially named) is a north-facing bay between Boyd Tower and Leather Jacket Bay in Ben Boyd National Park. The rocky bay is accessed via the Light to Light walk. The beach in this bay is made up of small boulders and a fine red gravel. Most of the red gravel is on the western side of the bay. The gravel is made from the sea smashing the red siltstone into small pieces. The red sands/gravel of this bay makes for a fantastic contrast on sunny days.

2.44 | Red sands bay

(410 m 8 mins) Turn right: From the red rock bay, this walk follows the track marker away from the ocean and up the stairs. The track climbs over the hill to head down into a creek bed, where it heads up

the hill keeping the ocean on the left of the track. The stairs lead this walk around the hill to the right and then to a signposted intersection with a service trail.

2.85 | Int. Light to Light and Leather Jacket Pt Trks

(740 m 13 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the arrow of the tower sign through the small clearing and along the clearer service trail. The track winds quickly through the heath for some time to meet a signposted intersection.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows track marker down the hill, towards the ocean. The track leads downhill to a signposted intersection.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track marker past a white post, keeping the ocean and the other service trail to the left of the track. The walk continues along the service trail for a short time to a signposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the track marker, leaving the fork in the trails behind and heading down the slight hill towards the ocean. The track continues down the hill to a signposted intersection.

3.59 | Int. Light to Light and Leather Jacket View Trks

(1.1 km 19 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track marker into the tall heath, towards the views of the ocean. The track then winds through the heath, passing through some large areas of tall heath and melaleuca trees. The walk follows white posts through the heath to then enter an area of tall eucalypt bush. The track soon passes an old farm fence post on the left of the track while winding down the hill into Leather Jacket Bay. The track follows the creek across the back of the rocky bay to a well signposted clearing - the campsite.

4.66 | Leather Jacket Bay

Leather Jacket Bay is a north-east facing beach between Boyd Tower and Mowarry Point in the Ben Boyd National Park. The bay has a sandy beach with small rock boulders between the sand and the ocean. The wooded forest behind the bay provides some shade, making this a great place to rest on the Light-to-Light walk. The bay can be access by the Light-to-Light track or by Newtons Road service trail from Edrom Rd.

