



# Bundeena to Marley Head

# 3 hrs 20 mins 10.8 km Circuit

Moderate track

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73m

From Bundeena, this walk heads south to the coast and then loops around Marley Head. The environment changes from heath to open, rocky platforms along the cliffs. There are great views from Marley Head, and the section between Marley and Bundeena Lookout is just astounding. Look out for lizards in the heath sections, as it abounds with wildlife.

Royal 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** You can get to Bundeena Ferry Wharf (gps: -34.0827, 151.1511) by car or ferry. Car: There is free parking available.

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

Find up to date and more information inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at http://wild.tl/btmh

### 0 | Bundeena

Bundeena is a small township at the northern end of Royal National Park and the southern side of the entrance to Port Hacking. The town can be accessed by car or ferry. There are a few B&B's and other accommodation options and a number of cafes to choose from. Bundeena has a mixed atmosphere, partly a beach holiday community but also home to some permanent residents. There are two main beaches - Hordens Beach to the west and Jibbon Beach to the east. Both are nice beaches inside Port Hacking. <u>More info.</u>

### 0 | Bundeena Ferry Wharf

(1.6 km 30 mins) From Bundeena Ferry, on Brighton St, this walk turns left into Loftus St, goes past Mary St and turns right into Bournemouth St. The walk turns left into Scarbourough St and takes the first right into Beachcomber Av. Beachcomber Av is followed south and gradually to the east until reaching the entry into the Royal National Park. This is marked by several large information signs.

#### 1.55 | End of Beachcomber Av

(210 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From the end of Beachcomber Av, this walk heads around the locked gate, following the 'Coast Walk' sign along the wide management trail. After about 50m, the trail passes a track (on the left) and continues until coming to an intersection with a wider sandy trail (on the left, which leads to Jibbon Head).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the asphalt management trail heading towards the green signposts nearby, where it comes to the signposted intersection of the 'Coast Track'.

1.76 | Int of Beachcomber Rd Servicetrail and Coast Walk

(260 m 5 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection with 'The Coast Track', this walk heads south before turning to the west along the gravel road. The walk soon comes to a small clearing with an old campfire site, at the end of the road.

# 2.02 | Campsite at end of Beachcomber Rd Servicetrail

(1.1 km 19 mins) Continue straight: From the campsite, this walk heads west along the wide track and, after a very short period, turns to the south. The track continues through the scrub, with some very pretty examples of the heath flowers common to the area. It is largely sheltered by high growing heath and vegetation however there are some occasions where the track breaks out and it is possible to see quite far around. The track continues in this manner until reaching the large Marley Beach management trail (not signposted).

# 3.12 | Int of Marley Head Servicetrail and Beachcomber R

(2.2 km 38 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the rocky management trail heading east, meandering through the thick scrub with few views over the surrounding bushland as the track is largely shrouded by the high scrub on either side. The track continues in this manner for quite some time until passing a "no bicycles" sign at the end of the management trail, where it follows the short track to the intersection with the coastal walk track.

### 5.35 | Optional sidetrip to East Marely Beach

(450 m 8 mins) Continue straight: From the signposted intersection, the walk follows the coast, keeping the ocean to the left. The track winds down the long hill to the end of Marley Beach, and comes to a large green information sign. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer right.

# 5.35 | Int of Coast Track and Marley Head Servicetrail

(3 km 1 hr 4 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading north-east along the coast, winding through the high heath for about 1.5km until the track descends into a large gully along hardened path. At the bottom, it crosses a small bridged stream. From here, the track continues up the other side of the gully, using the rock steps to the top. From here, the track follows the post markers along the track to the clifftop coastline, however on a few occasions the track will split into two and meet up again a short while later - just stick to the track comes to an unsignposted vantage point at the end of the rock platform, where the bush track turns inland.

#### 8.38 | Bundeena Lookout

This unfenced, informal lookout is perched high on the cliffs, looking east over the South Pacific Ocean. The lookout is not signposted nor officially named, but provides great view south along the escarpment. Cliff edge may be unstable and fragile - keep a safe distance.

# 8.38 | Bundeena Lookout

(690 m 12 mins) Turn left: From the edge of the cliffs, the walk heads north-west up and away from the ocean, following the main bush track for a while before coming to an intersection with an asphalt management trail at the 'Coast Track' signpost.

# 9.07 | Int of Beachcomber Rd Service Trail and Coast Walk

(1.8 km 34 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the asphalt management trail north past the 'no bicycles' sign to the nearby intersection with the sandy management trail. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads north around a sweeping left-hand bend along the sealed management trail. Soon, the trail leads past a track (on the right) then passes around a locked gate at the end of of Beachcomber Ave and a 'Coast Walk' information sign.

Continue straight: From the end of Beachcomber Ave, this walk heads along Beachcomber Ave north-west and gradually around to the north, until turning left into Scarbourough St. The first right is taken into Bournemouth St, then left into Loftus St. The walk continues along this road until turning right into Brighton Rd. Bundeena Ferry is located at the end of Brighton St.