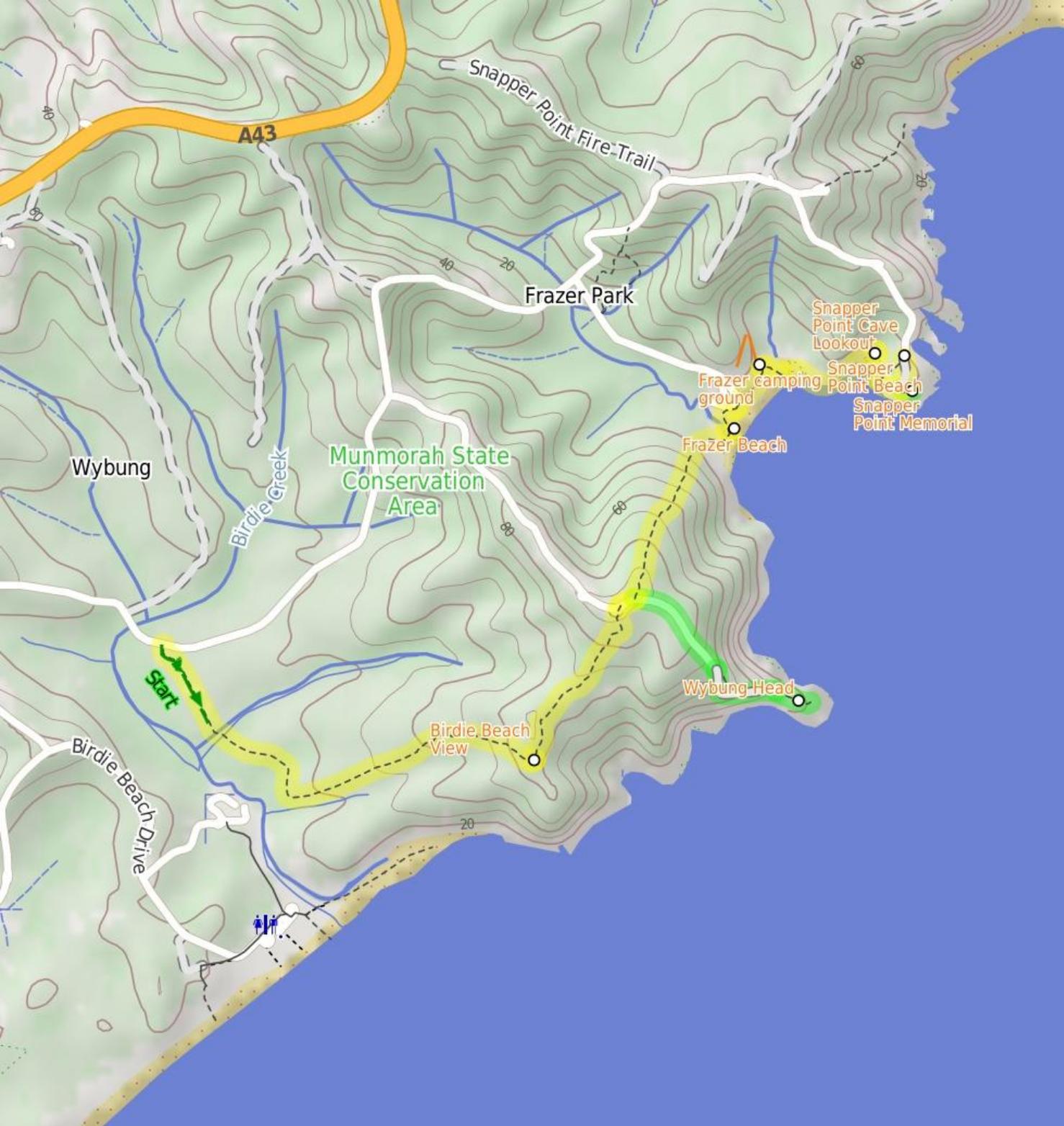


Campbell Drive to Snapper Point



1 hr 45 mins

Experienced only

5

4.2 km One way

135m

This walk follows the Coast Track to Frazer Beach, along the Geebung and (overgrown) Grass Tree Tracks. From the northern end of Frazer Beach, the walk heads across the exposed rockshelf to Snapper Point Beach, then on to Snapper Point (consider tide and sea conditions before setting out). From Snapper Point, there are more great ocean views and a lookout which views a large sea cave. If you have extra time, the side trip to Wybung Head is worth the effort. A very diverse walk exploring many of the highlights in the park.

Birdie Beach View

Birdie Beach View is an informal lookout found on a sweeping bend along the Geebung Track, north of Birdie Beach. The view south over Red Ochre Beach and along Birdie Beach is fantastic. Norah Head can be seen in the distance, past Bird Island. Since the re-vegetation of the track to Birdie Beach Lookout this is the best point from which to enjoy the view. A great spot to enjoy the coast.

Wybung Head

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Frazer Beach

Frazer Beach is a 650m-wide sandy beach, facing south-east. The beach is a popular swimming area with a patrol service provided during Christmas, Easter and April School Holidays. The back of the beach is home to Bongon Lagoon. Up the hill near the road is a large car park, several picnic tables, an amenities block (with shower and toilets), an emergency phone and Frazer camping ground. There is limited natural shade, but the beach is a interesting place to explore and relax.

Frazer camping ground

A nice and quite campsite within a short walk of Bongon Lagoon, Fazer Beach and some nice sand dunes. A nice base camp for those who like ocean fishing. Water is from a bore. Groups of more than 8 are required to fill in a group booking form which can be obtained through the booking office. Campsites are right next to the car park. A 100m walk to the amenities block with flush toilets and cold showers. There is also an emergency phone in front of the amenities block.

Snapper Point Beach

Snapper Point Beach is an informally named beach, just north of Frazer Beach and south of Snapper Point. The deep south-west facing sandy beach has a rock platform either side. Some rusted rubbish has washed up on the beach but otherwise the beach feels remote and secluded. Access to the beach is possible along the rocky shore line, but only during low tides and low seas.

Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an enjoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast ([BOM Hunter District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Munmorah State Conservation Area](#))
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

- T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

Topo Maps

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include;

1:25 000 Map Series:92314S CATHERINE HILL BAY

1:100 000 Map Series:9231 LAKE MACQUARIE

Grade

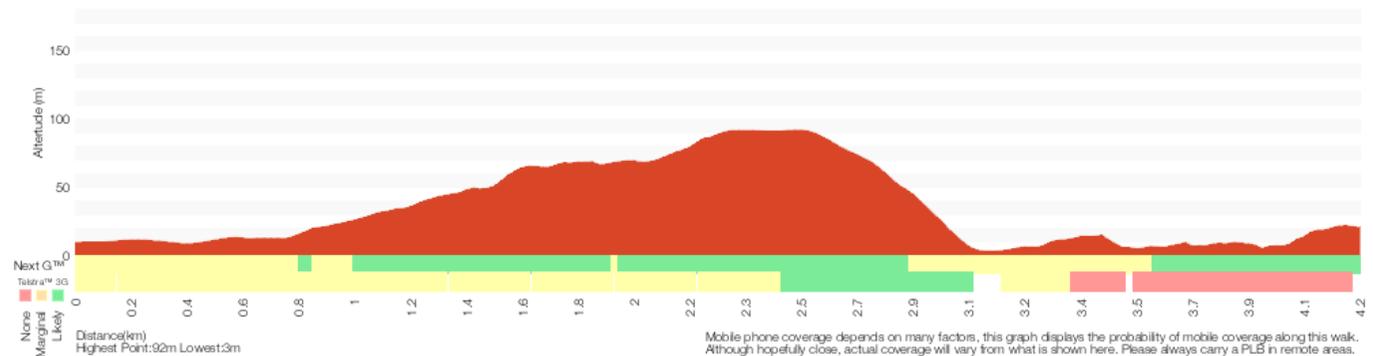
This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



Grade 5/6
Experienced only

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|----------------------------|---|
| Length | 4.2 km One way |
| Time | 1 hr 45 mins |
| Quality of track | Rough unclear track (5/6) |
| Signs | No directional signs (5/6) |
| Experience Required | High level of bushwalking experience recommended (5/6) |
| Weather | Forecast, unforecast storms and severe weather likely to have an impact on your navigation and safety (5/6) |
| Infrastructure | Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6) |

*** This walk passes through very remote areas and sections have no visible track. At least one person in your group should have training and experience in off track walking and navigation. Even with these notes and a GPS these extra skills and equipment are required.**



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.

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 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. **Experienced walkers only: This walk passes through very remote areas and sections have no visible track. At least one person in your group should have training and experience in off track walking and navigation. Even with these notes and a GPS these extra skills and equipment are required.**

Getting there Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Int of Geebung Track and Campbell Dr (gps: -33.1954, 151.6016). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Snapper Point car park (gps: -33.1862, 151.6279). 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/cdts>

0 | Int of Geebung Track and Campbell Dr

(1.7 km 29 mins) From Campbell Dr (800m east of the intersection with Blue Wren Dr), this walk heads south around the locked gate, though a clearing then follows the 'Coast Track' sign along the management trail. After about 350m, the management trail ends, and the walk crosses a small creek using a timber boardwalk. The walk heads up a series of timber steps (where the track is now lined with timber) and across a small clearing, then back through tall dense heath for about 200m. Here, the track is no longer lined with timber edging, but is still clear as it soon bends left and heads up the wide ridge through the low heath, with great district views behind. The track continues up the hill as Birdie Beach comes into view (on the right) and, just after a significant left-hand bend, the track comes to the top of the hill with a great view down Birdie Beach (now behind).

1.67 | Birdie Beach View

Birdie Beach View is an informal lookout found on a sweeping bend along the Geebung Track, north of Birdie Beach. The view south over Red Ochre Beach and along Birdie Beach is fantastic. Norah Head can be seen in the distance, past Bird Island. Since the re-vegetation of the track to Birdie Beach Lookout this is the best point from which to enjoy the view. A great spot to enjoy the coast.

1.67 | Birdie Beach View

(690 m 12 mins) Continue straight: From Birdie Beach View, this walk heads north directly away from Birdie Beach, following the wide track into the taller heath. The track leads past a view down to an un-named bay (on the right) and continues through the tall heath for a while. Not long before Wybung Head Rd, the track comes to a 'Y' intersection, this walk follows the right branch (however the left branch also goes to the same point), skirting around to a clearing. The walk then heads around the locked gate and comes to a turning area and car park on Wybung Head Rd (120m south-west of Wybung Trig).

2.35 | Int of Geebung Track and Wybung Head Rd

(50 m 1 mins) Veer right: From the car park and turning circle, this walk heads north-east (towards the ocean) along the road. After 60m, just before the right-hand bend, this walk comes to an intersection with the faint 'Grass Tree Track' on the left, just as the heath becomes taller.

2.41 | Optional sidetrip to Tip of Wybung Head

(790 m 15 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads downhill, towards the ocean along Wybung Head Rd. Soon after passing a sweeping right-hand bend, the walk come to a car park and the end of Wybung Head Rd, signposted 'Wybung Head'.

Continue straight: From the locked gate at the car park (at the end of Wybung Head Rd), this walk heads downhill along the management trail. The trail soon passes a track (on the left, that leads to the whale watching area), and continues downhill along the wide trail to find the grand ocean views. The trail then bends left and passes along the top of an unfenced cliff. As the trail flattens out, it passes a grassy clearing and ends on the narrow saddle, with views up and down the coast.

Continue straight: From the narrow saddle, this walk follows the narrower track towards the ocean along middle of the headland. The track leads up a small rise and through some heath, to then suddenly open up at the top of an unfenced cliff and view across the ocean. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

2.41 | Wybung Head

Wybung Head is distinct headland found at the end of Wybung Head Rd, and provides great views up and down the coast. Wybung is a local Aboriginal word meaning 'Dangerous Sea'. The narrow headland has sheer unfenced cliffs all around, and sweeping views of the ocean. There is no shade, or protection from the wind. A great spot to enjoy the pounding sea.

2.41 | Upper end of Grass Tree Track

(740 m 16 mins) Veer left: From the intersection (60m east of the turning area at the top of Geebung Trail), this walk follows the faint Grass Tree track north over a small rise and through the dense vegetation. Soon the vegetation become shorter and the distant ocean views return. The track is flat for a while, then starts to head down the ridge. In places, the track is quiet eroded and a few parallel tracks have formed (please try to follow the main track). As the track approaches the beach, it enters a forest of taller trees and then leads to the sandy Frazer Beach, just at the bottom end of Bongon Lagoon (on the left).

3.15 | Frazer Beach

Frazer Beach is a 650m-wide sandy beach, facing south-east. The beach is a popular swimming area with a patrol service provided during Christmas, Easter and April School Holidays. The back of the beach is home to Bongon Lagoon. Up the hill near the road is a large car park, several picnic tables, an amenities block (with shower and toilets), an emergency phone and Frazer camping ground. There is limited natural shade, but the beach is an interesting place to explore and relax.

3.15 | Bongon Lagoon

(130 m 2 mins) Veer left: From the beach, this walk heads inland across the sand, keeping Bongon Lagoon to the left. The walk soon tends right up to the lower car park, then continues uphill along the grass to the turning loop of Frazer Beach Road (on the left) and the picnic tables and shelter on the right.

3.27 | Frazer Beach Picnic Area

(180 m 4 mins) Veer left: From the picnic area, this walk heads uphill across the grass, past to the upper car park, keeping the beach to the right. The walk then follows the road (passing the toilet block) through the scrub and soon comes to the signposted 'Frazer Beach Camping Area'.

3.45 | Frazer camping ground

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fill in a group booking form which can be obtained through the booking office. Campsites are right next to the car park. A 100m walk to the amenities block with flush toilets and cold showers. There is also an emergency phone in front of the amenities block.

3.45 | Frazer Beach Camping Ground

(70 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the information sign at the bottom of Frazer Beach Camping Area, this walk follows the concrete track down the hill towards the beach. The walk then heads down a timber stair case and along the sandy track, coming to the northern end of Frazer Beach.

3.52 | Northern end of Frazer Beach

(370 m 7 mins) Veer left: From the northern end of Frazer Beach, this walk crosses the sand to the rock platform at the water's edge. This next section of the walk is only passable during low tide and low seas. Here, the walk follows the rock platform around the small headland for about 200m (climbing too high, the rock becomes very steep). The platform soon leads to the small Snapper Point Beach.

3.9 | Snapper Point Beach

Snapper Point Beach is an informally named beach, just north of Frazer Beach and south of Snapper Point. The deep south-west facing sandy beach has a rock platform either side. Some rusted rubbish has washed up on the beach but otherwise the beach feels remote and secluded. Access to the beach is possible along the rocky shore line, but only during low tides and low seas.

3.9 | Snapper Point Beach

(110 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the beach, this walk follows the rock shelf south, keeping the water to the right. The rock shelf is only passable during low tide and low seas. The walk soon follows a short track to find an intersection marked with a red housing, holding a life buoy.

4 | Snapper Point Beach Buoy

(100 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the track through the grassy section up the hill (away from the beach), keeping the water to the right. The track keeps back from the cliff and soon comes to a 'Life Buoy - 100m' arrow pointing back down the hill.

4.11 | Optional sidetrip to Snapper Point Memorial

(30 m 1 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Life Buoy - 60m' arrow, keeping the ocean to the right. The rocky track soon leads to a concrete pillar and memorial to people who lost their lives here. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

4.11 | Snapper Point Memorial

Snapper Point is located north-east of Frazer Beach and is home to a memorial to 7 lives lost on this point in the ten years before 1979 (when the plaque was placed). Since then, three more names have been added to the memorial. Please heed the warning and avoid your name appearing here. Snapper Point is a popular rock fishing spot, with a large flat platform providing great panoramic views of the ocean. A 'Life Buoy' sign points to two nearby floatation aids if needed.

4.11 | Life Buoy Sign

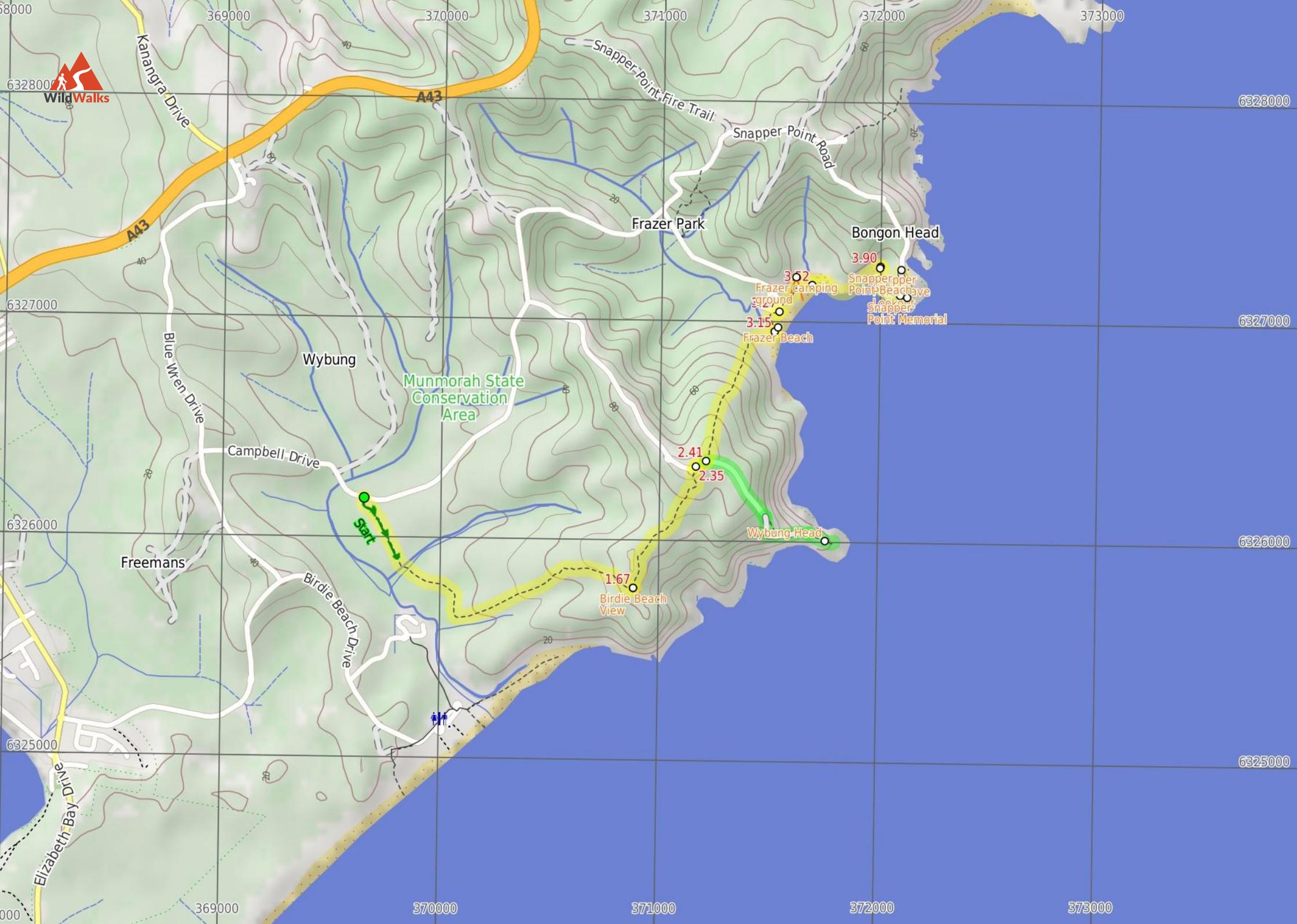
(110 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the sign, this walk follows the wide management trail away from the face of the sign and the water, into the heath. The trail soon leads around a locked gate to a car park at the end of Snapper Point Rd.

4.21 | Snapper Point Cave Lookout

The Snapper Point Cave Lookout is on the northern side of Snapper Point car

park (at the end of Snapper Point Rd). The fenced lookout enjoys views over a large inlet with a Frazer Blowhole and the large sea cave. The cave was mined for pebbles during 1975/76. Now protected as part of the State Conservation Area, the cave and this inlet stands as a monument to the struggle of power between the sea and the rocks.





Summary navigation sheet for the Campbell Drive to Snapper Point



| km | From | Up/Dwn | Length | Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail) |
|------|---|----------|-------------------|---|
| 0.00 | Int of Geebung Track and Campbell Dr -33.1954,151.6016 (GR Catherine Hill Bay, 696262) | 60 -5 | 1.7 km 29 mins | From Campbell Dr (800m east of the intersection with Blue Wren Dr), this walk heads south around the locked gate, though a clearing then follows the 'Coast Track' sign along the management trail. |
| 1.67 | Birdie Beach View -33.1991,151.6148 (GR Catherine Hill Bay, 709258) | 32 -5 | 690 m 12 mins | Continue straight: From Birdie Beach View, this walk heads north directly away from Birdie Beach, following the wide track into the taller heath. |
| 2.35 | Int of Geebung Track and Wybung Head Rd -33.1942,151.6179 (GR Catherine Hill Bay, 712263) | 0 0 | 50 m 1 mins | Veer right: From the car park and turning circle, this walk heads north-east (towards the ocean) along the road. |
| 2.41 | Upper end of Grass Tree Track -33.1939,151.6184 (GR Catherine Hill Bay, 712264) | 1 -74 | 790 m 15 mins | Optional sidetrip to Tip of Wybung Head. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads downhill, towards the ocean along Wybung Head Rd. |
| 2.41 | Upper end of Grass Tree Track -33.1939,151.6184 (GR Catherine Hill Bay, 712264) | 1 -89 | 740 m 16 mins | Veer left: From the intersection (60m east of the turning area at the top of Geebung Trail), this walk follows the faint Grass Tree track north over a small rise and through the dense vegetation. |
| 3.15 | Bongon Lagoon -33.1886,151.6217 (GR Catherine Hill Bay, 715270) | 3 0 | 130 m 2 mins | Veer left: From the beach, this walk heads inland across the sand, keeping Bongon Lagoon to the left. |
| 3.27 | Frazer Beach Picnic Area -33.1878,151.622 (GR Catherine Hill Bay, 715270) | 8 -1 | 180 m 4 mins | Veer left: From the picnic area, this walk heads uphill across the grass, past to the upper car park, keeping the beach to the right. |
| 3.45 | Frazer Beach Camping Ground -33.1865,151.6229 (GR Catherine Hill Bay, 716272) | 0 -9 | 70 m 2 mins | Turn right: From the information sign at the bottom of Frazer Beach Camping Area, this walk follows the concrete track down the hill towards the beach. |
| 3.52 | Northern end of Frazer Beach -33.1867,151.6236 (GR Catherine Hill Bay, 717272) | 13 -9 | 370 m 7 mins | Veer left: From the northern end of Frazer Beach, this walk crosses the sand to the rock platform at the water's edge. |
| 3.90 | Snapper Point Beach -33.186,151.6269 (GR Catherine Hill Bay, 720273) | 2 -4 | 110 m 2 mins | Turn right: From the beach, this walk follows the rock shelf south, keeping the water to the right. |
| 4.00 | Snapper Point Beach Buoy -33.1868,151.627 (GR Catherine Hill Bay, 720272) | 13 -1 | 100 m 2 mins | Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the track through the grassy section up the hill(away from the beach), keeping the water to the right. |
| 4.11 | Life Buoy Sign -33.1872,151.6279 (GR Catherine Hill Bay, 721271) | 0 -1 | 30 m 1 mins | Optional sidetrip to Snapper Point Memorial. Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Life Buoys - 60m' arrow, keeping the ocean to the right. |
| 4.11 | Life Buoy Sign -33.1872,151.6279 (GR Catherine Hill Bay, 721271) | 3 -1 | 110 m 2 mins | Turn left: From the sign, this walk follows the wide management trail away from the face of the sign and the water, into the heath. |