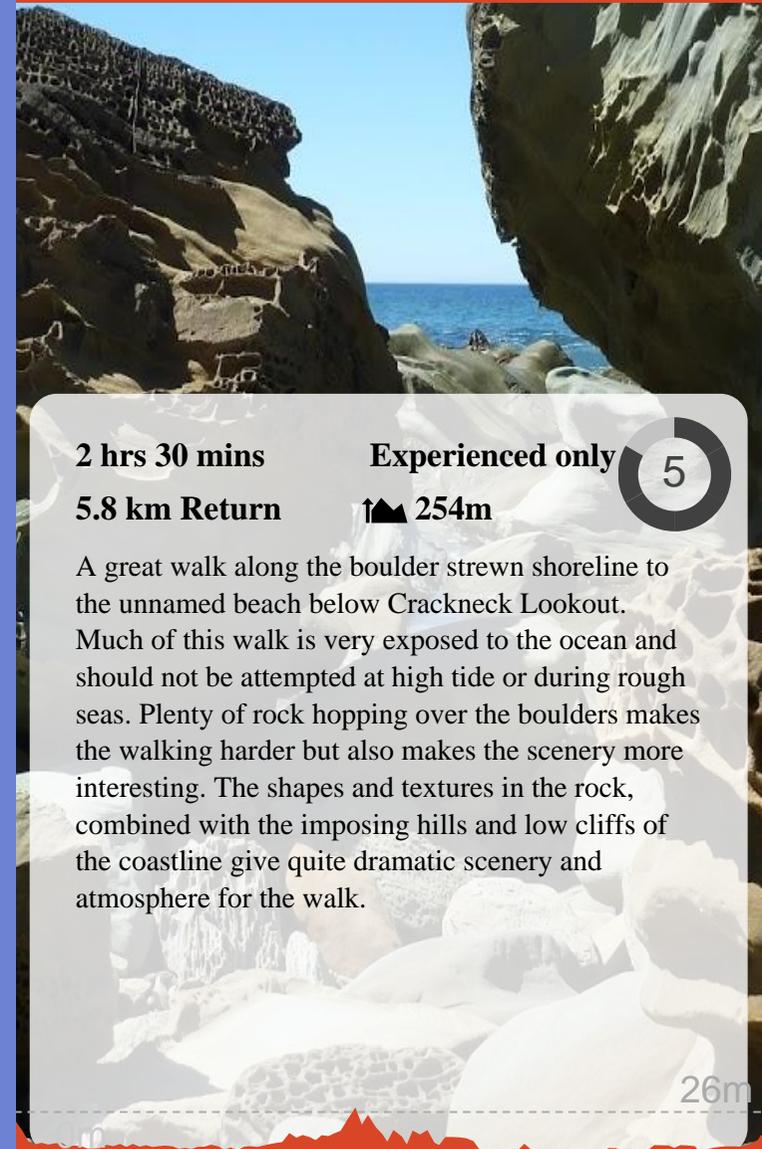


Forresters Beach to Crackneck Beach



2 hrs 30 mins

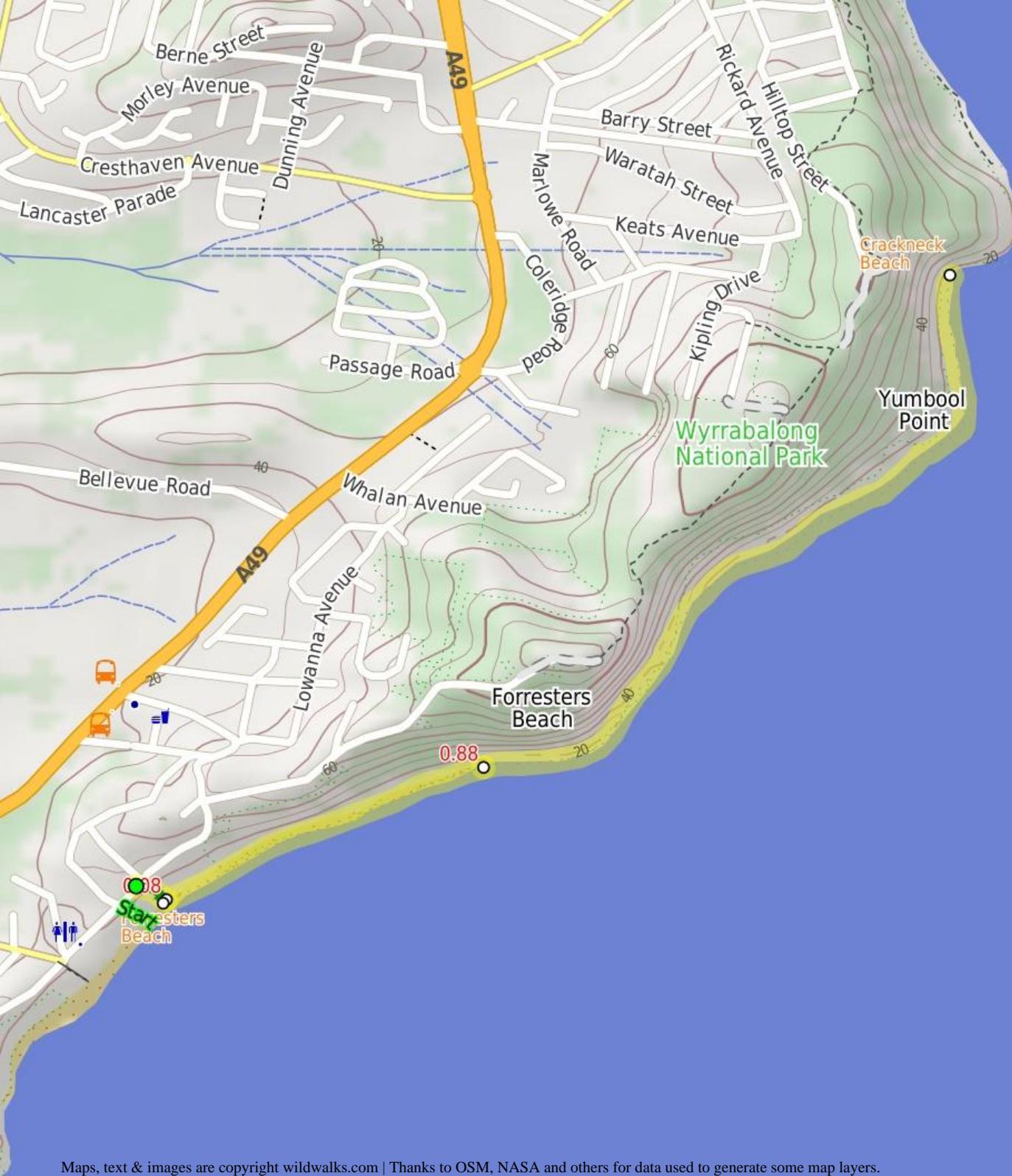
Experienced only

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5.8 km Return

↑ 254m

A great walk along the boulder strewn shoreline to the unnamed beach below Crackneck Lookout. Much of this walk is very exposed to the ocean and should not be attempted at high tide or during rough seas. Plenty of rock hopping over the boulders makes the walking harder but also makes the scenery more interesting. The shapes and textures in the rock, combined with the imposing hills and low cliffs of the coastline give quite dramatic scenery and atmosphere for the walk.



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. **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 You can get to Int of South Scenic Rd and Henrys Rd (gps: -33.411, 151.4655) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

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/fbtcb>

0 | Int of South Scenic Rd and Henrys Rd

(80 m 2 mins) From the top of the beach access track, this walk goes over the low gate and follows the management trail steeply down the hill. The walk passes a shower area, to the right, and continues a short distance down the boarded trail to Forresters Beach.

0.08 | Forresters Beach

Forresters Beach is the name of a township and beach on the Central Coast of NSW. There are public toilets and a beach access path near the intersection of Crystal St and Kalakau Ave, and a beach access path near the bottom of Henrys Rd.

0.08 | Bottom of Henrys Rd beach access

(800 m 15 mins) Turn left: From the bottom of the Henrys Rd beach access trail, this walk goes north along the beach, keeping the ocean to the right. After a while, the walk reaches the end of the sandy beach where the rocky shoreline starts.

0.88 | Northern end of Forresters Beach

(2 km 45 mins) Continue straight: From the northern end of Forresters Beach, this walk follows the coast north, keeping the ocean to the right. The walk travels over the rocky, boulder-covered shoreline for quite a while, with a lot of rock-hopping involved. There is only a narrow strip between the

water and the steep hills, to the left, and great care should be exercised. The imposing hills, interesting textures and shapes in the rocks, and the crashing waves all combine to provide fantastic scenery and atmosphere. A fair number of old engine blocks and other car parts are lying in the rocks, rusting away slowly. The walk eventually reaches the unnamed beach beneath Crackneck Lookout, covered in rounded fist-sized rocks. Note: This section of the walk may be impassable at high tide or during high seas.

2.9 | Crackneck Beach

This unnamed beach is below Crackneck Lookout and can be reached with some difficulty by walking along the very rocky shoreline from Forresters Beach, to the south, or from Bateau Bay beach, to the north. The beach is covered in rounded rocks about the size of a fist.

