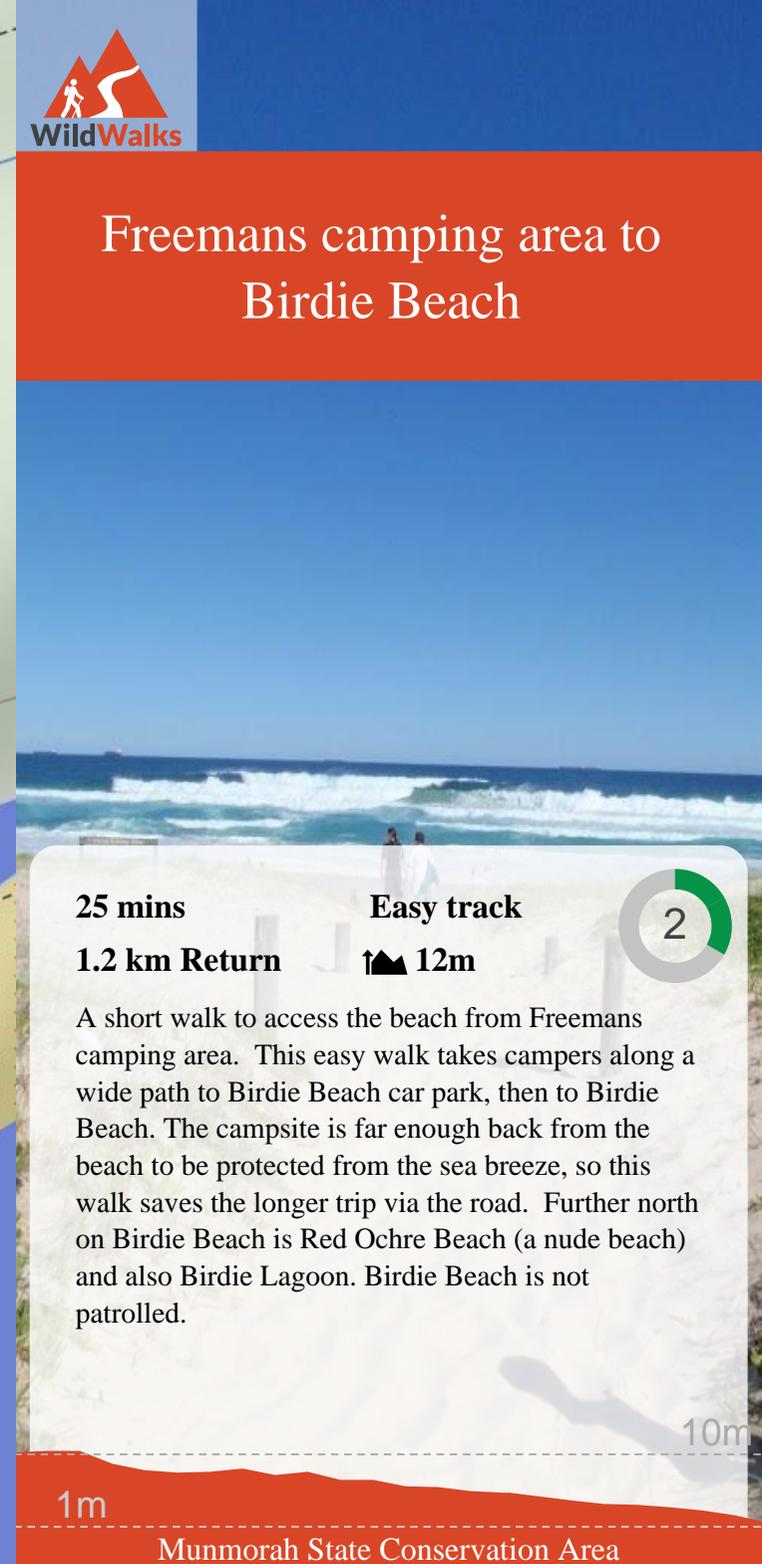
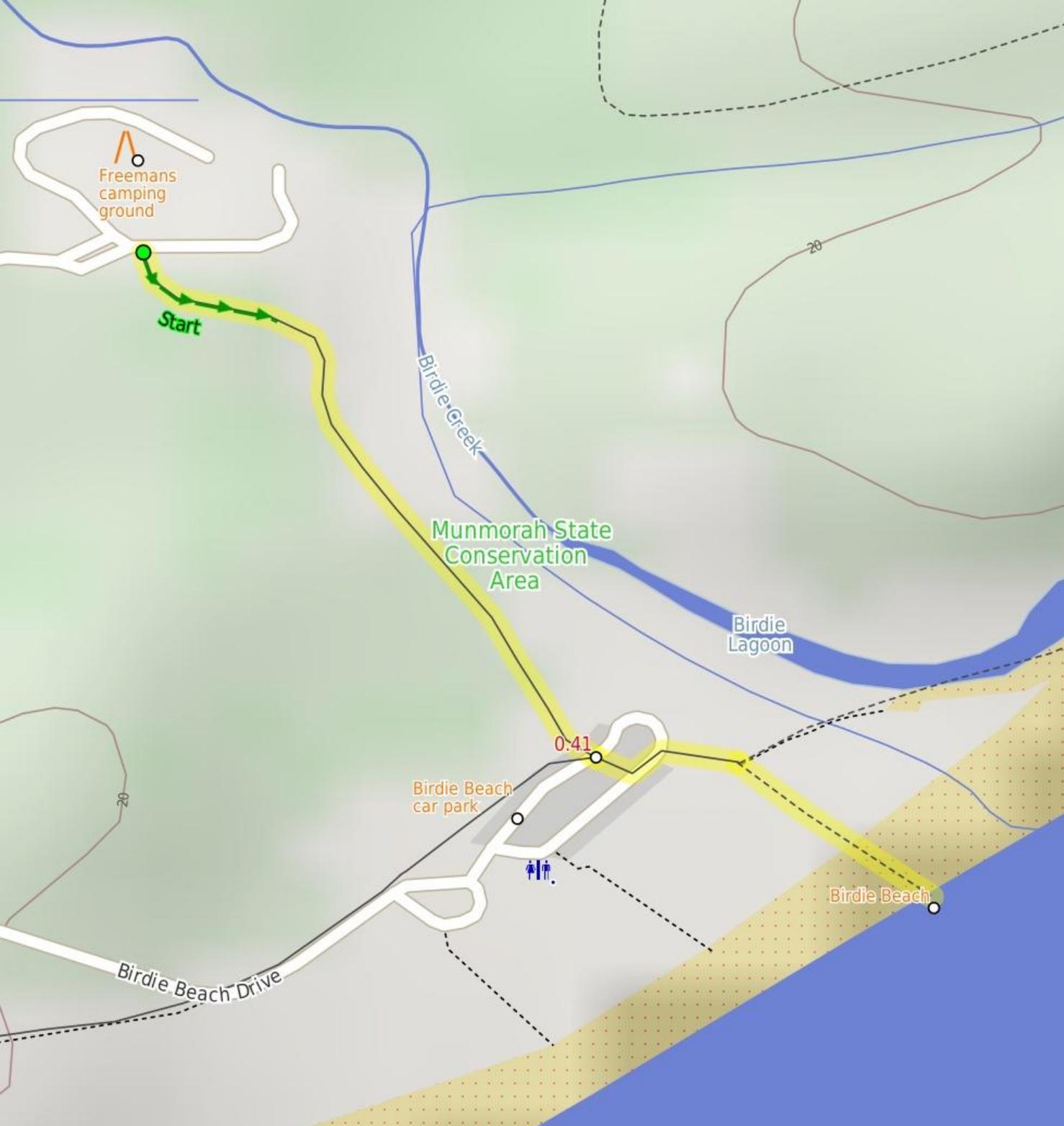


## Freemans camping area to Birdie Beach



**25 mins**

**Easy track**

**1.2 km Return**

**↑ 12m**



A short walk to access the beach from Freemans camping area. This easy walk takes campers along a wide path to Birdie Beach car park, then to Birdie Beach. The campsite is far enough back from the beach to be protected from the sea breeze, so this walk saves the longer trip via the road. Further north on Birdie Beach is Red Ochre Beach (a nude beach) and also Birdie Lagoon. Birdie Beach is not patrolled.

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### **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 Freemans camping ground (gps: -33.2011, 151.6038).

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/fcatbb>

### **0 | Freemans camping ground**

A well establish campsite. There are 8 caravan sites and 28 tent based camping sites. Groups of more than 8 are required to fill in a group booking form which can be obtained through the booking office. There is a short walk along a footpath to Birdie Beach. The campsite is flat and in an open area, reasonably well protected from the sea breeze. There is some but limited shaded area. The amenities block and cooking shelter are in great condition and provide good facilities. There is an emergency only phone near the amenities block.

### **0 | Freemans camping ground**

*(410 m 7 mins)* From speed hump on the Men's side of the toilet block in Freemans Camping Ground, this walk follows the 'Birdie Beach Access' sign. The walk follows the sealed path (old road) through the tall heath, passing a couple of glimpses of Red Ochre Beach (on the left) before coming to timber foot bridge in the middle of Birdie Beach car park.

### **0.41 | Birdie Beach car park**

Birdie Beach car park is a large parking area at the end of Birdie Beach Road. There are a few small grassy clearings, as well as garbage and recycling bins. Three tracks lead to Birdie Beach and another path leads to Freemans camping ground. There is a toilet and hand washing basin near the start of the car park, as well as a large information sign. There is parking and toilet facilities for people with disabilities.

### **0.41 | Birdie Beach car park bridge**

*(200 m 3 mins)* Continue straight: From the bridge, this walk heads to the very end of the car park, then turns right to find

the beach access track. The walk follows this track a short distance, passing a 'Vehicles fire & camping prohibited on beaches' sign. The track soon comes to a 'Y' intersection marked with a sign pointing to 'Unclad Bathing 150m'.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill along the timbered track and over the rise, in the opposite direction to the 'Unclad Bathing 150m' sign (directly away from the car park). The sandy track then leads to another 'Unclad Bathing 150m' sign (pointing left), then comes to the northern end of Birdie Beach.

### **0.6 | Birdie Beach**

Birdie Beach is a several kilometre long beach stretching from Budgewoi in the south to near Wybung Head in the north. The sandy beach faces south-east and Bird Island is found about 1.5km from the shore. There are several access points along this beach. The beach is not patrolled.

