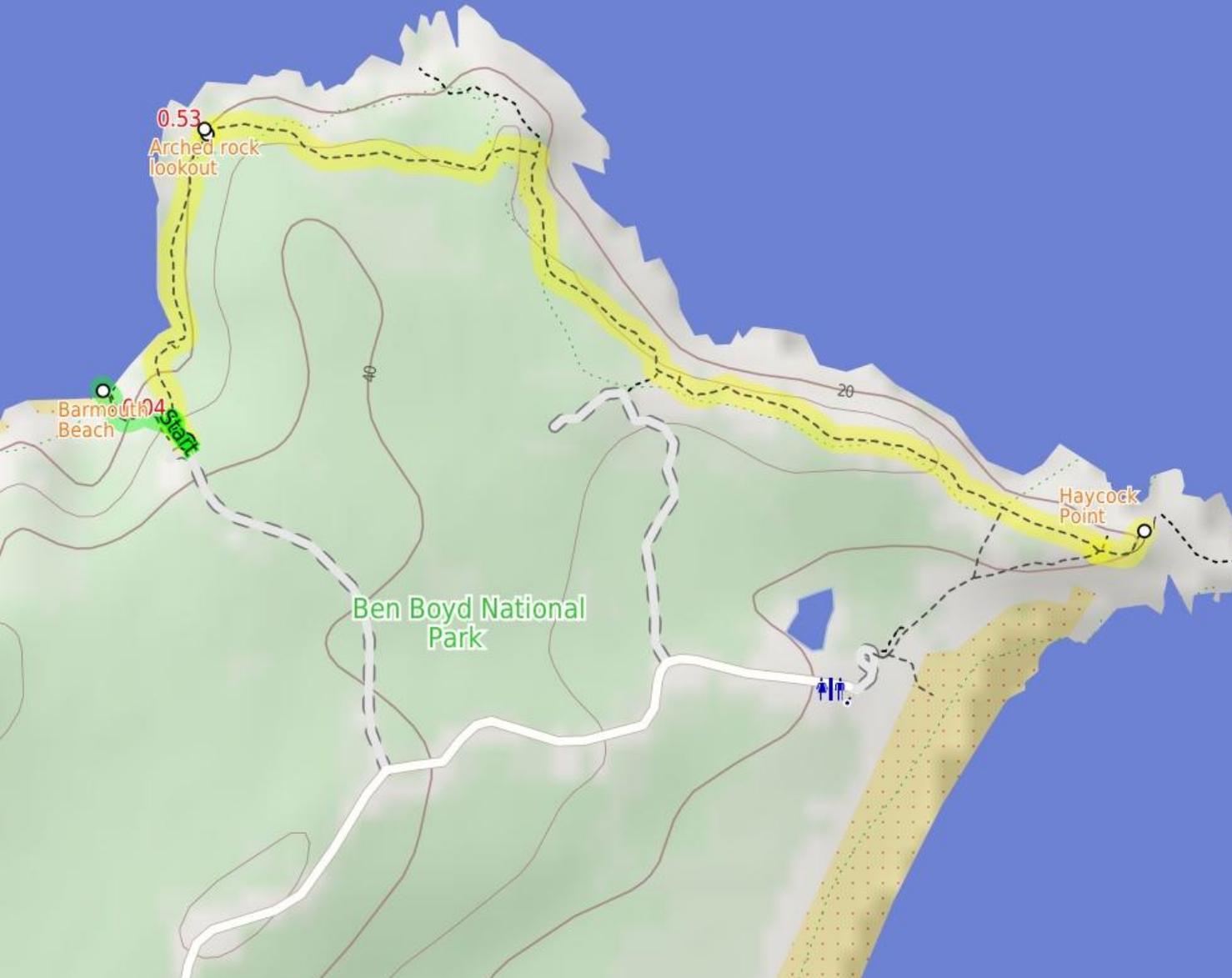


Haycock Point



2 hrs

Hard track

4.8 km Return

↑ 119m



The walk to Haycock Point is a great one, with Barmouth Beach as an optional side trip, there is also an interesting arched rock formation and great panoramic views from Haycock Point. The walk passes through a few different vegetation types which splits the walk into sections, including open grassy plains and dense woody forests.

36m

13m

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 Barmouth Beach car park (gps: -36.9481, 149.9238). 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/hp>

0 | Barmouth Beach car park

(40 m 1 mins) From the car park, this walk heads down the hill, following the path made by the cut logs. The track soon comes to a signposted intersection.

0.04 | Optional sidetrip to Barmouth Beach

(140 m 3 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign 'Barmouth Beach 150m' down the hill. The walk leads down steps which are in sight of the beach, passing an information sign and coming to the southern end of Barmouth Beach. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

0.04 | Barmouth Beach

Barmouth Beach is in Ben Boyd National Park, at the mouth of Pambula River. The beach is opposite the township of Pambula Beach and can be access from inside the national park via a small track, not too far from Haycock Point. The beach is a small north-facing, yellow sand beach with no facilities (no Surf Life Saving patrols). The beach has some bright red rock platforms at either end that are worth exploring. Exploration is a part of Barmouth Beach's history, with George Bass escaping the winds, landing on the beach in 1797. He explored the area and named Barmouth River, today Pambula River.

0.04 | Int. Barmouth Beach and Haycock Point Trks

(490 m 10 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Haycock Point 2.4km'. The track heads down a gully then continues further across the hillside to a 'Haycock Point' sign. The walk follows this sign across a wooden bridge and up some stairs, then continues up the hillside (beach below on the left. The walk then heads along the flat hilltop, winding through the bush, before leading nearer the cliff edge on the left,

to a small track and clearing to the left (leading to a view of a rock arch.)

0.53 | Arched rock lookout

This is an informal, unnamed, and unfenced lookout, on the southern side of the headland forming the mouth of the Pambula River. The lookout is in Ben Boyd National Park and can be accessed by walking track to Haycock Point. There is a great view out to sea and up the coast as far as Merimbula. The view is memorable for the unusual rock arch, formed from the eroding force of the ocean.

0.53 | Arched Rock Lookout

(1.9 km 34 mins) Continue straight: From the arch rock lookout, the walk keeps the ocean on the left of the track as it continues up the slight hill along the hilltop. The track follows numerous arrow signs, marking the way through the bush as the track tends right into a valley. The track then heads up a hill to an area behind sea cliffs. The track continues tending right, keeping these sea cliffs to the left. The walk follows another arrow - 'Haycock Point 1.3km'. The track continues along the cliff tops, with the ocean below on the left. The walk continues through an area of thicker, taller heath, then opens out onto a grassy area with a number of arrow signs directing the way. The track follows these signs out along the point to a 'Barmouth Beach 2.2km' sign.

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk heads in the opposite direction to the 'Barmouth 2.4km' sign, up the slight hill. The track continues to follow the arrow signs through the low heath and grass, out to the point on the edge of the headland.

2.39 | Haycock Point

Haycock Point, in the northern part of Ben Boyd National Park, provides a great vantage point across the red rock platform, out to sea and north up the rocky coast. An interesting dome-shaped rock, called Haystack Rock, is memorable for its unusual shape and also as a dive location. The SS Empire Gladstone struck rocks here in calm seas in 1950, after mistaking the lights of Merimbula for a lighthouse. Thankfully, no lives were lost and some cargo was recovered, but the wreck forms a popular dive spot today. [More info.](#)

