

### 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. Experainced 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 Hobart Beach large shelter (gps: -36.797, 149.94). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

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/21

# 0 | Hobart Beach large shelter

(360 m 6 mins) From the intersection, this walk follows the path and the sign to the 'Field Study Huts' past the large picnic shelter (on the left). The track soon passes a volleyball court (on the right) and a fire pit (on the left), then follows a track marker through the dense melaleuca. The track soon comes to a three-way intersection marked with several signs, including one pointing back to 'Hobart Beach Camping Area'. From the intersection, the walk continues straight along the track, following the 'Bondi Lake' sign through the melaleuca. The track soon comes to another three-way intersection, marked with another sign pointing back to 'Hobart Beach Camping Area'.

## 0.36 | Int. Bournda Rd and Hobart Beach Rd

(3.4 km 1 hr 16 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Bournda Trig' sign, along the shaded trail which follows roughly parallel to the road (above on the left). The trail winds and undulates a little for about 700m to come to a clear intersection where a 'Hobart Beach camping area' sign points back along the trail. Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Bournda Trig' sign up the hill to the road, which is in sight. The walk crosses the road to the gate and signpost.

Continue straight: From the gate, the walk heads up the hill away from the road. The trail tends right before leading up the hill, where it steepens towards an intersection with a trail (leading to a water tank) on the right.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads up the hill, keeping the water tank below on the right. The trail leads up the hill to a signposted intersection.

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the sign to 'Bournda Trig' down the hill. The trail passes a water tank on the right before winding up the hill onto the ridge. The trail then

continues along the ridge to a signposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the Bournda Trig' sign along the flat. The trail continues to wind through the bush to a large pile of logs on the right of the track. From here, the track tends right, up the hill, to climb steeply to a signposted intersection.

Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Bournda Trig' sign up the hill. The track winds up the hill, around a knoll (to the right) and comes to the Trig Station in a clearing. If you go down hill you have gone too far.

# 3.77 | Bournda Trig

Bournda Trig is the highest point in Bournda National Park, situated between Tathra and Merimbula. The trig point stands in a small clearing beside the management trail, and does not have great views over the surrounding area. The trig station stands at 207 m.a.s.l. The Bournda Trig can be accessed by the Bournda Trig Fire Trail which off Bournda Rd and Sapphire Coast Dr.

# 3.77 | Bournda Trig Station

(320 m 9 mins) Turn around: From the intersection, the walk keeps the Trig Station on the left as it heads down the hill. The track tends left around a knoll and then continues down the hill to a signposted intersection.

# 4.09 | Int. Bournda Trig and Field Studies Trks

(1.7 km 31 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Field Studies' sign down the hill. The track meanders down along a ridgeline before following the path which is just visible down the hill. The track is covered in sections with fallen trees, many with paths trodden around them. The track continues to descend the ridge for sometime before coming out at a clearing with numerous A-frame shelters. The track continues through these to a campfire setting in front of a homestead-style home.

#### 5.79 | Field Study Huts

The Field Study Huts are located just above Bournda Rd in Bournda National Park, between Tathra and Merimbula. The main hut is a homestead-style wood cottage with a fire pit, BBQ plate, picnic tables and a toilet. Just near the hut, there are four open A-frame shelters. These facilities support a range of education services provided by the Bournda Environmental Education Centre. Parking is available near the road, and walking access from Bournda Lagoon and Trig is also possible. More info.

#### 5.79 | Field Study Huts

(150 m 3 mins) Turn left: From the campfire, the walk heads down the hill away from the homestead-style building, keeping the A-frame shelters to the left. The trail tends left down the hill to a gate and a signpost across the road.

# 5.94 | Field Study Huts Car park

(1.7 km 33 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads down into the car park. The track continues down the ridge of the hill, passing over a fallen log and following a barely-visible

trodden path down the slope. The track winds down the hill to meet a signpost on a more defined bush track.

Veer left: From the intersection, with the 'Field Studies Huts' sign on the left, this walk heads north along the wide track. The track passes along the side of Bondi Lake (not visable on the right) to come to a three way intersection marked with a 'Bondi Lake' sign pointing back along the track (as an old hut is just visible on the right). From the intersection, this walk follows the 'hobart beach camp' sign north passing and old fence and the view to the old hut (on the right). The track winds throught the bush to soon come pass another 'Bondi Lake' sign, and head between the timber posts to come to the dirt road.

Continue straight: From intersection with Bournda Rd, this walk crosses the dirt road and follows the 'Hobart Beach camping area 0.5km' sign north along the track. The track winds through the melaleuca for a short time, to a three way intersection marked with a 'Bondi Lake' sign pointing back to the dirt road.

# 7.67 | Int. just north of Bournda Rd

(360 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Hobart Beach Camping Area' through the melaleuca, soon coming to another three-way intersection with a 'Bondi Lake' sign pointing back along the track. From the intersection, the walk continues straight follows the 'Hobart Beach Camping Area' through the dense melaleuca, soon coming to a large clearing at the back of the camping area. The walk continues past the volleyball court to the dirt road in front of the large picnic shelter.

# 8.02 | Hobart Beach campground

This is a well-established campsite close to the beach and lake. There are garbage and recycling bins. Each camping space is well-defined and there is a large covered common area. The camp surrounds the stone and timber toilet and laundry facility.