

Hobart Beach to Bournda Island Loop



2 hrs 15 mins

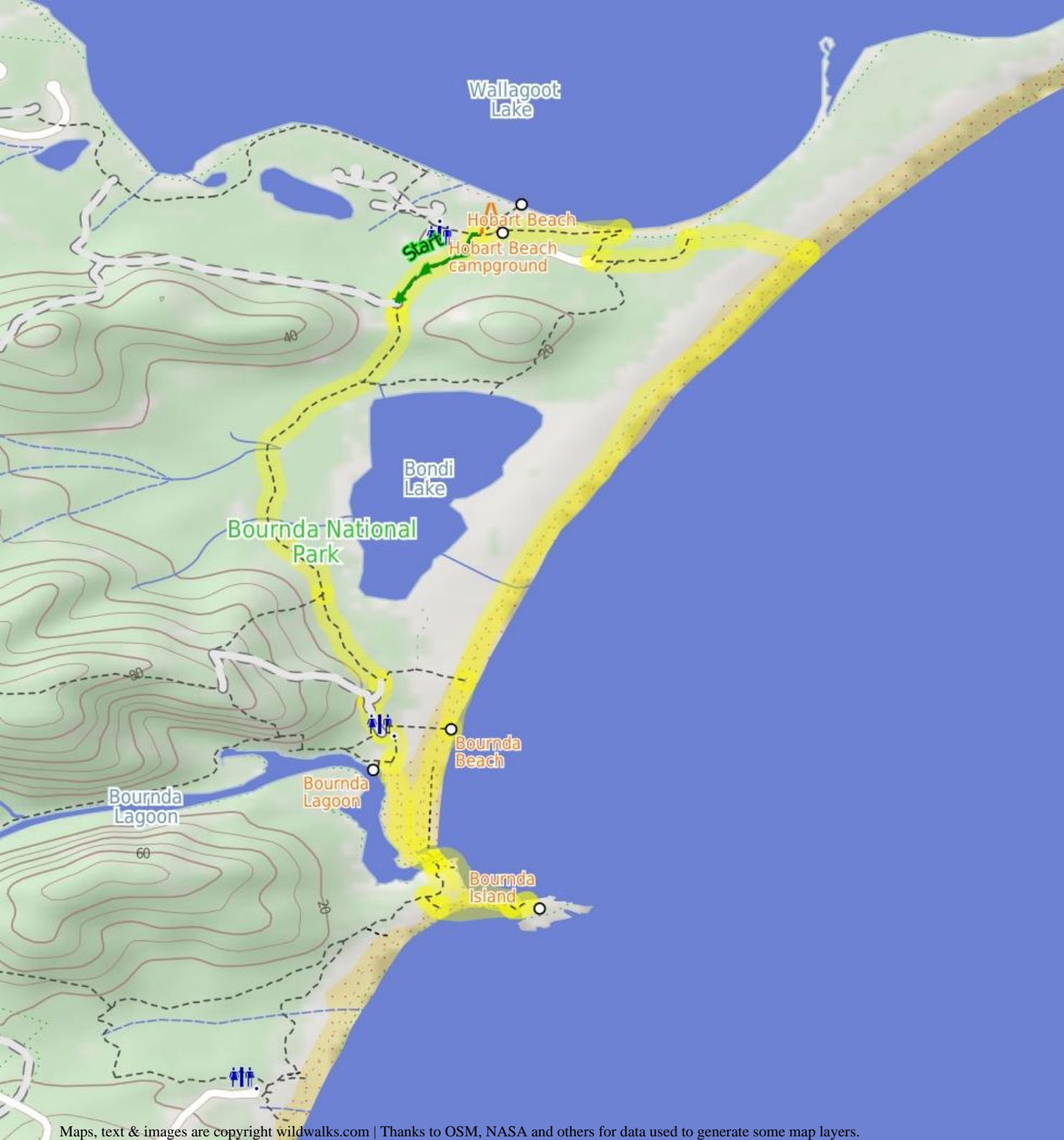
Hard track

7.6 km Circuit

70m

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The walk to Bournda Island from Hobart Beach camping area is an excellent way to see some of the sights in Bournda National Park. The first half of this picturesque walk is mainly closed in by heath and melaleuca, with closeup views of the local environment. The second half enjoys panoramic views from the beach. The short track up the island gives more great views up and down the coast.



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.

Bournda Lagoon

Bournda Lagoon has formed behind Bournda Beach, between Tathra and Merimbula in Bournda National Park. The lagoon is deep enough for swimming and is a popular spot for a freshwater swim. The lagoon is fed by Sandy Beach Creek, which has been silted up at the southernmost end of Bournda Beach. The lagoon supports a variety of environments, including a rainforest, on its shores. However, the lagoon is subject to environmental issues such as algal blooms. The lagoon can be accessed by bush track from Bournda Lagoon car park, at the end of Bournda Rd. [More info.](#)

Bournda Island

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Bournda Beach

Bournda Beach, Bournda National Park, lies between Tathra and Merimbula, and forms the southern end of Wallagoot Beach. The beach provides some good surf conditions with a south-easterly aspect (not patrolled). At the southern end of the beach is Bournda Island, attached to the beach by a rocky headland and tombola (sand joining the island to mainland). The dunes backing the beach are undergoing rehabilitation. Bournda Beach is accessed by Bournda Rd at either Hobart Beach camping area, Bournda Lagoon or Wallagoot Gap parking areas.

Hobart Beach

Hobart Beach is located on the southern shores of Wallagoot Lake, between Tathra and Merimbula. Hobart Beach extends from the sand dunes to Scotts Bay, on Wallagoot Lake. The beach is a thin slice of white sand between the treeline and the lake, and provides plenty of opportunity to go for a swim and enjoy the water. Access to the beach is through Hobart Beach camping area, off Bournda Rd in Bournda National Park.

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 South Coast District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Far South Coast, unknown](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Bournda National Park](#))
- 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:

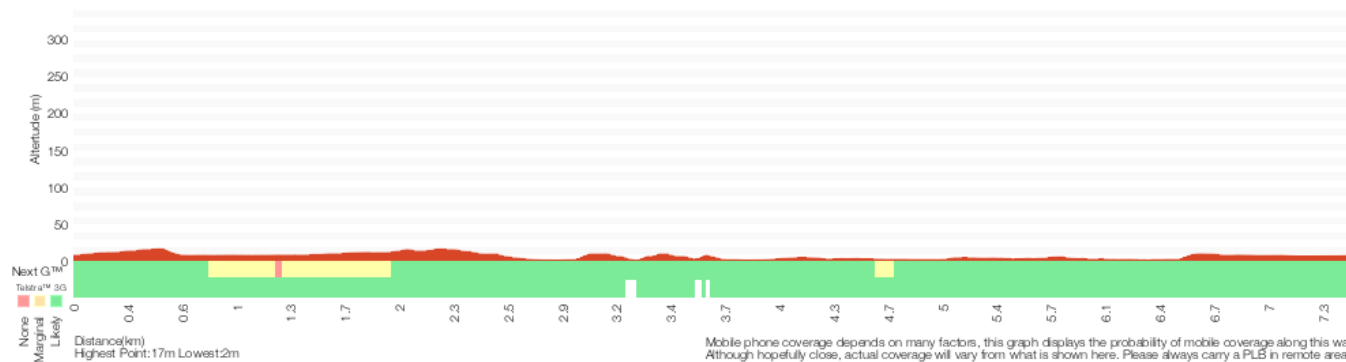
- T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep 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:88242N WOLUMLA

1:100 000 Map Series:8824 BEGA



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 4/6
Hard track

Length	7.6 km Circuit
Time	2 hrs 15 mins
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Forecast, unforecast storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)

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.

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 including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/hbti>

0 | 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.

0 | Hobart Beach large shelter

(410 m 7 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'. Continue straight: From this intersection, this walk heads south along the track, following the 'Bondi Lake' sign through the melaleuca. The track soon comes to then crosses the dirt Bournda Rd to the 'Hobart Beach Camping Area 0.5km'sign on the otherside.

0.41 | Int. Bournda Rd and Hobart Beach Rd

(1.7 km 28 mins) Continue straight: From the road, this walk follows the sign to 'Bondi Lake' between the timber posts and along the wide track. The track winds through the tall heath for a while until passing an old hut (on the left) where the track comes to a three way intersection marked with a 'hobart beach camp' sign pointing back along the track. From the intersection, this walk follows the 'bournda lagoon' sign along with wide track. The track passes along the side of Bondi Lake (not visible on the left) to come to a faint intersection with the signposted 'Field Studies Huts' track (on the right). Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk leaves the hill and the 'Field Studies Huts' sign behind, on the right of the track, as the track continues through the heath, heading up a slight rise to a signposted intersection in Bournda Beach car park.

2.11 | Bournda Beach car park

(90 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Bournda Lagoon' sign up the hill to the signposted intersection with a management trail.

2.19 | Bournda Lagoon Carpark

(290 m 5 mins) Turn left: From the gate, this walk heads up through the car park following the 'Hobart Beach Camping Area' arrow on the signpost. The trail comes to a signpost for 'Bournda Beach Parking Area'.

Veer left: From the car park, the walk heads past the gate following the sign

to 'Bournda Lagoon' past the toilet. The walk heads down the hill, becoming more sandy as it comes to meet the lagoon shore.

2.48 | Bournda Lagoon

Bournda Lagoon has formed behind Bournda Beach, between Tathra and Merimbula in Bournda National Park. The lagoon is deep enough for swimming and is a popular spot for a freshwater swim. The lagoon is fed by Sandy Beach Creek, which has been silted up at the southernmost end of Bournda Beach. The lagoon supports a variety of environments, including a rainforest, on its shores. However, the lagoon is subject to environmental issues such as algal blooms. The lagoon can be accessed by bush track from Bournda Lagoon car park, at the end of Bournda Rd. [More info.](#)

2.48 | Bournda Lagoon

(460 m 8 mins) Continue straight: From the lagoon, this walk heads over the dunes towards the ocean, keeping the lagoon behind on the right. The walk turns right on the beach, keeping the ocean to the left, and follows the beach to the end where there is a signposted intersection.

2.93 | Bournda Bch Sth

(450 m 8 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Bournda Island' and 'North Tura Beach' up the hill, passing a grassy platform on the left (which has great views over Bournda Island). The walk leads along the top of the dunes, along the fenced track to an intersection with a sign pointing back to 'Bournda Island' and 'Bournda Lagoon'.

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the sign to 'Bournda Island' over the dune and down some stairs onto the beach.

Veer left: From the bottom of the steps, this walk heads away from the stairs and across the beach towards Bournda Island. The walk continues along the sand to a small cave feature at the base of the island.

Veer right: From the intersection, the walk keeps the cave feature on the right and climbs up the ridge of rock. The track winds along the left-hand side of the island, with the ocean below on the left. The walk heads up onto the hill with views of both North Tura and Bournda Beaches.

3.39 | Bournda Island

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3.39 | Bournda Island

(60 m 1 mins) Turn around: From the top of Bournda Island, the walk heads towards the mainland, tending closer to the ocean on the right side. The walk then heads down a steep, vegetated track and follows a rocky ridge onto the sand below.

3.44 | Bournda Bch Sth

(890 m 15 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, the walk heads towards the ocean, across the end of the beach, then crosses the rocky headland to continue along a shorter beach, keeping the ocean to the left, to an island like feature. The intersection is marked by a cave feature at the bottom of the island. (This route is only possible at low tide).

Turn right: From the intersection at the southern end of the beach, the walk heads along the beach, keeping the ocean to the right, and the dunes to the left. The walk continues past views of Bournda Lagoon to a spot opposite a set of stairs (going up the taller dunes on the left).

4.33 | Bournda Beach

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4.33 | Bournda Beach

(2.5 km 39 mins) Continue straight: From the middle of the beach, opposite a set of erosion control steps, the walk heads along the beach, keeping the ocean to the right. The walk continues along the beach until it comes opposite a set of erosion control steps to the left.

Continue straight: From the middle of the beach, across from a set of erosion control steps, the walk heads along the beach, keeping the ocean to the right. The walk continues along the beach for quite some time to a point opposite a set of erosion control steps going up the dunes to the left.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads away from the beach and up the erosion control stairs. The walk then heads down the stairs onto a sandy clear trail which winds through the bush. The track soon meets a signposted intersection.

6.8 | Ocean beaches carpark Trk

(430 m 6 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to the 'Parking Area' along the sandy track, towards the distant hills. The walk winds through the melaleuca, some of which are on the track. The soon comes to a timber boardwalk and a three way intersection with a 'Ocean Beaches' sign pointing back along the track. From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Hobart Beach camp' sign off the end of the boardwalk to the come to a car park a short distance later. At the carpark the walk turns right to find a signposted intersection next to the picnic table.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the arrow on the sign to 'Wallagoot Lake', away from the car park and picnic table. The track tends right, down the hill, for approximately 50m to an intersection on the shore of Wallagoot Lake.

7.23 | Hobart Beach

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7.23 | Wallagoot Lake Shore (Hobart Beach)

(330 m 5 mins) Turn sharp left: From the intersection, the walk heads away from Wallagoot Lake, keeping it a bit to the right for a short time, passing a post with a red reflective marker. The track tends right, away from the lake and the beach, to come into view of a clearing, the campsite, on the left. The track continues to an area with cut logs on the ground. The walk passes these logs, continuing to the main road, to the right of large triangular shelter where there is a signpost.



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Summary navigation sheet for the Hobart Beach to Bournda Island Loop



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
0.00	Hobart Beach large shelter -36.797,149.94 (GR Wolumla, 623236)	8 0	410 m 7 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).
0.41	Int. Bournda Rd and Hobart Beach Rd -36.8,149.9379 (GR Wolumla, 621233)	12 -13	1.7 km 28 mins	Continue straight: From the road, this walk follows the sign to 'Bondi Lake' between the timber posts and along the wide track.
2.11	Bournda Beach car park -36.8137,149.9375 (GR Wolumla, 620218)	3 0	90 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Bournda Lagoon' sign up the hill to the signposted intersection with a management trail.
2.19	Bournda Lagoon Carpark -36.8144,149.9372 (GR Wolumla, 620217)	0 -7	290 m 5 mins	Turn left: From the gate, this walk heads up through the car park following the 'Hobart Beach Camping Area' arrow on the signpost.
2.48	Bournda Lagoon -36.8167,149.9378 (GR Wolumla, 620214)	0 -8	460 m 8 mins	Continue straight: From the lagoon, this walk heads over the dunes towards the ocean, keeping the lagoon behind on the right.
2.93	Bournda Bch Sth -36.8205,149.9388 (GR Wolumla, 621210)	16 -8	450 m 8 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Bournda Island' and 'North Tura Beach' up the hill, passing a grassy platform on the left (which has great views over Bournda Island).
3.39	Bournda Island -36.822,149.9412 (GR Wolumla, 623208)	0 -3	60 m 1 mins	Turn around: From the top of Bournda Island, the walk heads towards the mainland, tending closer to the ocean on the right side.
3.44	Bournda Bch Sth -36.8221,149.9408 (GR Wolumla, 623208)	10 -13	890 m 15 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, the walk heads towards the ocean, across the end of the beach, then crosses the rocky headland to continue along a shorter beach, keeping the ocean to the left, to an island like f...
4.33	Bournda Beach -36.8155,149.9393 (GR Wolumla, 622216)	19 -14	2.5 km 39 mins	Continue straight: From the middle of the beach, opposite a set of erosion control steps, the walk heads along the beach, keeping the ocean to the right.
6.80	Ocean beaches carpark Trk -36.7971,149.9453 (GR Wolumla, 628236)	1 -2	430 m 6 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to the 'Parking Area' along the sandy track, towards the distant hills.
7.23	Wallagoot Lake Shore (Hobart Beach) -36.7968,149.9436 (GR Wolumla, 626236)	1 0	330 m 5 mins	Turn sharp left: From the intersection, the walk heads away from Wallagoot Lake, keeping it a bit to the right for a short time, passing a post with a red reflective marker.