

# Wyrrabalong Coast Walking Track



**1 hr 30 mins**

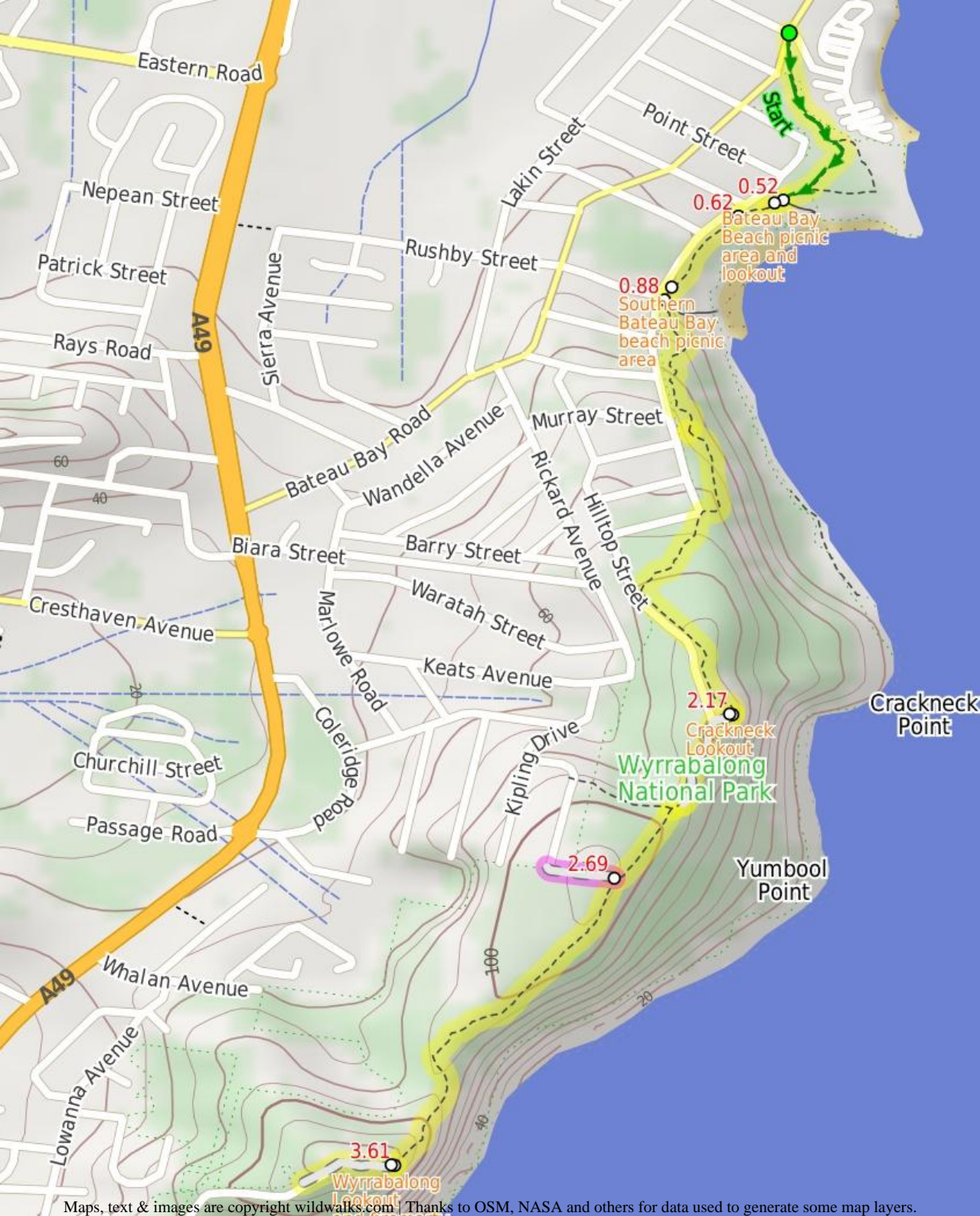
**Moderate track**

**3.8 km One way**

**178m**

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An excellent walk in the southern section of Wyrrabalong National Park. This walk runs through a long thin strip of beautiful coastal forest, with fantastic views of the coastline from many vantage points along the way. The two main lookouts along the way, Crackneck and Wyrrabalong, have stunning views and would be great spots to stop for a picnic lunch.



Wyrrabalong 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 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** You can get to Entrance of Blue Lagoon Beach Resort (gps: -33.3781, 151.4842) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available. You can get back from End of Cromarty Hill Rd (gps: -33.4053, 151.4745) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/wcwt>

### 0 | Entrance of Blue Lagoon Beach Resort

(520 m 8 mins) From the entrance to the Blue Lagoon Beach Resort (at the intersection of Bateau Bay Rd and Moronga St, Bateau Bay), this walk follows the sandy track as it goes behind the wooden fence and runs alongside Bateau Bay Rd, keeping the road to the right. After a short distance the track swings away from the road and meanders through the trees for a short distance, passing an old concrete tank, to the left, and ignoring sidetracks to ocean viewpoints etc. The walk then turns right at an intersection near a viewpoint, looking over the caravan park. From here the walk follows the sandy bush track directly away from the nearby caravan park, ignores a bush track to the left, and soon enters the picnic area and reaches an intersection beside the top of the wooden beach access steps.

### 0.52 | Bateau Bay Beach picnic area and lookout

This unnamed picnic area and lookout is within Wyrabalong National Park, at the intersection of Reserve Dr and Harbour St, Bateau Bay. The picnic area overlooks Bateau Bay and the beach. There are large grass areas, plenty of shade and facilities including picnic tables, garbage bins, and beach access steps. There are beautiful views along the coast and out to sea from the picnic area. There are free electric BBQs at Sutton Reserve, a block further south along Reserve Dr. Takeaway food is available at a small shopping centre near the intersection of Harbour St and Bateau Bay Rd, one block from the picnic area.

### 0.52 | Top of northern Bateau Bay Beach access steps

(100 m 2 mins) Continue straight: Starting from the track intersection beside the beach access steps, this walk follows the faint track a very short distance across the picnic area, keeping Reserve Dr to the right. The walk soon arrives at some seats and an open viewing area, to the left, with stunning views across the water.

Continue straight: From the viewpoint, this walk goes south across the picnic area, keeping Reserve Dr to the right. The walk passes a fenced viewing area just before reaching an intersection at the end of the picnic area, with a concrete beach-access track to the left.

### 0.62 | South end of Bateau Bay Beach picnic area

(260 m 5 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track past the 'Wyrabalong National Park Service Trail Walkers Only' sign, keeping Reserve Dr to the right. This walk passes through a nice strip of forest, passing a number of fenced viewing points, to the left, with great views out to sea. After a while, the walk emerges at another picnic area, next to a toilet block, and continues across the picnic area and

car park, reaching an intersection signposted 'Coast Track', with a gated concrete driveway and beach access steps to the left.

### 0.88 | Southern Bateau Bay beach picnic area

This picnic area, near the intersection of Reserve Dr and Rushby St, Bateau Bay, overlooks the southern end of Bateau Bay and the beach. The facilities include toilets, picnic tables, garbage bins and some slides for the kids. There are great views along the coast and out to sea. There is plenty of shade.

### 0.88 | Rushby St car park

(1.3 km 29 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Coast Track' arrow along the bush track, keeping Reserve Dr to the right. The walk climbs gently and passes a number of side tracks on either side, which go a short distance to ocean viewing spots or the nearby road. After a while, the walk reaches an intersection in the middle of a grassy clearing, with more ocean views.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track south, keeping Reserve Dr to the right. The walk soon passes a bench seat with a commemorative plaque, and continues through the bush on the sandy track. Ignoring a track to the right (which goes to the nearby street), the walk continues along sections of track with retaining boards, for some time before arriving beside Hilltop St. The walk continues along the bush track close to Hilltop St, going along sections of boardwalk before climbing some wooden steps and emerging at the northern edge of Crackneck Lookout (at the end of Hilltop St).

### 2.17 | Crackneck Lookout

This lookout, at the end of Hilltop St, Bateau Bay, has stunning views up and down the coastline, and out to sea. There are picnic tables and an information board about marine mammals. There is a hanggliding launch spot beside the lookout.

### 2.17 | Crackneck Lookout

(270 m 5 mins) Veer right: From the southern edge of Crackneck Lookout (at the end of Hilltop St), the walk goes around the gate and follows the 'Coast Track' arrow, along the old management trail toward 'Wyrabalong Lookout', keeping the ocean to the left. The walk passes a National Park information board, to the left, then takes the right-hand branch at a prominent fork. From here, the walk follows the main trail, ignoring numerous short side tracks (some of which lead to cliff-top viewpoints) until reaching the end of the management trail and the start of a sandy bush track, to the right, marked with some timber posts.

### 2.45 | End of Crackneck management trail

(240 m 6 mins) Veer right: From the junction at the end of the management trail, this walk follows the sandy bush track marked with some timber posts. The track goes for a very short distance to an intersection, with another sandy bush track to the right, marked with several wooden posts and a signpost (indicating walkers are permitted but no dogs or motorbikes).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the sandy bush track south, leaving the signpost behind on the right. The track passes through lovely bush with plenty of grass trees and, after a short distance, reaches an intersection with another sandy bush track, to the right, at the start of some low sandstone retaining walls.

### 2.69 | Alternate Route Int of Coast Track and southern St

(130 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sandy bush track away from the ocean, towards the large water tanks. The

track widens to a management trail and passes the tanks, to the right, and continues down the hill, passing around a gate, to the end of Stephenson Rd, Bateau Bay.

### 2.69 | Int of Coast Track and southern Stephenson Rd

(920 m 20 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the sandy bush track south, keeping the ocean to the left. Initially the track has low sandstone retaining walls on either side. The track soon passes a 'Coastal Heathlands' information board and continues along the top of a ridge with extensive views out to sea, and inland, before going down a long set of metal stairs. The walk then passes through a section of thick heath, before emerging briefly to more ocean views at a fenced viewpoint. The track continues for some distance, with occasional ocean views, climbing several sets of wooden steps before arriving at the Wyrabalong Lookout.

### 3.61 | Wyrabalong Lookout and Cromarty Hill

This lookout and picnic area is on Cromarty Hill, near the end of Cromarty Hill Rd, Forresters Beach. There are picnic tables and fantastic views from the lookout point, as well as the concrete roof platform beside the large communications tower. There is a hang gliding launch spot beside the lookout.

### 3.61 | Wyrabalong Lookout

(190 m 4 mins) Veer right: From Wyrabalong Lookout, this walk goes across the grassy area, passing a trig point (to the left) and following the old management trail between the communications tower and satellite dish. There are great views over Forresters Beach from the concrete platform on top of the building, next to the tower. The walk then goes down the hill for a short distance, passing around a gate, signposted 'Wyrabalong National Park', and arriving at the end of Cromarty Hill Rd.