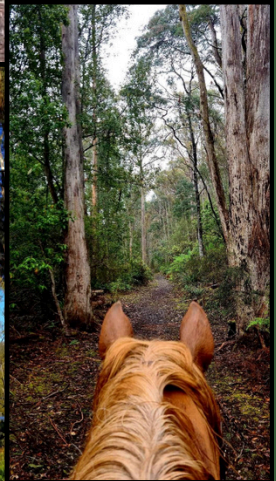
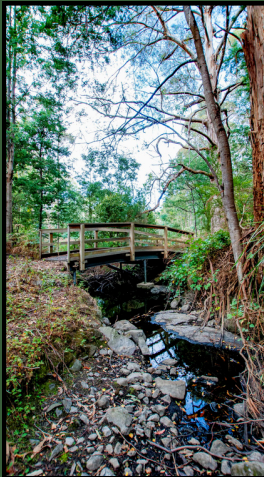


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Kingborough

TRACKS & TRAILS

For walkers, cyclists, hikers & horse riders



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We acknowledge the *mouheneeer/muvinnina* people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

We pay our respects to the elders, past and present, and acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal people who follow in their ancestors' footsteps.



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WELCOME TO KINGBOROUGH'S TRACKS

This guide presents 43 walking tracks in Kingborough, ranging from short, easy strolls to full-day challenging walks, with some also suitable for horses, mountain bikes and dogs. As you explore, you'll come to appreciate all that Kingborough offers, including Tasmanian Aboriginal cultural landscapes and whaling, convict and mining relics. You will also discover a wonderful variety of landscapes: beaches and cliffs, colourful heathlands, fragrant eucalypt forests, fern-lined creeks, rolling green pastures, rushing rivers, waterfalls, and sub-alpine areas. An incredible range of birds and animals live in these landscapes, including some very special threatened species.



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LEAVE NO TRACE

PLAN AHEAD & PREPARE

- For longer walks, let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- For walks at high altitude, always prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies.
- Observe the regulations regarding dogs, horses and bikes.

DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

- Take your rubbish home with you.
- If you must emergency bush-toilet, please deposit all waste in a hole dug at trowel-depth (15 cm), at least 100 metres from any track or watercourse. Cover and disguise when finished.
- Dog owners: Carry plastic bags for your dog's droppings and dispose of them in a bin.

LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

- Respect Aboriginal landscapes and other historic sites.
- Leave natural objects as you find them.

BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS

- Many walks pass close to private property. Please respect residents' privacy.
- Keep dogs on a lead and under effective control on walks where dogs are allowed.

WALK ON DURABLE SURFACES

- Stay on the marked track to prevent getting lost, to avoid erosion and to avoid spreading root rot.

RESPECT WILDLIFE

- Observe wildlife from a distance, especially during breeding seasons (eg nesting shorebirds in spring).

SHARED USE TRAILS

BE SAFE

- Slow down for corners and blind spots.
- Ride your horse or bike at a controlled speed.
- Wear an approved equestrian or bike helmet.
- Carry a mobile phone with you in case of an emergency.

RESPECT OTHER USERS



- Cyclists please use your voice to alert other trail users of your presence.
- Horse riders have priority on the trails, then walkers; mountain bike riders give way to both. As a courtesy, walkers may step aside on narrow sections of track to allow bikes to pass.
- When passing, slow to the speed of other users and prepare to stop if necessary, particularly when encountering horses.
- When walking with your dog, keep it under effective control and restrain the dog on a lead or by the collar if you encounter a horse, bike rider or other walkers.

STAY ON THE TRAIL

- Do not trespass on private land.
- Obey signs prohibiting access to beaches during bird nesting season, or other sensitive areas.

GET INVOLVED

- Report trail hazards, incidents and maintenance issues to Council. For tracks managed and maintained by Tasmanian Parks & Wildlife Service, please contact PWS directly on 1300 827 727.
- Share your experiences and photos with @KingboroughTas on Facebook and Instagram.
- Take part in trail maintenance days or join your local Landcare Group:
kingborough.tas.gov.au/natural-resource-management

More information can be found at www.greaterhobarttrails.com.au/etiquette/

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

WATER

- All natural water sources are subject to local habitat contamination and may not meet health authority guidelines for drinking. It is good practice to carry your own water.

TRACKS

- Please inform Council if you notice any damage to tracks to help us keep our tracks in good order.
- If there is a walking track that you would like included in the next edition, please contact Kingborough Council.

ROOT ROT

- A serious plant disease which is spread by humans threatens Tasmania's native flora. Known as 'root rot', this introduced microscopic soil-borne pathogen (*Phytophthora cinnamomi*) invades a plant's roots and kills its host by blocking the uptake of water and nutrients. Once root rot is present it cannot be removed. It may be carried unknowingly in dirt and mud on boots, bike and car tyres, horses hooves and camping equipment. Starting your walk with clean gear helps prevent its spread, as does staying on the marked track.

PLEASE NOTE

- When walking in the natural environment you may encounter natural hazards. Land Management agencies will not accept liability for any injury or damage resulting from such hazards. No guarantee is given that this publication is free from error or omission.

LEGEND



EASY

Accessible to people of all ages and fitness levels



MODERATE

Suitable for people with an average level of fitness. May include some short steep inclines



DIFFICULT

Likely to be single track with moderate gradients, variable surface and obstacles. May have arduous climbs and steep sections



BIKES

Suitable for cycling and/or mountain bikes



DOGS ON LEAD

Suitable for dog walking



DOGS EXERCISE AREA

Off lead and under effective control



HORSES

Suitable for horse riding



PERMITTED

Activities permitted on the track



PROHIBITED

Activities prohibited on the track



RESTRICTION

Dogs restricted on the track



TASMANIAN PARKS & WILDLIFE SERVICE ('PWS')

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WELLINGTON PARK MANAGEMENT TRUST

Tenure

KINGSTON & TAROONA

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Alum Cliffs



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Boronia Hill Reserve



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Taroona Foreshore



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Whitewater Creek



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Bonnet Hill Lookout



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Mount Pleasant



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Boronia Beach



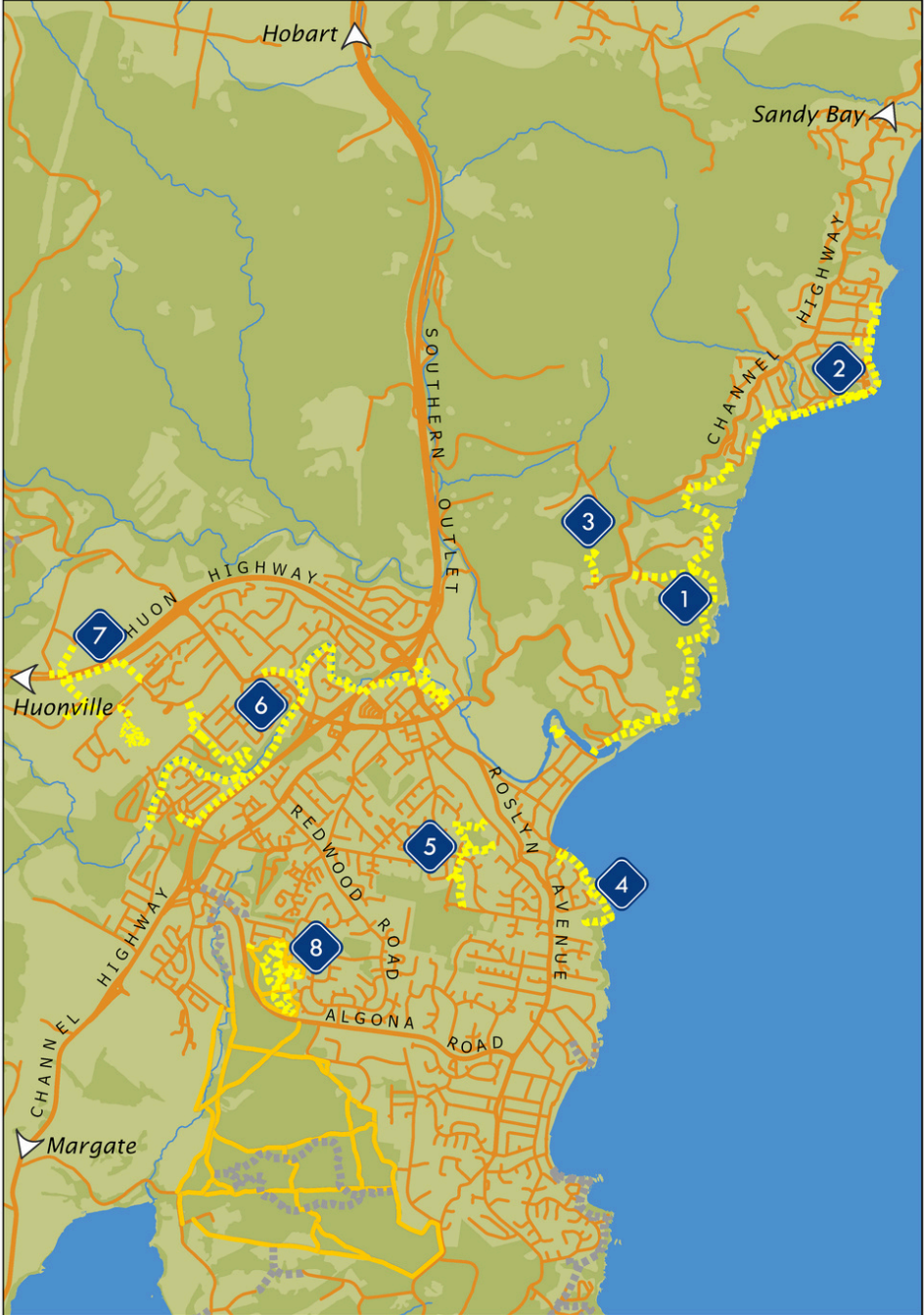
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Alguna Reserve



Council would like to acknowledge the past and present land and coast care groups of this area:

Taroona Environment Network | Kingston Beach Coastcare | Alguna Reserve Landcare | Whitewater Creek Landcare | Kingston Bushcare | Albion Heights Landcare | Hawthorn Landcare Friends | Friends of Truganini | Browns River Action Group



**Duration:**

3 hours.

Distance:

8 km return.

Parking:

Ample parking at Tyndall Beach. Limited parking at top of Wootten Drive and the Shot Tower.

Information:

Narrow bush track. Multiple steps on Brickfields Track. Metro Bus 427 goes through Kingston Beach and along Channel Highway to Taroona and the city if you only wish to walk one way.

Warnings:

Do not approach cliff edges. Closely supervise children.

Nearby Tracks:

Taroona Foreshore (2) & Boronia Beach (4).



The route followed by today's Alum Cliffs Track has long been a coastal path used by local people. In 1988 it was formally developed as part of Australia's Bicentennial celebrations. In 2016 Council completed the extension of the track from the historic Shot Tower to Wandella Avenue, which then links into the Taroona Foreshore Tracks if you wish to do a more extended walk. The Alum Cliffs are so named because alum – a compound used in dyeing, tanning and medicinal products – is found in the cliffs.

Browns River Probation Station

The Brickfields Track links the Alum Cliffs track to the Channel Highway. The walk passes through the historic remains of the brick-making area, part of the nearby 1840's convict probation station. The station's living quarters are now largely hidden in private properties along Taronga Road. At its peak, the station housed about 370 prisoners, whose major task was to construct a road for horse and bullock-drawn vehicles between Hobart and Browns River (now Kingston) – the road we know today as Channel Highway. After that feat had been accomplished the number of convicts quickly dwindled and the station was closed in 1851.



**Duration:**

1 hour return.

Distance:

4 km return.

Parking:

Ample parking at each end.

Information:

Beach walk with short sections of narrow bush track around the headlands. Playground, toilets and BBQ facilities available at Tarooona Beach.

Note:

Dogs only permitted on the section of the beach east of the boat ramp.

Nearby Tracks:

Alum Cliffs (1).

Access Tarooona's popular foreshore track from the many streets which run down to the Derwent River. The track takes you on a gentle stroll around the coastline, along Hinsby and Tarooona beaches, and amongst remnant coastal bushland. Blue gums, black gums, sheoaks and blackwoods form the canopy, with an understorey of hopbush, banksias, coast wattle, saltbush and grasses. Enjoy the views south to the Alum Cliffs and the Shot Tower, and over the Derwent River to Opossum Bay and South Arm.

Not so long ago, the foreshore was also a popular gathering place for the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Muwinina people. 'Tarooona' is the Aboriginal name for chiton (kytun) – a shell animal found along the foreshore.





**Duration:**

30 minutes return.

Distance:

1 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking at Bonnie Brae Road.

Information:

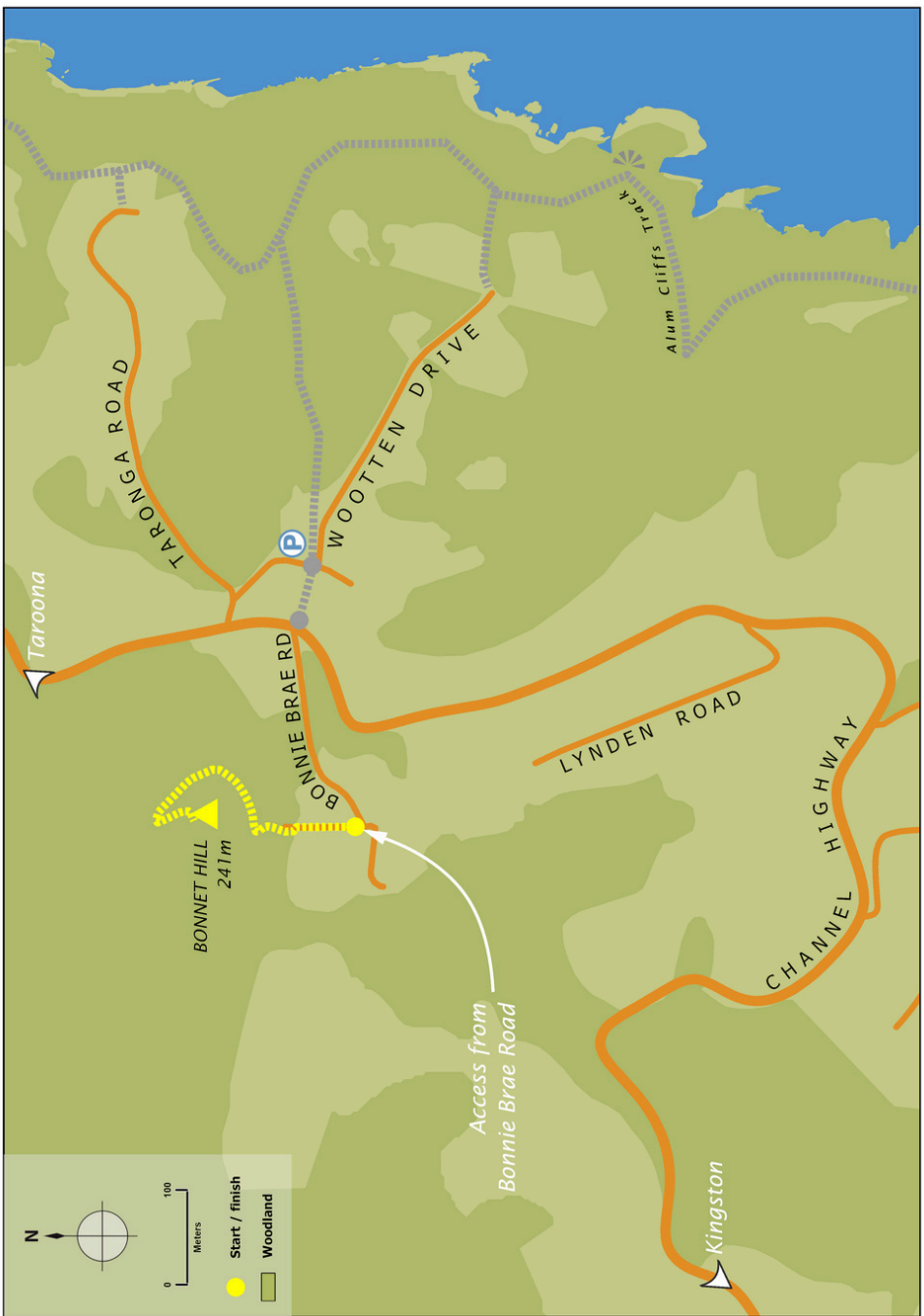
Steep and narrow bush track.

Nearby Tracks:

Alum Cliffs (1) and Brickfields.

This track allows walkers to reach the summit of Bonnet Hill. Bonnet Hill Reserve is a little-known pocket of idyllic dry bush land with many peppermint gums and open grass land. Once you get to the top you have a fantastic panoramic lookout allowing views from the Derwent Estuary to Kingston Beach and Kingston, as well as to kunyani/Mount Wellington.





**Duration:**

1 hour return.

Distance:

2 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking at front gate (white posts) and at Kingston Beach.

Information:

Narrow bush track with multiple steps.

Warnings:

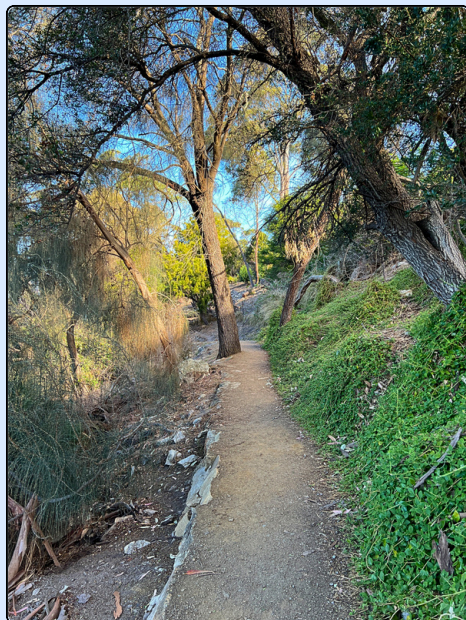
Dogs strictly prohibited inside gated area (see regulation signs on site - bird breeding habitat). Closely supervise children at cliff edges.

Nearby Tracks:

Can be combined with Alum Cliffs Track (1) by walking to the other end of Kingston Beach.



Descend through the bushland past the cypress pines to the clear blue secluded waters of Boronia Beach. The historic private residence behind the beach is 'Boronia', which was once the Boronia Hotel (circa 1900). The sheltered waters are great for snorkelling, with sea dragons commonly seen. As you walk around the headland, large blue gums and sheoaks frame exquisite views of the Derwent out to the Iron Pot and the Eastern Shore. Tasmanian Aboriginal cultural landscapes are found here and they tell us that this was a popular gathering place.





**Duration:**

1 hour return.

Distance:

4 km return.

Parking:

Ample parking at reservoirs off Jindabyne Road.

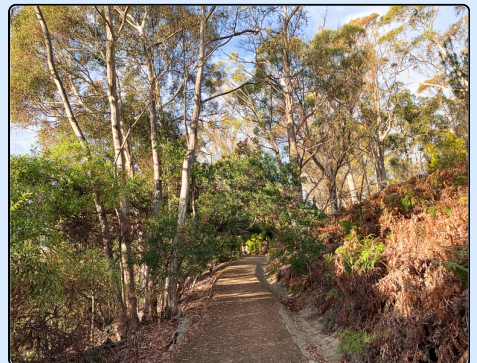
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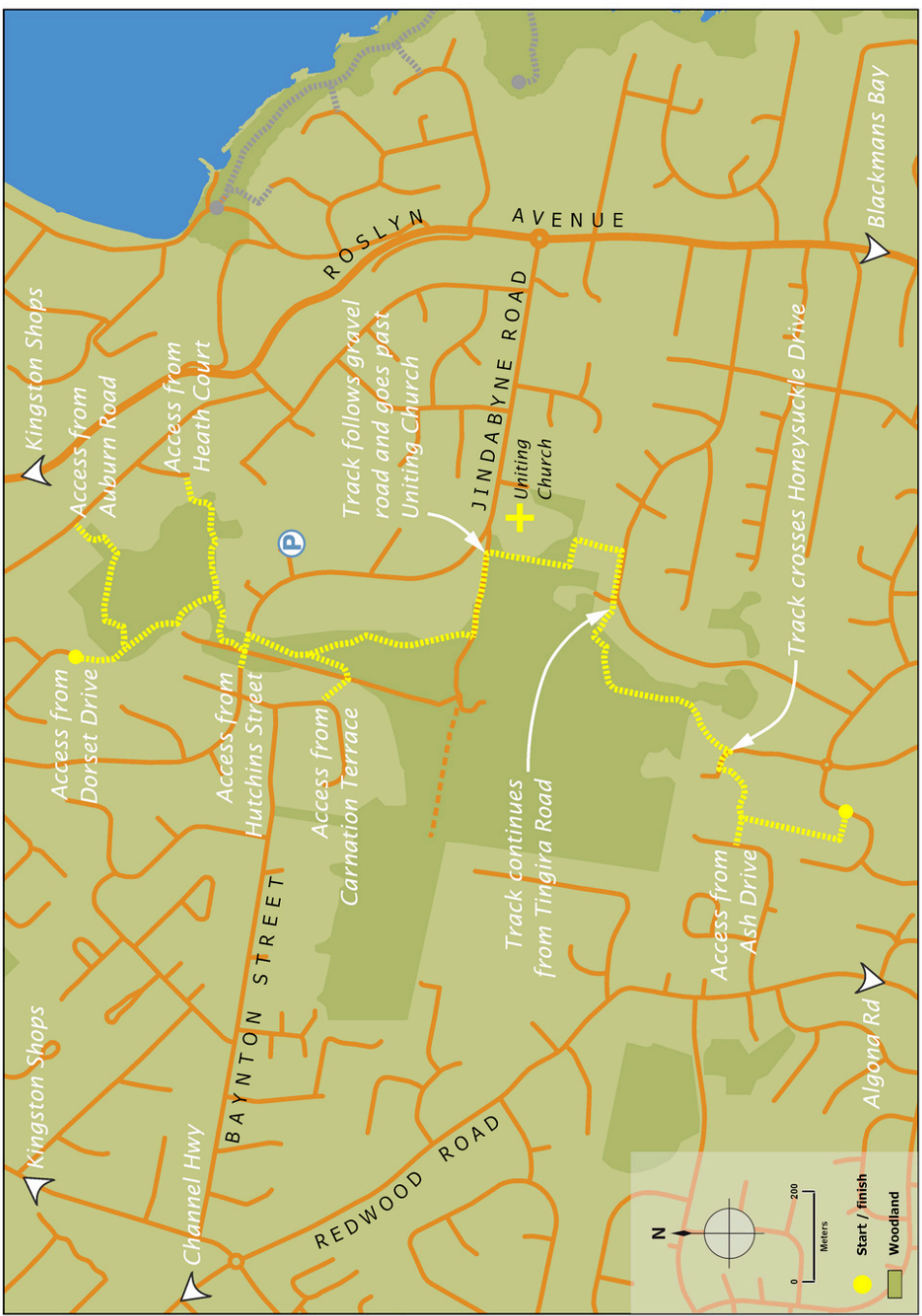
Narrow bush track with multiple steps.

Note:

Bikes are permitted on service roads in the reserve and on the Hutchins Street to Jindabyne Road link.

This track is easily accessed from a number of streets in Kingston and Blackmans Bay. The track winds through peppermint and white gum woodland, dotted with sandstone outcrops. Orchids can be found in the heathland in spring and early summer, along with epacris, pea flowers and wattles. Boronia Hill Reserve was made possible through the generosity of a visionary group of women, who when selling their Kingston Beach craft gallery, donated part of the proceeds to Council for the conservation and protection of the reserve.





**Duration:**

1 - 2 hours return.

Distance:

3.6 km return to Summerleas Road.

6.6 km return to Spring Farm Road.

Parking:

Limited parking at each end of track.

Information:

Gravel and concrete surface, wide, mostly level.

Warning:

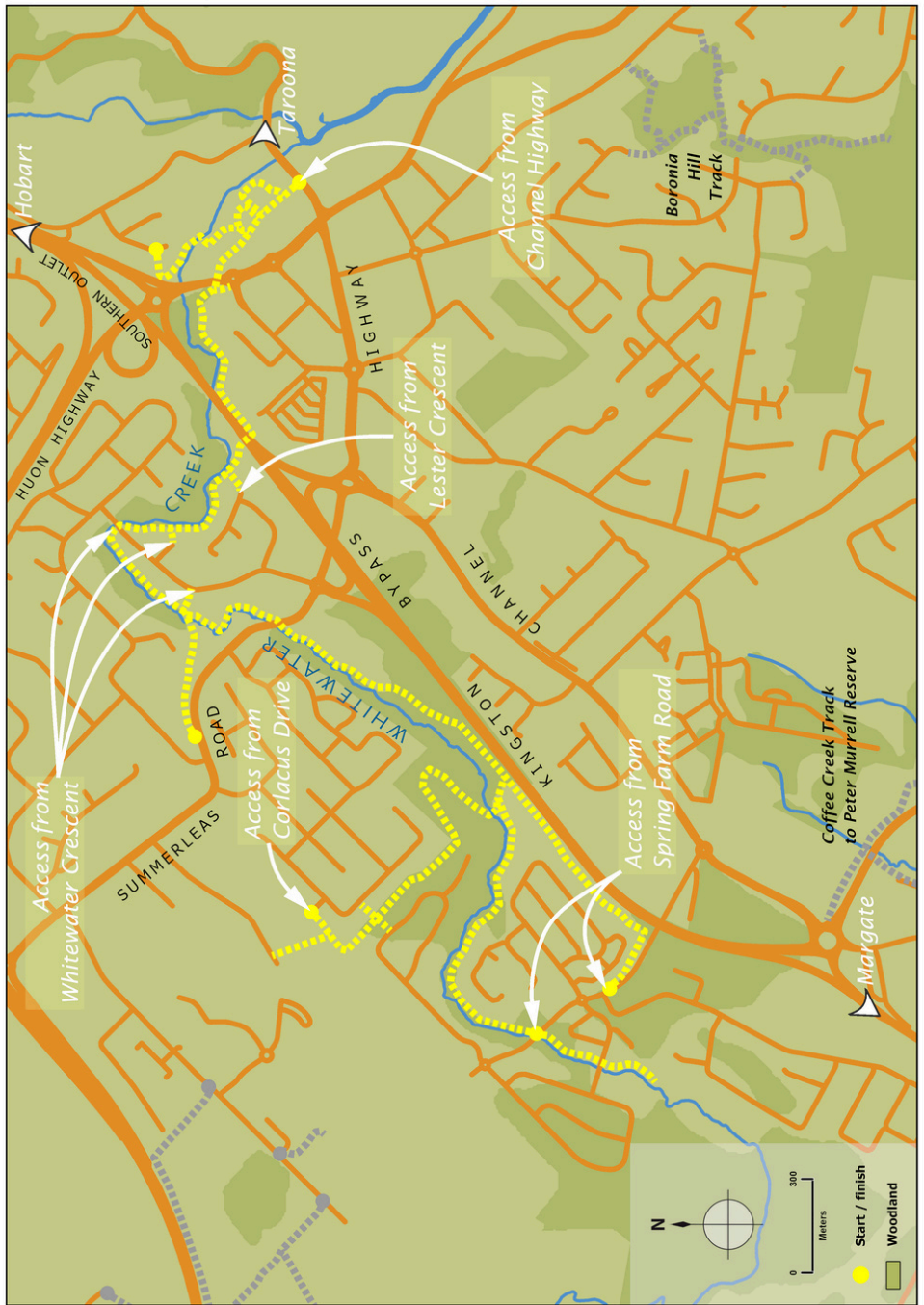
Whitewater Crescent underpass has limited visibility.

Note:

Links to Kingston Park Playground and the new Spring Farm playspace.

The main section of this track has been upgraded in 2022 to a 3 metre wide, shared path standard. The track follows Whitewater Creek and provides a link between Kingston, Spring Farm and the Kingborough Sports Precinct. A new underpass installed in 2025 now reduces any road crossings.





**Duration:**

30 minutes return.

Distance:

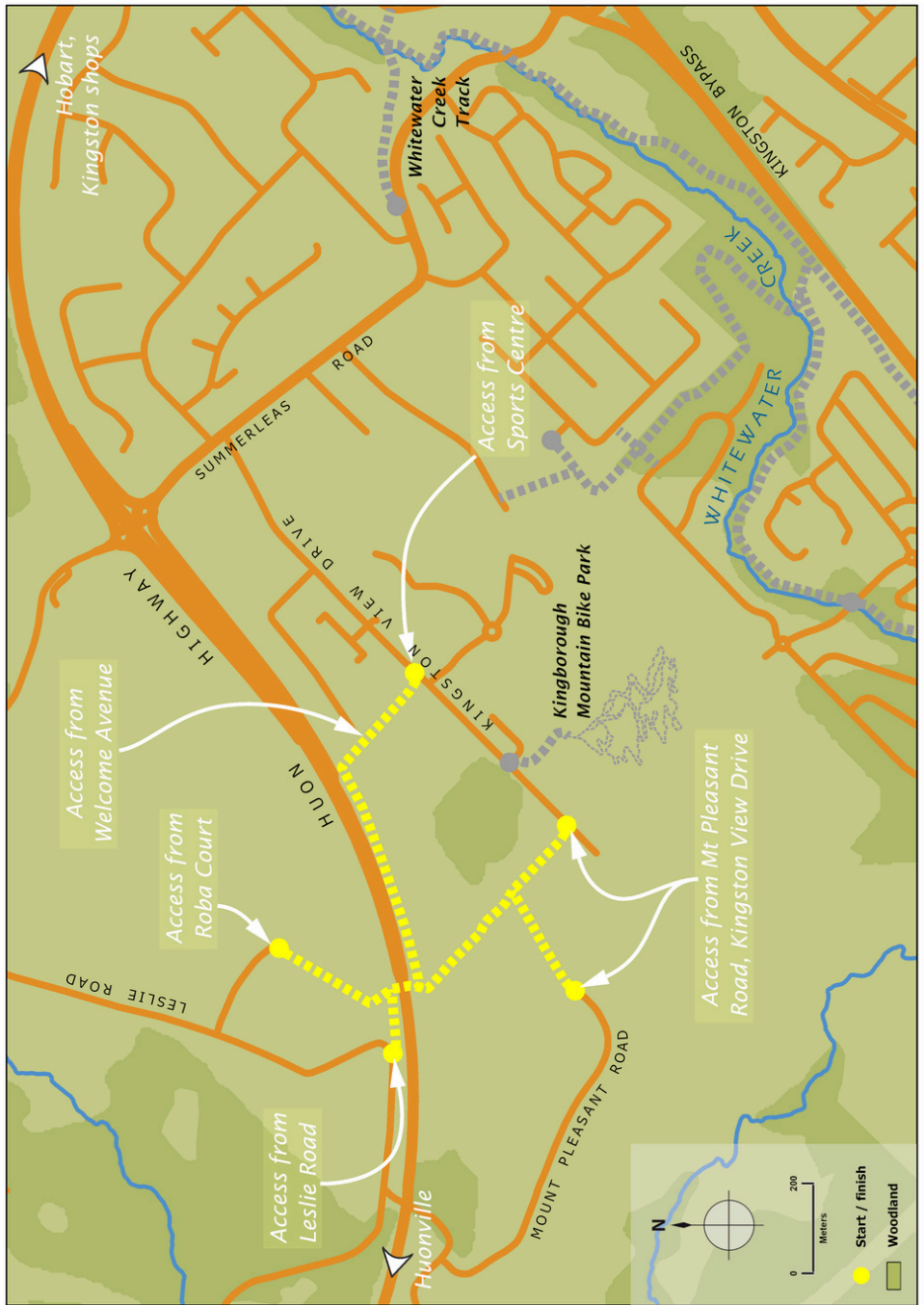
1 - 2 km return.

Parking:

Ample parking in Kingston View Drive. Horse float parking for access to Leslie Vale and Picket Hill tracks at the end of Roba Court or the top of Parkdale Drive.

This track above Kingston View Drive gives you access to the rolling hills and horse paddocks with sweeping views down to Kingston Beach and Storm Bay.





**Duration:**

1 - 1.5 hours.

Distance:

2 - 4 km.

Parking:

Roadside parking at Sonat Drive, Tetratheca Drive and Booya Street.

Note:

Bike riders are allowed on the fire trail **ONLY**, not on the nature trail.



One of Council's largest bushland areas, Algona reserve encompasses 15 hectares of bushland nestled between the Peter Murrell Conservation Area and Hawthorn Drive Reserve. Serving as a communal stepping stone in this natural landscape, the reserve plays a crucial role in connecting fragmented communities of *Eucalyptus amygdalina* (black peppermint) forest and woodland on sandstone.

From the showy bossiaea and parrot pea to the rosy baeckea and prickly guinea-flower, Algona Reserve is home to a diverse array of flora, including the vibrant triggerplant and short purple flag-iris. Immerse yourself in the beauty of the reserve's vibrant plant life and appreciate the crucial role it plays in preserving Tasmania's natural heritage.





BLACKMANS BAY & TINDERBOX

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Blowhole



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Fossil Cove



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Suncoast Headlands



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Tinderbox Hills



Council would like to acknowledge the past and present land and coast care groups of this area:

Blackmans Bay Landcare | Tinderbox West Coastcare | Mount Royal and Mirramar Park Landcare



**Duration:**

30 minutes.

Distance:

1 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking near the blowhole.

Note:

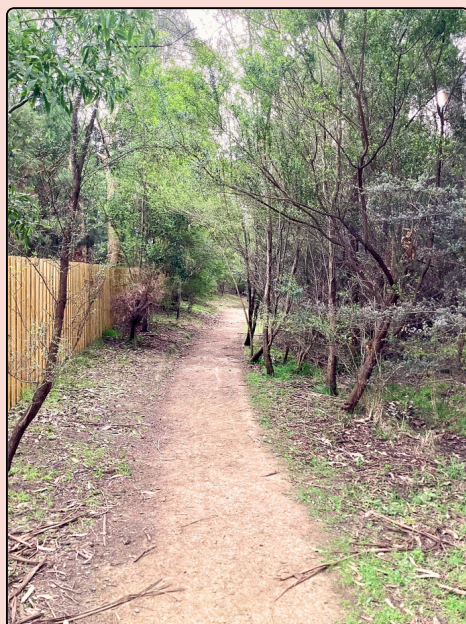
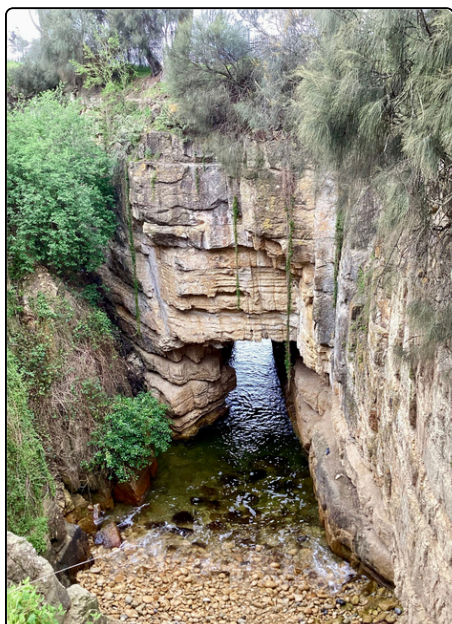
No dogs permitted on Blackmans Bay Beach.

Nearby Tracks:

Suncoast Headlands (10).

Take a short stroll through the Mary Knoll Reserve beneath the last stand of black gums in Blackmans Bay. These trees are important habitat for the threatened swift parrot and are also home to a variety of birds, making it a great birdwatching area.

The track crosses the road and continues around the wooded coastal headland past the blowhole. This area was a popular coastal route and gathering place for Tasmanian Aboriginal people.





**Duration:**

1.5 hours return (add an extra 30 mins to include bush loop within the dog exercise area).

Distance:

3 km return (5 km return if including bush loop).

Parking:

Ample parking at Blackmans Bay Beach.

Warning:

Do not approach the cliff edges. Closely supervise children.

Nearby Tracks:

Blowhole (9).



This is an urban track between the houses and the clifftop, with spectacular views over the mouth of the Derwent and Blackmans Bay, from Taroona down to the Iron Pot. This is also a great spot for whale watching during May and November.

Tasmanian Aboriginal people lived here and a cultural landscape has been concealed and protected to enable the track to pass safely over.







Duration:

30 minutes.

Distance:

1 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking at start of track.

Information:

Narrow bush track, multiple steps.

The track leads down some steep steps through light bushland to the gorgeous cove with views across to the Iron Pot lighthouse. The cove is flanked by a large rock archway on one side and a fascinating fossil-filled platform on the other, which are safe to explore at low tide.

For up to date walk and safety information please visit the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service website: www.parks.tas.gov.au





**Duration:**

1.5 hours to Mt Louis Road.

Distance:

4.5 km to Mt Louis Road.

Parking:

Parking at Estuary Drive. Very limited parking at Mt Louis Road.

Information:

Gravel road, several steep sections, loose stones on track.

Note:

Can combine with Peter Murrell Reserve (21) for a longer walk or ride.

Follow the ridgeline to climb through open bushland and enjoy spectacular views across Storm Bay and North West Bay. You can now continue the track through private reserve to Mt Louis Rd or return the same way. The whole of Tinderbox Peninsula contains important white gum forest, which is critical habitat for the threatened forty-spotted pardalote.

Dogs are prohibited from July to March due to wedge-tailed eagle nesting season. Dogs restricted to on lead and on formed tracks only from April to June.

Horses only permitted from Estuary Drive through to the top of the ridge and must return the same way.





NEIKA & LESLIE VALE

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Cathedral Rock



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Leslie Vale



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Wellington Falls



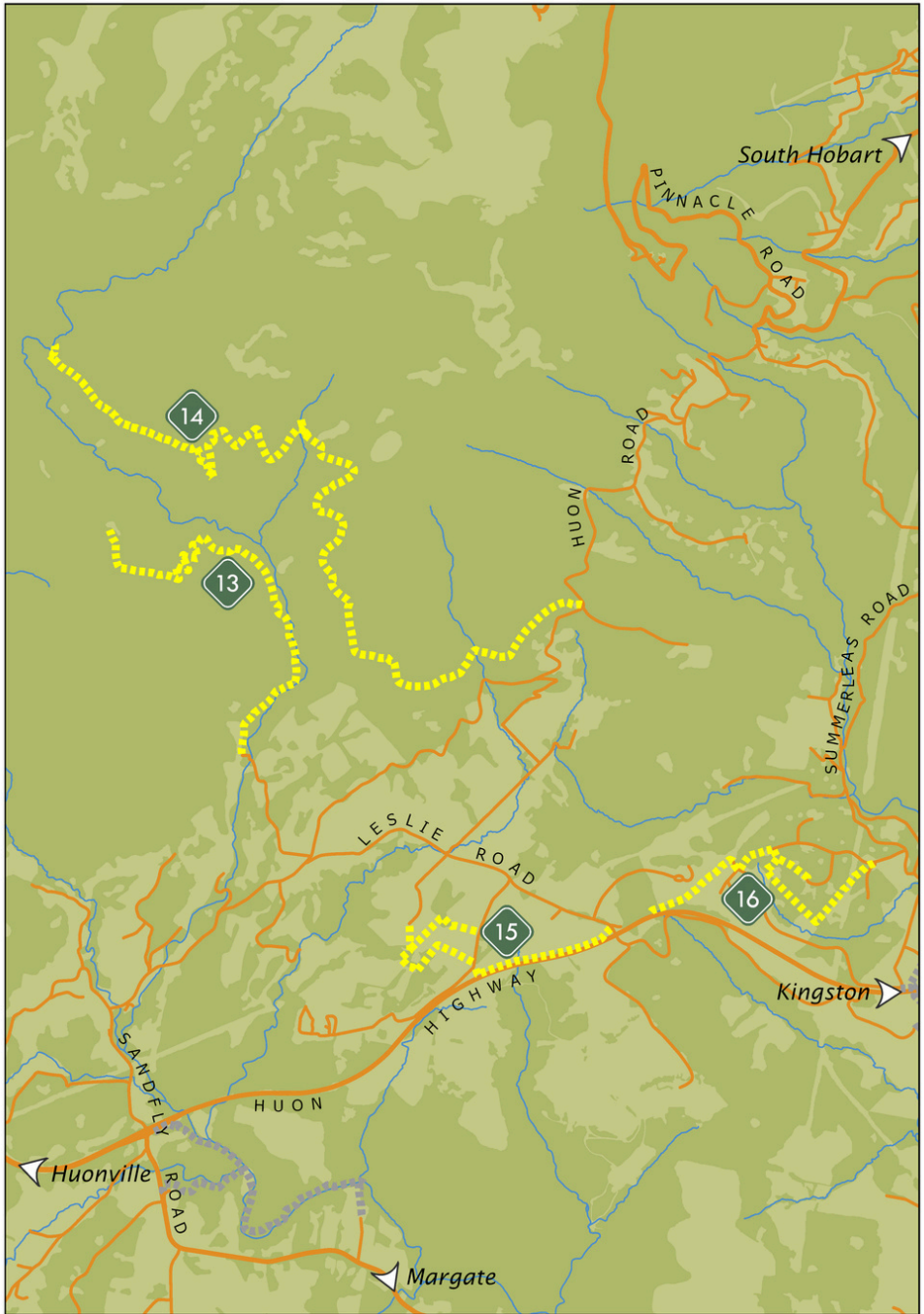
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Picket Hill



Council would like to acknowledge the past and present land and coast care groups of this area:

Friends of Wellington Park | Blackgoat Reserve Landcare





Duration:

4 hours return.

Distance:

8.5 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking at start of track.

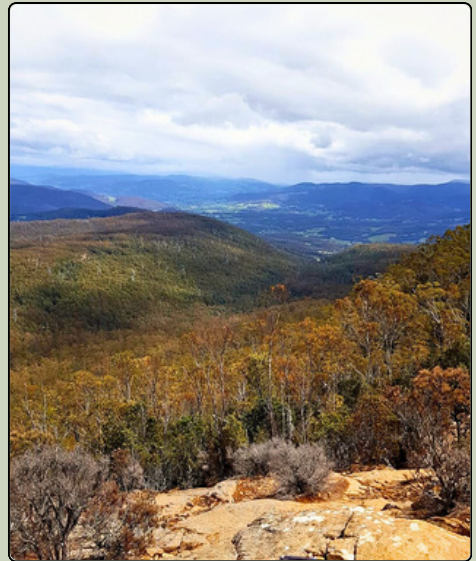
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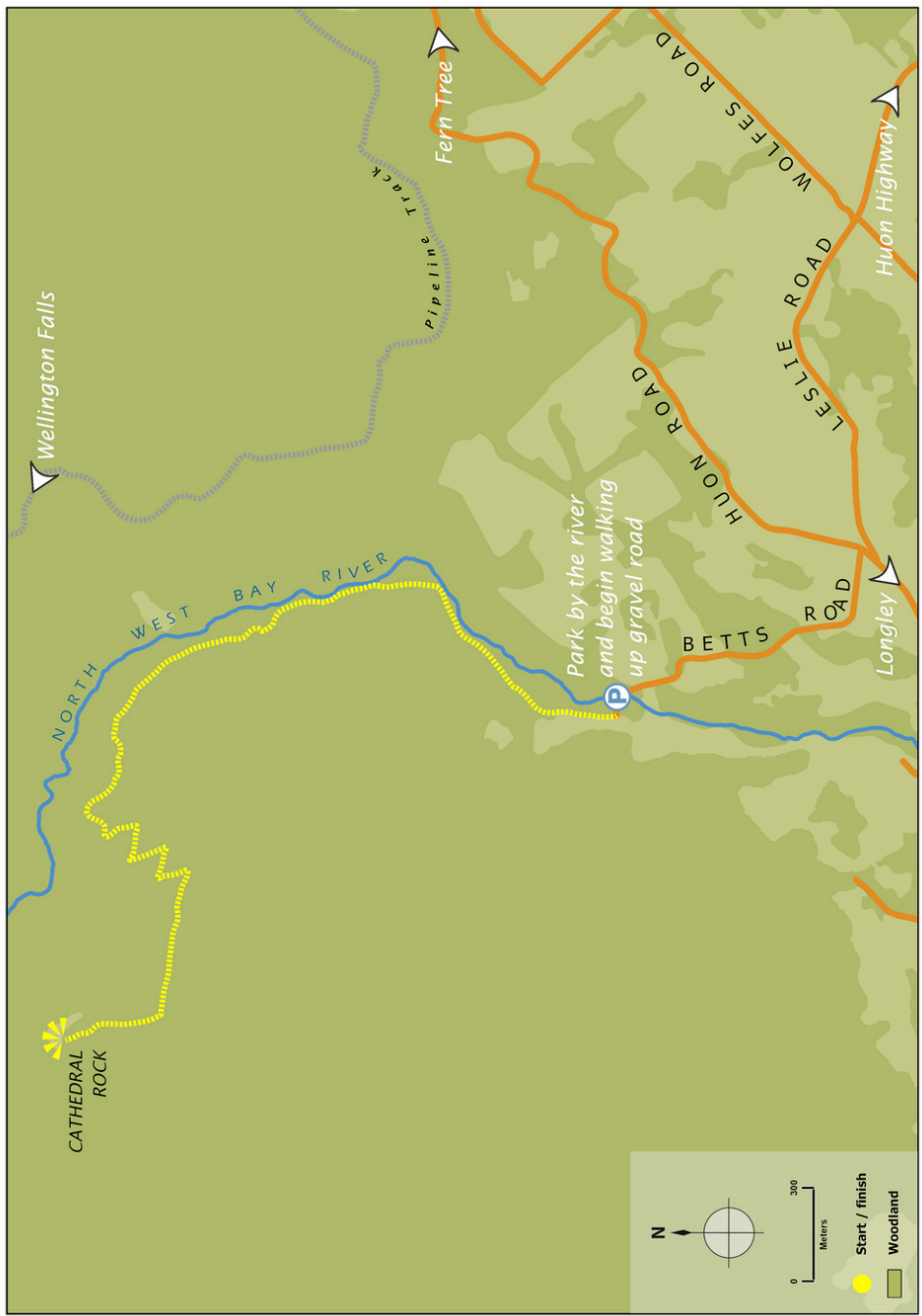
Narrow bush track. Multiple steep climbs.

Warnings:

This walk climbs into the sub-alpine area to an altitude of 880 m. Take a raincoat and warm clothes for protection, as the summit is quite exposed. Keep away from cliff edges and closely supervise children. Take care when walking on the large riverbed pebbles.

This challenging walk meanders through wet forest beside the boulder-strewn North West Bay River. The track then heads away from the river up a steep, zig-zagging climb to the towering dolerite columns of Cathedral Rock. The reward for your effort includes breathtaking views across southern Tasmania.







Duration:

Walking only: 4.5 - 5.5 hours return.

Cycle & walk: 2.5 hours return (see note).

Distance:

16.6 km return.

Parking:

Ample parking at the start of the track at Morphetts Road.

Information:

Gravel, easy-grade service road, then narrow bush track.

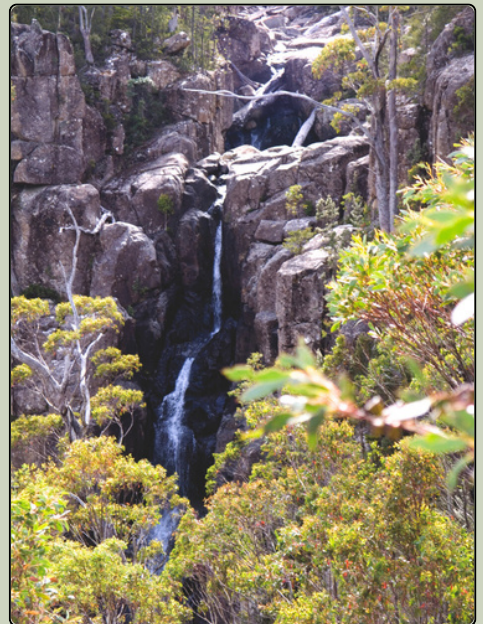
Warning:

This walk climbs into the sub-alpine area to an altitude of 750m. Take a raincoat and warm clothes for protection. Keep away from cliff edges. Closely supervise children at the falls.

Note:

Bikes permitted on the pipeline track section **ONLY**.

Follow the upper section of the popular Pipeline Track to the falls. Since 1861, the pipeline has supplied Hobart with its drinking water. When you reach the Cathedral Rock bend, the track leaves the pipeline and climbs to Wellington Falls. The entire walk is within the drinking water catchment so it's important to keep to the designated track, leave no waste, and avoid contact with water. At Neika, the Pipeline Track continues in the opposite direction past Fern Tree Park down to its end point at Waterworks Reserve.





**Duration:**

1.5 hours return.

Distance:

5 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking at each end of track.
Horse float parking at Leslie Vale Oval
or along Bullock Drive grass verge.

Information:

Natural grassy surface. Can be muddy
in some sections.

Warning:

Some sections of the track, directly
below Picket Hill, are very steep and
rocky and may be unsuitable for
horses.

Note:

Links up with Picket Hill Track (16)
which is across Leslie Road.

A favourite for local horse riders, this popular track provides stunning views of Cathedral Rock as it winds its way through rural countryside and light bush land. There are many threatened species in the area and native orchids can be found throughout the year.





**Duration:**

2 hours return.

Distance:

6.4 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking at each end of track. Horse float parking at Leslie Vale Oval, either end of the track or at Mount Pleasant Road water tank.

Information:

Narrow bush track, then grassy, several steep sections. Can be muddy towards Leslie Road exit.

Note:

Links up with Leslie Vale Track (15) which is across Leslie Road.

Make your way through grassy paddocks and light woodland between rural bush properties and enjoy the mountain and water views from Picket Hill. Combine with the Leslie Vale Track (15) for a longer walk/ride.



LONGLEY, SANDFLY & KAOTA

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North West Bay River Trail



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Allens Rivulet



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Sandfly Reserve Nature Trail



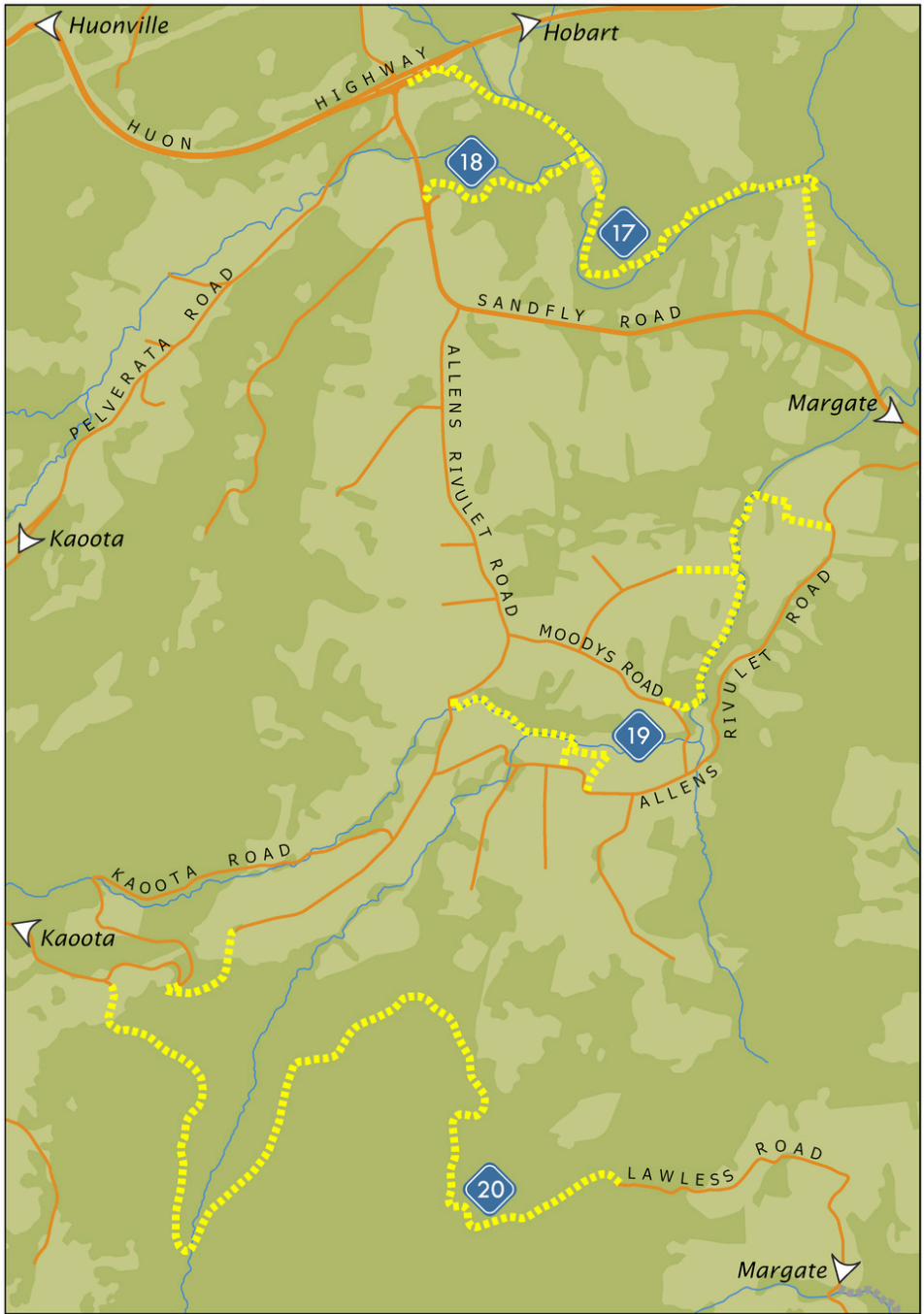
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Kaota Tramway



Council would like to acknowledge the past and present land and coast care groups of this area:

Allens Rivulet and Sandfly Landcare | Friends of Longley Area Group
River Action Group North West Bay



**Duration:**

30 minutes to Sandfly Oval.

45 minutes to Riverdale Road.

Distance:

1.7 km to Sandfly Oval

(no river crossings).

3.1 km to Riverdale Road

(two river crossings).

Parking:

Huon Highway/Sandfly Road junction.

Sandfly Hall.

Sandfly Oval.

Riverdale Road *(limited on verge parking).*

Information:

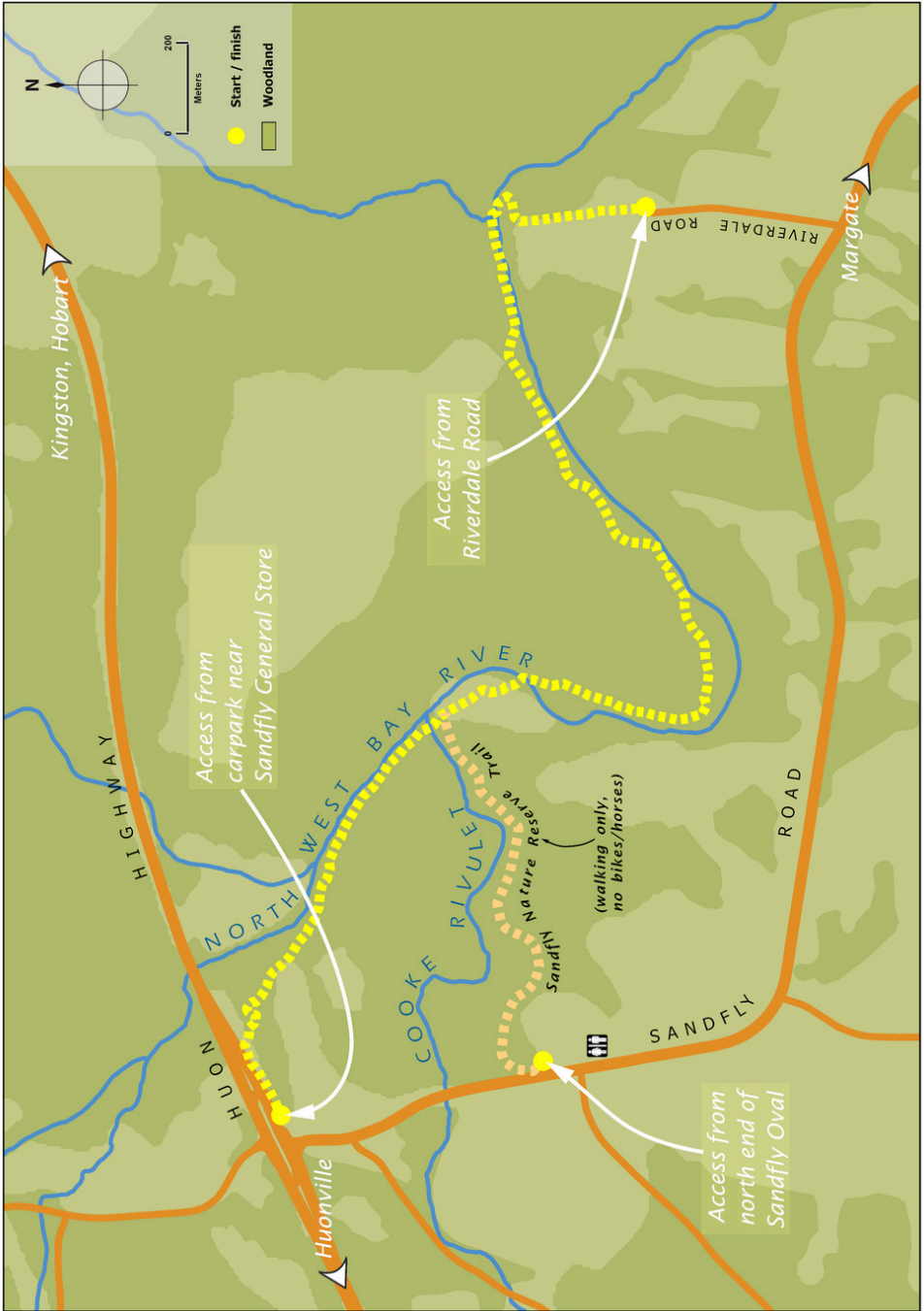
Natural river crossings required when water level is low, slippery rocks. Do not attempt to cross the river if water is covering the rocks.

Note:

This is a shared use trail. Be respectful to other track users and avoid riding horses or bikes in wet and muddy conditions to protect the trail surface.

Join the North West Bay River as it nears the end of a 25km journey, beginning at kunyani/Mt Wellington and finishing in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Margate. As the trail winds its way through the landscape, you will be taken through a diverse range of scenic backdrops, including intact bushland with threatened species, dramatic rocky outcrops and small farming communities. This trail now joins the Sandfly Reserve Nature Trail, walkers only.





**Duration:**

40 minutes return.

Distance:

1.8 km return.

Parking:

Ample parking at start of track.

Information:

Gravelled formal surface, then narrow bush track, some steps, undulating.

Warning:

Supervise children at the river.

The boulders can be quite slippery.

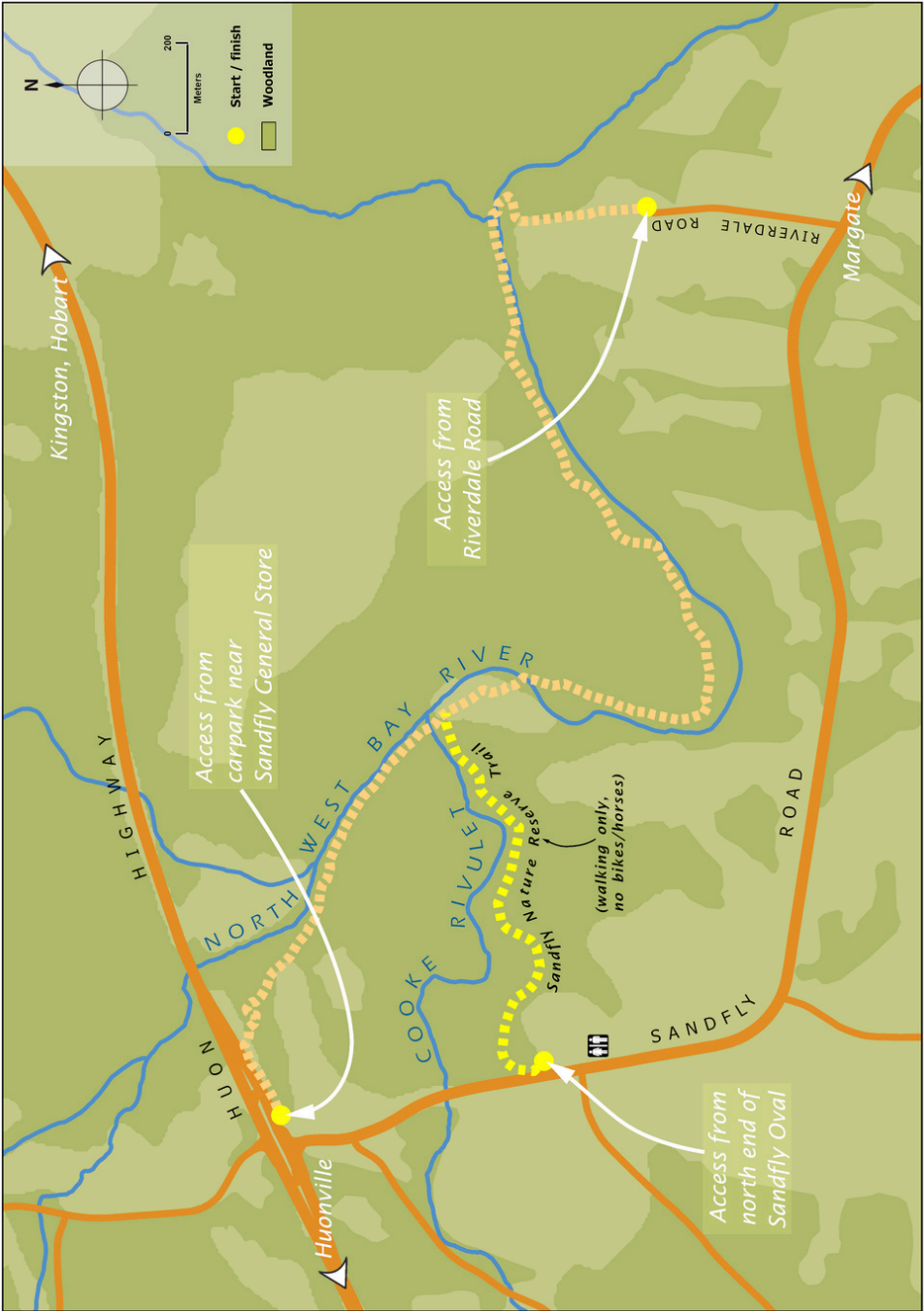
Note:

Links to North West Bay River Trail (17).

This track parallels Cooke Rivulet down to the pebble-strewn North West Bay River. Wind your way through heathland, which nurtures the threatened pretty heath, then through black peppermint and black gum forest with a beautiful understorey of the cream-flowered bushmans bootlace in spring. The final stretch of track takes you gently down through a magnificent white gum forest to the water's edge. Here, water-tumbled dolerite boulders and carved bedrock pools are set beneath sheer cliffs.

The trail then joins the North West Bay River Trail where you can either cross the river and continue on to Riverdale Road, or cross the bridge over Cooke Rivulet and head out on the Huon Highway.





**Duration:**

1 - 1.5 hours return.

Distance:

5 km return.

(includes approximately 800m on quiet gravel roads to link the two tracks)

Parking:

Ample parking at Platypus Bridge. Horse float parking on verge in Sturmer Close off Crofton Drive.

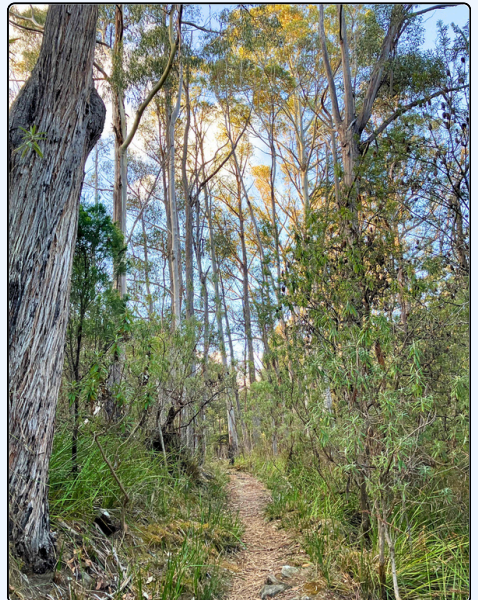
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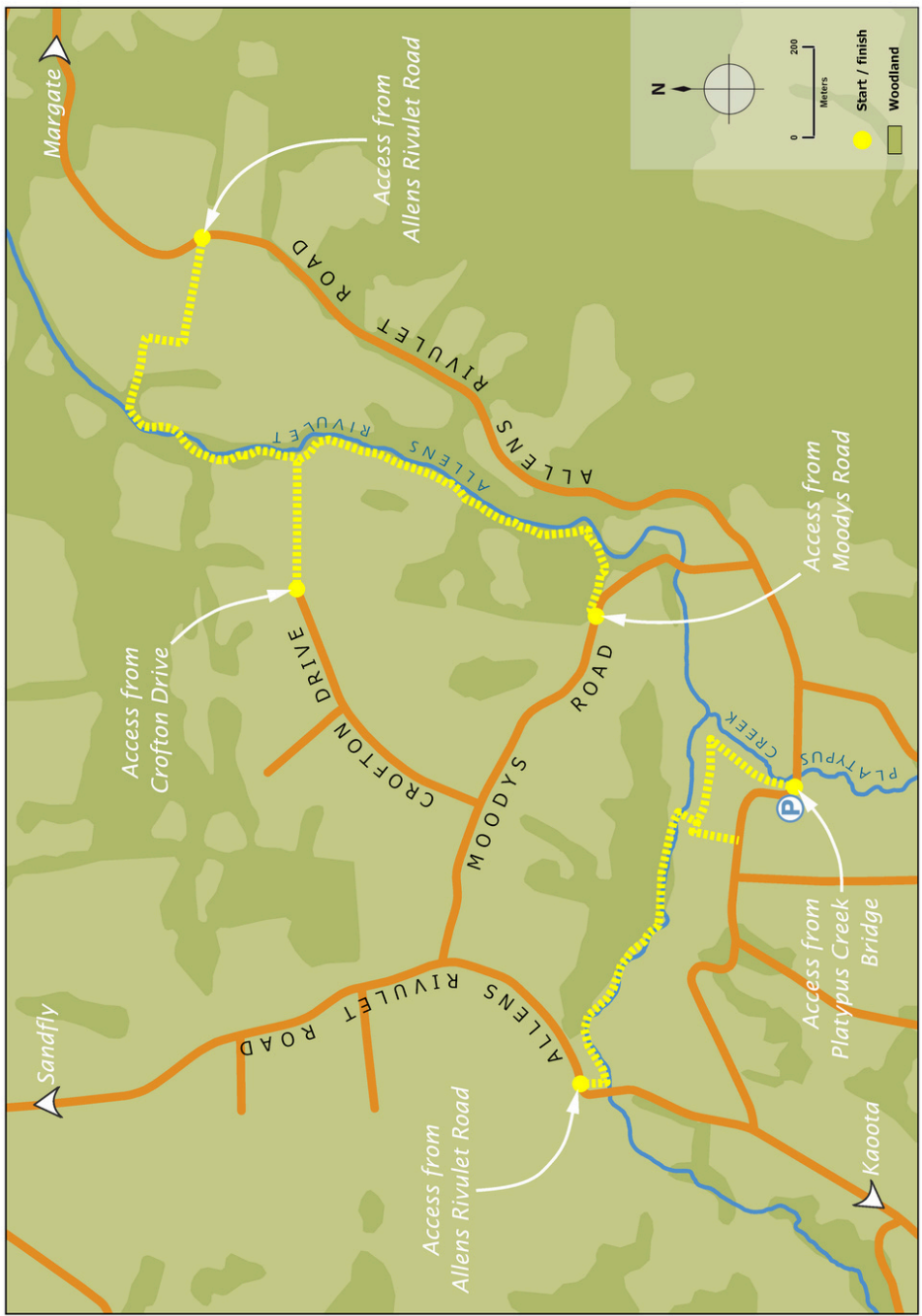
Natural grassy surface, level, can be muddy.

Warning:

Be careful with slippery stepping stones when crossing the creek. Do not attempt to cross the rivulet if the water level is high.

Enjoy the impressive cliffs framed by giant ash on this short creek-side walk. A section of the track between Moody's Road and Crofton Drive was constructed with volunteers from the Trail Riders Action Club. An addition in 2018 extends the Crofton Drive Track across Allens Rivulet and up to Allens Rivulet Road.





**Duration:**

4 hours return.

Distance:

12 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking at both entries to the track.

Information:

Wide bush track.

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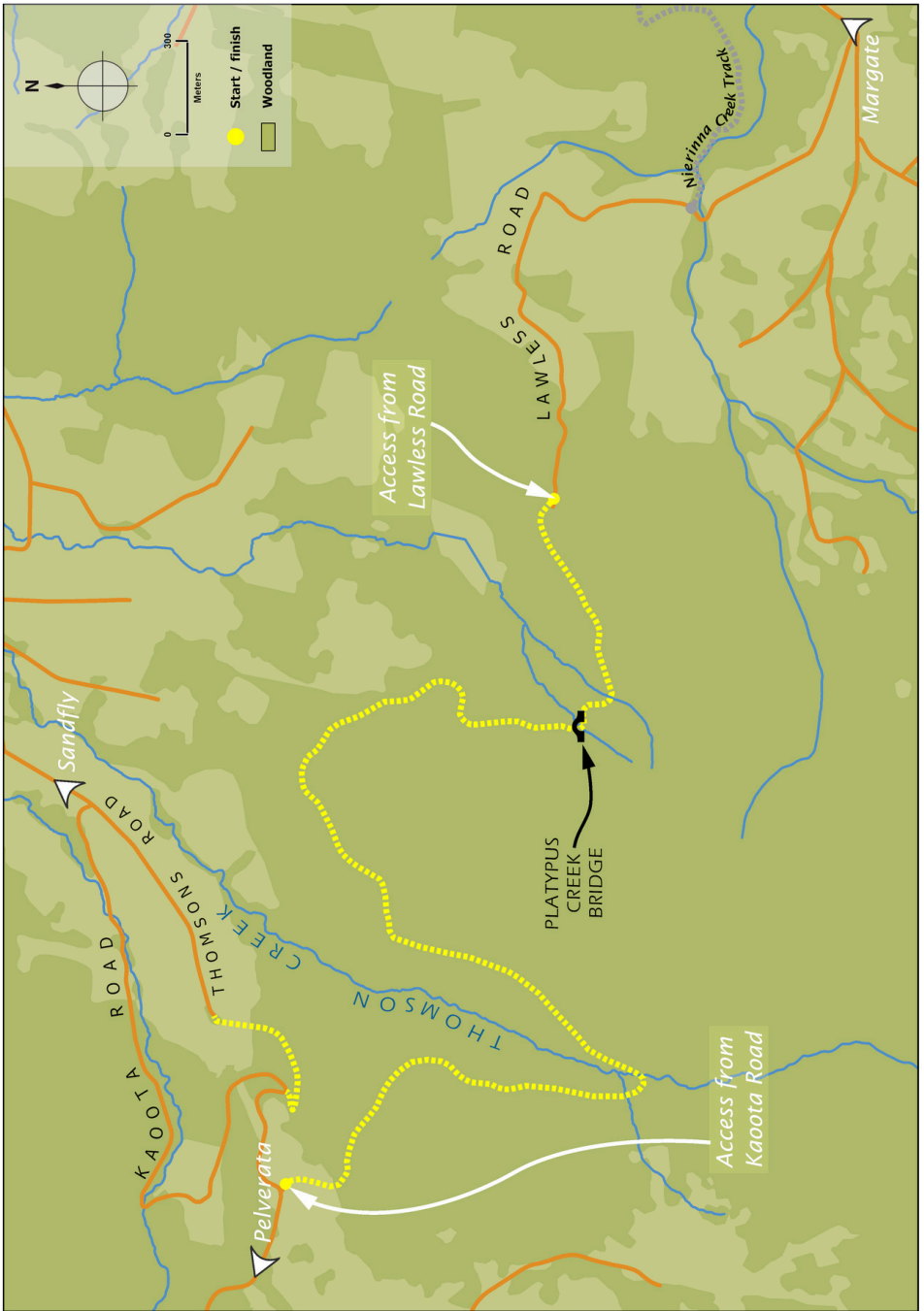
Use Peverata Road from Sandfly to access the top entrance to the track. Do not use the road coming up from Allens Rivulet, as it is unsealed, narrow and has poor visibility. No vehicle access on Milford Road or room for horse floats. Park at Community Hall.

Nearby Tracks:

Follow the new link just below 210 Kaoota Road to connect to Thomsons Road and the Allens Rivulet Track (19).

This gently graded track meanders through varied bushland, including dry eucalypt forest and rainforest, following a section of the historic Kaoota Tramway. Constructed in 1906, the 20 km long, two-foot gauge tramway was used to transport coal from the mine at Kaoota to the wharf at Margate. After coal mining ceased the tramway was used to transport logs, fruit and passengers. The line was dismantled in 1922 after bushfires destroyed several bridges.





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Peter Murrell Reserves



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Wingara Gully



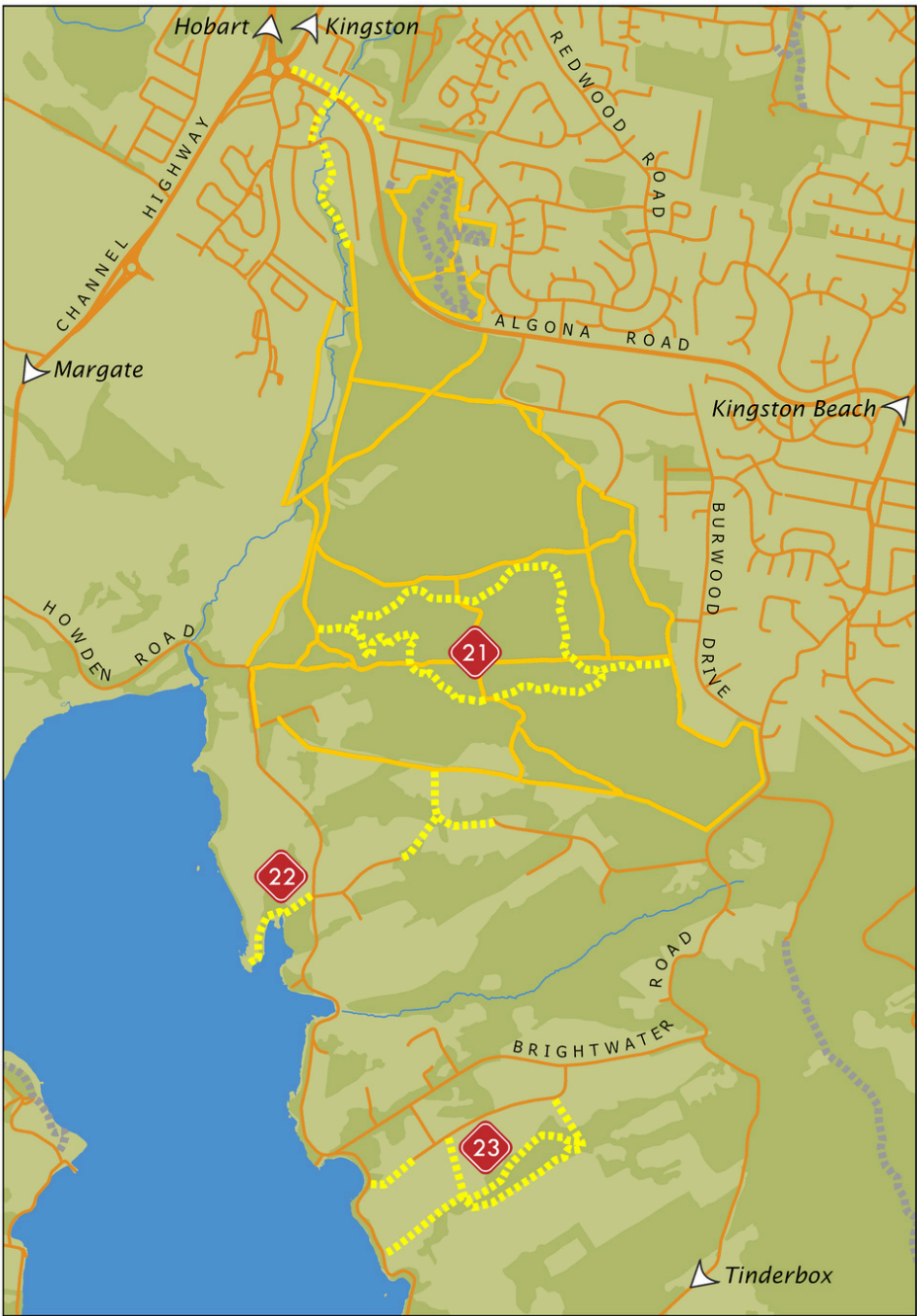
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Stinkpot Bay



Council would like to acknowledge the past and present land and coast care groups of this area:

Howden Landcare | Friends of Peter Murrell Reserves





Parking:

Howden Road, Huntingfield Avenue, Burwood Drive, Scarborough Avenue and Patriarch Drive.

Horse float parking at entrance to Huntingfield Pony Club, main carpark off Burwood Drive and off Huntingfield Avenue.

Information:

Narrow bush tracks, some sandy, mostly level.

Warning:

Permitted uses:

- **Fire Trails:** Dogs – on lead and under effective control; Bikes – Yes.
- **Perimeter Fire Break:** Dogs-off leash but under effective control; Bikes – Yes; Horses – Yes (in horse riding zone **only**).
- **Nature Trail:** Walkers only (no dogs, bicycles or horses).
- **Horse Riding Trail and Horse Riding Zone:** Walking and horse riding (no dogs, no bicycles).

Nearby Tracks:

Can link to Tinderbox Hills (12) for a longer walk/ride.

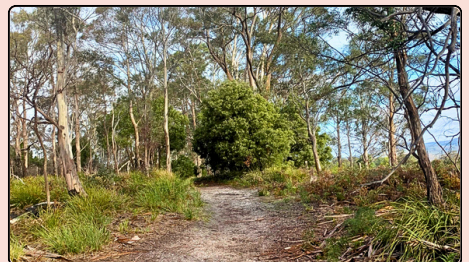
A variety of tracks, catering for different users, criss-cross the sandy terrain of this large reserve with small creeks and ponds. The reserve is well known for its beautiful wildflower display from late winter to summer, including more than 37 orchid species.

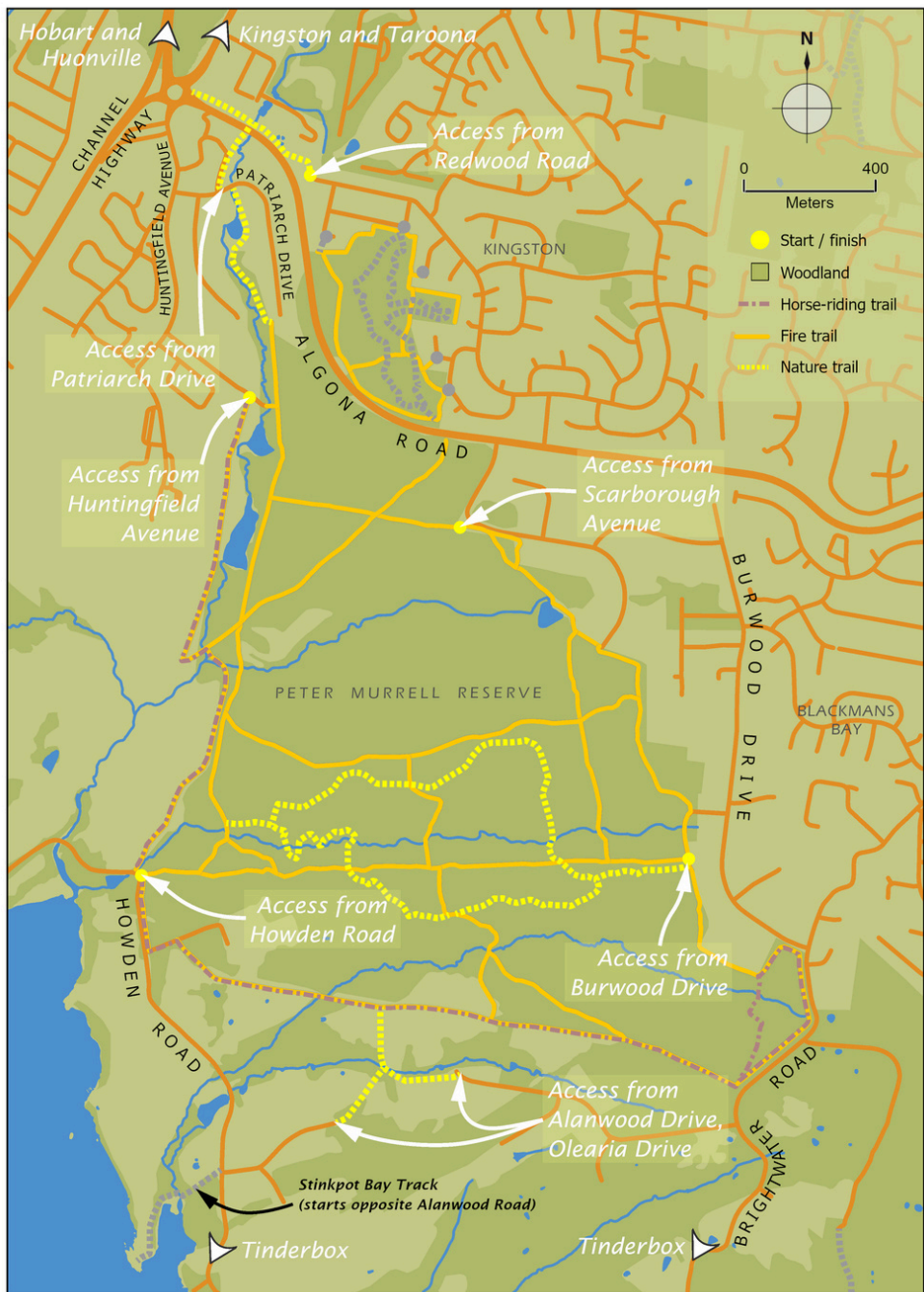
The reserves were named after Peter Murrell, who was appointed as the first director of the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) when it was established in 1971 to manage Tasmania's National Parks, World Heritage Areas and over 400 reserves like this one.

Coffee Creek Track

The reserves can be accessed by using the underpass next to the Algona roundabout and then by continuing along the Council-owned Coffee Creek Track until the Coffee Creek fire trail is reached.

For up to date walk and safety information please visit the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service website: www.parks.tas.gov.au





**Duration:**

15 minutes return.

Distance:

0.5 km one way.

Parking:

Limited parking along Howden Road.

Information:

Mostly narrow bush track.

Warning:

Do not approach cliff edges. Closely supervise children.

Nearby Tracks:

Peter Murrell Reserve Track network (21).

This track brings walkers to a lookout which has stunning views across North West Bay. Weeds used to choke the bush along the track, but dedicated local volunteers have cleaned the area up and planted the reserve out with native trees.





**Duration:**

1 hour return.

Distance:

3.2 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking on Draper Road.

No parking on Wingara Road.

Information:

Narrow bush track, fairly rough with steep sections.

Enter this treasured bushland quietly and unhurriedly to observe birds, butterflies, skinks, small mammals and insects. Walk beneath stringybarks and sheoaks, alongside sundew and heath, and past tree ferns to experience peace and tranquility and mother nature at her best. Spring and summer reveal a myriad of pink, blue, yellow and white wildflowers.





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Snug to Margate Shared Path



Council would like to acknowledge the past and present land and coast care groups of this area:

Derwent Avenue Group | Tramway Hill Landcare | Harts Hill Landcare
Peggy's Beach Landcare



**Duration:**

1 hour return.

Distance:

4 km return from Channel Highway to Brooke Lane.

Parking:

Limited parking at Dayspring Drive access. Horse float parking on Burnaby Drive verge or Willunga Close, and Brook Lane verges off Van Morey Road.

Information:

Natural grassy surface, one steep climb.

Warning:

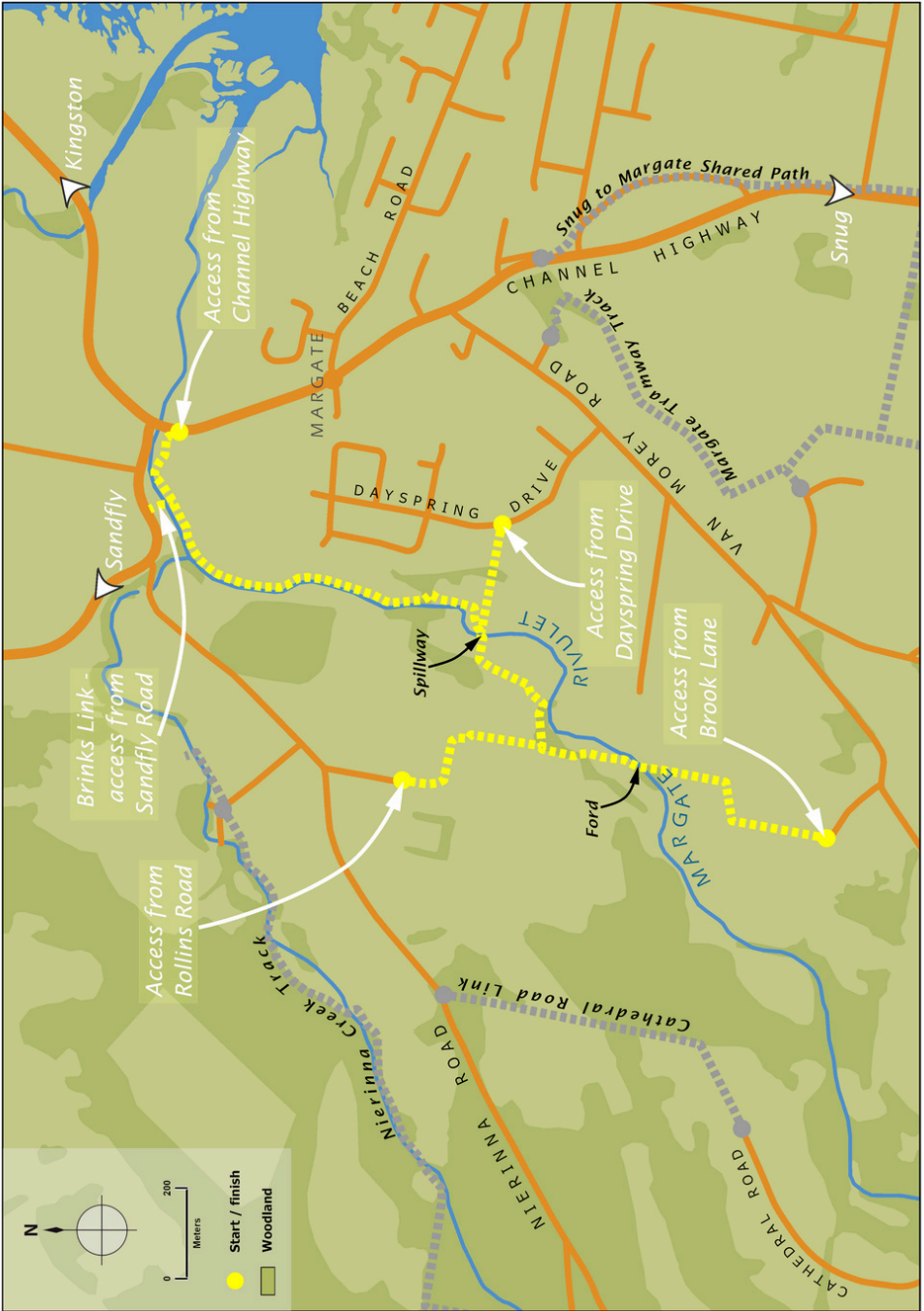
Do not attempt to cross the rivulet at Davis Flat or Margate Rivulet, if water level is high.

Note:

Can be combined with Nierinna Creek track (30) by walking up Rollins Road, turn right into Nierinna Road and left into Burnaby Drive. Can also be combined with Kaoota Tramway Track (20).

This walk is more than rolling green hills and friendly horses – it is also rich in history. Back in 1818, Margate was a convict sawing station. It operated for around seven years, supplying much of the timber for the early Hobart buildings. The dry stone walls in Davis Flat, a good picnic spot, are believed to be convict built. Margate was also a fruit and hop growing district, and a timber and ship building port. A generous land donation has provided ‘Brinks Link’ from Sandfly Road near the Nierinna Creek intersection to Margate Rivulet Track.





**Duration:**

30 minutes return.

Distance:

1.8 km return.

Parking:

Ample parking at Dru Point playground.

Information:

Gravelled formed surface, wide, mostly level.

Permitted Uses:

Dogs on leads and under effective control only on formed roads in park, and when entering from Endeavour Avenue up to entrance to the fenced dog exercise area.

This easy, short stroll along the banks of the North West Bay rewards you with beautiful views over the estuary to the summit of Mt Wellington. The estuary is a rich feeding ground for a great variety of waterbirds, which forage and nest in the mudflats and reeds. The nectar from the blossoms of black gums is favoured by swift parrots, a threatened species, while under their light canopy a variety of native grasses provides excellent foraging for blue wrens and robins. Tasmanian Aboriginal people once camped on the banks of the estuary and ate shellfish, waterbirds and their eggs. A garden with culturally significant plants has been established near the start of the track.





**Duration:**

45 minutes return.

Distance:

3 km return.

Parking:

Ample Parking at Margate Oval. Horse float parking at Margate Oval (except on sports days) and Willunga Close off Van Morey Road on the verge.

Nearby Tracks:

Margate Rivulet (24) and Harts Hill (29).

Note:

A walkway connects this track to the Channel Highway from the access off Englefield Drive.

Explore the charming pasture behind the township of Margate with its rolling hills and views across North West Bay. The main section of the wide grass track follows a section of the original tramway taking coal from the mine at Kaoota down to the long-gone jetty at the end of Gemalla Road.

A new section added in 2024 allows track users to continue along and access Barretta Reserve.





**Duration:**

30 minutes return.

Distance:

1.2 km return.

Parking:

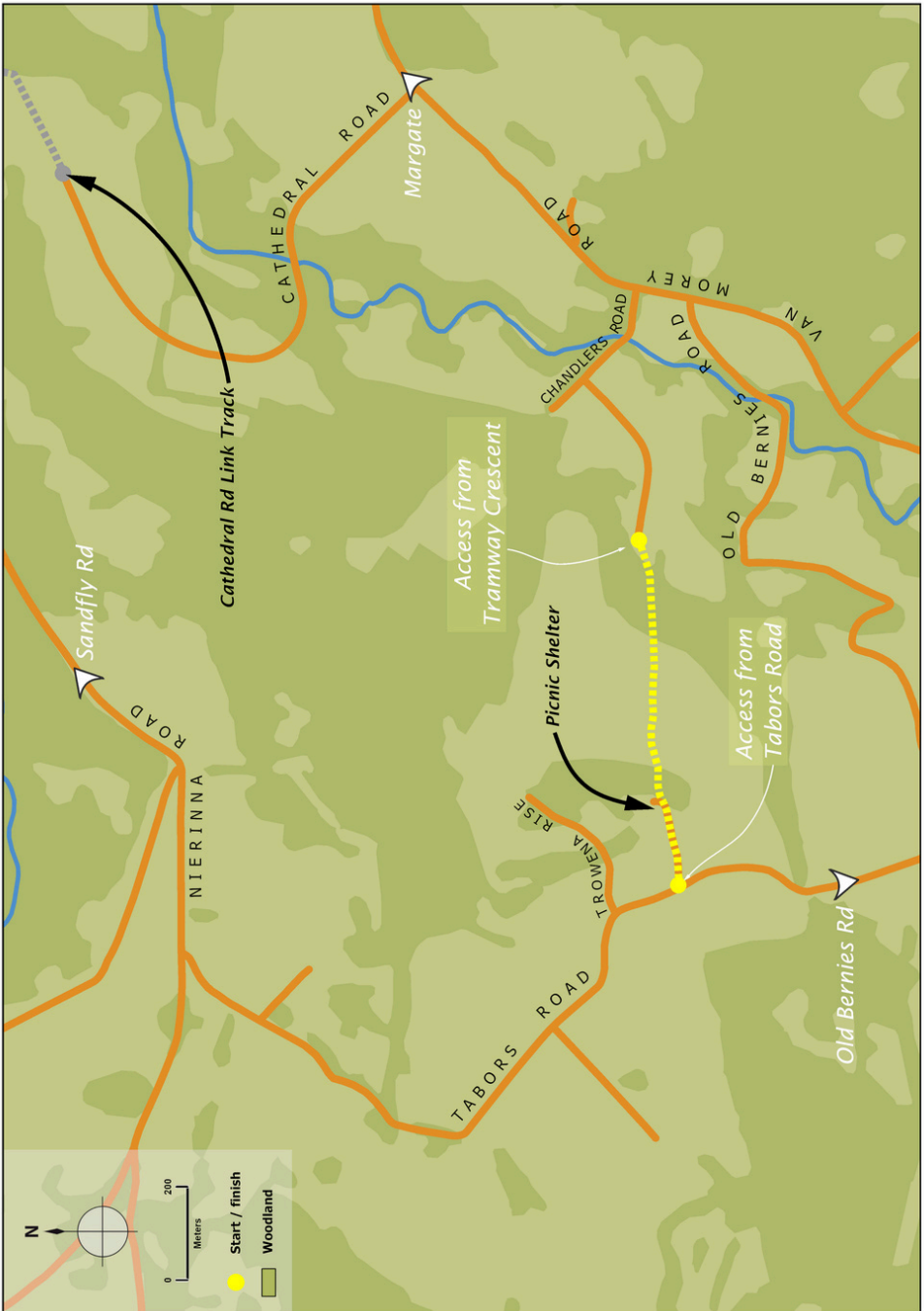
Limited parking at each end of track. Horse float parking at Tramway Hill (need to collect a key from Council for the gate) and Chandlers Reserve (bordered by Chandlers, Van Morey and Old Bernies roads).

Note:

See Kaoota Tramway Track (20) for more information.

The narrow bush track runs through the centre of Tramway Hill Reserve. The reserve received its name from the Sandfly coal mine tram that once passed near here. This walk takes you across open grassland and through light bush, featuring stringybarks and blue gums, with a forested gully and small dam. Information inside the picnic shed reveals more about Tramway Hill.





**Duration:**

1 hour return.

Distance:

3 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking at access points to the track.

Information:

Mostly level narrow bush track with some slight inclines. Some seats for a rest break or to enjoy the views.

With multiple points of access, this delightful coastal walk winds its way through natural bushland. At the Gemalla Road end, the track has a boardwalk across Tramway Creek, named for the tramway (rail) line that ran in the early 1900s from the coal mine at Kaoota to a jetty at Margate (see Kaoota Tramway Track for more information). The track was named after Dave Burrows, a local orchardist who first forged a route along the foreshore in the area.





**Duration:**

1 hour return.

Distance:

2.4 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking at Culbara Road end of track only. Horse float parking on verge at Willunga Close off Van Morey Road, or at Barretta Reserve just inside the Barretta Waste Management Facility on the left.

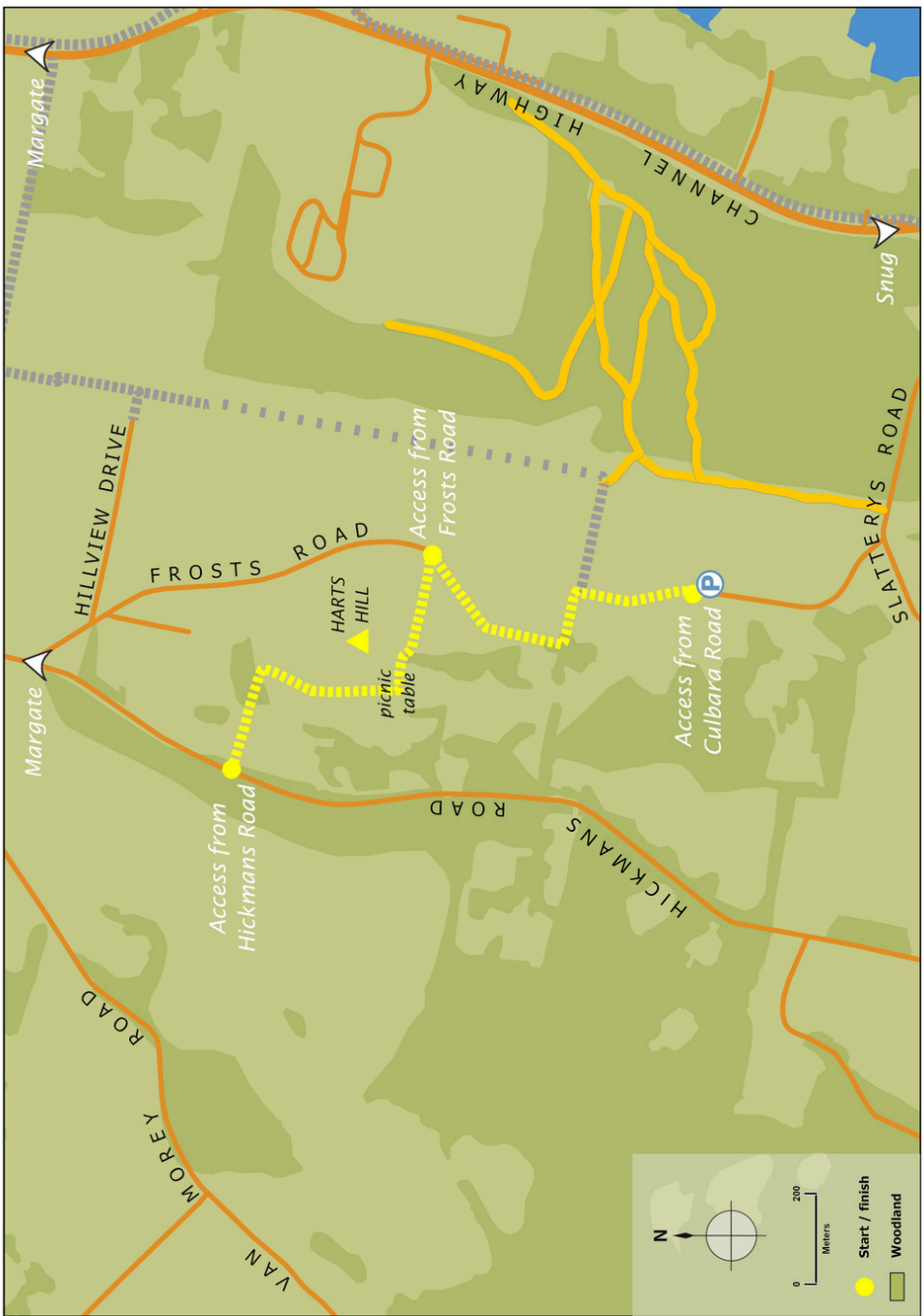
Information:

Natural grassy surface. Steep climbs.

It's a steep climb to the Trig Point on the top of Harts Hill. Your reward from this commanding summit is a rest at the bench seat from which to enjoy the beautiful and peaceful views across North West Bay to the Snug Tiers and the Wellington Range. A link track gives access to Barretta Reserve with its delightful open bush land and a network of tracks running through the reserve.

Harts Hill is an important location for the locally rare *Eucalyptus rubida* or candlebark, which can be found growing near the summit.





**Duration:**

2.5 hours return.

Distance:

6.2 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking at each end of the track. Horse float parking on Burnaby Drive grass verge.

Note:

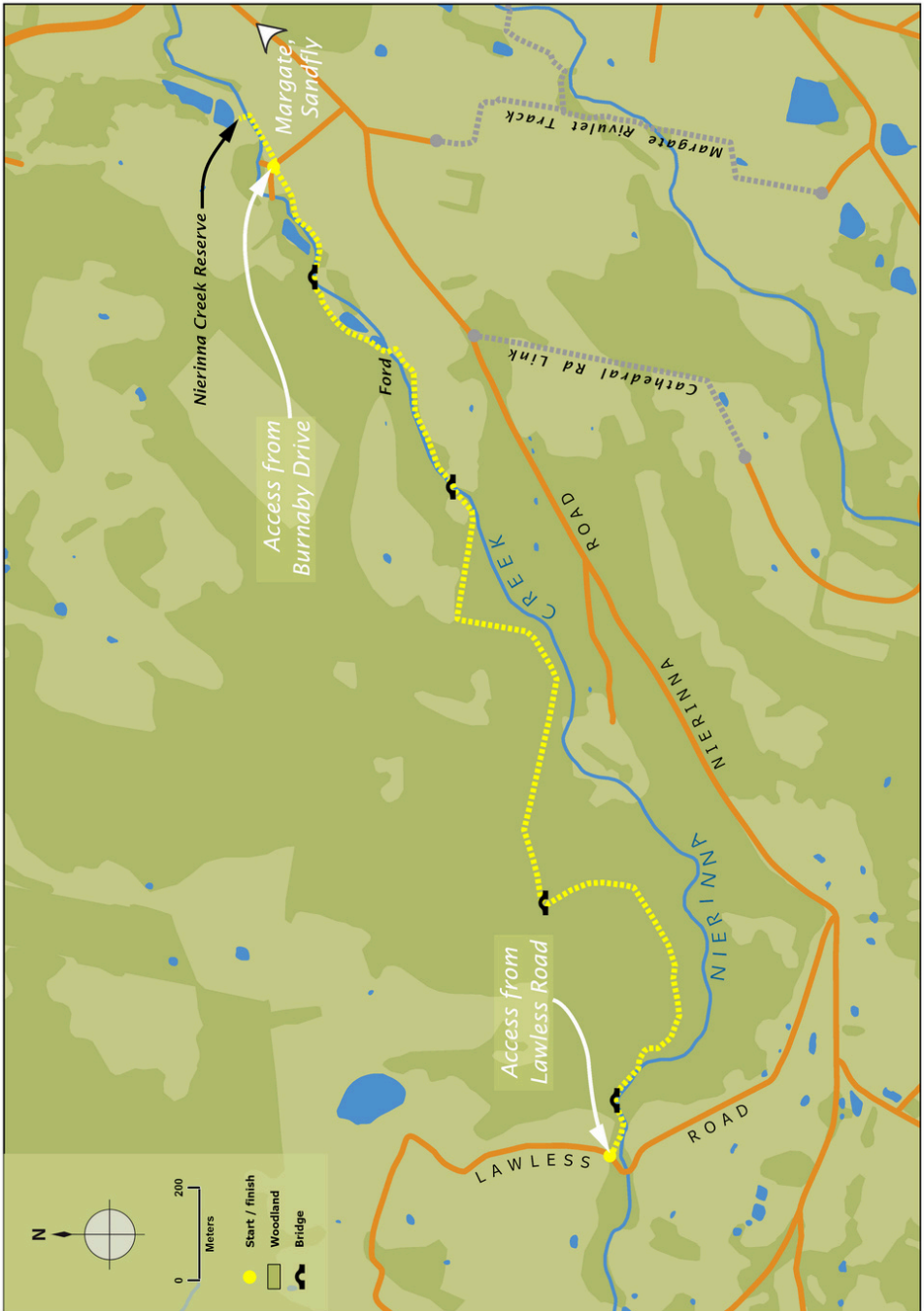
Horses and bikes are permitted on the entire track (see signs) but the top section is recommended for experienced bike and horse riders only. Bridge crossings required.

Can be combined with Margate Rivulet Track (24) by walking up Burnaby Drive, turning right into Nierinna Road, and then left into Rollins Road when walking down hill, and with Kaoota Tramway Track (20) by walking up Lawless Road when walking uphill.



This track may be accessed from Burnaby Drive (uphill) or Lawless Road (downhill). The Nierinna Creek area is frequented by white goshawks, black swans, swift parrots, ducks, and native-hens. The entire track is accessible for horses with horse-friendly bridges or fords. Walk past Burnaby Drive to enjoy the lovely Nierinna Creek Reserve – a great place for a rest with a picnic table.





**Duration:**

1 - 2.5 hours return (*depending on whether you are walking or riding*).

Distance:

4.4 km one way.

Parking:

Parking at Margate Hall or Snug Beach.

Information:

Gentle, undulating, 3m wide gravel path including sealed sections. Picnic tables and bench seats along the way.

The Snug to Margate shared path provides a safe and scenic corridor for bikes, prams, walkers, and joggers to enjoy. Driven by community vision, it was created to offer a convenient and accessible link between the two towns. The path is perfect for visiting family and friends, shopping, commuting, or simply travelling between Snug and Margate, with plenty of opportunities to explore the surrounding rural and coastal scenery along the way.

The three-metre-wide path has been designed to ensure there is ample room for multiple users. Add on a visit to the Channel Museum or enjoy some refreshments at their welcoming café. The path was made possible with the valued assistance of the Tasmanian State Government.





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Snug River



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Coningham Clifftop



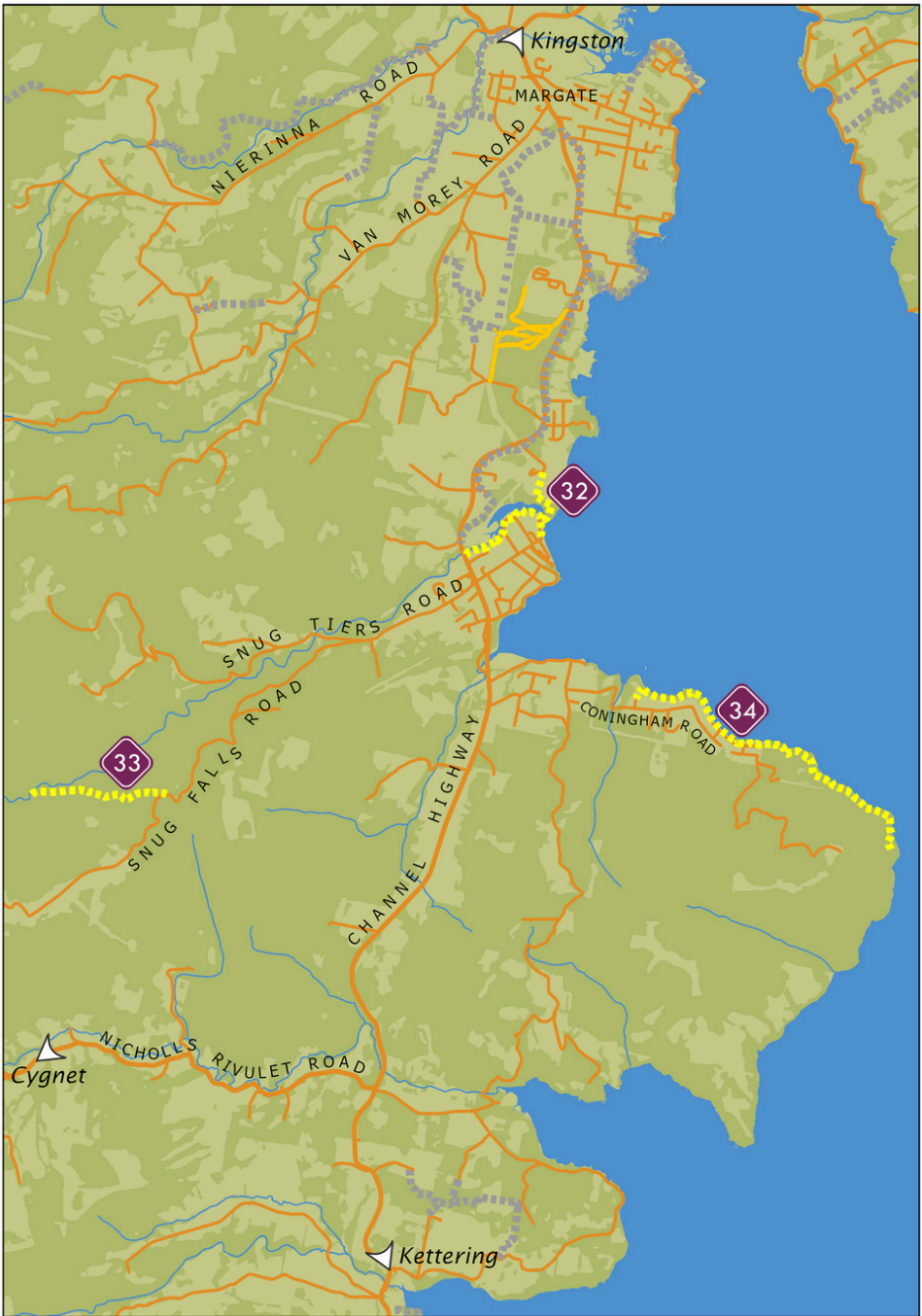
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Snug Falls



Council would like to acknowledge the past and present land and coast care groups of this area:

Snug Land and Coastcare | Coningham and Lower Snug Community Association
Friends of Coningham Oyster Cove and Lower Snug | Friends of Coningham Nature Reserve
Community Association of Greater Snug | Howden Landcare | Friends of Peter Murrell Reserves



**Duration:**

40 minutes return.

Distance:

2.4 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking at start of track at Channel Highway. Ample parking at Snug Beach.

Information:

Gravelled formed surface, wide, mostly level.

Warning:

Be mindful of traffic as you walk along the Esplanade. Beware of oysters at the river mouth - their sharp shells are hazardous to kayakers and swimmers.

The Snug River defines the northern boundary of the small seaside town of Snug. From the Channel Highway follow the river, which runs deep and clear to the footbridge across the river mouth. In 2024, a new track upgrade on the northern side of the bridge leads users to Pothana Road, where they can link up with the Snug to Margate Shared Path. Landcare plantings in this area, which have been established for many years now, have helped protect the riverbank and prevent coastal erosion.

The track ends at the 1967 Bushfire Memorial where interpretive signs reveal a story of tragedy and great community spirit.





**Duration:**

1 hour return.

Distance:

2.4 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking at start of track.

Information:

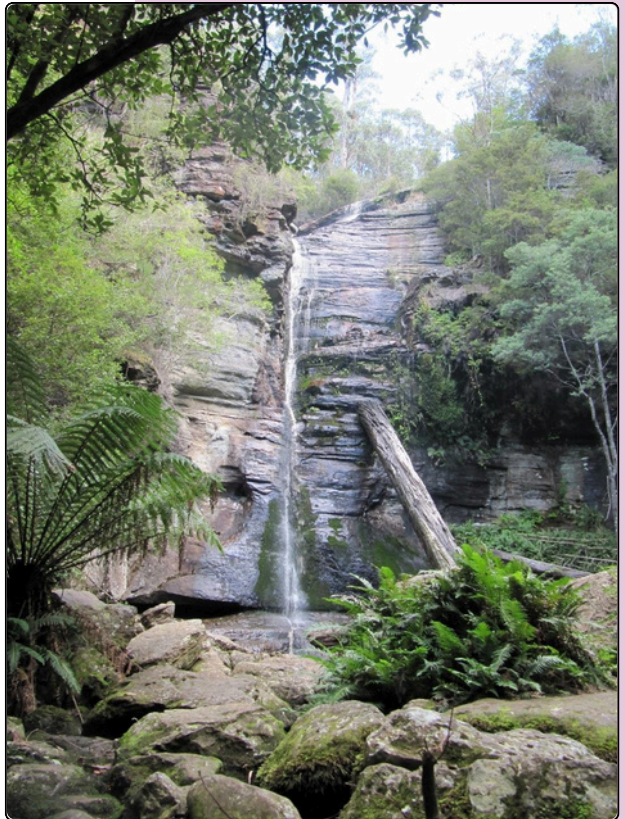
Narrow bush track, steep sections, rocks.

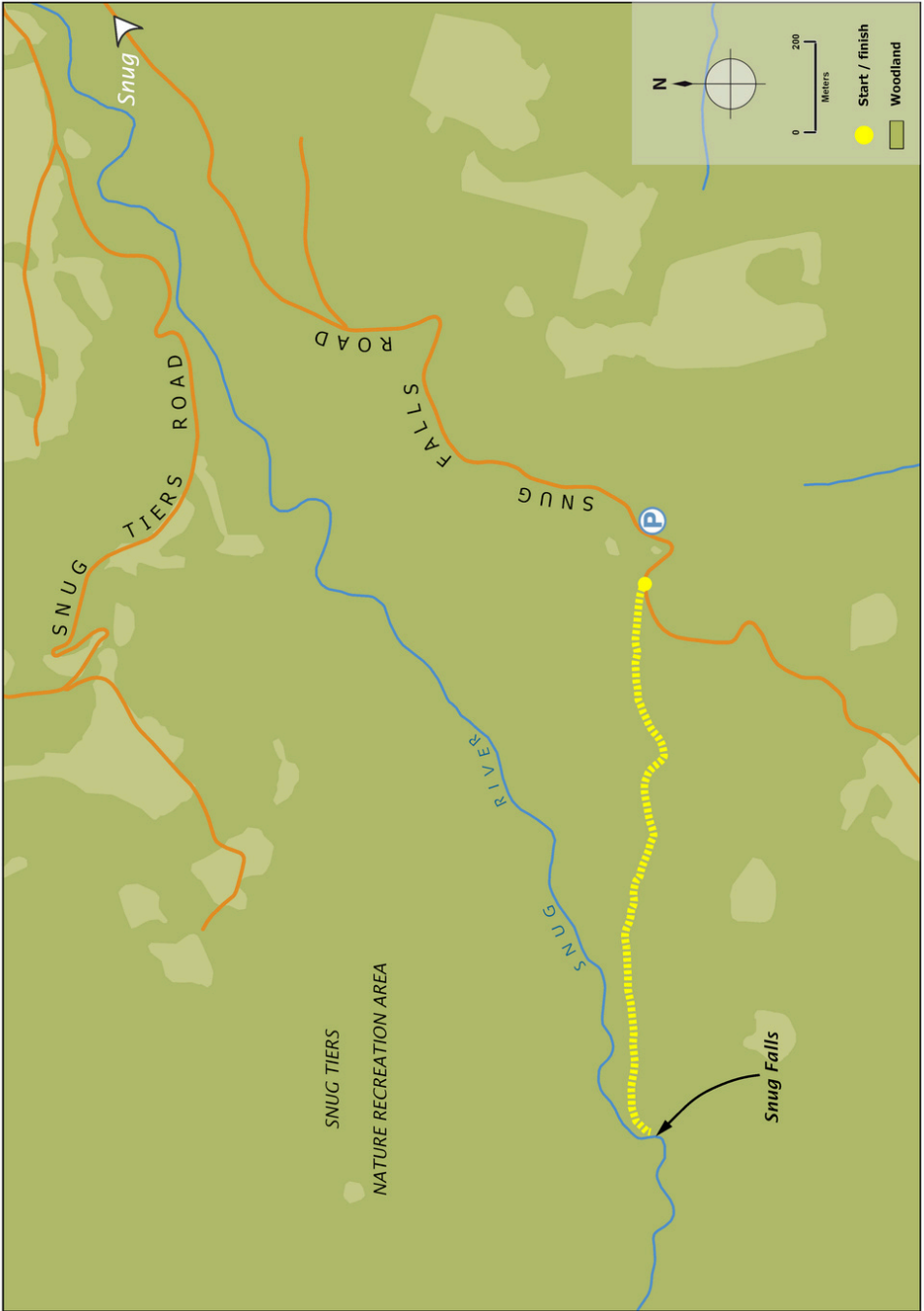
Warning:

Please supervise children.
The rocks can be quite slippery.

The track gradually descends through bushland to the cool, fern-lined gully beneath delightful Snug Falls. The falls are particularly impressive after heavy rain, and in summer, it's a great place to paddle in the shallows on a warm day.

For up to date walk and safety information please visit the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service website: www.parks.tas.gov.au







Duration:

1.5 hours return.

Distance:

3.8 km return.

Parking:

Ample parking at the main Coningham Beach carpark (no parking or vehicle access past that point).

Information:

Narrow bush track. Some steep sections.

Warning:

Do not approach cliff edges. Closely supervise children.

Take this wonderful bush walk along the cliffs with spectacular views across North West Bay to kunanyi/Mt Wellington, Tinderbox and Bruny Island. Along the way you will often see white-bellied sea-eagles soaring overhead. During morning and evening walks the bush will ring with birdsong. Halfway along you will come to Legacy Beach. There is a wonderful variety of vegetation along the track: flowering heath beneath tall blue gums, white gums favoured by the endangered forty-spotted pardalote, stands of sheoaks, and patches of native grasses where you will find lovely golden bulbine-lilies. Coningham Beach is a safe family beach for swimming, paddling, boating and picnicking.

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KETTERING & SURROUNDS



Kettering Township



Manuka Hills



Council would like to acknowledge the past and present land and coast care groups of this area:

Kettering Landcare | Peppermint Bay Landcare



**Duration:**

1 hour return (Kettering Point Track).

30 minutes return (Oval Track).

Distance:

3 km return (Kettering Point Track).

1 km return (Oval Track).

Parking:

Limited parking at end of Ferry Road, ample parking at Trial Bay (Kettering Point Track). Ample parking at Oval (Oval Track).

Information:

Narrow bush track. BBQ shelter and toilets at Trial Bay.

Kettering Point Track is a perfect way to while away some time if you're waiting for the ferry to Bruny Island. The gentle walk starts at the end of Ferry Road and meanders close to the shoreline with glimpses of the water and boats through the sheoaks. At the point you will be rewarded by panoramic views up and down the D'Entrecasteaux Channel and across to Bruny Island.





**Duration:**

1.5 hours return.

Distance:

3.6 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking at start and end of the track.

Information:

Narrow bush track, steep climbs.

Warning:

Some of the steeper tracks are unsuitable for horses.

This network of tracks in the picturesque hills high above Kettering will reward you with lovely views of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel and kunanyi/Mt Wellington.

The Manuka Hills track is a fantastic location to walk through threatened silver peppermint woodland which only occurs on specific geologies.





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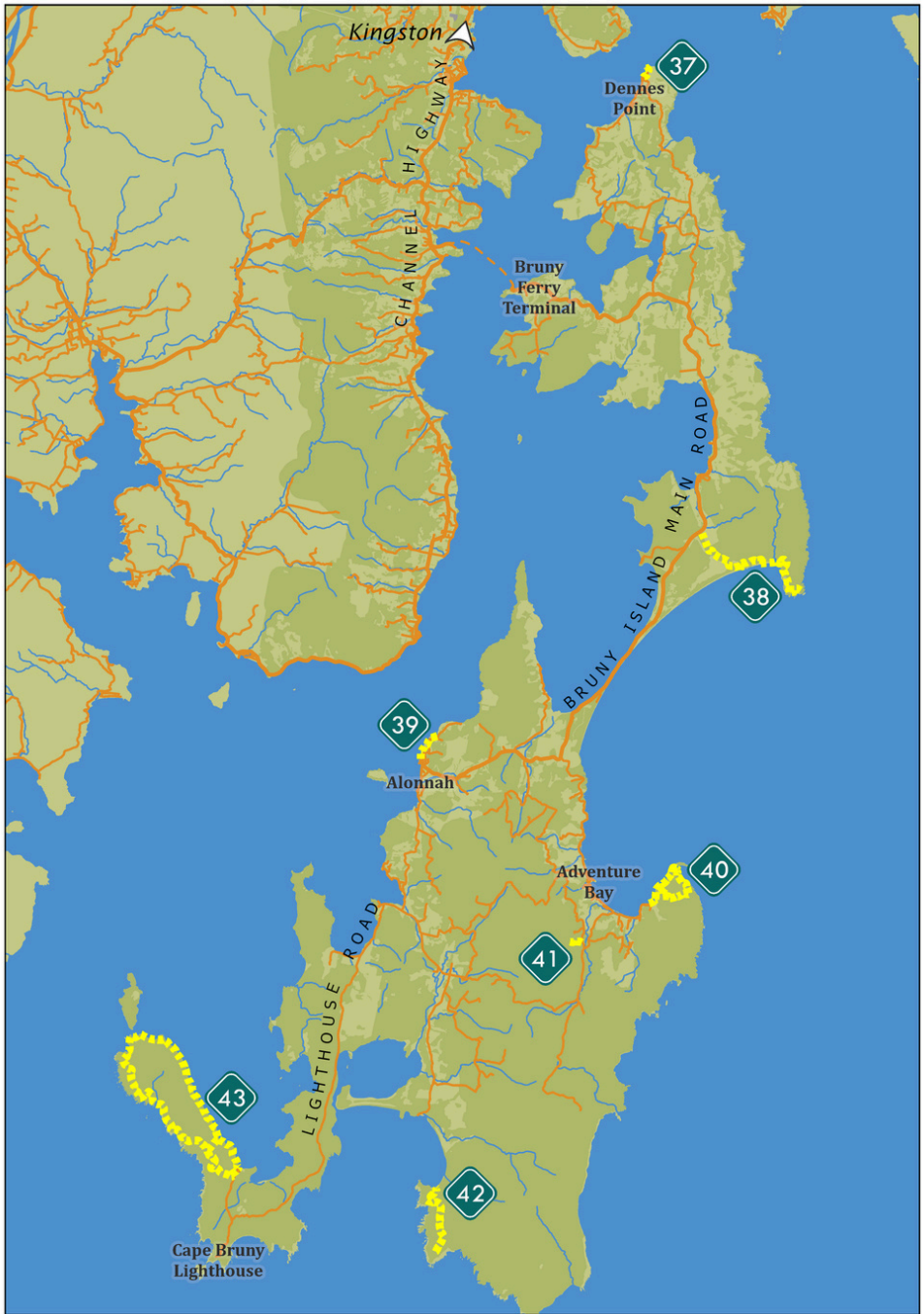
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Labillardiere Peninsula Circuit



Council would like to acknowledge the past and present land and coast care groups of this area:

Dennes Point Coastcare | Killora Coastcare | Alonnah Coastcare | Friends of Adventure Bay
North Bruny Land and Coastcare | Bruny Island Environment Network | Great Bay Coastcare



**Duration:**

45 minutes return.

Distance:

1.5 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking below cafe along waterfront.

Information:

Level, grassy track with installed heritage interpretation panels along the way.

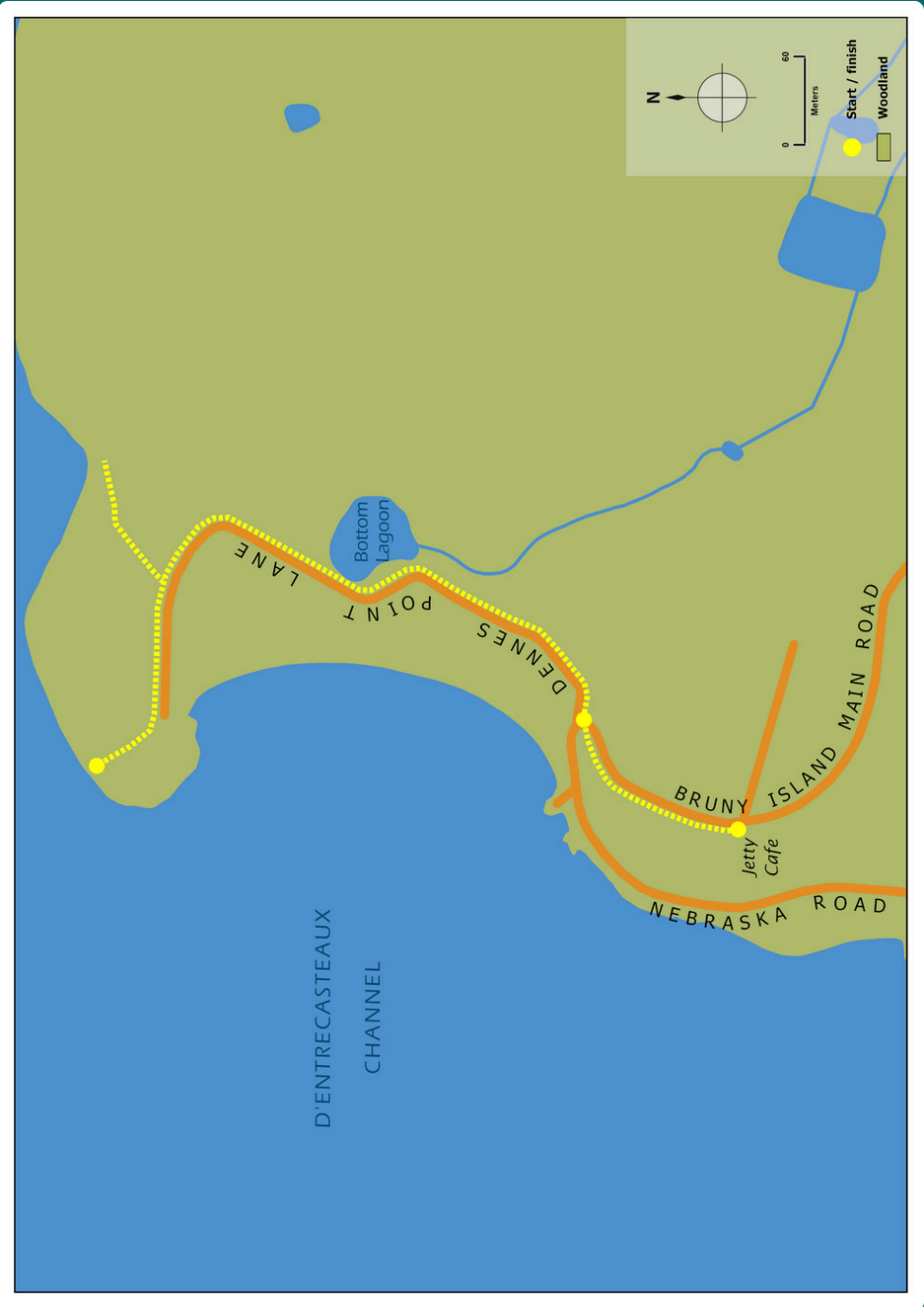
Warning:

The site is exposed to the weather.

The Friends of North Bruny (FONB) developed a Heritage Trail at Dennes Point. Starting from the Jetty Café and gallery, the trail takes visitors on a short walk to Kellys Point, the northern most tip of Bruny Island, taking in some of the most heritage-rich and fascinating parts of North Bruny.

Dennes Point is an area of outstanding heritage significance and is of vital importance to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people. It is also the site of some of the earliest and most significant encounters between Tasmanian Aboriginal people and Europeans. The trail documents some of the events of European settlement from 1818 onwards.





**Duration:**

3 hours return.

Distance:

12 km return.

Parking:

Ample parking at the start of the track.

Information:

Narrow bush track and beach walk.

Warning:

Sheer, unfenced sea cliffs at the Cape.

Note:

Clean dirt and mud from your boots before and after every bushwalk to prevent the spread of root rot.

The walk begins along a wide track which runs parallel with the Bruny Island airstrip, then between Big Lagoon and Little Lagoon, before climbing over Mars Bluff for great views across the Neck. The track then descends through the dunes onto the remote Miles Beach. At the far eastern end of the beach, the track ascends steeply through coastal heath, before heading south to Cape Queen Elizabeth for excellent views of Adventure Bay and beyond. Allow extra time to spot a forty-spotted pardalote amongst the white gums and see the rock formations at Mars Bluff (accessed from Neck Beach).

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**Duration:**

1 hour return.

Distance:

3 km return.

Parking:

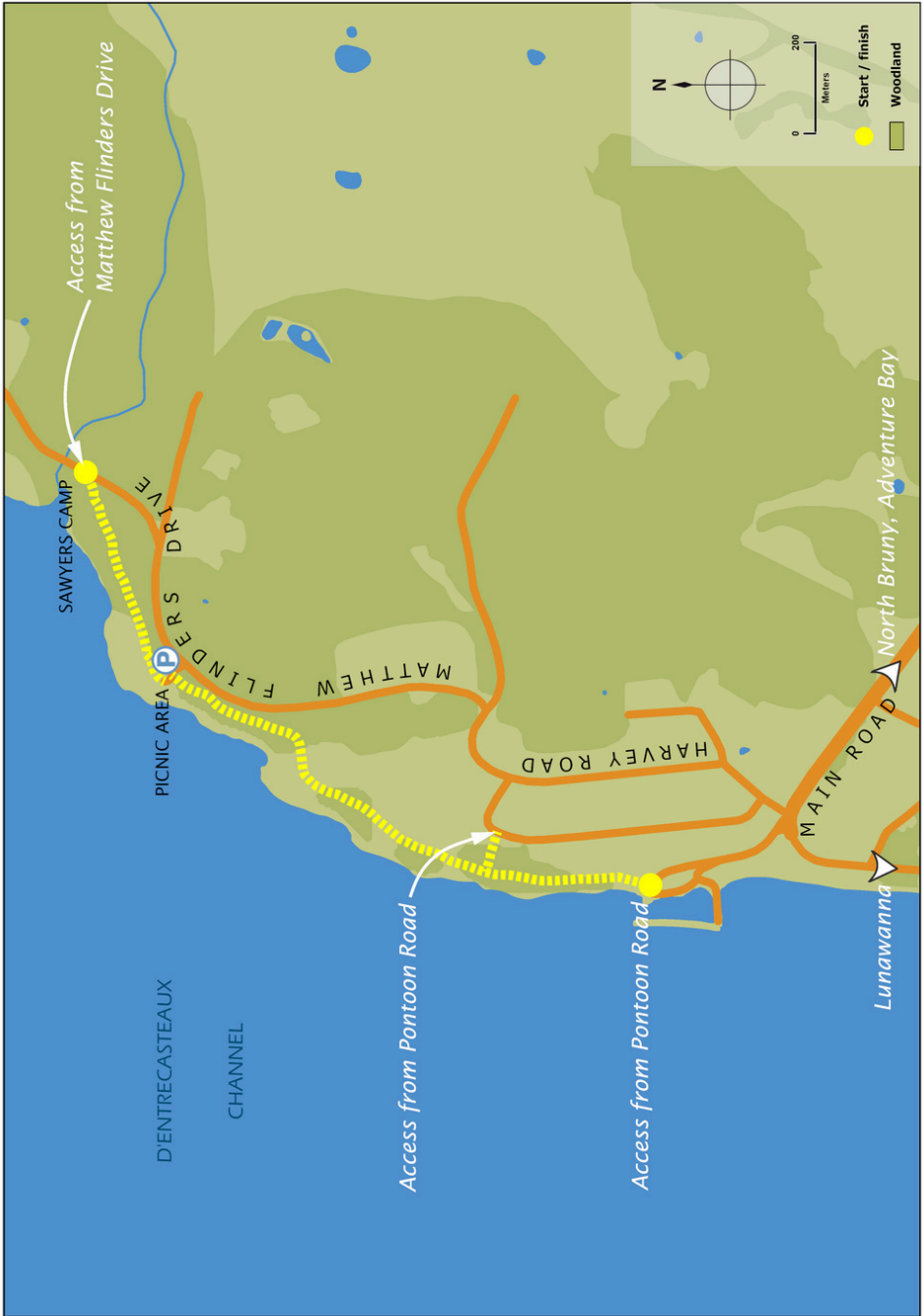
Ample parking at end of Pontoon Road and picnic area.

Information:

Gravelled formed surface, wide, mostly level.

The foreshore track was the main link from Sheepwash Bay to Alonnah in the early years of European occupation. Visitors can enjoy a one hour return easy walk along the foreshore following the old rock-walled carriageway between the two previous jetty sites, passing by the remains of huts from the 1850s. Near Sheepwash Creek are remnants of a sawyers' camp and several piles of stones remain near the track. Logs were prepared in the bush for barging to the windjammers for export to the United Kingdom and South Africa. The track meanders through coastal bush, an area that would have once been dry eucalypt forest. These forests are usually dominated by large eucalypts and a thick midstorey of sheoaks, boobialla and banksia, with a sparse understorey of saggs and native grasses. Bruny Island was home to the Nuenone people, who cared for the land for thousands of years. Alonnah is part of their name for the island – Lunawanna-alonna.






Duration:

2.5 hour circuit (a shorter return along the coastline from Grass Point is rated easy and suitable for families - 1.5 hours return).

Distance:

5.4 km circuit.

Parking:

Limited parking at the start of the track.

Information:

Narrow bush track, steep sections. Park entry fee applies. This track is listed as one of Parks & Wildlife Service Tasmania 60 Great Short Walks. For further information go to:

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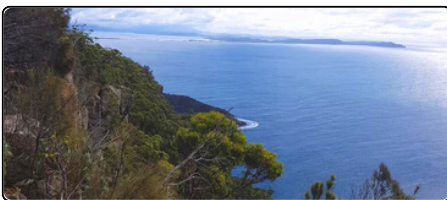
Parks Pass is required.

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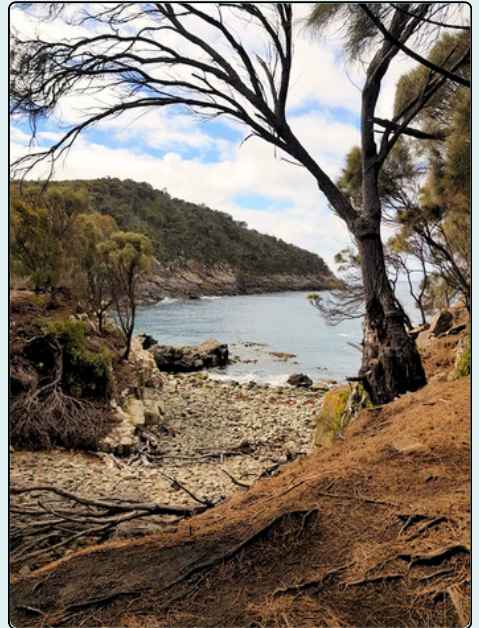
Sheer, unfenced sea cliffs at Fluted Cape.

Note:

Clean dirt and mud from your boots before and after every walk to prevent the spread of root rot.



The first half of this walk follows the coastline of Adventure Bay, beneath a canopy of tall blue gums, white peppermint and sheoaks to Grass Point. Here you can explore remains of structures from the short-lived bay whaling industry (1820-40). After being hunted to near extinction, southern right whales have returned to these waters and can be seen migrating north to breed from June to September and returning south from September to late October. From Grass Point, the track climbs steeply along very high dolerite sea cliffs to the summit of Fluted Cape (272m).





**Duration:**

30 - 40 minutes return.

Distance:

1.4 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking available.

Information:

Narrow bush track.

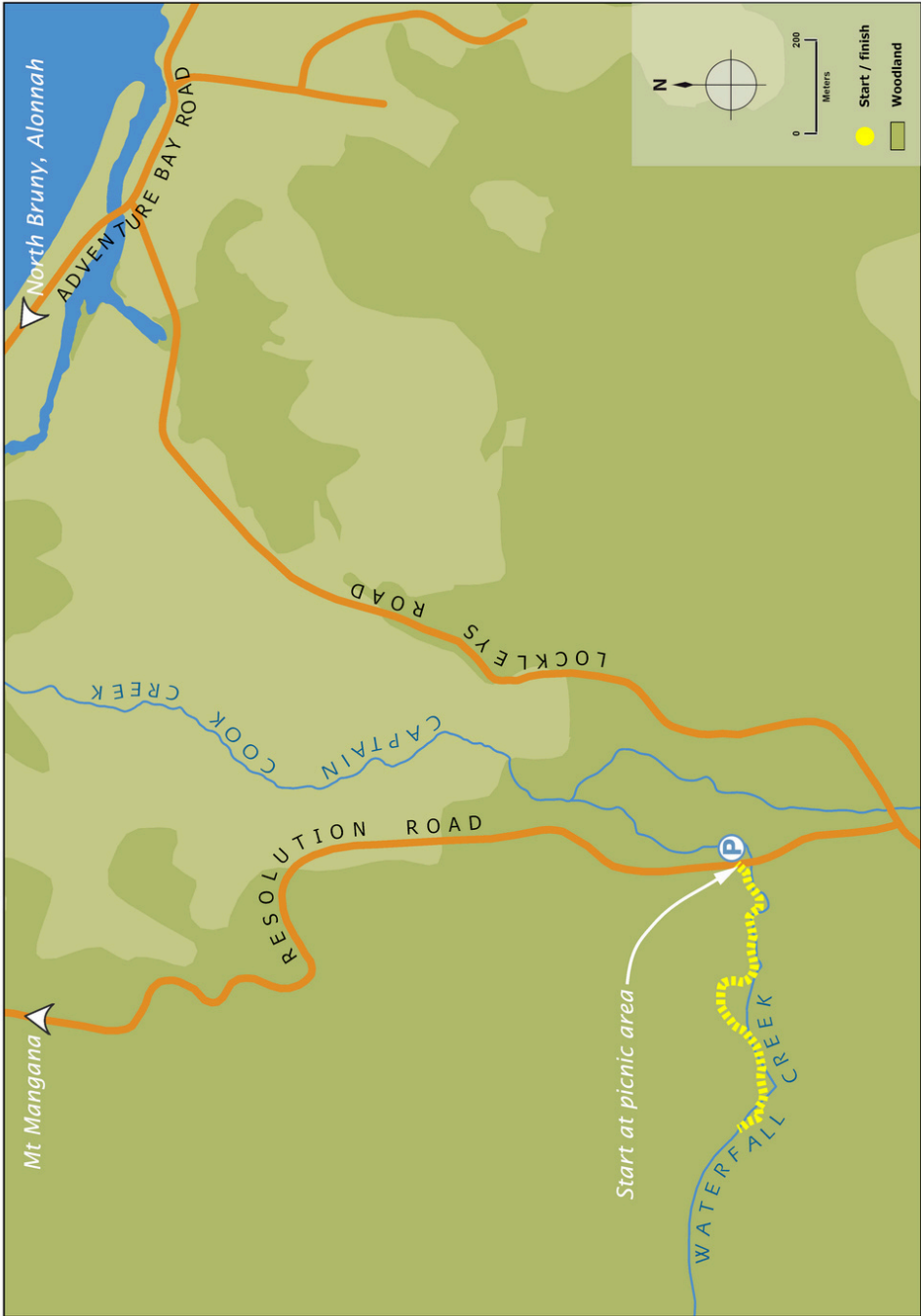
Warning:

Walkers should not proceed past the end of the well-maintained track. Mavista Falls are inaccessible.

This nature walk guides you along a shaded gully filled with ancient and enchanting wet forest. Towering stringybarks, blackwoods, magnificent treeferns and a variety of understory species can be enjoyed along the way.

For up to date walk and safety information please visit the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service website: www.parks.tas.gov.au







Duration:

4 hours return.

Distance:

12 km return.

Parking:

Limited parking at the start of the track. Take Lennon Road (B66) and continue on this road as it becomes Bruny Island Main Road. Continue through Alonnah and take a left onto Cloudy Bay Road when you reach the T-junction in Lunawanna. Park at the end of Cloudy Bay Road.

Information:

Beach walk then narrow bush track.

Parks Pass is required.

Warning:

No driving is permitted on the beach, unless you are camping.

Note:

Clean dirt and mud from your boots before and after every bushwalk to prevent the spread of root rot. Please walk on the wet sand during spring and summer to protect nesting shore birds, which lay their eggs amongst the beach debris.

The first three kilometres of this walk are along the beautiful white sands of Cloudy Beach. At the end of the beach, the track follows a small creek inland before climbing a further three kilometres through bird-filled colourful heath land to East Cloudy Head. From here you'll get fantastic views along the south coast of Bruny Island to The Friars, and to the west and north-west over South Bruny to the southern ranges and kunanyi/Mt Wellington.

For up to date walk and safety information please visit the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service website: www.parks.tas.gov.au





**Duration:**

1.5 hours (Luggaboine Circuit).

5.5 - 6.5 hours (Labillardiere Peninsula Circuit).

Distance:

4.5 km (Luggaboine Circuit).

18 km (Labillardiere Peninsula Circuit).

Parking:

Ample parking at the start of the track (limited during peak periods).

Information:

Narrow bush track, beaches. Park entry fee applies. This track is listed as one of Parks & Wildlife Service Tasmania 60 Great Short Walks.

For further information go to:

www.parks.tas.gov.au.

Parks pass is required.

Note:

Clean dirt and mud from your boots before and after every bushwalk to prevent the spread of root rot.

This lovely coastal walk can be enjoyed as a short loop on the Luggaboine Circuit, or an all-day walk on the Peninsula Circuit. The view's better and the terrain's kinder if you walk the circuit clockwise.

From the western side of the peninsula there are views to the southern ranges. Returning along the eastern side the walk follows the coastline and includes Hopwood, Butlers and Jetty beaches, with views of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel. In spring and summer you will often see snakes sunning themselves on the track. It's a good idea to wear gaiters or long pants. The peninsula is named after a botanist on the Bruni D'Entrecasteaux 1792-94 French expedition.

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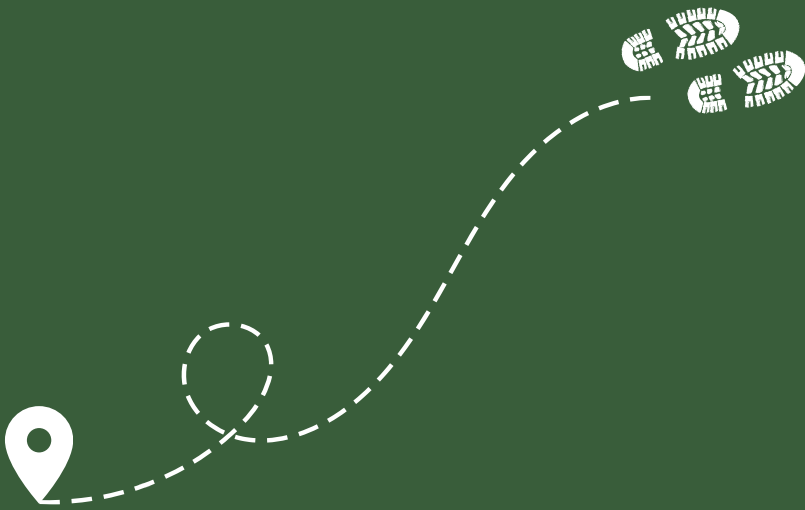
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