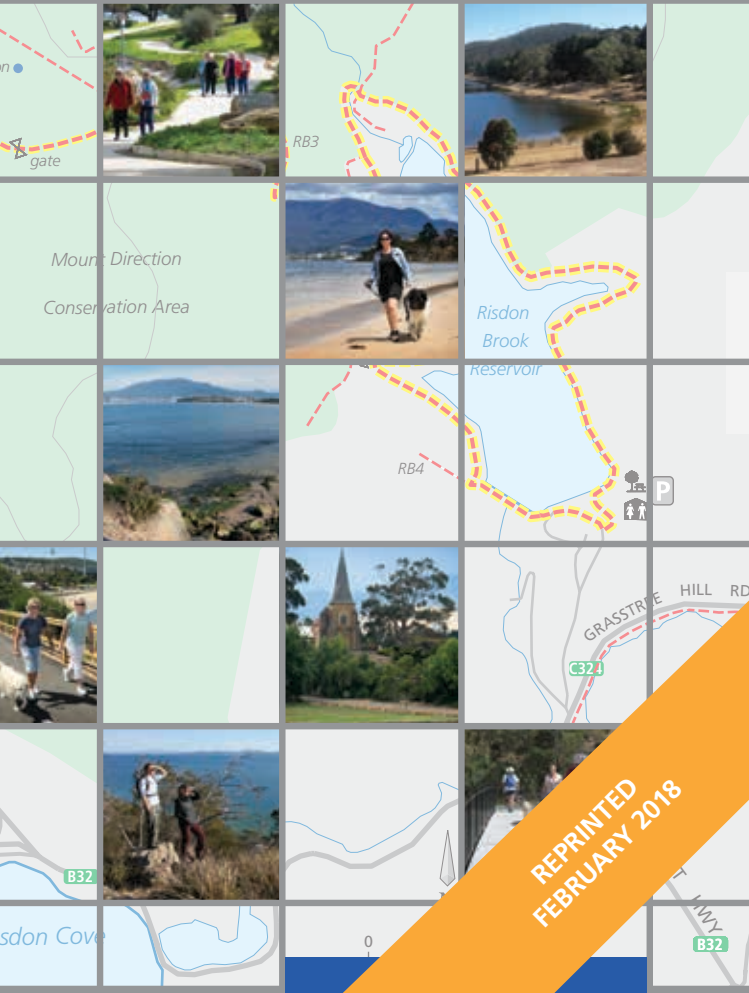




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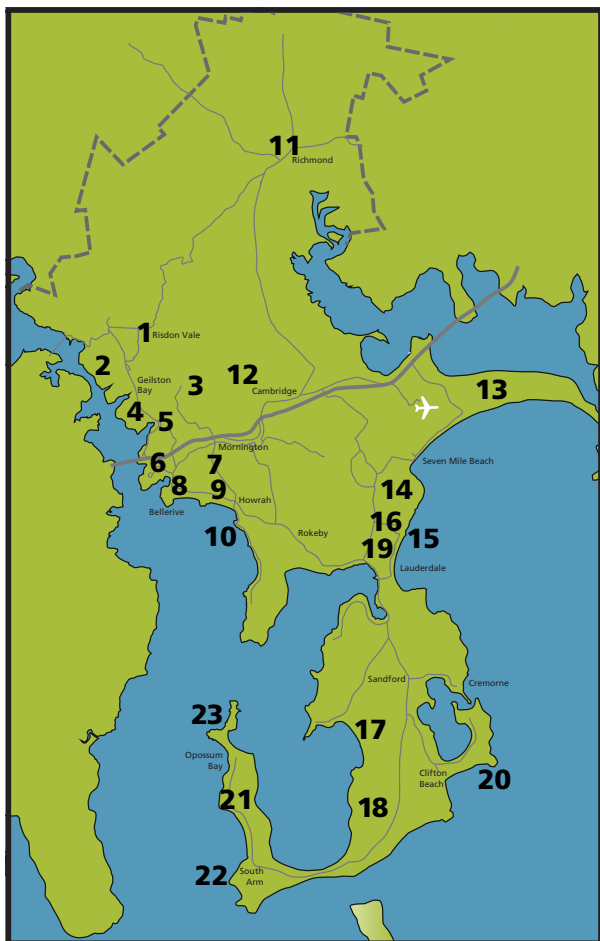


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## Introduction

**This booklet is a guide to popular tracks around Clarence.**

There is a range of walks, bicycle rides, mountain bike rides and horse rides in the City of Clarence to suit everyone, from easy tracks for the whole family to more challenging tracks for the experienced bushwalker or mountain biker. The trails allow you to explore diverse plant and wildlife communities, interesting geographical features and historic sites. They offer a diverse range of environments from coastal beaches and bushland to hilltop vistas and rural scenes, taking in some of southern Tasmania's most stunning scenery.

## Sharing trails with others

Being considerate of others and following trail etiquette will assist you to share the tracks responsibly and minimise potential conflict.

### 1. Respect other users

- Use your voice or bell to alert other trail users of your presence.
- Keep to the left of the path whenever possible to leave space for others to pass.
- Bicycle riders should travel at a speed appropriate for the trail conditions, particularly in locations where sight lines are poor or the path is narrow or congested.
- When walking with your dog, obey signage for dogs on lead or under effective control. Restrain the dog on a lead or by the collar if you encounter a horse, bike or other walkers.
- On the Tangara Trail horse riders have priority, 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.



Always give way to horses as they are powerful animals that can be easily startled. Slow when approaching a horse and use your voice to communicate with its rider.

## 2. Be safe

- Most tracks are of a Class 3 standard and are suitable for most people but may include natural hazards such as steep slopes, unstable surfaces or fallen branches. Some tracks require a reasonable level of fitness. Check the description first to see if the walk or ride is suitable for you.
- Carry a mobile phone with you in case of emergency.
- Ride your horse or bike at a controlled speed and slow down for corners and blind spots.
- Wear an approved equestrian or bike helmet.
- Walking times are approximate only; always allow yourself extra time, especially if finishing close to dusk.
- Remember that some reserves have set closing times.
- All snakes in Tasmania are venomous. Watch your step and give snakes a wide berth. Check your first aid guide for how to treat snake bites. Do not try to kill a snake.

## 3. Stay on the trail

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

## 4. Minimise impacts on the environment

- Avoid muddy tracks – seek an alternative after rain.
- Take out your litter 'leave no trace'.
- Respect local flora and fauna.
- Keep your boots, bike or horse hooves clean to avoid the spread of weeds and plant diseases.

## 5. Get involved

- Report trail hazards, incidents and maintenance issues.
- Take part in trail maintenance days or Landcare Groups.  
Contact Clarence City Council.

## Symbols

### Walking Tracks



A frequently used track with no steps and a firm, even surface suited to those with reduced mobility.



A frequently used track through natural environment. Low level of fitness required.



A formed track with some roughly surfaced sections offering occasional encounters with others. Moderate level of fitness required for some short steep sections. Walking boots recommended.



Defined track through natural environment with few encounters with others. Medium level of fitness required negotiating some long, steep sections. Sturdy walking boots recommended.

### Cycling paths

#### Easy



Mostly flat concrete or gravel pathways suitable for all types of bikes including families with young children.

### Mountain Bike Tracks

#### Easy



Likely to be a combination of fire road or wide single track with a gentle gradient, smooth surface and relatively free of obstacles.

#### Intermediate



Likely to be a single trail with moderate gradients, variable surface and obstacles. Requires a moderate level of skill.

#### Difficult



Likely to be a challenging single trail with steep gradients, variable surface, drop offs and many obstacles.



## Horse riding tracks

### Easy



Likely to be grassy corridors or a footpad with a gentle grade and a relatively obstacle free, hardened natural surface. Suitable for novices with a basic level of skill and horse and rider fitness.

### Moderate



Likely to be a footpad with obstacles, variable surface, and a moderate slope. Requires a moderate level of skill and fitness. May involve crossing busy roads.



Dogs on lead



Dogs under effective control

Please obey signage. Effective control means your dog is in close proximity, in line of sight, immediately responds to your voice command. If not, leave your dog on lead.



Parking



No bicycles



Toilets



No horses



Scenic lookout



No dogs



Danger Cliff



No trail bikes



Picnic



No motor vehicles



Caution



No pedestrians



There are a number of tracks in the Risdon Vale area that can be used individually or joined up to make a longer walk or ride.

### 1a. RISDON BROOK PARK CIRCUIT



EASY MTB



Length: 4 km circuit  
Time: 1.25 hour walk around the lake  
Parking: Risdon Brook Park off Grasree Hill Rd, Risdon Vale

Risdon Brook Park, is a popular recreational area and drinking water reservoir. There is a wide gravel service road around the dam that is mostly flat except for two hills and a few undulations around the eastern bay and northern end of the reservoir.

TasWater owns and maintains Risdon Brook Park, which includes barbecue facilities, disabled fishing bays, a children's playground and toilets. For bookings contact TasWater on **0437 347 776**.



Novice bicycle riders and wheelchair users should take care on the hill around the eastern bay as it is moderately graded and the gravel can be slippery when going downhill. Sections of the track are not Disability Discrimination Act compliant.





## 1b. TWO RIVULETS CIRCUIT



EASY MTB

Length: 5.3km

Time: 45-60 mins

Parking: Risdon Vale Oval off Sugarloaf Rd,

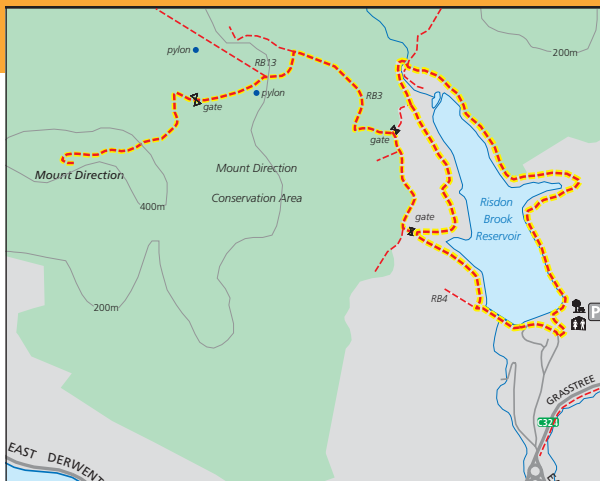
This is a pleasant, easy loop that follows the Risdon Vale Creek Rivulet and Grass Tree Hill Rivulet. Includes 2 drystone bridges and offers views to Mt Direction and surrounding hills.



Novice bike riders will find the hill in the Meehan Range Nature Recreation Area a challenge and may need to walk this section.

**Alternative flat ride** – Risdon Vale Oval to the entrance of Risdon Brook Park (3.8km return) following the Risdon Vale Rivulet Track and path alongside Grass Tree Hill Road.





## 1c. MOUNT DIRECTION TRACK



Length: 7.8km return

Time: 2.5 - 3 hour walk,

Parking: Risdon Brook Park off Grasstree Hill Rd

A steep climb is rewarded with spectacular views, especially to the north, reaching as far as Mt Dromedary. A short distance southeast of the summit there are views to the west of Hobart and Mount Wellington. Bennetts wallabies can be seen along the track.

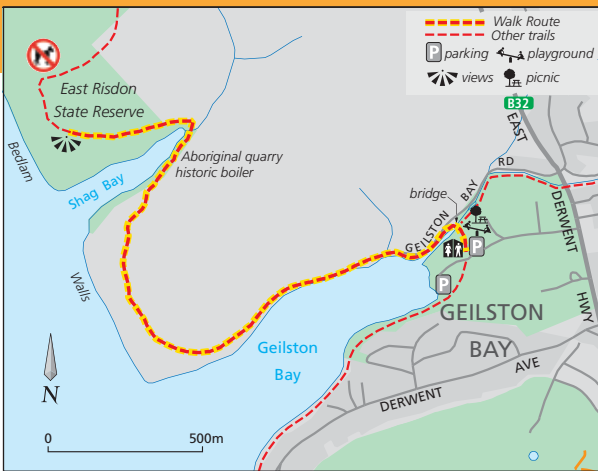
From the carpark follow the service roadway across the concrete dam and continue in a clockwise direction. About 500 metres from the dam wall at a sharp bend in the gully there is a seat. Go through the gate and across a grassy area to the fire trail. Turn right and follow the fire trail for 500 metres. Ignore a fire trail to the left and continue for a further 50 metres to a T-junction.

Turn left onto RB3, then left at the 1st junction onto RB13 and continue uphill, passing an electricity pylon. Take the track off the fire trail which starts to climb steeply. Pass through a gate to the rock cairn and communications station at the summit of Mount Direction.



There are long steep stretches on this walk, so a good level of fitness is required. Walking boots are recommended.





Length: 1.9km one way  
 Time: 45-60 minute return walk  
 Parking: DeBomford Lane, Geilston Bay

An easy walk for families, with panoramic views of the Derwent River throughout the length of the walk. Park at the end of DeBomford Lane in Geilston Bay Regional Park, cross the bridge over Geilston Creek and follow the track along the edge of Geilston Creek Road to where the main track begins at Sarean Court. The track is mostly flat but slightly undulating at the start with a short but fairly steep descent to Shag Bay at the end.

A rusty old boiler is all that remains of an early 20th century fertiliser plant and large wooden wharf at Shag Bay. Two men were killed when the boiler exploded.

The area is rich in Aboriginal middens as it was one of the shortest crossing distances over the Derwent River. The last part of the walk is located in the East Risdon State Reserve and dogs are prohibited.



**Steep descent into Shag Bay. Dogs are prohibited in East Risdon State Reserve.**





Pilchers Hill Reserve in Geilston Bay comprises of 165 hectares of bushland located in the Middle Meehan Range. It contains grassy forest and woodland and is home to wildlife including wombats, wallabies, bettongs, bandicoots, potoroos and many birds. There are several walking tracks within the reserve.

**Parking:** Limited parking available on Geilston Creek Road. No parking available at reserve entrance off Geilston Creek Road. Use the Geilston Creek Track along the road verge to access the reserve.

### 3a. PILCHERS HILL LOOP (orange)



Length: 2.5km  
Time: 1–1.25 hour walk

The walking track climbs to the summit of Pilchers Hill through an attractive bushland setting. A short side track leads to the reservoir on top of Pilchers Hill which offers vistas across the Derwent estuary. Return to the start via the fire trail. Orange track markers highlight the route.



The walking track is a one-way climb for mountain bikers who can use the descending mountain bike track that starts near the track to return to the start.

### 3b. GEILSTON GULLY CIRCUIT TRACK (purple)



Length: 1.6km  
Time: 30–40 minute walk

Retreat from suburbia along Faggs Gully Creek on a shaded gully track through a pleasant woodland environment. There is a drystone bridge midway along the track. Purple track markers highlight the route.



Length: 2.7 km approx  
 Time: 45 minute walk around the circuit  
 Parking: On-street at Tianna Rd or Natone St

An easy walk or bike ride for families and young children. There is a mostly level gravel track around the perimeter of the hill, apart from the section along Tianna Road. Use the Zig Zag and Upper Track to complete the circuit between Rowitta Road and Natone St (bike riders may prefer to use Tianna Road which is less hilly) or alternatively retrace your steps back to the start to avoid the hilly section.

On-street car parking is available on Nubeena St and Tianna Road.

You can also walk to the top of the hill from points along the circuit, the shortest being the Zig Zag Track near Natone St. This is a short but steep track and takes about 5 to 10 minutes.

There are panoramic views from the top and you can view wartime bunkers completed by army reservists as a training exercise during World War II.





Length: Full circuit 2.6km  
 Time: 35-45 mins  
 Parking: Carpark off Cornwall St  
 (near Rose Bay High School)

An easy walk, though steep in a few places, so it has been given a 'moderate' rating.

Follow the bitumen track up the hill from the carpark. Ignore the first tracks to the left and right. Instead, follow the uphill track for about 100m to a T-junction. Turn right and follow the track for 500 metres, turning left at the bottom of timber steps and go along a straight section.

The track branches to the left and heads steeply uphill along the boundary fence. At the next intersection turn left (a house will be visible ahead) and climb uphill, then downhill. There are views of the River Derwent from Lutana to the Tasman Bridge and Hobart.

Continue around the circuit and turn left onto the footpad (don't take the track that goes downhill). The track becomes narrow and less well formed. Follow it around the hill until you return to the bitumen track that leads to the carpark.

The reserve is managed by Parks and Wildlife Service.





EASY MTB



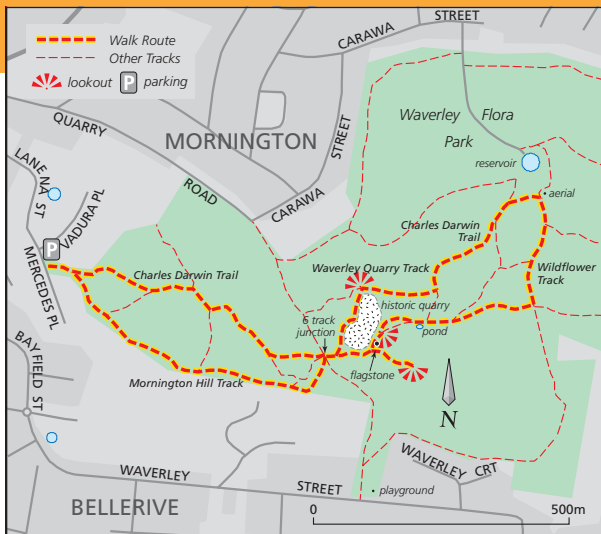
Length: 2km return loop from lookout carpark

Time: 25-30 mins

Parking: Lower carpark just inside entry to reserve. Alternatively the second car park at the lookout has a link track connecting to the Rosny Hill Circuit Track

One of the best short walks on Hobart's eastern shore. The circuit track undulates around the perimeter of Rosny Hill taking in views of Kangaroo Bay, the Derwent River, Mt Wellington and the Tasman Bridge.





Length: 2.8km approx

Time: 1 hour walk

Parking: Turning circle at end of Lanena St

This is a gem of a walk and is one of many you can try at Waverley Flora Park.

Begin at the Winifred Curtis Entrance at Mercedes Place. Walk up the ramp at this entrance and follow the gravel track (Charles Darwin Trail) for 600 metres, ignoring all other tracks until you reach a 6-track junction. Take the track straight ahead leading to the east and turn left after 15 metres onto the Waverley Quarry Track. This track passes an historic quarry face on the right and leads to a low stone wall and plaque. Turn right and follow a rock-bordered track to a T-junction, where you turn left onto the Charles Darwin Trail. Continue along this track and walk in a clockwise direction, passing a reservoir and radio aerial on the left. Continue downhill along the Wildflower Track and take the 2nd track to the right. Follow this track, ignoring all other tracks until you reach a junction marked by boulders.

From here you can walk 10m to the left to see a pond, (inhabited by frogs during wet periods), then return to the main track (Charles Darwin Trail) and take the right fork to a fenced lookout above the historic quarry.

Follow the fence line to a flagstone surface, and proceed downhill. A track to the left, marked by a large boulder, detours 100m to a lookout with spectacular views south-west - a great place to rest for a while. Head back to the main track, and continue to the 6-track junction. At the junction, take the second track on the left (Mornington Hill Track) and head to the fenced park boundary. Turn right and follow this boundary to a 2 metre high rock wall, and back to the park entrance.





Length: 12km

Time: 4.5hr walk

Parking: End of Cambridge Road by Clarence Hotel in Bellerive Village or Kangaroo Bay Regional Park on Kangaroo Bay Drive

This walk follows the footsteps of Charles Darwin when he visited Hobart on the HMS 'Beagle' in 1836. Interpretive signs along the trail are based on the notes and observations that Darwin made during his day excursion to Hobart's eastern shore.

The route follows the coast between Kangaroo Bay and Howrah, then heads inland via local streets to Waverley Flora Park, before returning to the start at Kangaroo Bay. Walkers have the option of using Bellerive Beach and Howrah Beach while bike riders and dog walkers will need to remain on the Clarence Foreshore Trail.

A side trip can be done to Knopwood Hill using the pedestrian overpass off Tilanbi Street to cross the South Arm Highway.

There are pavement markers on footpaths and signage in Waverley Flora Park to assist with navigation on the trail.

Interpretive Sign 1 - Bellerive Bluff (Victoria Esplanade)

Interpretive Sign 2 - Second Bluff (Veronica Thorpe memorial seat)

Interpretive Sign 3 - Mornington Hill

Interpretive Sign 4 - Pitfield Quarry

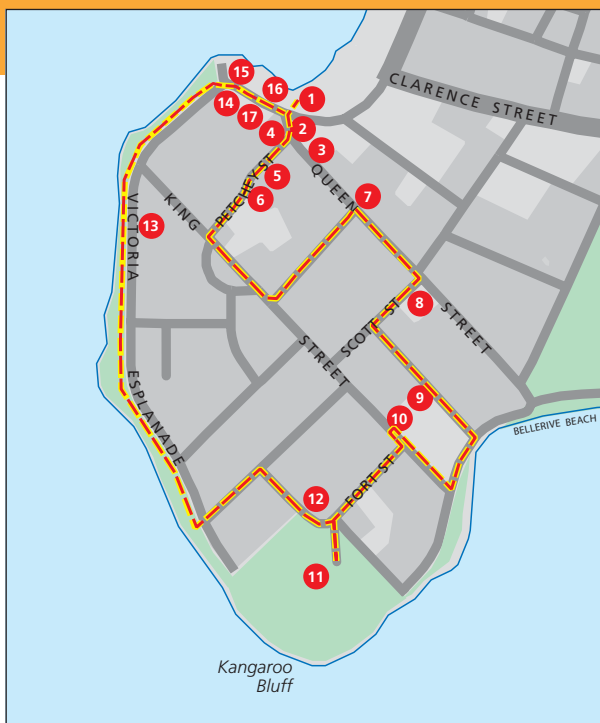
Interpretive Sign 5 - Waverley Flora Park (Mercedes Place entrance)



The track through Waverley Flora Park is gravel with some moderate hill climbing. There are restrictions for dogs on beaches – see signage on path. Dog walkers will need to remain on the Clarence Foreshore Trail at Bellerive and Howrah. Effective control applies in Waverley Flora Park.

Special thanks to David Leaman and the The Royal Society of Tasmania for providing information for the signs and Karen Marlowe for the Darwin sketch used on the signs.

More information on Charles Darwin and his visit to Hobart can be found in the following publications: *Walk Into History: in Southern Tasmania* (1999) by David Leaman, published by Leaman Geophysics. *Charles Darwin in Hobart Town* (2009), a special publication of The Royal Society of Tasmania.



Length: 3km  
Time: 1- 1.25 hr  
Parking: Bellerive Boardwalk



Although relatively short there are several steep hills on the walk, especially around Bellerive Bluff.

Bellerive was settled in the 1820s. It is one of the most historic areas of Hobart and was originally called Kangaroo Point. The name was changed to Bellerive, meaning beautiful river bank, in the 1830s.

#### 1. Bellerive Boardwalk

Built on reclaimed land from Kangaroo Bay. From 1892 to 1926 the Bellerive-Sorell Railway had its terminus on a long jetty which extended into the bay.

#### 2. Boer War Monument

Erected in memory of local resident Frank Morrisby who died in South Africa at the close of the war.

#### 3. Old Post Office c1897

Built of local sandstone, it now houses the Genealogical Society Library and the Sound Preservation Society Museum. Nearby, the Waterman's Arms at 5 Queen St was originally an inn.

#### 4. Police Station and Watch House c1842

One of the oldest buildings in Bellerive, the original section contains a tiny cell. After a number of different uses it is now the Bellerive Community Arts Centre.

**5. Natone – 4 Petchey St c1863**

This National Trust classified house was built for Hobart judge Sir Valentine Fleming. In 1873 it was purchased by James O'May, one of the pioneers of the Bellerive-Hobart ferry service.

**6. Bellerive Social Institute c1897**

This building was the focus for cultural and social activities including musical evenings, plays and lectures and later weddings and dances.

**7. Queen St**

Originally named Bidassoa St, it was re-named in 1897 to honour the jubilee of Queen Victoria. It was the main thoroughfare from the ferry terminal to the beach when day-trippers and holiday-makers flocked to Bellerive from the 1860s until the 1920s. Historic buildings include 19, 25 and 29 Queen St.

**8. St Mark Chapel of Ease c1852**

The sandstone building was designed by former convict James Blackburn and built in 1852 by John Pitfield. Only a handful of pioneer graves remain.

**9. Bellerive State School c1858**

Designed to accommodate forty pupils, it was renovated and additions made in 1884. It ceased as a school in 1954.

**10. Congregational Church c1860**

The original sandstone wall of the church can be seen at the rear of the Masonic Temple

**11. Kangaroo Bluff Battery c1885**

Built to defend Hobart the pentagon-shaped fort includes ditches, tunnels and underground chambers cut out of solid stone. It is now a reserve managed by Parks and Wildlife Service.

**12. Bluff House c1885**

A late-Victorian home build for Robert Hutchinson.

**13. Fair View – 9 Victoria Esplanade c1892**

The Victorian sandstone residence was built by the O'May family, pioneers of the Bellerive ferry service.

**14. The Villa c1858**

Built for Richard Morgan Jnr, the building became the Bellerive Hotel around 1867. A fire destroyed a major part of the building in 1939.

**15. Clarence Hotel 1879**

Bellerive's only surviving hotel. A fine display of historical photographs is displayed in the lounge.

**16. Burton's General Store – 10 Cambridge Rd**

This stone building is the oldest of the original village stores.

**17. Police Station 13a Cambridge Rd**

Built as a police station by local builder Peter Denholm in 1930.

More detailed information can be found in the brochure *Bellerive Village: A Walk Through History* prepared with assistance from the Bellerive Historical Society and available from Clarence City Council.



The Clarence Foreshore Trail is a multi-user pathway following the shores of the Derwent River. It offers a diverse range of scenery, from picturesque bays filled with moored yachts to she-oak forest and parkland. There are playgrounds, beaches and points of interest along the trail. The quality of the path varies from wide concrete to narrow gravel sections.

The total length of trail is 14.5km between Geilston Bay and Howrah but it can be broken into shorter sections:

- Geilston Bay to Lindisfarne
- Lindisfarne to Montagu Bay
- Montagu Bay to Kangaroo Bay
- Kangaroo Bay to Bellerive Beach
- Bellerive Beach to Howrah

Also see Howrah to Tranmere, page 25.



Dogs on lead to a distance of 2 metres each side of track.



## 10a. GEILSTON BAY TO LINDISFARNE



Distance: 3.4km

Time: 1 hr 10 minute walk one way

Parking: DeBomford Lane, Geilston Bay  
and Simmons Park, Lindisfarne

A pretty coastal track overlooking the yachts in Geilston Bay. There are views across the river to Selfs Point and Mt Wellington. A playground and good quality cycleway at Geilston Bay Regional Park is suitable for younger children learning to ride. The 400m gravel coastal path along the shoreline was hand-built using dry stone construction and during high tide the water laps the edge of the track. The remainder of the track is a bitumen pathway that follows the coast to Talune St, then along the widened footpath to Anzac Park. Finish at Simmons Park in Lindisfarne where there is a playground and toilets.



The first section of track from Geilston Bay Regional Park is narrow and rocky and sections may be inundated during extremely high tides. Novice bike riders should walk their bikes through this section or detour along Musgrove Rd and Derwent Ave.





## 10b. LINDISFARNE TO MONTAGU BAY



Distance: 2.7km

Time: 50 mins one way

Parking: Simmons Park, Lindisfarne and Montagu Bay Park

A pleasant family-friendly walk or bike ride following the shores of the Derwent River. There are good views of the yachts in Lindisfarne Bay and a boardwalk section protrudes over the river. The trail passes under the Tasman Bridge where a memorial plaque remembers the lives lost when the bridge collapsed in 1975. Families will appreciate the 3 playgrounds along the trail.





## 10c. MONTAGU BAY TO KANGAROO BAY



Distance: 3.3km

Time: 1 hr 5 min walk one way

Parking: Montagu Bay Park and Kangaroo Bay Parklands

The track is mostly shaded under a canopy of she-oak forest on Rosny Point. It undulates around Rosny Hill and offers glimpses of the water. The trail emerges from the forest near Rosny College and finishes at Kangaroo Bay Parklands. A foreshore promenade leads to Bellerive Village where refreshments are available. Montagu Bay Park has toilets and a playground.



There are steeper sections of path either side of the Rosny treatment plant. She-oak needles on the path can make it slippery in places.





### 10d. KANGAROO BAY TO BELLERIVE BEACH



Distance: 2.0km

Time: 40 mins walk one way

Parking: Kangaroo Bay Parklands off Kangaroo Bay Drive or Bellerive Beach Park.

This is a short, family-friendly walk or bike ride. The scenic track takes in views of yachts in Kangaroo Bay and across the Derwent to Mt Wellington. A bridge over the yacht club slipway at Bellerive Boardwalk retracts when boats are moved in and out. There are lookouts on Bellerive Bluff and the Parks and Wildlife managed Kangaroo Bluff battery can be accessed from Gunning St. Bellerive Beach Park has a playground and room to kick a ball around.

### 10e. BELLERIVE BEACH TO HOWRAH



Distance: 3.2km

Time: 1 hour walk one way

Parking: Bellerive Beach Park, Wentworth park playground off Correa St and Howrah Recreation Centre.

This family-friendly track is particularly well suited to cycling as it has long sections of level concrete pathway. It starts from Bellerive Beach Park and follows the coast behind the dunes. There are good views over Howrah Beach from Second Bluff but take care on the gravel sections between Second Bluff and Howrah Beach. Walkers may prefer to walk along Bellerive Beach and rejoin the track at Second Bluff where steps lead up from the beach. Wentworth Park makes a good alternative start/end point for families.



There is a steep gravel section between Howrah Beach and Second Bluff which may be slippery or too steep for wheelchairs and novice bike riders.

There are restrictions for dogs on beaches – see signage on path.





## 10f. HOWRAH TO TRANMERE



Distance: 4.3km

Time: 1.5hrs

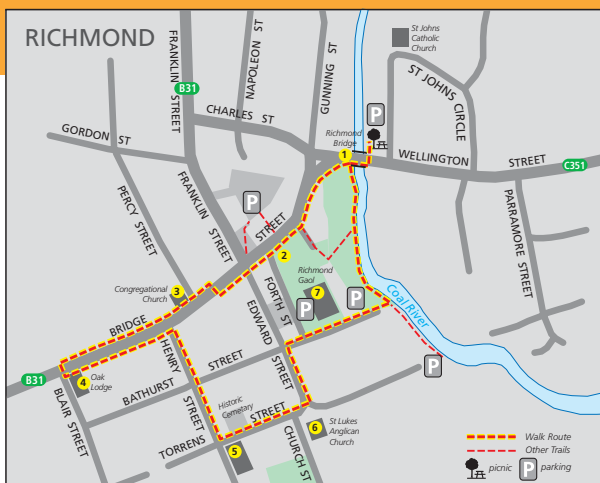
Parking: Carparks at 17a Howrah Rd, 47a Tranmere Rd or Pindos Park, Tranmere

The first 1km section is on footpaths and local streets. Follow Howrah Road past Howrah Court where the Tranmere Road junction bends to the left. Continue straight along Howrah Rd until the end and turn left into Corinth Street. Turn right into Tranmere Road and follow the footpath for 200m and turn right onto a track leading down to the foreshore. This entrance is an alternative starting point.

Follow the narrow gravel track along the foreshore. There are interesting coastal features and uninterrupted views of the Derwent and western shore. At bus stop 43 the trail runs adjacent to Tranmere Road until it reaches Pindos Park.



The foreshore track has a narrow, uneven gravel surface between Cleve Court and bus stop 43.

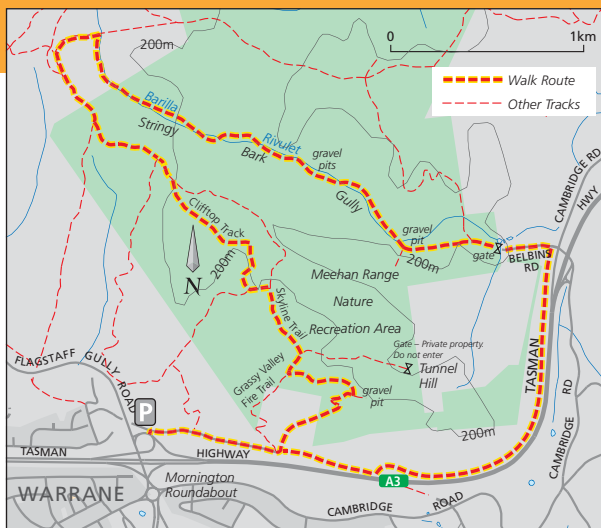


Length: 2.2km

Parking: Richmond Bridge, Richmond Gaol, Franklin St carpark or the riverside carpark off Torrens St.

Richmond is a 19th century Georgian village rich in convict history. The walk passes many of Richmond's most important historic sites. It can be done in either direction. Finish the walk with a picnic on the riverbank.

- 1. Richmond Bridge** is Australia's oldest stone bridge built by convicts in 1823. Nearby St John's Church is the oldest Catholic Church in Australia.
- 2. Richmond Court House** was built in 1825. It was used as Council Chambers from 1861 until 1993 when Richmond municipality amalgamated with Clarence City Council.
- 3. Congregational Church** was constructed in 1873 after the original church on a different site was damaged in a storm.
- 4. Oak Lodge** was once the home of Richmond's noted American-born doctor, William Clark. Now owned by the National Trust, it houses the Coal River Valley Historical Society.
- 5. Old School House** was built by convicts in 1834, it is the oldest continuously used public education facility in Australia and is now used as the Richmond Primary School library.
- 6. St Luke's Anglican Church** was designed by John Lee Archer and built by convict labour in 1834. Convict James Thompson, who was responsible for the original timberwork inside the building was granted his freedom as a reward for his work.
- 7. Richmond Gaol** was built in 1825. One of its infamous inmates was convict Ikey Solomon, said to be the model for Dickens' Fagin. The gaol is open daily for inspection. Admission fees apply.



Length: 11 km loop

Time: 4 hour walk

Parking: Clarence Mountain Bike Park car park off Flagstaff Gully Link Road.

The circuit includes the Meehan Skyline Trail which offers fantastic views of the Derwent and Wellington Range while the dry sclerophyll forest of Stringy Bark Gully offers shady seclusion. It can be done in either direction but the notes describe a clockwise circuit.

From the carpark follow the old railway alignment to the park entrance. The Corkscrew Climb will take fit and experienced mountain bikers to the Meehan Skyline Trail while walkers can use the steep fire trail. Both are signed and meet near the top. At the top, turn left and follow the Skyline Trail to the first intersection on your left which is the start of the Cliff Top Track, taking in magnificent views until it rejoins the Meehan Skyline Trail. Continue until you reach the intersection with Stringy Bark Gully Trail. Head down the gully alongside the Barilla Rivulet (dry in summer). At the bottom of the gully near Belbins Road are remnants of buildings used by the airforce during the Second World War as a secret bomb storage area. Eventually pass through a gate, go along Belbins Road and turn on to the track beyond large boulders near the Cambridge Road intersection. Follow the track alongside the Tasman Hwy and return to the carpark.



The top section of Stringy Bark Gully track is rated black diamond (difficult) for mountain biking so riders may need to dismount. Walkers will need to be alert to mountain bikers using the steep section of the Stringy Bark Gully Track. Do not be alarmed if you hear gunshots as there is a gun club nearby.

Dogs must be under effective control.



Length: 15km

Time: 4.5hr walk

Parking: PWS ranger station at Day Use Area 3.

Horse and dog owners should start at Day Use Area 4 as animals are restricted on the beach between Day Use Area 3 and 4.

You may need to do some car shuffling or arrange lifts for each end of the walk. Alternatively you can walk 2km along Pittwater Road at the end of the walk.

This route takes you along Seven Mile Beach, across Sandy Point and back along the sand flats of Five Mile Beach. End the walk by climbing the timber steps at the western end of Five Mile Beach to a picnic area and car park.



The Five Mile Beach section may be impossible to walk during high tide because of driftwood, fallen trees and shrubbery at the high water mark. An alternative inland track that follows the coast can be used instead.

Although this is level, easy walking, a reasonable degree of fitness is required due to the length of the walk.

There is no shade, so wear appropriate clothing including a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses, and take sunscreen and water. Check weather conditions and tides prior to the walk.

### Restrictions for Horses and Dogs



**Seven Mile Beach** - Horses and Dogs permitted on beach all year round except the section between Day Use Area 3 and Day Use Area 4 where dogs are prohibited 1 Dec to 1 Mar 10am to 6pm.



At other times dogs must be on lead. Horses prohibited on beach west of Day Use Area 4 at all times.

**Sandy Point** – Animals are prohibited at all times.

**Five Mile Beach** – Animals are prohibited for 600m east of 5 Mile Beach Day Use Area. Further east horses and dogs on lead are permitted on the beach except during bird nesting season (1 October to 31 March) when they must use the inland track parallel to the beach.



This coastal walk offers spectacular view of Seven Mile Beach, Frederick Henry Bay and the dominant Single Hill.

### ROCHES BEACH TO SEVEN MILE BEACH (LEWIS PARK)



EASY MTB

Length: 4.2km one way

Time: 1.25 hr walk one way

Parking: Roches Beach Park car park (off Kirra Rd)

From the carpark a clearly defined coastal track undulates along the hills above the rocky coastline. A drystone bridge crosses a gully part way along. The track descends to the beach at the northern side of Single Hill. A pleasant walk along the beach takes you to the township where a playground, picnic facilities and toilets are located at Lewis Park. For a longer walk (6km one way) start at Lauderdale Canal Car Park and walk along Lauderdale Beach.



Natural formed track with uneven surface. Moderate descent at Seven Mile Beach. Sections include sandy beaches. Bamba Reef may be impassable at high tide. Please obey signage regarding dogs. From Bamba Street South – see beach signage as dog restrictions may apply.



Start: Carpark at Lauderdale Yacht Club  
 Length: 7.9km (shortcut: 5.5km)  
 Time: 3.5 hr walk (shortcut 2.5 hr walk)  
 Parking: Roches Beach Park off Kirra Road, Roches Beach

This circuit has a mixture of remnant bushland, open paddocks and coastal views.

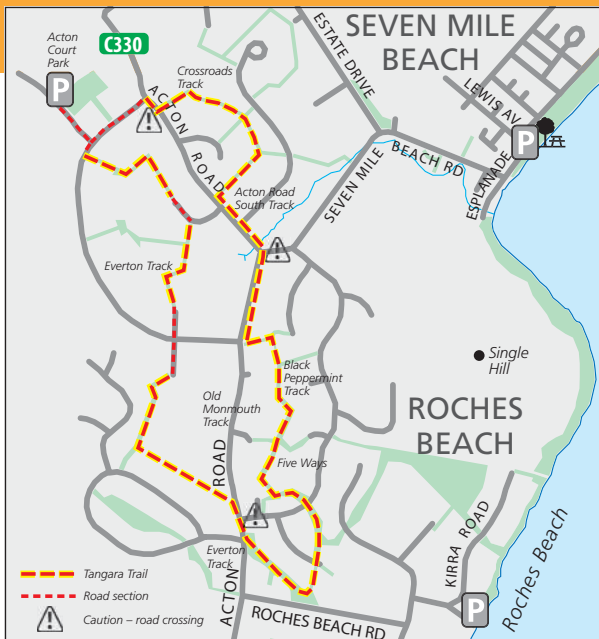
From the carpark horse riders will need to go along Kirra Rd while walkers and bikers can follow the Clarence Coastal Trail northward for 400m and take the track that connects to Kirra Rd.

Follow the Axiom Track over the small hill keeping the fenceline on your left until you reach an open paddock. At the intersection with the Nowra Track turn left down the hill, across Nowra Rd and veer towards the left onto the Old Monmouth Track. (Shortcut option – turn right instead and head towards Five Ways). Go through the gateways at Sirocco Court and continue south towards Roches Beach Rd until you reach the Everton Track. Turn right and head towards Acton Road.

At Acton Road turn right onto the Acton Road South Track and follow it for approximately 1.3km until you reach a pump station where the Old Monmouth Track goes uphill to the right. Head up the hill and turn right towards Five Ways. At Five Ways turn left onto the Axiom Track to Penelope Place. Cross Axiom Way and continue along the track until you reach the open paddock and intersection with the Nowra Track. Continue straight ahead up the hill with the fenceline on your left where you will be rewarded with views across Roches Beach. Continue down the other side of the hill to Kirra Rd and retrace your steps back to the carpark.



The track is mostly a narrow footpad with an unformed surface and may contain trip hazards, overgrown vegetation and boggy areas after rain. Horse riders need to take care on Kirra Road as there is no verge.



Length: 8km

Time: 3 – 3.5hr walk

Parking: Acton Court Park (includes float parking and horse yards)

The loop takes in a mixture of rural vistas, wooded areas and open grassland. It is a good beginners loop for horse riding and mountain biking as there are no challenging hills and the trail runs through open areas with good sightlines.

Go through the gate onto the Acton Court roadway and turn left downhill. At Acton Drive turn left and follow the road to the bottom of the hill. The Crossroads Track starts at the corner of Acton Road and runs alongside Acton Road for approximately 100m before crossing to the other side of the road. Take care crossing busy Acton Road.

The Crossroads Track passes through rural house lots until it joins the Acton Road South Track. Turn left and follow the track south. Cross Seven Mile Beach Road and continue 600m to a pump station. Turn left and take the Old Monmouth Track up the hill. Turn right towards Five Ways through a lightly wooded section past Five Ways, through the wooden gateways at Sirocco Court until you reach the Everton Track (near Roches Beach Road).

Turn right onto the Everton Track until you reach the Acton Road South Track. Continue to Axiom Way where the Everton Track crosses to the opposite side of Acton Road. The track gradually rises uphill through a lightly wooded area before passing through rural lots. A steady climb near the end brings you onto Acton Drive and back to the start.



The track is mostly a narrow footpad with an unformed surface and may contain trip hazards, overgrown vegetation and boggy areas after rain. A section uses the roadway along Acton Court and Acton Drive but both are quiet roads. Take care at road crossings on busy Acton Road and Seven Mile Beach Road.



Length: 8km

Time: 2 ½ - 3hrs

Parking: Mortimer Bay Reserve carpark  
(off Gellibrand Drive, Sandford)

Start with an easy walk or ride on level tracks through tranquil Mortimer Bay Reserve to the June Graham Track and climb up towards Gellibrand Drive. Follow the Gellibrand West Track until you reach the road crossing point at Pawtella Close and head uphill to the start of the Silver Peppermint Track at the end of the cul-de-sac. The Silver Peppermint Track climbs steadily through Silver Peppermint eucalypts at the foot of Mt Augustus before descending steeply to Roma Place. Cross Gellibrand Drive to the Gellibrand West Track and continue south to the Gorrings entrance to Mortimer Bay Reserve and follow the Grasslands Track back to the carpark. Combine this with the Mortimer Bay circuit for an extra long walk or ride.



Give way to horses and use your voice to communicate with their riders when passing. Bike riders need to ride at an appropriate speed so they can stop and give way when encountering others. Steep descent on Silver Peppermint Track between Paroa and Roma Place.





Distance: 12km

Time: 4 - 4 ½ hrs walking

Parking: Mortimer Bay Reserve  
carpark (off Gellibrand Drive)

The Mortimer Bay Coastal Track offers scenic views across the bay to Arm End as it undulates along the coast. Return via the bushland tracks of Storm Bay View Track, Hidden Valley Track and Emu Track.



Give way to horses and use your voice to communicate with their riders when passing. Bike riders need to ride at an appropriate speed so they can stop and give way when encountering others. Beginner mountain bikers will need to dismount on steep sections. The southern part of the Mortimer Bay Coastal Track has a narrow section with handrail so proceed with care and give horses plenty of room. There is a steep climb up Collins Springs Hill (Palana Court can be used as alternative) and at the start of the Storm Bay View Track. The Hidden Valley Track has a steep descent at the start.



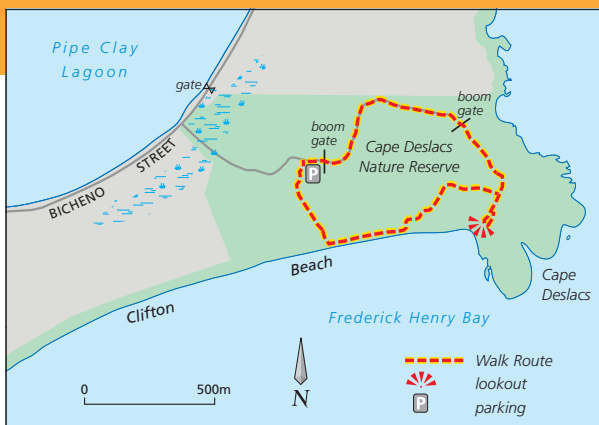
Length: 700m

Time: 15-20 minute walk

Parking: Carrick Road or Balook St, Lauderdale

The man-made wetlands were established by Clarence City Council to trap and treat stormwater from its surrounds in Lauderdale. The wetlands consists of a series of channels and bioretention basins which allow water to be filtered by planted native rushes and sedges. The area has been transformed to a vibrant wetland community which hosts a variety of insects, birds, native mammals, fish and other fresh water aquatic biota. The track goes around the perimeter of the wetlands and connects to the Tangara Trail at the southern end of Roscommon Reserve.





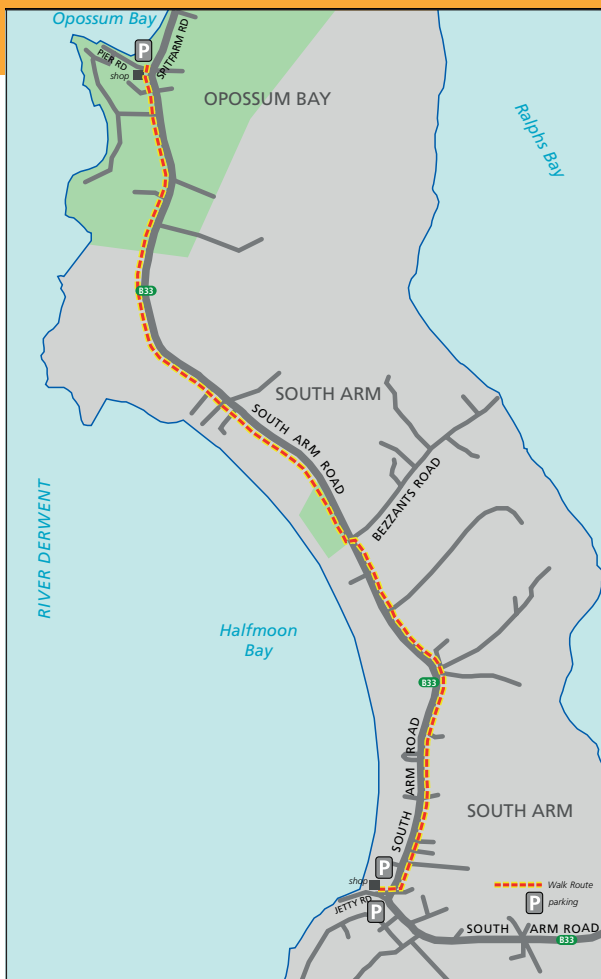
Length: 2km

Time: 45 minute walk

Parking: Clifton Beach Conservation Area about 1.5 kilometres along Bicheno Street from Clifton Beach Road. Turn right from unsealed Bicheno Street onto the gravel road to the carpark.

Start the walk at the boom gate near the carpark. Follow the gravel road to a commemorative plaque at its end, where two narrow tracks begin. Turn left to the lookout for a great view west along Clifton Beach, south to Bruny Island and across the dunes to Pipe Clay Lagoon. Then head back and take the other track, which leads down to the beach. Walk along the beach for about 300 metres, then turn right onto the track through the sand dunes to the carpark.





Length: 4.5 km approx

Time: 1.5 hrs one way

Parking: Carpark opposite South Arm war memorial.

Walk or cycle from South Arm to Opossum Bay on the South Arm Peninsula Trail. The track is gravel and follows alongside South Arm Road between the South Arm store and the Opossum Bay store. The track offers views across the Derwent and there are opportunities to enjoy South Arm Beach and Opossum Bay Beach at either end.

Interpretive signs along the track form part of a Convict Heritage Trail which tell the stories of some of the early settlers in the area.



Take care at the road crossing on South Arm Road near Bezzants Road.

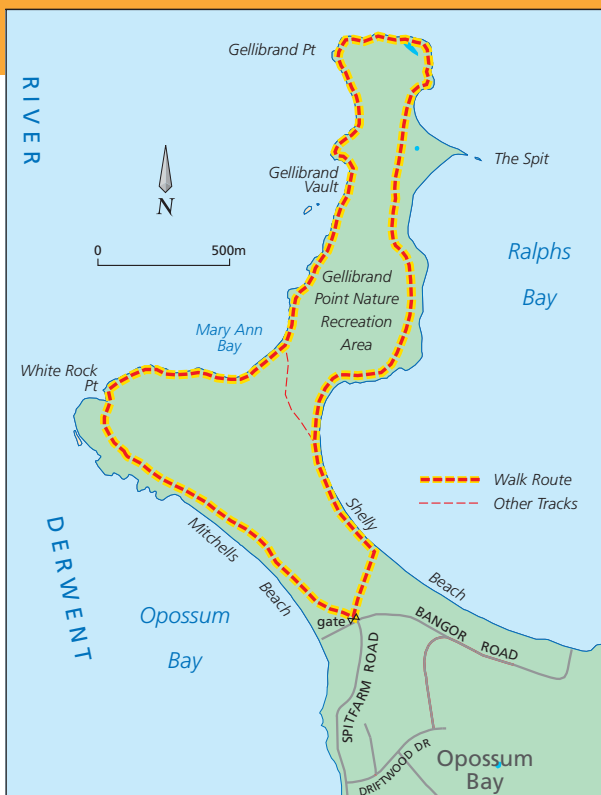


Length: 3.4km one way  
Time: 2-2.5 hours return.  
Parking: Carpark adjacent to the South Arm war memorial

A beautiful coastal walk offering sweeping views of the Derwent estuary which finishes at Pot Beach and provides excellent views of the Iron Pot Lighthouse. The Blessington Track is narrow and undulating as it follows the coastal reserve to Fort Beach 1.7km away so not suited to unsteady walkers. Continue to walk along Fort Beach to the track at the end that goes onto Cape Deliverance and the Lone Pine Memorial. Pot Beach is on the other side of the cape where there are views to Iron Pot and Bruny Island North.



The Blessington Track has steep sections and drop-offs so is unsuited to unsteady walkers. Cape Deliverance, Lone Pine Memorial and Pot Beach are on Fort Direction so please obey all signage and do not trespass off the track. Dogs must be on a lead at all times.



Length: Approx 7km  
 Time: 2.5hr walk  
 Parking: Limited parking at end of Spitfarm Road.

This is a pleasant walk with fantastic views of most of the Derwent estuary and lots of bird life including wedge-tailed eagles. There are many rabbit burrows throughout the reserve, so please watch your step.

This reserve is managed by the Parks and Wildlife Service and is open to the public for recreational use. No vehicles are allowed. Access is through a boom gate at the end of Spitfarm Road.

Walk through the boom gate and follow the track to the left. You can walk the entire perimeter of the reserve or you can detour to one of the beaches. Mitchells Beach and Mary Ann Bay are particularly pleasant. North of Mary Ann Bay you will come to the Gellibrand Vault, the burial site of William Gellibrand who was the original grantee at South Arm.

Continue to Gellibrand Point and on past the spit on the eastern side of the point. Do not walk on the spit, as this is a sensitive bird breeding habitat. Turn right onto a rough vehicle track about halfway along Shelley Beach. This track takes you back to the boom gate at the beginning of the walk.

*Kayak Trail*

*Tangara Trail map*  
*[www.tangararectrails.org.au](http://www.tangararectrails.org.au)*

*Bellerive Village - a walk through history*

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