



Boyd's Tower

(Yuin Country)

10 min to 15 min
 15 min to 23 min

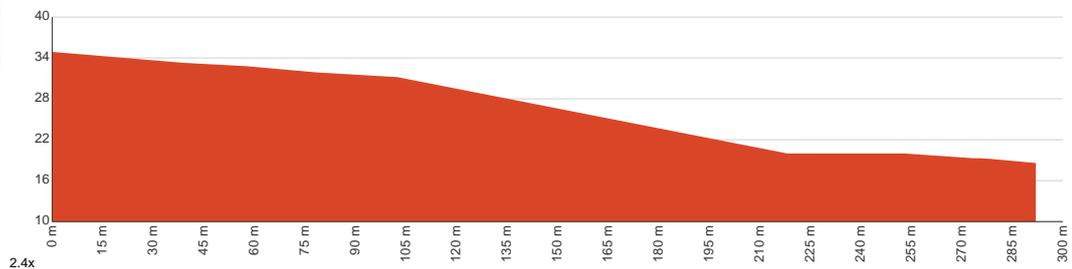
580 m
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↑ 16 m
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Smooth & flat



This walk in Ben Boyd National Park is a magnificent way to explore the heritage of Boyd's Tower. There are plenty of information signs that enrich the story of the stunning structure and history of the area. Boyd's Tower is the centre piece of this walk and is well worth a visit. The bottom of the tower is open to the public and makes this piece of history that much more interesting when exploring. There are two optional side trips to two lookouts with very different views, one is wheelchair accessible, the other is down a very steep set of steps. Let us begin by acknowledging the Yuin people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 1 of 6 Smooth and hardened path	
Quality of track	Smooth and hardened path (1/6)
Gradient	Flat, no steps (1/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

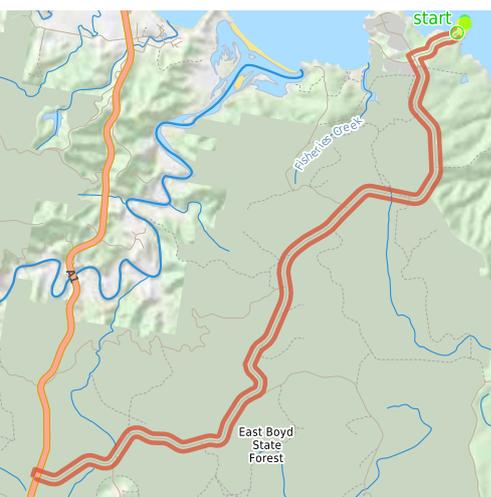
Naturally Accessible

Slope summary: No steps, mostly gentle slopes. (one optional side trip has a very steep set of steps).

Surface summary: The car park has a rough dirt surface, the rest of walk follows a hard asphalt footpath with a 15m section of timber boardwalk to the tower

Getting to the start: From Princes Highway, A1

- Turn on to Edrom Road then drive for 17.1 km



Before you start any journey ensure you;

- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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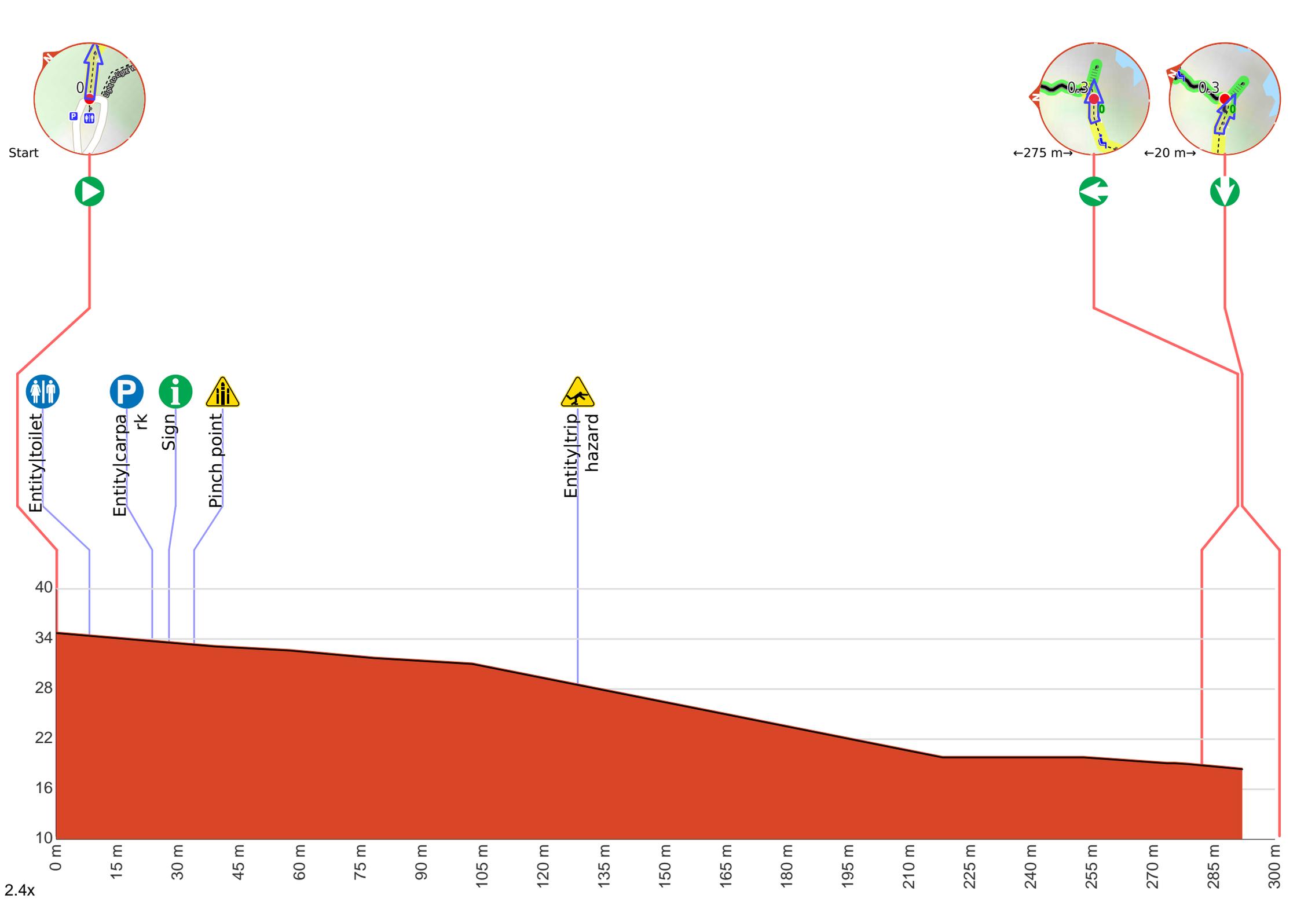
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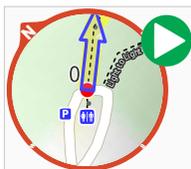
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Getting started: From the car park, this walk follows 'Boyd's Tower 300m' arrow along the asphalt footpath, between the timber bollards to pass the information sign (and parking pay station, on the left). The path leads gently downhill for 45m to pass a 'Welcome to Ben Boyd NP and Boyd's Tower' information sign then the path meanders for 150m through the melaleuca forest to find a seat and the 'Gambling on the Future' & 'Boyd's Folly?' information signs. Just 35m further along the path you pass another seat with a pleasant coastline view. From here the path starts to lead gently uphill for 50m to come to a clear 3-way intersection (with a timber path and Boyd's Tower on the left).



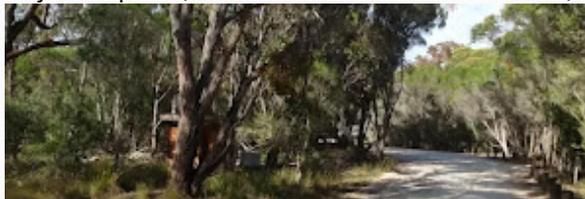
Start.



Toilet (about 30 m back from the start). Unisex non-flushing toilet. Entrance is 90cm wide, toilet seat 40cm high, handrails 80cm high. Bolt lock 1m high.



Boyd car park (about 15 m back from the start).



Boyd car park is found at the end 1.1km long unsealed Boyd Tower Rd, Edrom. The car park is spread around a turning circle at the end of the road. There is a concrete path leading to a toilet and water tank (empty) in the middle of the turning circle. Car parking bays are not marked, and there is space for about 20 cars plus a bus. There are no marked mobility parking areas. The surface is a fairly smooth gravel/clay. A manual pay station is available for park entry fees near the sheltered large information sign. The carpark is the start of the Light to Light walk and the path to Boyd Tower.

There is a sign (about 10 m back from the start).



Pinch Point (about 6 m back from the start).



Timber bollard pinch points at the start of the track at the carpark. The gap between the bollards are 1.18m, they are 55cm high.



After another 90 m find the "Trip Hazard" (on your left).



Culvert under path with exposed drainage ditch on the very edge of path. A drop of about 25cm. Marked with timber bollards, there are a series of 4 more similar drainage ditches about every 40m.



After another 150 m come to "Seat".



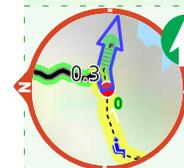
A timber bench seat, 55cm high, 22cm deep and 2.4m wide with no backrest. The seat is 1.7m off the side of the path.



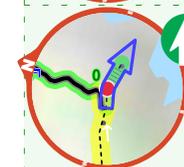
Then find the "Seat" (on your right).

A timber bench seat, 58cm high, 22cm deep and 2.4m wide with no backrest.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Red Point Lookout.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start.**



After another 15 m **continue straight.**



Then head down the 47 surface|wood steps (about 15 m long)



"Red Point Lookout".



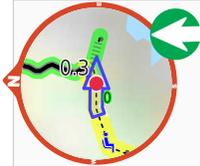
Red Point Lookout is in Ben Boyd National park and is accessed by a clear but very steep set of steps from Boyd Tower. The lookout is fenced and has a sign explaining a bit about the local geology. The lookout provides a great view south, down the coast of the park. A great example of folded rocks is clearly visible where the sandstone and metamorphosed red siltstone were compressed and bent to form distinct arches.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 40 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 275 m waypoint.



After another 10 m **turn left**.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Twofold Bay lookout.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. **Start**.



After 25 m find the "Boyd's Tower" (5 m on your left).



Boyd's Tower was commissioned by Benjamin Boyd and originally designed to be a lighthouse. After the Government rejected the proposal of the private lighthouse, Boyd changed tact and built the Sydney sandstone tower for whale spotting. The tower gave his whaling ships a strong advantage over other whalers in the area. Built in 1847, Boyd's Tower is a large sandstone tower on the southern head of Twofold Bay in Ben Boyd National Park. The top of the tower bears the BOYD title, and boast several viewing points. The ground floor of the tower is open to the public and is well worth exploring. Boyd was declared bankrupt soon after completing the tower and left Australia for the Californian goldfields. Boyd died in the Solomon Islands in 1851 whilst hunting game. "Ben Boyd's Tower is watching - Watching o'er the sea Ben Boyd's Tower is waiting For her and me." Henry Lawson (1910) The bottom floor of the tower is open to the public via a 1.2m wide sandstone door frame.



After another 50 m **veer left**.



Then find the "Seat" (9 m on your right).



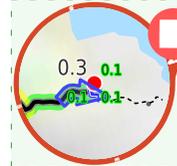
A timber bench seat, 50cm high, 43cm deep and 2.1m wide with no backrest.



"Twofold Bay Lookout".



Twofold Bay Lookout (not officially named) is in Ben Boyd National Park, on the southern headland of Twofolds Bay. The lookout is accessed via a boardwalk from Boyd's Tower. The lookout platform has a 1m high metal fenced and is wheelchair-accessible. There is a bench seat near the lookout to rest and enjoy the view. The view looks north-west across the bay to Eden, Boyd Town and Edrom to the left, and out over the South Pacific Ocean on the right.



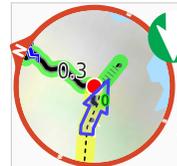
The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 85 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn around and follow on from the 290 m waypoint.



Continue another 20 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 290 m to get back to the start.

About 10 m past the end is "Boyd's Tower".



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