



Bittangabee Bay Picnic Area to the Black Cliffs

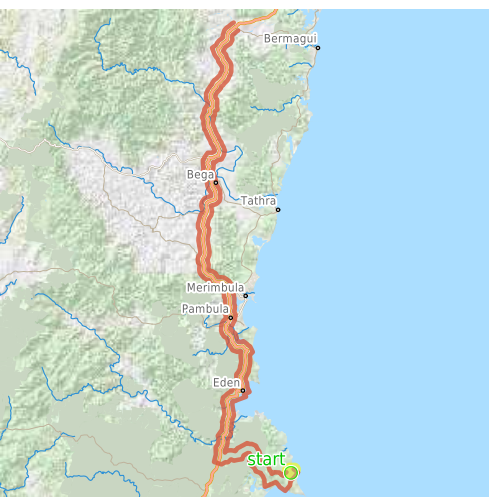
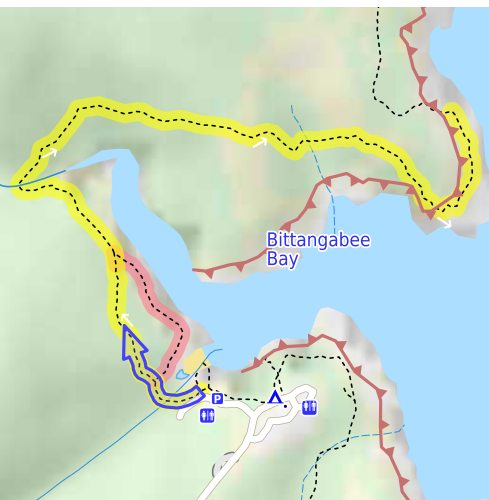
(Yuin Country)

 1 h 45 min to 2 h

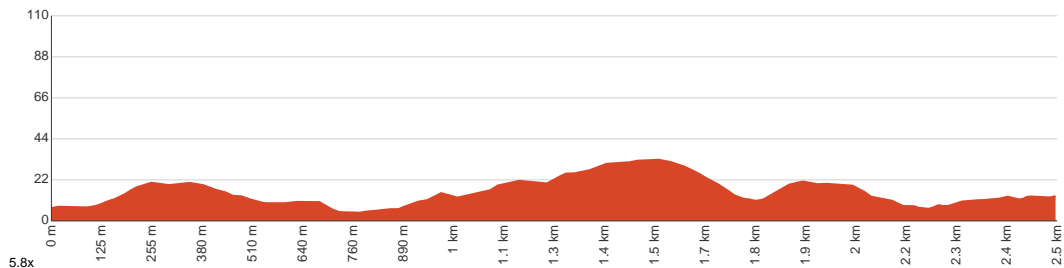

5.1 km
Return


↑ 129 m
↓ 129 m


Hard track



This walk is a great way to explore the less visited areas of the popular Bittangabee Bay. The walk winds around the northern side of the bay to explore the cliff top views. The black cliffs are unfenced, and give great views over the entrance of Bittangabee Bay and out to sea. On the way there is an opportunity to explore the history associated with the ruins of Imlay house. 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 4 of 6

Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track

Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)

Gradient

Short steep hills (3/6)

Signage

Minimal directional signs (4/6)

Infrastructure

Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)

Experience Required

No experience required (1/6)

Weather

Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Princes Highway, A1

- Turn on to Princes Highway, A1 then drive for 1.3 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Princes Highway, A1 and drive for another 27.3 km
- Turn right onto Princes Highway, A1 and drive for another 6.7 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Quondolo Street, A1 and drive for another 245 m
- Turn slight right onto Bullara Street, A1 and drive for another 18.7 km
- At roundabout, take exit 3 onto Mitchell Street, A1 and drive for another 18.3 km
- Turn left onto Edrom Road and drive for another 5.7 km
- Turn right onto Green Cape Road and drive for another 11.2 km
- Turn left onto Green Cape Road and drive for another 4.6 km
- Turn sharp left onto Bittangabee Road and drive for another 3 km
- Turn left onto Bittangabee Road and drive for another 150 m

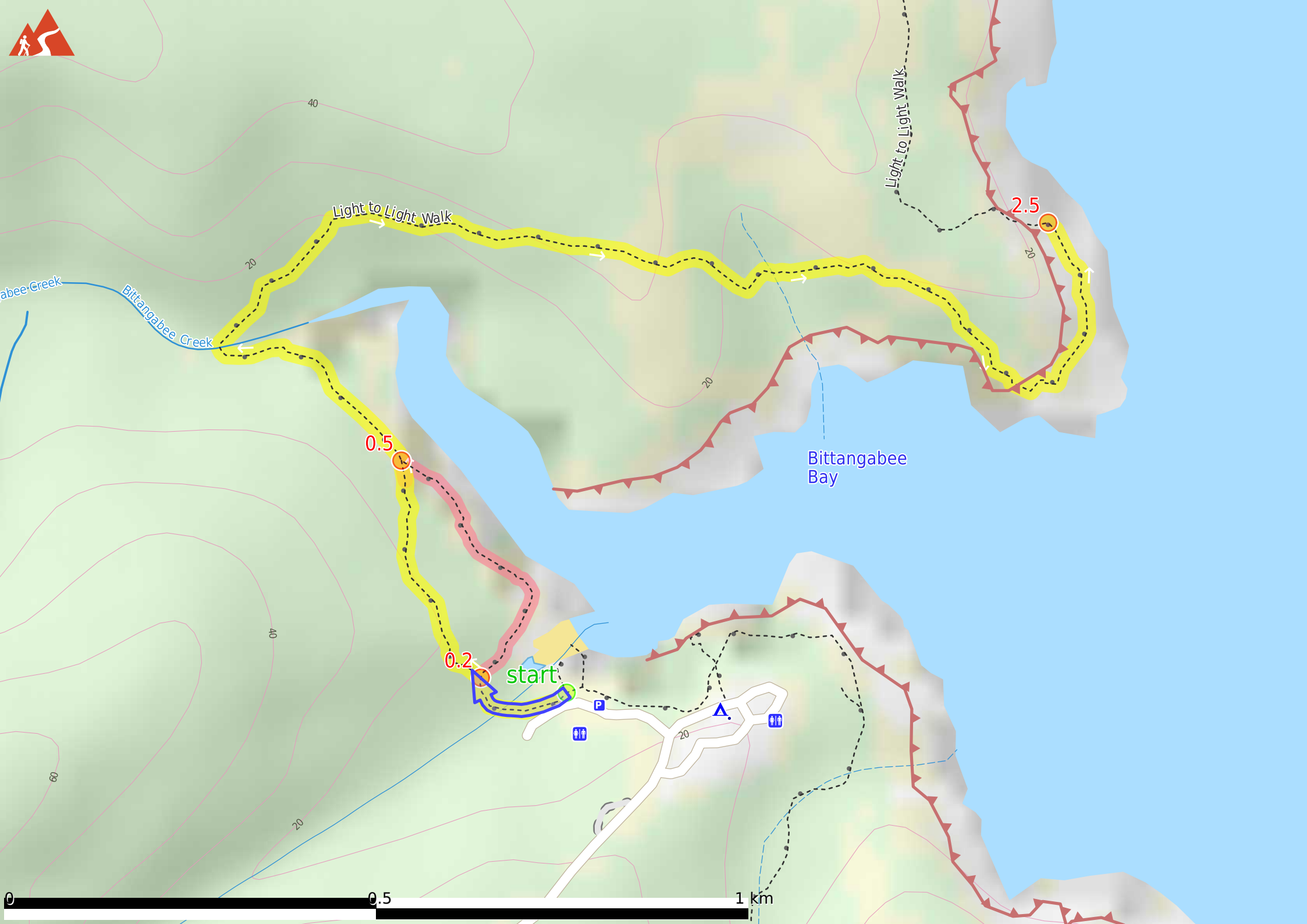
Before you start any journey ensure you;

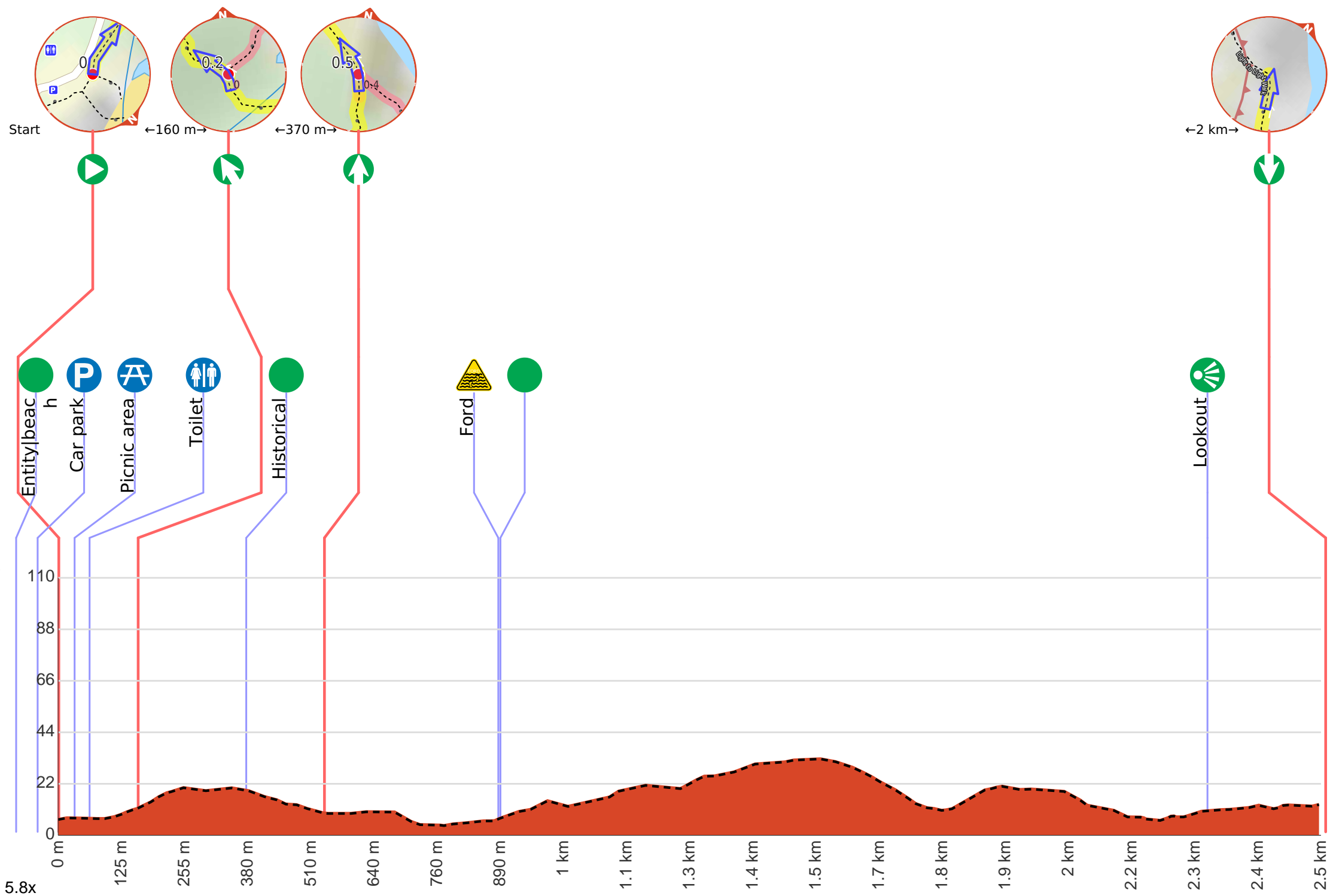
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are 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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Getting started: From the picnic area, the walk follows the sign to 'Saltwater Creek 9.0km' down the hill, keeping the road above on the left. The track heads down the hillside and crosses a rocky creek bed, then leads up the hill to an information sign marking the intersection.



Start heading along *Light to Light Walk*.

Bittangabee Bay Beach (about 105 m back from the start).



Bittangabee Bay Beach, Ben Boyd National Park, is a small beach at the south-western corner of the bay. The beach can be accessed by a short walk from Bittangabee picnic area in Ben Boyd National Park. The yellow sand beach has a small creek and lagoon behind. The beach also has rock platforms at each end and is fairly well-protected from swells, being tucked away in the bay. The historic storehouse is visible on the shore to the right.

P There is a car park (about 60 m back from the start).



After 75 m find the "Bittangabee Bay Picnic Area" (on your left).

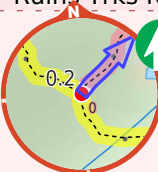


Bittangabee Bay Picnic Area is near Bittangabee Bay and camp area in Ben Boyd National Park. The picnic area is a day-use only area with a few picnic tables, an electric BBQ and a pit toilet. There is a reasonable amount of natural shade, and is close to a car park. There is short walk to the beach and ruins at Bittangabee Bay. The picnic area is well signposted on the loop road near the Bittangabee camping area.

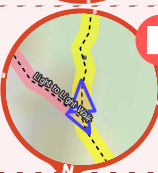


After another 30 m pass the toilet (70 m on your left).

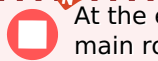
Start of an alternate route: An alternative route linking Int. Coast and Ruins Trks Sth to Int. Coast and Ruins Trks Nth.



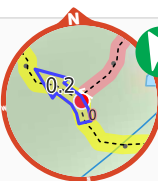
To take the alternate route continue straight here. **Start** heading along *Light to Light Walk*.



After another 460 m come to the end.



At the end of this alternate route, rejoin the main route.



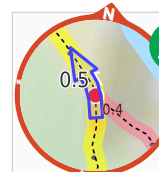
After another 95 m **veer left**.



After another 215 m find the "Imlay House" (on your right).



Imlay House ruins still show the foundations of a house built by the Imlay brothers in 1844. The ruins are found in Bittangabee Bay in Ben Boyd National Park, along the Light to Light track. The house was to be a station for the Imlay family to further their grazing and whaling in the area. It appears the stone house was never completed, with the brothers dying in 1846 (George) and 1847 (Alexander). Soon after the Imlay brothers died, Benjamin Boyd began using the bay for his own whaling company in 1848.



After another 155 m **continue straight**, to head along *Light to Light Walk*.



After another 350 m cross the ford.



Then find the "Bittangabee Creek" (8 m on your right).



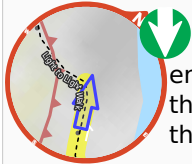
Bittangabee Creek is a small creek feeding Bittangabee Bay in Ben Boyd National Park. The creek enters the bay and is crossed by the Light to Light track about 800m north-west of Bittangabee Campsite. The creek provides a quiet place for people to paddle and relax.



After another 1.4 km find the "Black cliffs" (20 m on your right).



The black cliffs of Ben Boyd National Park provide a great vantage point. The headland on the north side of Bittangabee has a fairly large clearing on a rock platform, high above the ocean. There are great views out to sea and into the mouth of Bittangabee Bay. There are no fences or facilities at this informal lookout. Being dark in colour, this rock platform can get very uncomfortable on hot days - trees on the south side provide some respite with shade. The rock slopes into the sea on the south side, but would be too dangerous for swimming.



Continue another 235 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 2.5 km to get back to the start.