

## Maitland Bay Track (Darkinjung & Guringai Country)



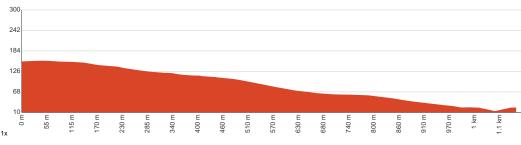








From Maitland Bay Information Centre, this walk heads straight down the hill to Maitland Beach. On the way down, the track passes many rock landings which act as lookouts over Maitland Bay and the lush bush of the surrounding gullies. Maitland Bay Beach itself is a wonderful sandy beach which is popular for swimming (although there are no beach patrols). Let us begin by acknowledging the Darkinjung & Guringai 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	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
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	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)



Getting to the start: From Empire Bay Drive

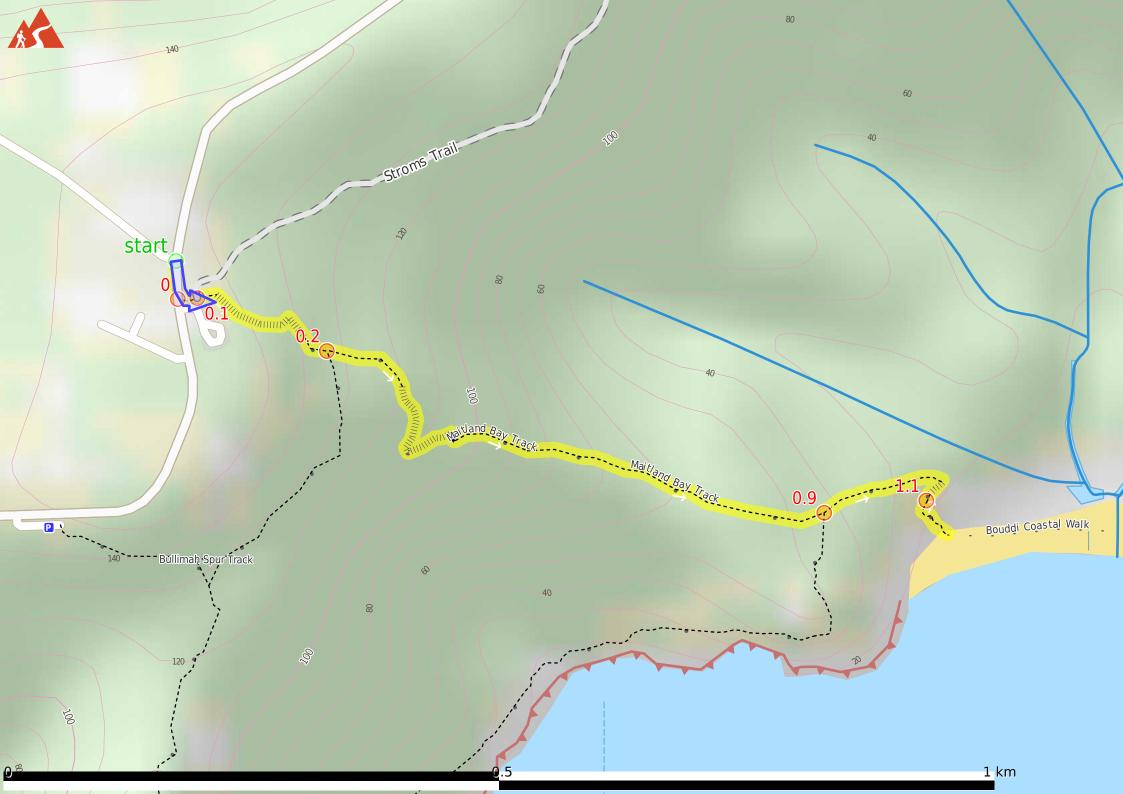
- Turn on to Wards Hill Road then drive for 1.1 km
- Turn sharp left onto Maitland Bay Drive and drive for another 1.4 km
- Turn right onto The Scenic Road and drive for another 9 m

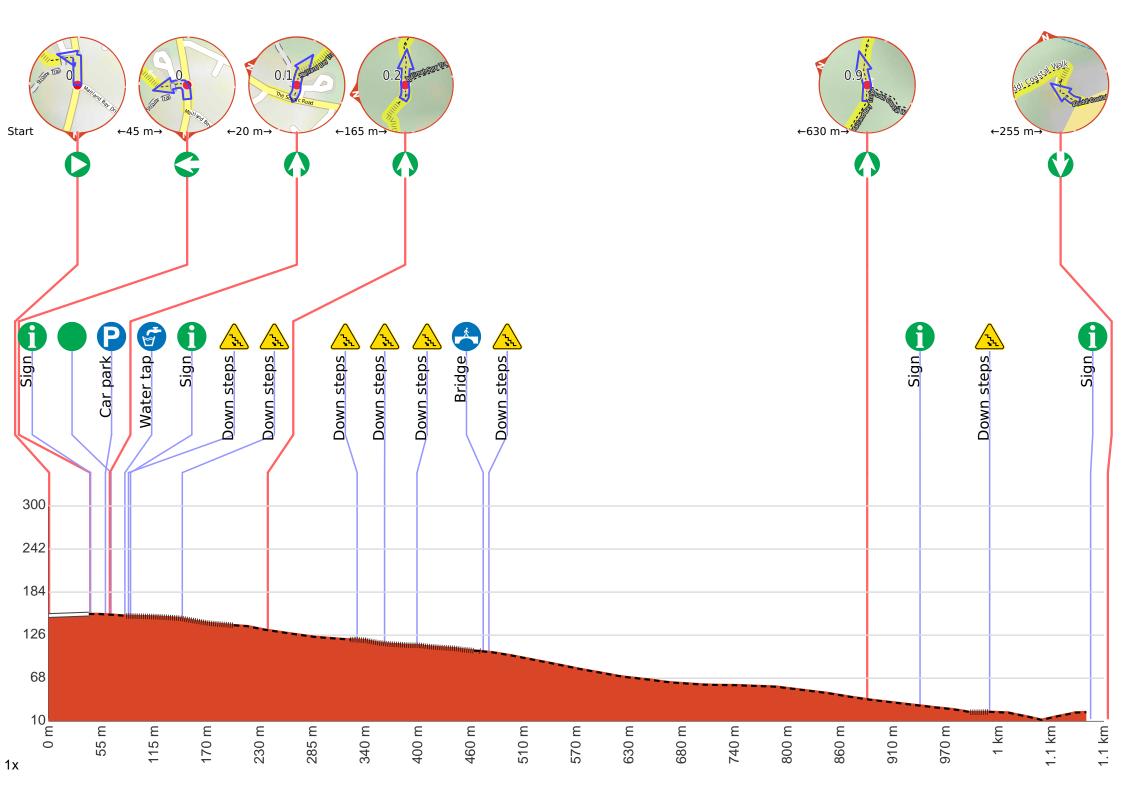
## Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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.







**Getting started:** From the information centre, the walk passes the information sign to the start of the car park. From the car park, the walk follows the Maitland Bay sign left, down the hill. The walk then heads down the staircase for some time to a signposted intersection.

Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track down the staircase. The walk winds through the forest, passing a rock platform with nice views over Maitland Bay. The track continues down the hill from the rock platform, keeping the rock face to the right and an overhang to the left, continuing for some time before crossing over a wooden bridge and going down more steps to a signposted intersection.



After another 45 m turn left.

Then pass the "Maitland Bay Information Centre" (15 m on your left).



After another 20 m find the "Maitland Bay Information Centre" (5 m on your left).



Maitland Bay Information Centre, was once the old Maitland Store and residence. The store was a influential piece of infrastructure as it acted as a meeting place for Trustees and a hub for early tourism. Today the store is still a hub for tourism but as an Information Centre open on weekends and public holidays. As well as information on the area there is also parking, a public phone and drinking water.



Then pass the car park (5 m on your right).



After another 5 m continue straight.



After another 15 m pass the water tap (8 m on your left).



After another 6 m pass the sign (7 m on your



Then head down the earthen steps (about 115



Then head down the stone steps (about 60 m Iona)





After another 95 m head down the surface|sand steps (about 135 m long)



Then head down the stone steps (about 105 m



Then head down the stone steps (about 70 m



Then cross the bridge (about 6 m long)



Then head down the surface|wood steps (about / 2 m long)



After another 400 m continue straight.



After another 55 m pass the "Bouddi Coastal Walk" (7 m on vour left).



After another 75 m head down the surface|paving stones steps (about 20 m long)



After another 85 m pass the sign (9 m on your right).



Continue another 20 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 1.1 km to get back to the start.