



# Bateau Bay Picnic Area to Crackneck Lookout

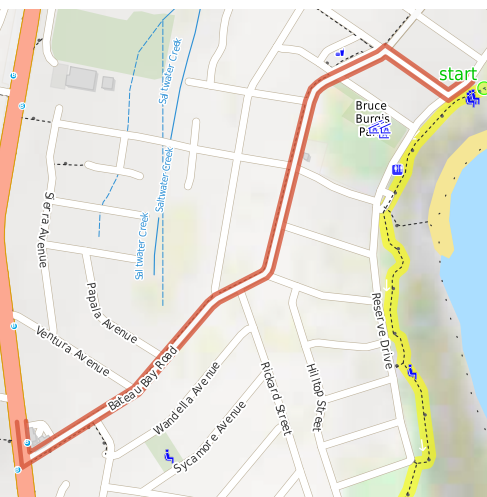
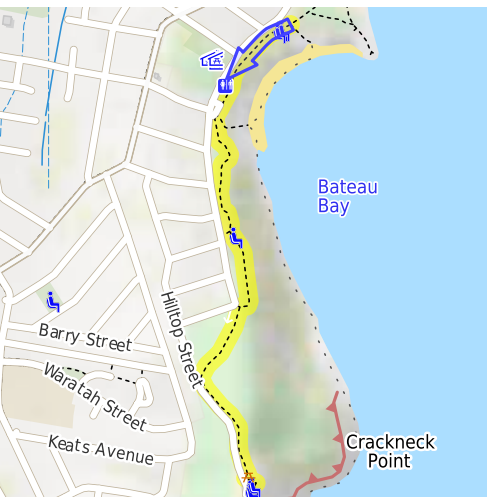
(Darkinjung & Guringai Country)

 40 min to 1 h 30 min

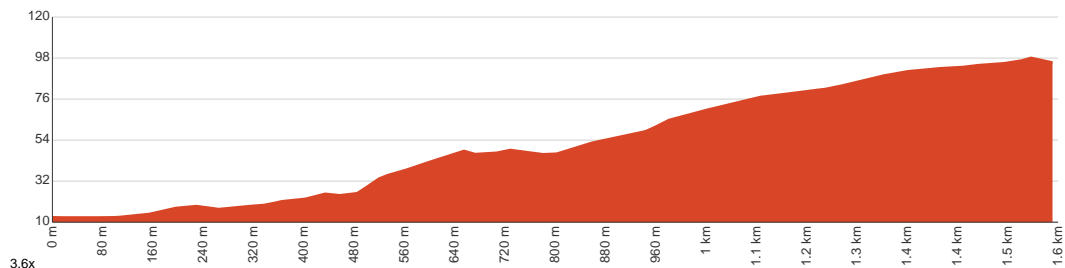
  
1.6 km  
One way

  
↑ 92 m  
↓ 9 m

 3  
Moderate track



A short version of the Wyrrabalong Coast Walking Track, this walk covers some of the highlights through this long thin strip of beautiful coastal forest, with fantastic views of the coastline from many vantage points along the way. Crackneck Lookout, at the end of the walk, has stunning views and would be a great spot for a picnic lunch. 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 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
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)

**Getting to the start:** From The Entrance Road, A49

- Turn on to Bateau Bay Road then drive for 1.3 km
- Turn right onto Harbour Street and drive for another 170 m
- Turn left onto Reserve Drive and drive for another 60 m

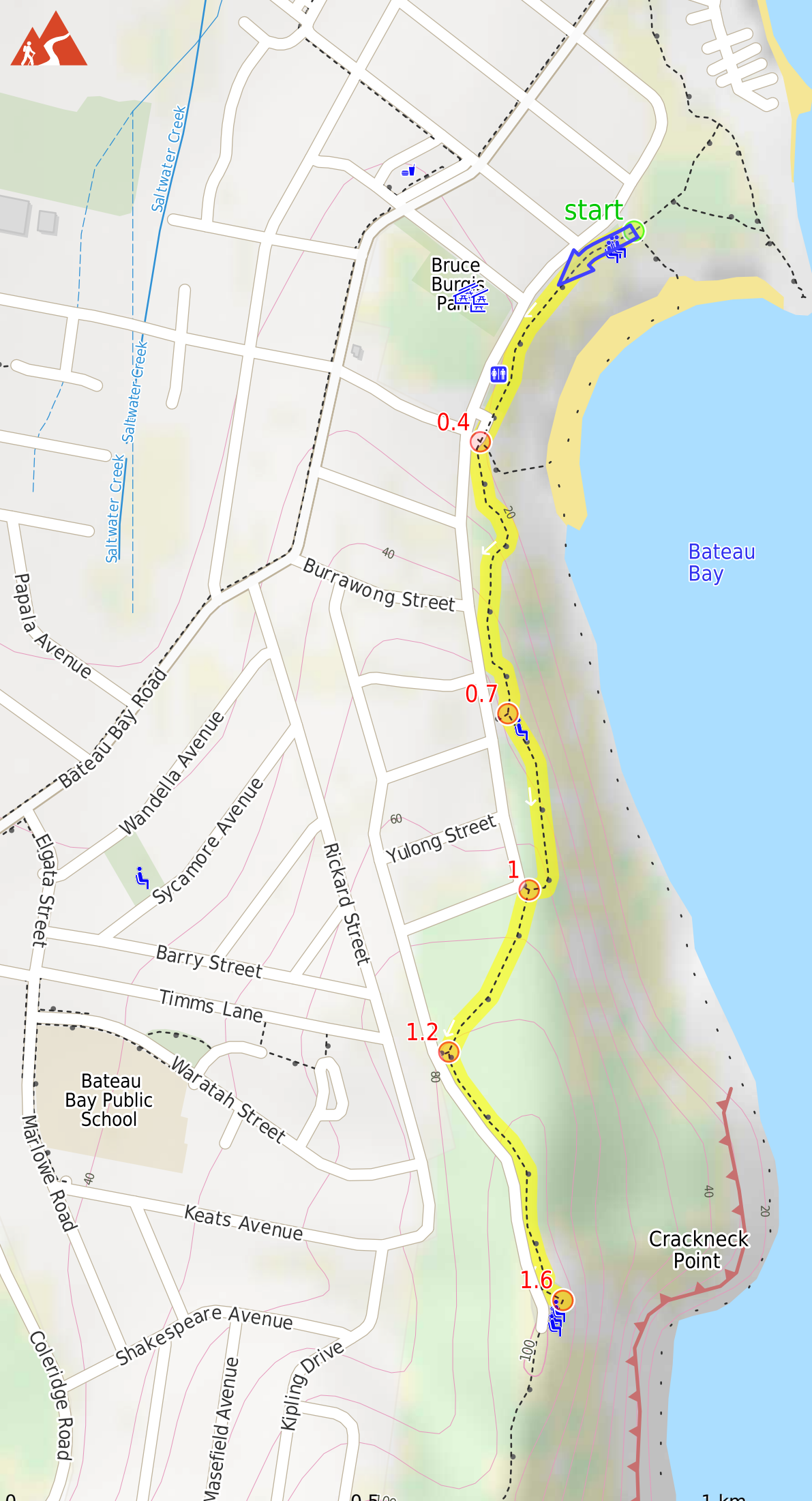
## Before you start any journey ensure you;

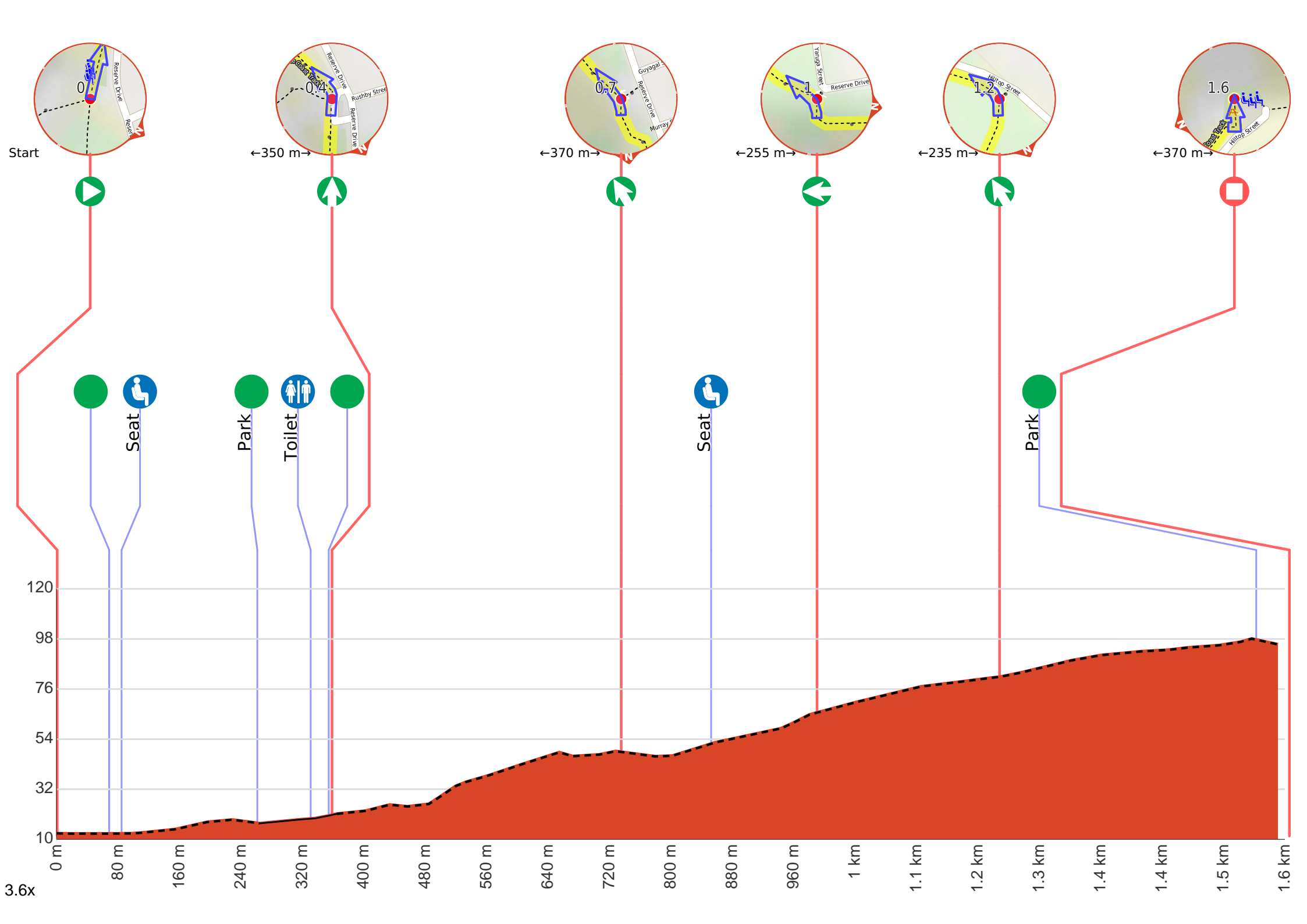
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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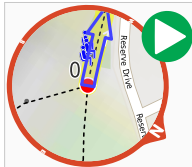






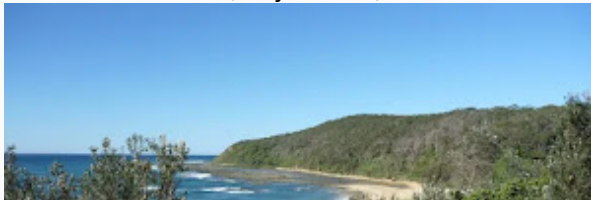
**Getting started:** Starting from the track intersection beside the beach access steps, this walk follows the faint track a very short distance across the picnic area, keeping Reserve Dr to the right. The walk soon arrives at some seats and an open viewing area, to the left, with stunning views across the water.

From the viewpoint, this walk goes south across the picnic area, keeping Reserve Dr to the right. The walk passes a fenced viewing area just before reaching an intersection at the end of the picnic area, with a concrete beach-access track to the left.



**Start.**

- After 65 m find the "Bateau Bay Beach picnic area and lookout" (on your left).



This unnamed picnic area and lookout is within Wyrabalong National Park, at the intersection of Reserve Dr and Harbour St, Bateau Bay. The picnic area overlooks Bateau Bay and the beach. There are large grass areas, plenty of shade and facilities including picnic tables, garbage bins, and beach access steps. There are beautiful views along the coast and out to sea from the picnic area. There are free electric BBQs at Sutton Reserve, a block further south along Reserve Drive. Takeaway food is available at a small shopping centre near the intersection of Harbour St and Bateau Bay Rd, one block from the picnic area.



After another 15 m pass a seat (10 m on your left).



After another 175 m head into the park.



After another 70 m pass the toilet (20 m on your right).



After another 25 m find the "Southern Bateau Bay beach picnic area" (9 m on your right).



This picnic area, near the intersection of Reserve Dr and Rushby St, Bateau Bay, overlooks the southern end of Bateau Bay and the beach. The facilities include toilets, picnic tables, garbage bins and some slides for the kids. There are great views along the coast and out to sea. There is plenty of shade.



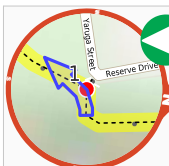
After another 4 m **continue straight**.



After another 370 m **veer left**, to head along The Coast Track.



After another 115 m pass a seat (6 m on your left).



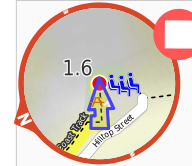
After another 135 m **turn left**, to head along The Coast Track.



After another 235 m **veer left**, to head along The Coast Track.



After another 330 m head into the park.



After another 45 m come to the end.



A picnic table.



About 15 m past the end is a seat.



About 20 m past the end is "Crackneck Lookout".



This lookout, at the end of Hilltop St, Bateau Bay, has stunning views up and down the coastline, and out to sea. There are picnic tables and an information board about marine mammals. There is a hangliding launch spot beside the lookout.



About 40 m past the end is a seat.



About 45 m past the end is a sign.