

Touring Map



TASMAN PENINSULA – places to go, things to see and other walks



Tasman Peninsula Walks

The peninsula has a wonderful variety of shorter walks that can be enjoyed before or after your Three Capes walk.

Refer to table below and walk map. Walk times listed are for moderately fit people. They do not include rest stops.

Water may be collected from running creeks, however to ensure it is safe to drink, boil for three minutes, use sterilising tablets or a purifying filter.



Suitable for most ages. Track has a compacted surface that may have gentle hills or occasional steps.



Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep hill sections and many steps.



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One of 'Tasmania's 60 Great Short Walks'. Brochures available at major tourist information centres. There is also a free app available for Apple devices through iTunes.



Unfenced sea cliffs. Supervise children closely.

Walk	Time	Description	Difficulty
SHORT WALKS (up to 2 hours return)			
1	Tessellated Pavement	10 min return The pavement may be walked on at low tide in fine weather. <i>! Slippery when wet.</i>	
2	Tasman Arch / Devils Kitchen Circuit	15 min return Popular flat walk to view spectacular coastal formations. Fenced lookouts.	
3	Devils Kitchen to Waterfall Bay	1.5 hr return Popular flat walk through coastal forest to view sea cliffs. Fenced lookouts.	
4	Fortescue Bay to Canoe Bay	2 hr return Undulating coastal walk. Great views of the bay. Track passes through a penguin rookery.	
5	Remarkable Cave/Maingon Lookout	15 min return 5 min walk to Maingon Lookout for those with limited mobility. Stepped walk down to view Remarkable Cave. Huge sea swells can occur.	
6	Coal Mines Historic Site	1-2 hr 300m of this track is wheelchair accessible. Wander the grounds and read the fascinating history of this former convict coal mine. <i>! Building ruins and deep mine shafts.</i>	
7	Lime Bay to Lagoon Beach Circuit	2 hr return From the Lime Bay campground, enjoy this easy circuit walk around Sloping Lagoon to Lagoon Beach. Waterbirds and samphire flats. Views to Mt Wellington and Sloping Island.	
HALF DAY WALKS (2-4 hours return)			
8	Tatnells Hill	3 hr return Starts at Waterfall Bay carpark. Tatnells Hill is close to the highest point on the peninsula. Rewarding panoramic views.	
9	Fortescue Bay to Cape Hauy	4 hr return Beautiful track through coastal heathland to spectacular sea cliffs. (Also part of the final day's walk of the Three Capes Track).	
10	Fortescue Bay to Bivouac Bay	3 hr return Undulating coastal walk. Track passes through a penguin rookery at Canoe Bay.	
11	Mt Brown and Crescent Bay	4 hr return Walk starts at Remarkable Cave carpark. Undulates through coastal heathland to views of the capes and Tasman Island. <i>! Maingon Blowhole is unfenced with sheer drop-offs and crumbling edges.</i>	
12	Tasman Arch/Devils Kitchen to Waterfall Bluff/Tatnells Hill	4.5 hr return First part of this walk is walk no. 3. Continue past Waterfall Bay to Waterfall Bluff and Morleys Lookout (1.5 hr return) for a spectacular view to Cape Hauy and Hippolyte Rocks. Further extend your walk by climbing to Tatnells Hill, the near highest point on peninsula, for rewarding panoramic views (1.5 hr return).	
DAY WALKS (4-8 hours return)			
13	Fortescue Bay to Waterfall Bay (or vice versa)	8 hr one way Coastal walk through a variety of forest types. Spectacular views. Car shuttle or camp and return following day. (Gravel access road to Waterfall Bay carpark.)	
14	Shipstern Bluff and Tunnel Bay	4.5 hr return Walk commences at end of Stormlea Rd, off Nubeena Rd. Coastal heath, forest, sea caves and tunnels. (For shorter walk to lookout over Shipsterns and Cape Raoul - 2 hrs return.)	
15	Cape Raoul	5 hr return Walk commences at end of Stormlea Rd, off Nubeena Rd. Views of spectacular southern coastline. Cape subject to strong winds.	
OVERNIGHT WALKS			
16	Tasman Coastal Trail (Devils Kitchen to Fortescue Bay)	9.5 hr one way Coastal walk through a variety of forest types. Spectacular views. Car shuttle or camp. Camping available at Fortescue and Bivouac bays.	

Exploring the peninsula

Convict heritage

The Convict Trail tourist drive begins at Eaglehawk Neck. Follow the yellow convict broad-arrow roadside markers. Allow a full day to visit all sites, including the Eaglehawk Neck Officers Quarters Museum and convict dogline, Coal Mines Historic Site, and the probation stations at Norfolk Bay, Cascades (Koonya), Impression Bay (Premaydena), Wedge Bay (Nubeena) and Saltwater River; and another day to visit Port Arthur Historic Site.

Geological features

The peninsula is well-known for its extraordinary geology, of international significance. Features include Australia's highest sea cliffs, Tessellated Pavement, Tasman Blowhole, Tasman Arch, Devils Kitchen, Remarkable Cave and Maingon Blowhole.

Tours

Enjoy an unforgettable boat cruise along the spectacular sea cliffs on the east coast, from Eaglehawk Neck to Tasman Island. There is also a wildlife park at Taranna, which specialises in Tasmanian Devils.

Picnicking

Eaglehawk Neck, Fortescue Bay, Stewarts Bay, Coal Mines Historic Site and Port Arthur Historic Site.

Swimming

Safe beaches in calm weather include Eaglehawk Neck, Fortescue Bay, Stewarts Bay, White Beach and Lime Bay.

Surfing

Good surf breaks can usually be found as the peninsula receives swell from every direction. Reliable locations include Eaglehawk Neck and Roaring Beach. Beaches are not patrolled. Get local knowledge on the best surf beaches for your skill level. Surf Schools runs at certain times of the year. With the right swell, the waves at Shipstern Bluff are impressive to watch.

Fishing

The East Coast is particularly renowned for crayfish and tuna, with charter boats operating out of Eaglehawk Neck and Nubeena. The sheltered bays of Norfolk Bay and Fortescue Bay provide good catches of flounder, flathead and other species. Recreational fishers need to be aware of size and bag limits and seasonal fishing licences. (Refer to the Recreational Sea Fishing Guide; download the Tas Fish Guide app).

Sea kayaking

If sea kayaking independently, you must be experienced and well-equipped. Sea conditions can change rapidly and there are few places to land. Sea kayaking companies run tours.

Rock climbing/abseiling

Cape Hauy is popular with very experienced climbers.

Scuba diving

Fortescue Bay, Pirates Bay, Port Arthur and White Beach. Dive companies operate out of Eaglehawk Neck.

Golfing

Port Arthur Golf Course, looking across to the Port Arthur Historic Site.

Accommodation and eateries

Available at all major towns. For details go to www.discovertasmania.com



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