



MT CLARENCE HERITAGE AND GRANITE TRAIL

DESCRIPTION

From the Town Square travel down York Street and turn left at the roundabout into Stirling Terrace. Continue on this road becoming Brunswick, Burgoyne and finally Marine Drive and turn left into Forts Road, which is well signposted as the home of the National Anzac Centre. Turn left and travel up Apex Drive and park at the car park in front of the steps to the Anzac Memorial.

Mt Clarence, home of the Desert Mounted Corps memorial, is part of the 260-hectare Albany Heritage Park in the heart of Albany, offering a unique blend of natural, cultural and historical attractions. Explore on foot and enjoy the breathtaking views of King George sound, Princess Royal Harbour and as far as the Stirling Ranges.

Grade: Distance: Gradient:	Three (3) 3.2km Short steep hills
Quality of path:	Formed track, some obstacles
Signs:	Sign posted
Experience:	No experience required
Time:	1-2 hours
Steps:	Many steps

Dogs on Leash, Toilets at the car park. Refreshments at the old Forts. **Warning** – Wet rocks are slippery rocks.

WALK NOTES

This is a well-marked trail with varying surfaces, through trees and over granite.

- 1. Starting at the yellow track markers adjacent to the interpretative signpost in the car park, head downhill following the Circular Track signs. At the start it is a shady tree covered track on a rough leafy surface.
- 2. At the bottom of the hill turn right to follow a gravel track alongside a water pipe to a gate.
- Go through the gate and across the bitumen road (Innes St) where another yellow marker leads back onto the gently sloping track alongside the old Albany water catchment drain.

- 4. Go straight on at the next yellow track marker. Do not turn left and go downhill.
- 5. Cross a stretch of bitumen (Near Watkins St) and follow another yellow track marker going fairly straight into the bush ahead. Do not turn right and go up the hill – this is the Padre White trail.
- 6. Observe the School on the left and veer slightly left at the next marker going up hill. Ignore the various sidetracks. Note the large granite boulders.
- 7. Follow the track downhill over a few pine pole steps and turn right at the next yellow marker.
- 8. At the next yellow marker go uphill past boulders and up over some wooden steps.
- 9. After some more steps veer right at the next marker for a steepish climb up steps, granite, boardwalk and a few more steps alongside boulders.
- 10. The track joins a limestone track, follow this track uphill to the next yellow marker.
- 11. Thirty metres up this track returns you to the car park or turn right and follow the gravel track in to the Granite Trail.
- 12. Note the differing vegetation on the granite as you follow this track.
- 13. Look out for the markers when crossing the big granite rock.
- 14. Have a break at the seat and take in the magnificent views of The Stirlings, Porongurup Range, Manypeaks, Michaelmas and Eclipse Islands and even Bald Head.
- 15. Turn left at the next marker into a shady track with large rocks on the left.
- 16. At the next marker turn left following the Padre White signs.
- 17. Turn right past the ABC transmitter station and follow the track to the Padre White lookout summit. Spend some time here to take in the views and history.
- 18. Walk down to the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial. Again take your time here.
- 19. Continue down the steps to return to the Car Park.



