

EMU POINT TO WHALER'S COVE

DIRECTIONS

A longer paddle requiring a vehicle shuffle but well worth the effort.

The paddle parallel to Middleton Beach between Emu Point and Ellen Cove offers views of Mt Clarence and Mt Adelaide as well as the large ships anchored in King George Sound. From Ellen Cove follow the rocky headland east before crossing the shipping channel to Point Possession and continue south past Outer Bramble Beach and then on to Whalers Cove.

Dolphins are often encountered in this area and large rays seen in the shallows, but also look up for the chance to see a sea eagle or osprey.

To travel to the start point from the Town Square (8.5km) drive up York Street and turn right at the top roundabout onto St Emilie Way and then left at the roundabout onto Middleton Beach Road. After about 3km turn left (east) onto Golf Links Road, which becomes Emu Point Drive. After approximately 4km turn left onto Swarbrick Street and follow to the Emu Point Boat Harbour. It is possible to park on the beach or in the car park to launch your craft.

Grade: S03

Distance: 8 kms one way
Time: 2 to 2.5 hours
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Middleton Beach

DESCRIPTION

To launch, park on the beach to the right of the jetties or in the sealed car park.

- 1. Paddle south-east parallel to the beach and past the swimming area and jetty. In very low tides it may be necessary to paddle out via the boating channel in front of the harbour.
- 2. Paddle through the channel between Emu Point and Mt Martin passing many rock formations, with the opportunity to see the resident fish. Take care in this area if the tide is running.
- 3. Paddle parallel to Middleton Beach keeping well away from the wave breaking zone.
- 4. At the western end of Middleton Beach it is possible to land alongside the swimming enclosure in Ellen Cove. There are a number of cafés in the area for lunch or a quick coffee.
- 5. From Ellen Cove paddle south around the headland. Take care with waves rebounding off the rocks.
- 6. As you cross the shipping channel between King George Sound and Princess Royal Harbour watch out for power craft and ships.
- 7. Stay to the east of Point Possession and follow the rocks around to Outer Bramble Beach. This is a possible landing site in low swell.
- 8. Continue south parallel to the beach and round the last small section of rocks to Whalers Cove. Landing here is possible under most conditions especially at the south-east end of the beach. It is possible to finish your paddle here but this requires carrying your kayak up the steps to the sealed car park (approximately 150m).











