



DIRECTIONS

A challenge for experienced and fit paddlers, this paddle leaves from the west end of Ledge Beach past numerous rocky headlands and spectacular secluded beaches, several of which provide landing opportunities in the right conditions.

Paddle east from the launch spot past Gull Rock before rounding Ledge Point and from here be aware of swell rebounding off the rocky headlands.

Land at either Nanarup Pool in good conditions or west of the inlet on Nanarup Beach in challenging conditions, being aware that this is a surf beach and waves can be big.

To travel to the start point from the Town Square (24km) drive up York Street and straight through the top roundabout onto Lockyer Avenue. Continue north along Lockyer Avenue onto Ulster Rd, which becomes Lower King Road and then Nanarup Road. After crossing both the King and Kalgan Rivers (about 15km) turn right (south) onto Gull Rock Road for 4km before turning right on to Ledge Beach Road. Follow this to the end.

Grade: S04

Distance: 10 kms one way

Time: 2 to 2.5 hours

Recommended Launch Point: Ledge Beach

Alternative Launch Points: Gull Rock Beach or Nanarup Beach

DESCRIPTION

To launch, park in the gravel car park area and carry your craft 120m to the beach.

1. When launching from Ledge Beach (a) it is recommended to walk towards the east as the waves can be dumpy in the western corner near the rocks. If the waves are large enough to impede launching conditions for the rest of the paddle are likely to be unsuitable.
2. Paddle across the bay to Gull Rock (b) or, alternatively, parallel to Boiler Bay Beach (c) which is usually protected and an easy landing location.
3. As you round Ledge Point (and for the rest of the paddle) expect to experience waves rebounding off the granite headlands.
4. Once around Ledge Point (d) you will have good views of the next beach, but the beach beyond the limestone reef here is unsuitable for landing.
5. Just before the next headland there is a small beach known by local kayakers as Middle Rock Beach (f). This beach usually provides a good landing site but be wary of possible swirling waters and sideways currents. East side of Middle Rock is usually best.
6. After the next headland is a beach facing south-east which often provides a good beach landing (g).
7. Two further headlands are rounded to find Back Beach which also provides a good landing site (h).
8. At the east end of this beach, round a small rock outcrop to find Nanarup Pool (i). The entrance to the pool is easy in good conditions but extremely dangerous in bad conditions. If conditions are unsuitable to land here, proceed to Nanarup Beach and land west of the inlet. Be aware that Nanarup Beach is a surf beach and waves can be big.

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