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BALD HEAD DEMANDING BUT EXHILARATING

DESCRIPTION

The Bald Head Walking trail provides spectacular views of the striking coastal scenery of the Flinders Peninsula in Torndirrup National Park.

Walkers are rewarded with breathtaking views of the coastline along the trail and at the end of the track.

In several spots the Southern Ocean to the south and King George Sound to the north can be seen from the same location as the trail follows the ridge line providing spectacular photographic opportunities. Whales can be seen during their annual migration

The trail winds through low heath until it reaches the cairn at Bald Head before walkers return along the same trail. It is a strenuous 12.5kms return walk over Isthmus Hill and Limestone Head to Bald Head, but is well worth the effort.

Walkers are recommended to be reasonably fit to tackle the trail and are advised to wear enclosed shoes and long shirts and trousers for protection against the many prickly bushes along the way. Take plenty of water and other sustenance. Do not attempt to return via the beaches as this involves serious hazards that are not obvious from the pathway

To access the start point from the Albany Town Square (23km). Travel along Frenchman Bay Road and turn right into Salmon Holes Road. After 1.6km turn into Murray Road towards Misery Beach. After a further 300m turn right onto gravel and arrive at the car park at the end of the road.

Dogs are not allowed in National Parks
Nearest toilets at Frenchman Bay car park
Refreshments at Discovery Bay Cafe

Grade:	Four (4)
Distance:	12.5km return
Gradient:	Short Steep Hills
Track:	Rough Track, many obstacles
Signs:	Sign posted
Experience:	Experienced Bushwalkers
Time:	6-7 hours

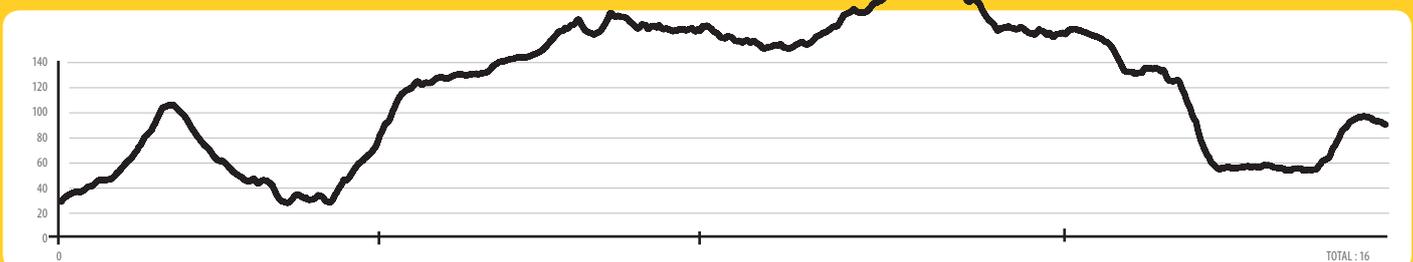
WALK NOTES

1. From the car park follow the track up the steps, then through the bush and then follow boardwalks and track uphill over a big granite slab veering left at the top.
2. Follow the track and boardwalk northeasterly around Isthmus Hill. Here there is a magnificent view along the Flinders Peninsula to Bald Head. At the lowest point on the Isthmus, veer left ignoring the track leading off to the beach on the right.
3. Climb steeply up the eroded hill, to eventually arrive at two limestone peaks located 2.5km from the start.
4. Continue along the track and emerge from trees on to a granite outcrop. Follow the cairns and markers to the top (about halfway to Bald Head).
5. The track wanders through bush and continues on through a sandy blowout. Keep a look out for cairns and markers, the track is hard to follow from here. There should be markers every 100m. This is a "coastal risk" area. Do not deviate from the route.
6. Continue through the blow out and down on to a series of granite boulder strewn areas. The track wanders through and over these outcrops for 500m then veers SSE down on to a limestone area visible to the right.
7. Follow small cairns, then a wide track cut through scrub to emerge at the top of a steep descent. Bald Head is clearly visible now about 1km away.
8. At the bottom of the hill follow markers across the flat area then the route heads steeply uphill through the bush and up granite slopes. Do not deviate from the route, as there are very dangerous rock faces here.
9. Continue slightly left along the NE side of the actual peak of Bald Head to finish at the cairn about 100m beyond the highest rock. The best views are from this point.
10. There should be a logbook in the wooden box in the cairn.

Return by the same route.



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TOTAL: 16

KM



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Discovery Bay
Tourism Experience

Murray Rd

Salmon Hole Rd

Salmon Hole Rd

Salmon Pools

Isthmus Bay

Flinders
Peninsula



-  ROUTE 10
-  PICNIC TABLE/ SHADE
-  TOILETS
-  SCENIC VIEW

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