

# WALKS of FLINDERS ISLAND

*"Slow down, connect. Don't try to change this place ... let it change you."*

We invite you to experience Flinders Island's wild rugged coastlines, sheltered forests, hidden coves and long empty beaches on short, half or full-day walks. This brochure highlights popular tracks on the Island; many other walks are possible.

## POPULAR WALKS

### 1. The Bluff Track



An easy, introductory level walk, this 5 km return track starts at the Wharf in Whitemark and traverses coastal bushland and Parris Bay foreshore. Waterbirds abound. Perhaps join the community Park-Run/walk, starting at 9.00am every Saturday.

### 2. Trousers Point



One of the Parks & Wildlife Service's, *60 Great Short Walks of Tasmania*, this scenic coastal circuit, begins at the car park at the National Park camping area and includes rocky foreshore and a gravel road. It is reasonably level and takes 1.5 hours. National Park fees and restrictions apply.

### 3. Strzelecki Peaks



This is a strenuous but iconic walk up to the 756m high peak, starting at a signpost 8 kms along Trousers Point Road. It traverses rainforest with orchids and granite massifs with spectacular views. 5 to 7 hours return. As a PWS 'Great Short Walk', National Park fees and restrictions apply.

### 4. Castle Rock



A relatively level walk from Allports Beach via rocky headlands and lovely beaches to the massive granite boulder called 'Castle Rock'. Best walked on a falling tide. 3 to 4 hours return from Allports Beach Road (car park signposted) or can be walked one-way with a car shuffle to the end of Castle Rock access road. Toilets at Allports Beach picnic area.

### 5. Wombat Rock



From the top car park on The Dock Road - (turn off Palana Road at power pole no.321 6.6km past Killiecrankie Rd and drive 2.2 km), you will see a wombat-shaped rock on the south ridge. It takes 2 to 3 hours return to the top of the eastern peak of Mt Killiecrankie, with continuous views and passing around and through interesting wind-sculpted boulders. Possible through-walk to Killiecrankie via the Diamond Gully track (walk No.7).



## 6. The Dock to Killiecrankie

This walk can be done in either direction and takes between 3 and 4 hours one way. Start from the top car park at the Dock Road, this is a reasonably level walk with some rock-hopping. Visit Stackys Bight and finish at Killiecrankie Beach picnic area (managed by Council). This is a great coastal walk with spectacular cliffs, huge wind-shaped boulders and beautiful beaches.

## 7. Diamond Gully Track

This track starts across the bay from Killiecrankie between Diamond Gully and Stacky's Bight and is marked by hand-painted signs. It takes walkers to the top of the eastern peak of Mount Killiecrankie, at 316m. Medium difficulty. It takes between 4 and 5 hours return from Killiecrankie and includes beach walking, a quiet forest, interesting geology and great views. The remarkable Stackys Bight 600m to the west is an optional extension.

## 8. Mount Killiecrankie Loop

This walk incorporates tracks 5, 6 and 7 and takes 5 to 7 hours from the top car park on The Dock Road or 6 to 8 hours if starting from Killiecrankie. Medium difficulty. This is a great day walk, including spectacular views, interesting geology and beautiful beaches.

## 9. Patriarch Inlet to Red Bluff

An interesting coastal walk from the Inlet parking area at the end of Memana Road, Memana, this track takes in wetlands and a remote beach walk to Red Bluff headland. The lagoon attracts waterbirds, has soldier crabs and is the last resting place of a pod of pilot whales stranded there in the 1970s. Best walked at low tide, it takes between 2 and 3 hours return.

## 10. Yellow Beach Foreshore Walk

This track at Lady Barron starts just east of the boat ramp. It is a foreshore walk with views out to Franklin Sound. It takes 1.5 to 2 hours return or can be done one way in either direction with a car shuffle from the Yellow Beach picnic area. There are toilets, a BBQ and a picnic shelter at Yellow Beach managed by Council.

## ABOUT WALKING ON THE ISLAND

Most walking tracks on Flinders Island are Class 5 or less so care needs to be taken; you are responsible for your own safety. Be aware of your physical ability, dress appropriately, take water and expect the possibility of snakes on all tracks and coastlines. Check the weather and be cautious in windy and wet conditions. Let someone know where you are going or leave a note in your vehicle or accommodation.

The most popular tracks are listed and briefly described here; further details can be found on websites such as Tasmania Parks & Wildlife Service [www.parks.tas.gov.au](http://www.parks.tas.gov.au), Alltrails and on social media.

Avoid private property unless permitted by the owner. Make local enquiries to obtain local knowledge.

Generally, facilities such as water, toilets or BBQs are not available unless otherwise indicated. Please observe campfire restrictions and be Bushfire Aware. A National Parks pass is required for Strzelecki National Park (walks 2 & 3) and can be bought at Service Tas in Whitemark or online at PWS [www.parks.tas.gov.au](http://www.parks.tas.gov.au).

Tourist maps of the Furneaux Group can be purchased at Service Tas or Bowman's Store in Whitemark.

In emergencies contact 000. For other issues relating to the walks, contact Parks & Wildlife 03 6359 2217 or Flinders Council 03 6359 5001.

## OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

The GEOTrail identifies 26 locations around Flinders with QR codes explaining the geology of the areas. [www.furneauxgeotrail.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.furneauxgeotrail.flinders.tas.gov.au)

Furneaux Museum and 'Wybalenna' historic site at Emita. Ph. 03 63598434 for opening times.

Birdwatching hides at Long Point, Cameron Inlet and Petrification Bay (Coast Rd, Lady Barron). [www.facebook.com/birdsofFlindersIsland](http://www.facebook.com/birdsofFlindersIsland)

Muttonbird viewing at dusk at Port Davies viewing platform from November to April.

Patriarchs Sanctuary, at the end of Lees Rd, is a volunteer-run conservation refuge for Cape Barren Geese and other wildlife. It was established in 1980 entirely through donations. The 'A Frame' visitor centre has been used over the years by scientists as well as nature lovers.

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