



Haycock Point from Barmouth Beach

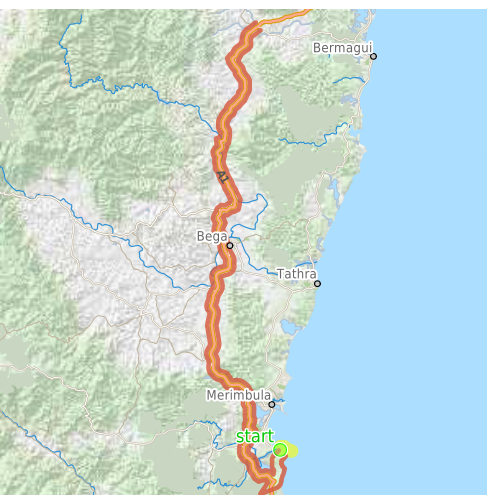
(Yuin Country)

1 h 30 min to 2 h

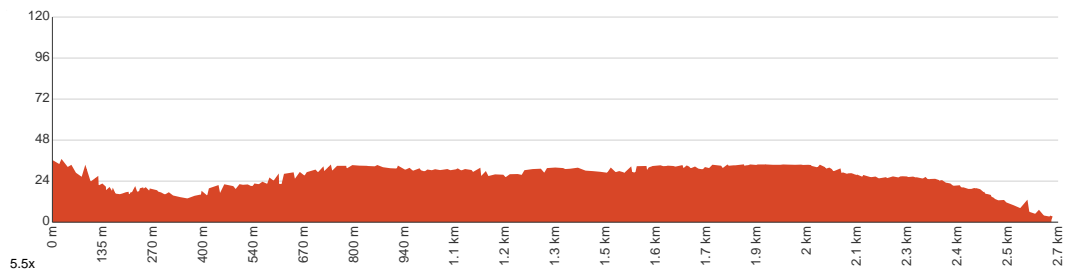
5.3 km
Return

↑ 128 m
↓ 128 m

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Hard track



The walk to Haycock Point is a great one, with Barmouth Beach as an optional side trip, there is also an interesting arched rock formation and great panoramic views from Haycock Point. The walk passes through a few different vegetation types which splits the walk into sections, including open grassy plains and dense woody forests. Let us begin by acknowledging the Yuin people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 4 of 6
Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Princes Highway, A1, Cobargo.

- Turn on to Princes Highway, A1 then drive for 1.3 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Princes Highway, A1 and drive for another 27.3 km
- Turn right onto Princes Highway, A1 and drive for another 6.7 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Quondolo Street, A1 and drive for another 245 m
- Turn slight right onto Bullara Street, A1 and drive for another 10.7 km
- Turn left onto Haycock Road and drive for another 6 km

Before you start any journey ensure you;

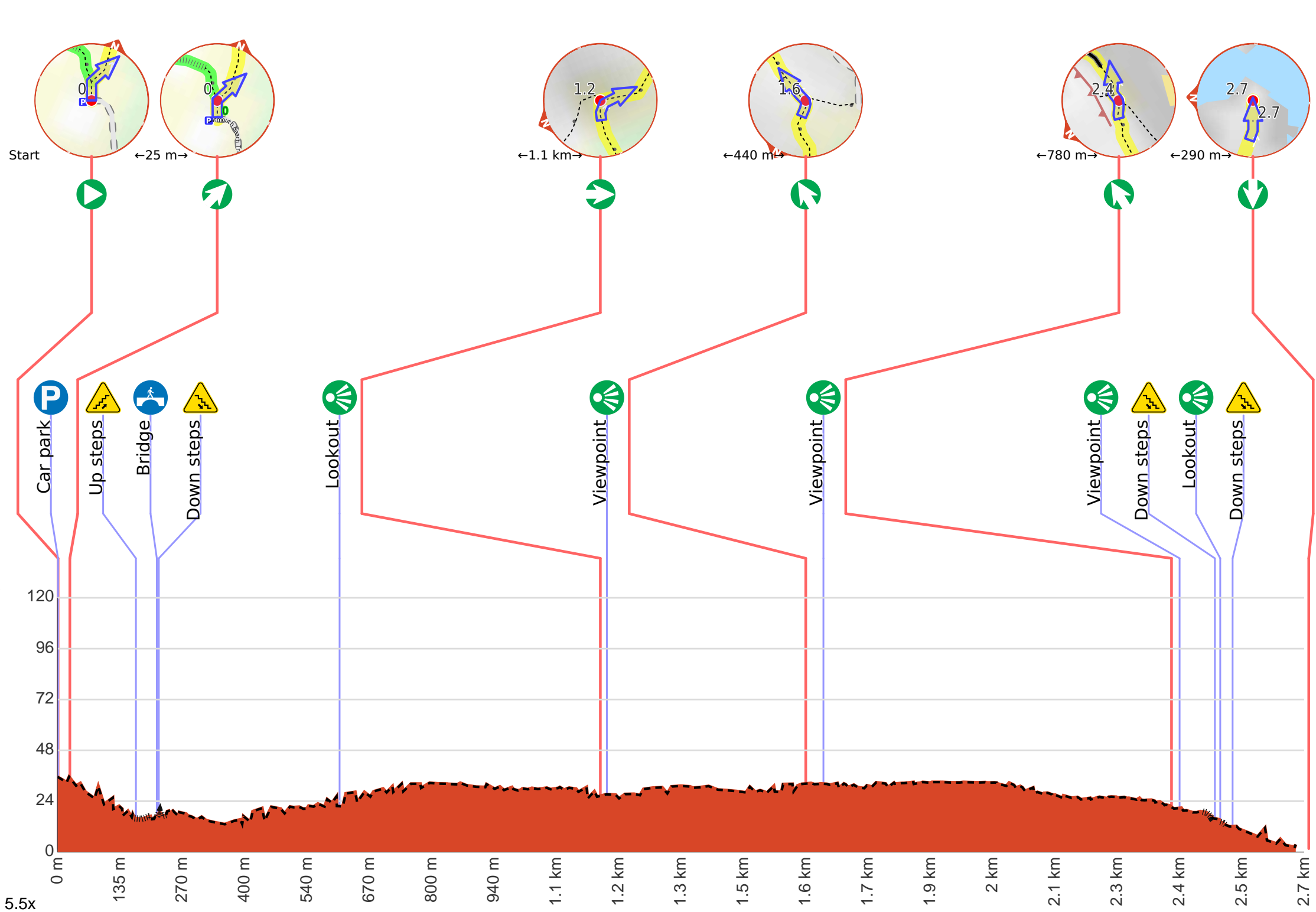
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

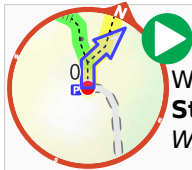
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Getting started: From the car park, this walk heads down the hill, following the path made by the cut logs. The track soon comes to a signposted intersection.

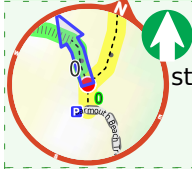


At the intersection of Haycock Point Walking Track & Barmouth Beach Track **Start** heading along *Haycock Point Walking Track* (a walking track).



Find the Barmouth Beach Parking at the start.

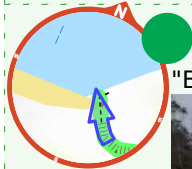
Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Barmouth Beach.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start.**



After another 45 m head down the 100 steps (about 65 m long)



After another 25 m come to "Barmouth Beach".



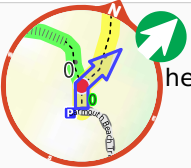
Barmouth Beach is in Ben Boyd National Park, at the mouth of Pambula River. The beach is opposite the township of Pambula Beach and can be access from inside the national park via a small track, not too far from Haycock Point. The beach is a small north-facing, yellow sand beach with no facilities (no Surf Life Saving patrols). The beach has some bright red rock platforms at either end that are worth exploring. Exploration is a part of Barmouth Beach's history, with George Bass escaping the winds, landing on the beach in 1797. He explored the area and named Barmouth River, today Pambula River.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 135 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn sharp right and follow on from the 25 m waypoint.



After another 25 m **veer right**, to head along Haycock Point Walking Track.



After another 140 m head up the 47 steps (about 35 m long)



After another 9 m cross the bridge (about 4 m long)



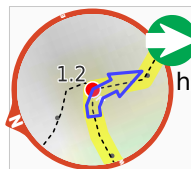
Then head down the 28 steps (about 20 m long)



After another 370 m find the "Arched rock lookout" (15 m on your left).



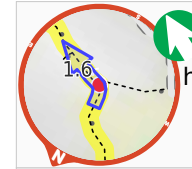
This is an informal, unnamed, and unfenced lookout, on the southern side of the headland forming the mouth of the Pambula River. The lookout is in Ben Boyd National Park and can be accessed by walking track to Haycock Point. There is a great view out to sea and up the coast as far as Merimbula. The view is memorable for the unusual rock arch, formed from the eroding force of the ocean.



After another 560 m **turn right**, to head along Haycock Point Walking Track.



After another 15 m come to the viewpoint (9 m on your left).



After another 420 m **veer left**, to head along Haycock Point Walking Track.



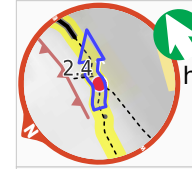
After another 35 m **continue straight**, to head along Haycock Point Walking Track.



Then come to the viewpoint (10 m on your left).



After another 570 m **continue straight**, to head along Haycock Point Walking Track.



After another 175 m **veer left**, to head along Haycock Point Walking Track.



After another 8 m **continue straight**, to head along Haycock Point Walking Track.



After another 9 m come to the viewpoint (20 m on your left).



After another 75 m head down the 29 surface/paved steps (about 20 m long)



Then find the "Haycock Point" (4 m on your left).



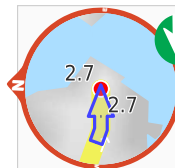
Haycock Point, in the northern part of Ben Boyd National Park, provides a great vantage point across the red rock platform, out to sea and north up the rocky coast. An interesting dome-shaped rock, called Haystack Rock, is memorable for its unusual shape and also as a dive location. The SS Empire Gladstone struck rocks here in calm seas in 1950, after mistaking the lights of Merimbula for a lighthouse. Thankfully, no lives were lost and some cargo was recovered, but the wreck forms a popular dive spot today.



After another 25 m head down the 15
surface|paved steps (about 10 m long)



After another 150 m come to "Haycock Point".



Turn around here and retrace the
main route for 2.7 km to get back to the
start.