



Norah Head Lighthouse and Rockshelf

(Darkinjung & Guringai Country)

Walk

30 min to 45 min



1.4 km
Return



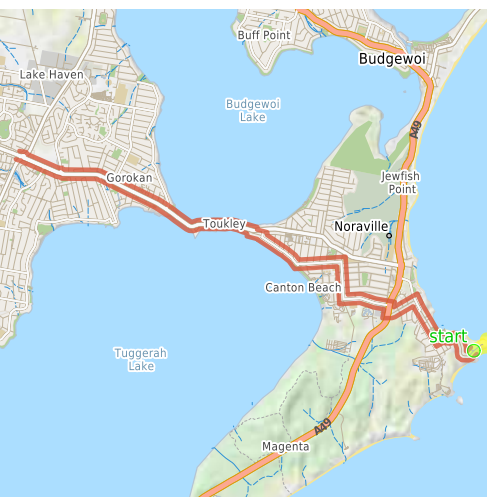
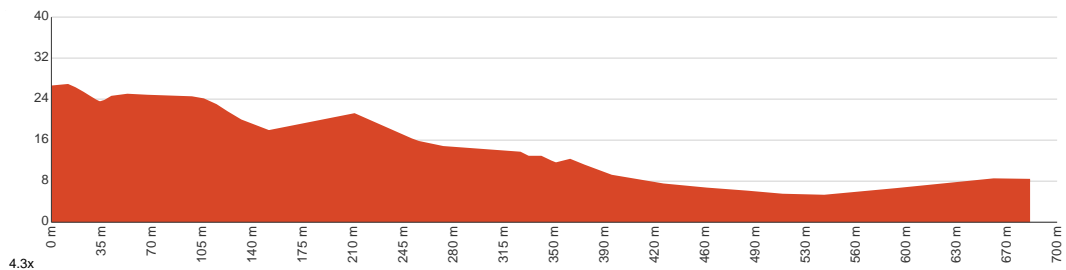
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Hard track



A very interesting and very scenic walk, taking in the merchant mariners memorial, and lookout, and the Norah Head Lighthouse before exploring the rockshelf below Norah Head. The lighthouse is very picturesque and the setting is beautiful, with some fantastic views along the coastline from the paths around the area. The merchant mariners memorial adds some more historic interest to the walk. The rockshelf is interesting to explore, with plenty of shapes and textures in the rock. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darkinjung & Guringai people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



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| 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 | Minimal directional signs (4/6) |
| Infrastructure | Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6) |
| Experience Required | Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6) |
| Weather | Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6) |

Getting to the start: From Sparks Road, B70

- Turn on to Wallarah Road, B70 then drive for 750 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Wallarah Road, B70 and drive for another 3.6 km
- Turn right onto Tamar Avenue and drive for another 245 m
- Turn right onto Dunleigh Street and drive for another 800 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Crossingham Street and drive for another 780 m
- Turn right onto Evans Road and drive for another 660 m
- Turn left onto Oleander Street and drive for another 820 m
- Turn right onto Wilfred Barrett Drive, A49 and drive for another 140 m
- Turn left onto Denison Street and drive for another 540 m
- Turn right onto Bungary Road and drive for another 810 m
- Turn left onto Maitland Street and drive for another 115 m
- Continue onto Bush Street and drive for another 185 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Bush Street and drive for another 620 m

Before you start any journey ensure you;

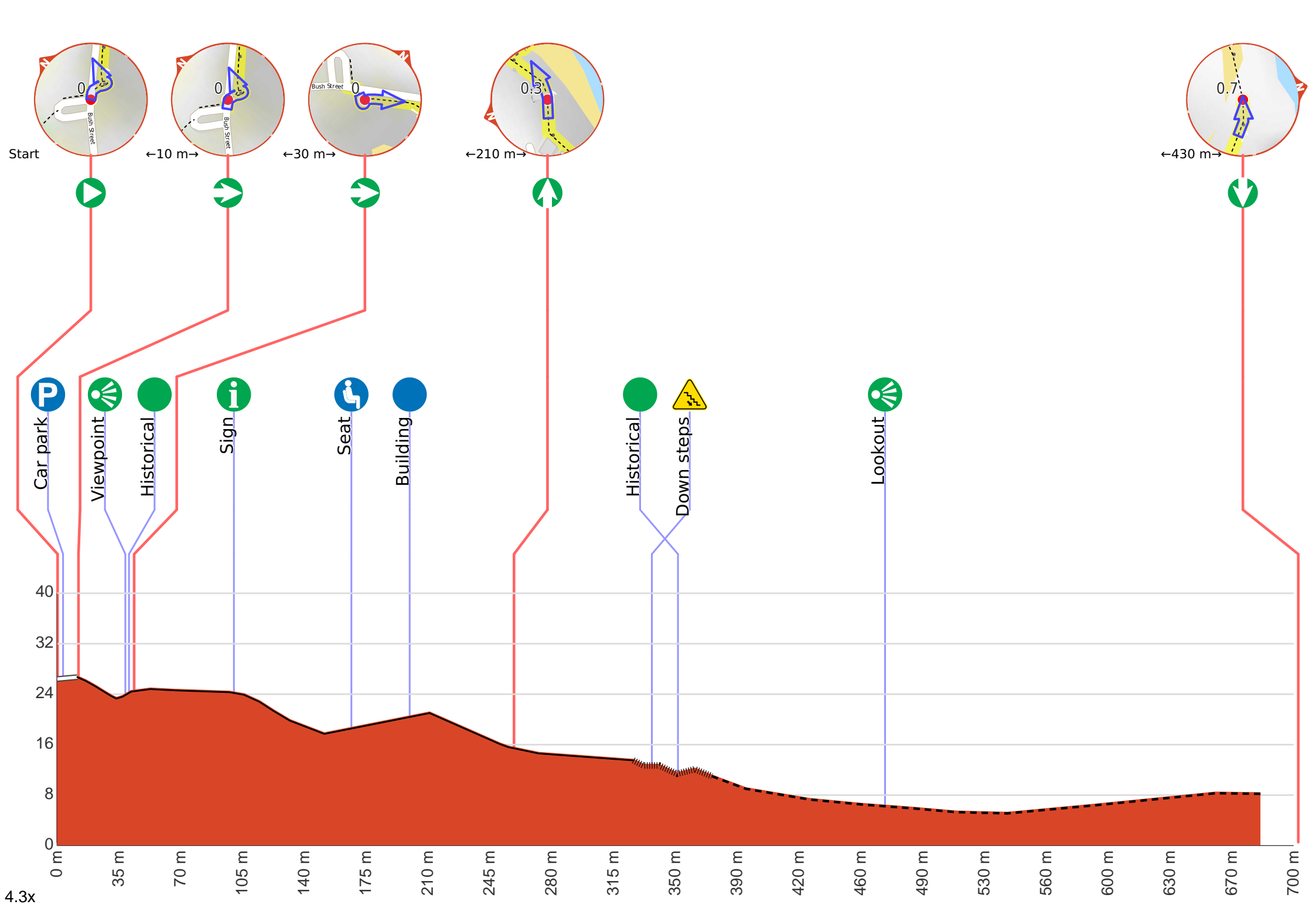
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

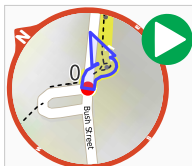
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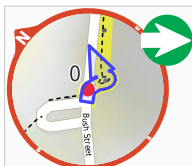
Getting started: From the end of the car park, this walk crosses the car park, tending to the left, then crosses Bush St to the Merchant Mariners memorial and lookout. There are numerous plaques in the footpath and set in rocks at the memorial, providing information about merchant ships and lives lost during times of war.



Start.



Find the car park at the start.



After another 8 m **turn right**.



After another 10 m **continue straight**.



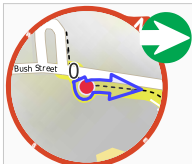
After another 15 m come to the viewpoint (on your right).



Then find the "Merchant Mariners memorial and lookout" (on your right).



This memorial and lookout point commemorates the loss of lives in the merchant navy, during times of war, primarily WWII. There are several plaques with details of the ships and number of lives lost. The stunning views from the lookout take in the nearby Norah Head lighthouse and much of the coastline to the south.



After another 3 m **turn right**.



After another 55 m pass the sign (on your right).



After another 65 m pass a seat (on your left).



After another 30 m find the "Lighthouse cottages and weddings" (on your left).



The cottages at the Norah Head Lighthouse can be booked as accommodation (ph: 1300 132 975) and the Lighthouse grounds can be booked for weddings (ph: (02) 4396 4102).



After another 55 m **continue straight**.



After another 90 m find the "Norah Head Lighthouse" (on your left).



The lighthouse was established in 1903 and was converted from a kerosene burner to mains electricity power in 1961. Tours of the lighthouse are available on weekends, every half hour between 10am and 1:30pm.



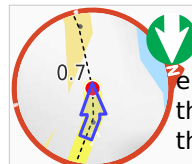
Then head down the steps (about 45 m long)



After another 85 m find the "Norah Head Lighthouse Point lookout" (on your left).



This lookout, on the point of Norah Head, near the lighthouse, has amazing views in all directions, up and down the coastline, across the rockshelves and beaches below, and of the lighthouse itself.



Continue another 225 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 680 m to get back to the start.



"Norah Head rockshelf".



This rockshelf is at the tip of Norah Head, below the lighthouse. The general scenery in the area is beautiful and the rockshelves have a lot of interesting shapes and textures, making the area interesting to explore. The rockshelf can be reached from the nearby beaches or via steps from the lighthouse.