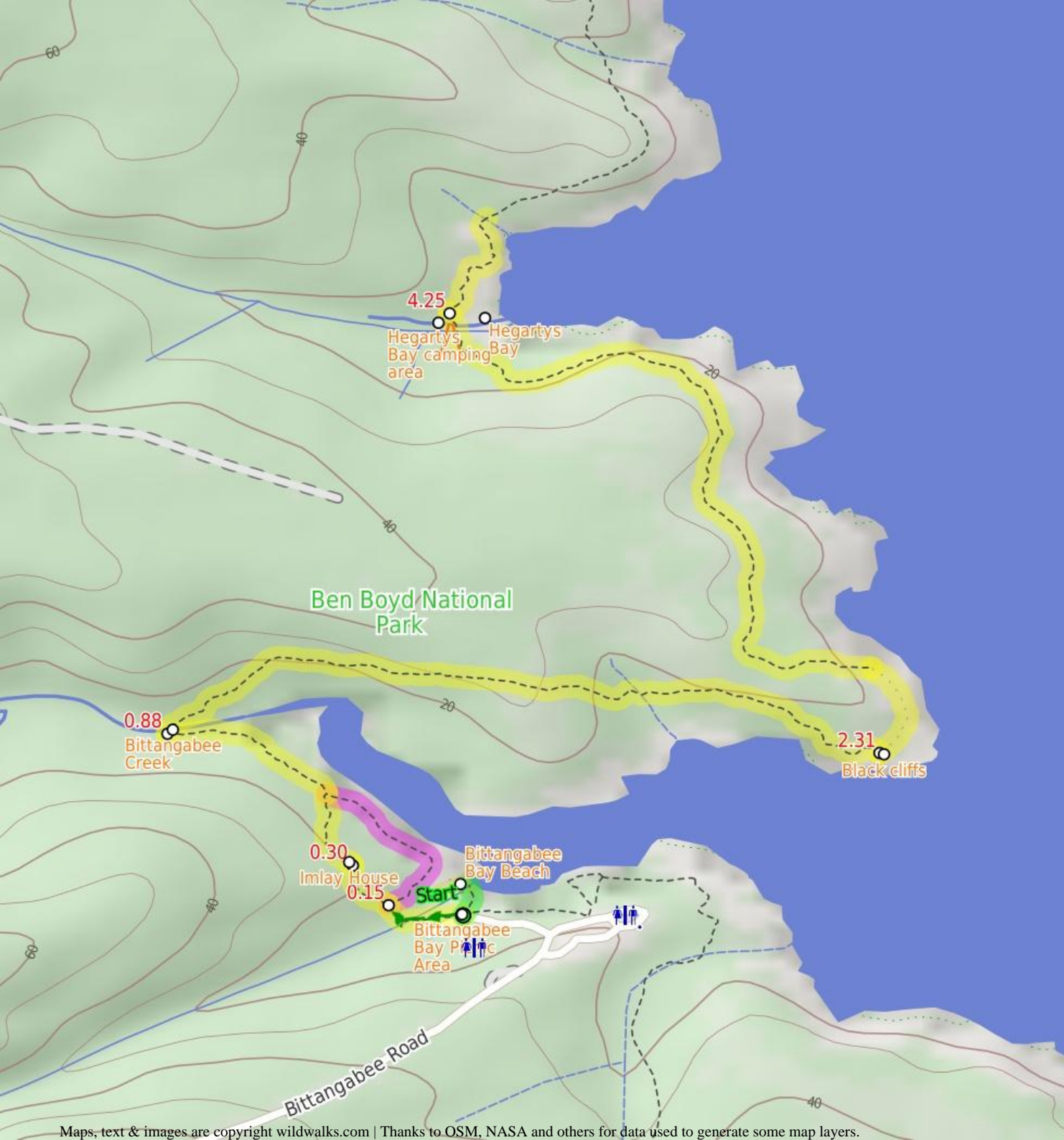


Bittangabee Bay to Hegartys Bay



3 hrs 30 mins

Hard track



9.1 km Return

▲ 248m

This is a pleasant walk which wanders around the coast from Bittangabee Bay to the rocky Hegartys Bay. The walk is an excellent outing from Bittangabee Bay camping and picnic areas, and it passes a few good places for a swim. The walk is well marked and explores the coast north of Bittangabee Bay. The red coast at Hegartys bay is fantastic. If you want, there is a bush camp at Hegartys Bay, making this into an overnight walk.

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Ben Boyd National Park

Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

Getting there Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Bittangabee Bay Picnic area (gps: -37.2168, 150.0149). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

This is a return, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/bbthb>

0 | Bittangabee Bay Picnic Area

Bittangabee Bay Picnic Area is near Bittangabee Bay and camp area in Ben Boyd National Park. The picnic area is a day-use only area with a few picnic tables, an electric BBQ and a pit toilet. There is a reasonable amount of natural shade, and is close to a car park. There is short walk to the beach and ruins at Bittangabee Bay. The picnic area is well signposted on the loop road near the Bittangabee camping area.

0 | Optional sidetrip to Bittangabee Beach

(90 m 2 mins) From the road just near the picnic area, this walk heads down the hill, passing through the picnic area and down the stairs. The water and beach are visible through the trees, the track soon leading down onto the beach.

0 | Bittangabee Bay Beach

Bittangabee Bay Beach, Ben Boyd National Park, is a small beach at the south-western corner of the bay. The beach can be accessed by a short walk from Bittangabee picnic area in Ben Boyd National Park. The yellow sand beach has a small creek and lagoon behind. The beach also has rock platforms at each end and is fairly well-protected from swells, being tucked away in the bay. The historic storehouse is visible on the shore to the right.

0 | Bittangabee Bay Picnic area

(150 m 3 mins) Turn right: From the picnic area, the walk follows the sign to 'Saltwater Creek 9.0km' down the hill, keeping the road above on the left. The track heads down the hillside and crosses a rocky creek bed, then leads up the hill to an information sign marking the intersection.

0.15 | Alternate Route Int. Coast and Ruins Trks Sth to I

(420 m 8 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk passes the 'Welcome to Bittangabee' sign (to the left of the track) as it heads down the hill keeping the water below on the right. The track keeps the water below on the right to tend left, around the hillside. The track passes numerous bay access tracks on the right to soon come to a signposted intersection. Now Veer right to rejoin the main walk .

0.15 | Int. Coast and Ruins Trks Sth

(140 m 3 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the track heads up the hill keeping the 'Welcome to Bittangabee' sign below on the right. The track tends right up the hill, to a black platform overlooking the Imlay House ruins.

0.3 | Imlay House

Imlay House ruins still show the foundations of a house built by the Imlay brothers in 1844. The ruins are found in Bittangabee Bay in Ben Boyd National Park, along the Light to Light track. The house was to be a station for the Imlay family to further their grazing and whaling in the area. It appears the stone house was never completed, with the brothers dying in 1846 (George) and 1847 (Alexander). Soon after the Imlay brothers died, Benjamin Boyd began using the bay for his own whaling company in 1848. [More info.](#)

0.3 | Imlay House Ruins

(580 m 12 mins) Continue straight: From the platform, the walk keeps the platform and ruins on the right as it heads down the hill to a signposted intersection.

Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows neither arrows on the sign but heads away from the face of the sign, keeping the bay below on the right. The bay becomes narrower as the track tends left into a gully. Soon, the track comes to be above a creek.

0.88 | Bittangabee Creek

Bittangabee Creek is a small creek feeding Bittangabee Bay in Ben Boyd National Park. The creek enters the bay and is crossed by the Light to Light track about 800m north-west of Bittangabee Campsite. The creek provides a quiet place for people to paddle and relax.

0.88 | Bittangabee Creek

(1.4 km 29 mins) Continue straight: From the creek, this walk crosses immediately over the rocky creek bed to the other side, and then winds right along the hillside of the creek's gully. The track leads up out of this gully, tending left, to following track markers bolted to the trees. The track undulates out of the bush and into the heath before dropping down onto a rock shelf above the sea.

2.31 | Black cliffs

The black cliffs of Ben Boyd National Park provide a great vantage point. The headland on the north side of Bittangabee has a fairly large clearing on a rock platform, high above the ocean. There are great views out to sea and into the mouth of Bittangabee Bay. There are no fences or facilities at this informal lookout. Being dark in colour, this rock platform can get very uncomfortable on hot days - trees on the south side provide some respite with shade. The rock slopes into the sea on the south side, but would be too dangerous for swimming.

2.31 | Black cliffs south

(1.9 km 35 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the rock shelf, keeping Green Cape Lighthouse and the bay behind, and the ocean to the right, of the track. The track leads up the rock platform, with its stunning views over the ocean and coast to the right. Before the end of the rock platform, the walk comes to an intersection with a track on the left, marked by some boulders.

Continue straight: From the rock platform, this walk heads up the

stairs away from the ocean and rock platform. The track winds through the heath for some time, tending right and then parallel to the sea, which is on the far right of the track. The track continues across this headland, to then drop down into a creek, which it passes over to head up the hill to a signposted clearing, 'Hegartys Bay Camping Area'.

4.25 | Hegartys Bay camping area

Hegartys Bay camping area is a basic bush campsite on the Light to Light walk, about 2km north of Bittangabee. The campsite is signposted and is just north of a small creek that leads to Hegartys Bay. There is another, smaller campsite that is not signposted, about 50m north. The creek is very unreliable and other than some impromptu chairs made from driftwood, there are no facilities provided. The campsite is nestled in a clearing among the tall, dense bush, providing some shade and shelter from winds.

4.25 | Hegartys Bay

Hegartys Bay is a north-east facing bay, about 2km north of Bittangabee in Ben Boyd National Park. The bay has many small boulders at the apex that then fade to rock shelves at each end. The bay is walled by red cliffs at the entrance and the northern wall has some spectacular examples of rock folding. The bay can be accessed along the Light to Light track and is home to a bush campsite.

4.25 | Hegartys Bay Camp

(320 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the clearing, this walk keeps the ocean on the right as it passes behind Hegartys Bay. The track winds through the bush, passing a small clearing and fireplace on the left of the track before heading down into the bay. The track follows arrow markers along the rock features of the bay, to the sandy beach of Hegartys Bay.