



Ly-ee-moon Graveyard



30 mins

Easy track



490 m Return

8m

This short walk explores the somber and interesting heritage site of the Ly-ee-moon Graveyard. The graveyard covers quite a large area and is well signposted with information signs. The short walk is well worth the time, especially if you are in the area visiting the lighthouse. The sandy track passes through the dense bushland before opening up to the many unnamed graves.

24m

28m

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 Green Cape Lighthouse Car park (gps: -37.2596, 150.048). 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.it/1>

0 | Green Cape

Green Cape is a headland at the southern end of Ben Boyd National Park, forming the northern head of Disaster Bay. The cape's traditional owners are the people of the Yuin nation, from whom there remains evidence of a number of camps in the area. The cape was named 'Green Point' by Matthew Flinders in 1798. The area began its notorious fame in 1802 when eight of Flinders' crew disappeared when fetching water, in what he then appropriately named 'Disaster Bay'. The Imlay brothers and Boyd both established whaling business in the area in the early to mid 1800's, leaving several buildings in the park. There were many shipwrecks in the surrounding waters, the most famous being the SS Ly-ee-moon, whose victims are buried on the cape. The most visible feature on the cape is the 29-metre high lighthouse that is still operational today. NPWS run tours on the site in the middle of the day from Thursdays to Monday - the tour takes about 1 hour and costs \$20 per family. There is a pit toilet at the car park at the end of Green Cape Road. Accommodation is also available in the renovated lighthouse keeper cottages. [More info.](#)

0 | Green Cape Lighthouse Car park

(250 m 4 mins) From the intersection, this walk heads in the opposite direction to the 'Lighthouse Walkway' signs through the car park. The walk soon meets a bush track into the melaleuca and heath, which it follows to the signposted intersection of the Ly-ee-moon Graveyard.

0.25 | Ly-ee-moon Graveyard

The Ly-ee-moon Graveyard is a stark reminder of the horrific accident on the night of May 31st, 1886, when 71 men, women and children lost their lives. The white stone and single cross marks the positions of the unnamed graves. The nearby plaque names the people who lost their lives - sadly some names where not known and these people are remembered only by comments such as 'one who had a German accent'. During the dark night, the lighthouse keeper and assistant heroically rescued 16 people from the sea, and were left to listen to cries for help though the night of other people who could not be saved. The mother of Blessed Mary MacKillop, the first Australian to be beatified by the Catholic church, was one of those lost during the night. The fast and normally reliable ship, operated by the Australian Steam Navigation Company, was a single screw ship converted from a paddle steamer when it was brought to Australia in 1876. The graveyard is about 300m north-west of the Green Cape lighthouse, which was operational at the time the SS Ly-ee-moon struck the reef and sunk. [More info.](#)

