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60 Great Short Walks around Tasmania including:

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- waterfalls
- Aboriginal culture
- mountains
- forests
- glacial lakes
- beaches
- tall trees
- seascapes
- history
- islands
- wildlife
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Times are given for completing each walk at an unhurried but steady pace. Times given are for walking only and do not allow for rests, picnics and photos etc. Approximate distances have been given per walk. All distances are one way unless the walk is a circuit.

This describes how to reach the start of the walk. Road directions are given using the alpha-numerical system used on Tasmanian road signs and road maps, for example the Lyell Highway (A10). Other symbols used to denote access to walks include ferry, plane and train.

If payment is required to undertake a walk, it will be noted. The most common is for national park entry passes. Some walks require commercial transport for access and fees apply.

Facilities associated with the walk are described. If there are no facilities, then the closest ones are generally noted.

The walks have been classified as:

- **Level 1** No experience required. Well formed flat surface with no steps or steep sections. Suitable for wheelchair users who have someone to assist them. Up to 750m one way.
- **Level 2** Easy walks suitable for most fitness levels. Tracks may have occasional steps and a formed gravel or hardened surface. Up to 6km one way.
- **Level 3** Bush walking proficiency and a good level of fitness required. Tracks likely to be steep, have a rough surface and may have many steps. Up to 20km one way.

Clothing and other necessities have been arranged into three groups A, B & C (see table opposite). Each particular walk has the recommended group of items required. Visitors should always carry sufficient water on every walk.

This entry notes any hazards to be aware of on a particular walk, and how to minimise risks to safety. Conditions in the Tasmanian mountains change quickly and often. In any month, sunshine can quickly be replaced by heavy rain and cold wind. If walking for more than a 15 minute return trip in mountain areas, take clothing for cold and wet weather. Special care should be taken to protect children from cold, wind, rain, snow and sun.

Firearms are always prohibited. Pets are prohibited in national parks, but dogs on a leash may be taken into some other areas. Fires are not allowed unless specified. Fires are not allowed within World Heritage Areas. Bicycles are generally not permitted on walking tracks.

A few walks have an extra section for additional information.

Car parking available (see maps)

Toilets available (see maps)
How to walk safely

Plan to walk safely – know your way, walk within your capabilities.

Be prepared – take clothing and equipment to suit changeable weather and track conditions.

Avoid walking alone – walk with friends.

Let a reliable person know your plans before you go – be sure to advise them of your safe return.

Record your trip intentions in the log book (where one is available) – this will help searchers to locate you if you are reported overdue or missing.

Be prepared to turn back, or change your plans, if the weather deteriorates or the walk is more difficult than expected.

Mt Strzelecki, Flinders Island

Please note:

Visitors to Tasmania’s natural environment should be aware that natural hazards occur and that land management agencies will not accept liability for any injury or damage resulting from such hazards.

Maps provided are only indicative and are intended to show how to get to the walk, rather than the route of the track.

Parks and Wildlife Service Tasmania

Forestry Tasmania

These symbols indicate the land managing agency for each site described on the following pages. Some walks are managed by Councils, the Wellington Park Management Trust or the Port Arthur Historic Sites.

Group A items required

- Sturdy walking shoes or boots
- Sun hat
- Sun block
- Sunglasses
- Clothes to suit the weather of the day

Group B items required

- Group A items plus
- Raincoat
- Woollen jumper or fibrepile jacket
- Snack food and drink

Group C items required

- Group A and B items plus
- Thermal leggings or shorts rather than long cotton trousers or jeans (cotton becomes soaked in wet weather and will cool the body)
- Warm hat or beanie and gloves
- Waterproof trousers
- Gaiters (if you have them)
- Lunch and drink
- Map
Organ Pipes Walk, Mt Wellington

Beautiful Mt Wellington has a range of walking tracks. This walk leaves from the Springs and takes walkers beneath the fluted columns known as the Organ Pipes.

3 hours return (3.7km one way)

Davey Street and Huon Road from Hobart to Fern Tree, then the Pinnacle Road to the Springs (13km from Hobart). Alternatively, catch the public bus service from Franklin Square in Hobart to Fern Tree and then take a 40-50 minute uphill walk to the Springs on another walking track. The walk begins on the Pinnacle Track, across the road from the toilets at the Springs. A small track leads to the top of a loop road where the Pinnacle Track begins.

Toilets, drinking water, day shelters and fireplaces located at the Springs and Fern Tree. There is a day shelter hut at the Chalet.

Level 3. Walk includes a 400m climb over 1.8km and is rocky in sections.

Group B items

The walk starts at 720m and rises to 1000m. The weather conditions at these elevations may change quickly and dramatically.

Bicycles are not permitted on this track. Dogs (on a leash) are permitted on the sections of the walk below Pinnacle Road only eg Fern Tree to the Springs. The map at the track start has further details.
This picturesque site on the Tasman Peninsula once housed up to 600 convicts who laboured in the inky blackness of underground tunnels, chipping at coal and dragging it out on trolleys behind them. Ruins that include the penitentiary, underground cells and mine shaft remain from this brutal past.

Allow 1-2 hours or longer (1km one way)

Travel on road B37 from Taranna or Nubeena on the Tasman Peninsula. At Premaydena take road C341 for approximately 13km. The final 500m is unsealed

Interpretation panels tell the story of the site’s history.

Toilets. Picnic opportunities; bring your own drinking water and all supplies. Camping is available nearby at Lime Bay

Level 1. A 300m section at the start of track is wheelchair accessible. The rest is a Level 2 walk

Group A items

Deep shafts and building ruins. For safety, remain behind barriers and please supervise children

No pets, metal detectors or firearms. Bicycles must keep to formed roads. Please assist with conservation by not disturbing any building remnants
Vantage points that show cliffs plummeting into the sea and swirling ocean waters make this an exciting coastal walk.

1-1.5 hour return (1.7km one way)

From Eaglehawk Neck, on the Tasman Peninsula, take road C338 to its end at the Devils Kitchen

Park entry fees apply

Toilets are located 2km away at the Blowhole

Level 2

Group A items

Hazardous cliffs – please supervise children

No pets, firearms or bicycles
Here you can enjoy a coastline, remote from roads and houses, without walking a long distance or climbing steep hills. The walk leaves from the squeaky white sands of Fortescue Bay and gives you close-up views of sparkling waters and large kelp forests. You might see a seal or dolphins.

3 hour return walk (5km one way)

Arthur Highway (A9) to junction with Fortescue Bay road (C344) which is 4km south of Taranna and 4km north of Port Arthur. Turn into C344 and drive 12km to Fortescue Bay. This road is unsealed but is suitable for 2WD vehicles and mountain bikes. Beware of log trucks on this road.

Park entry fees apply

Camping, boat ramp, drinking water, picnic and toilet facilities available at Fortescue Bay. Campsite bookings recommended September-April. Phone 6250 2433

Level 2

Group B items

Sections of track are close to water – please supervise children

No pets, firearms or bicycles
You can get a great view of Cape Hauy as you travel to the Tasman Peninsula. To get this view, make a short detour from the Arthur Highway (A9) to the Pirates Bay lookout just before Eaglehawk Neck. The walk to Cape Hauy leaves from Fortescue Bay 15km further south.

4 hour return walk (4.4km one way)

See Bivouac Bay walk

Park entry fees apply

See Bivouac Bay walk

Level 3

Group B items

Hazardous cliffs – please supervise children

No pets, firearms or bicycles
Stunning coastal seascapes that include rock platforms, towering cliffs and columns, off-shore islands and swirling seas. Take your lunch, spend some time and gaze in awe at majestic views.

5 hour return walk (7km one way)

B37 from Port Arthur. Drive 8km west of Port Arthur, then turn left at the sign to Highcroft and Stormlea, located at Parsons Bay Creek. Drive along Stormlea Road for 9km (dirt road) to the carpark. If travelling from Nubeena, turn right into this road 3km south of Nubeena.

Park entry fees apply

No facilities at car park or on track. Public toilets and drinking water are available at Port Arthur or Nubeena

Level 3. Some rough uphill sections; moderate degree of fitness required

Group C items

Hazardous cliffs – please supervise children

No pets, firearms or bicycles
Bruny Island offers a rich history, spectacular scenery, close-up wildlife and a variety of walking opportunities.

1.5 hour to Grass Point and return (2km one way);
2.5 hour with return via Fluted Cape (5.4km one way)

Car ferry service from Kettering. For timetable, see ‘Bruny Island Ferry Service’ in the Southern Tasmania phone book. On Bruny take roads B66 and C630 to Adventure Bay. Drive to the end of the road. The track starts from a small car park just before the Adventure Bay Caravan Park. Long sections of road on Bruny Island are unsealed, but are suitable for 2WD vehicles and bicycles

Park entry fees apply

No facilities at car park or on track. Public toilets located in Adventure Bay township area (passed prior to reaching the track start)

Grass Point: Level 2. Easy track suitable for family groups
Via Fluted Cape: Level 3. Moderate grade involving a steep uphill section. Sections of track can be slippery when wet

Grass Point: Group A items
Via Fluted Cape: Group B items

Grass Point: Water – please supervise children
Via Fluted Cape: Dangerous cliffs – please supervise children

No pets, firearms or bicycles
This track circuits the Labillardiere Peninsula, one of the more remote corners of Bruny Island. The walk is not hard and there are great views of the Southern Ranges.

5 hour circuit walk (14km one way)

See Fluted Cape walk. On Bruny Island take road B66 to Alonnah and Lunawanna and road C629 towards Cape Bruny. Just before Cape Bruny a sign marks access to Peninsula Walking Track. Allow 1.25 hours driving to reach the ferry terminal from the walking track

Park entry fees apply (self registration at park entrance)

Toilet adjacent to car park. No drinking water available

Level 3. Moderate grade with some short uphill sections

Group B items plus lunch

The beaches might be suitable for swimming in calm weather, but are not patrolled – please supervise children

No pets, firearms or bicycles
This walk starts from the end of Australia’s most southerly road and is the eastern end of the popular 7 day South Coast Track to Port Davey. It’s a great place, so take your lunch and make a good day of it.

4 hour return (7.7km one way)

Road C636 from Lune River township to Cockle Creek. The car park is signposted shortly after crossing the Cockle Creek bridge

Park entry fees apply

Toilets and un-powered camping areas

Level 3

Group C items

Unpatrolled beach – swim with caution

No pets, firearms or bicycles
This is an easy stroll to an idyllic lake. Duckhole Lake is a flooded sinkhole that is part of the surrounding cave and karst landscape.

1 hour return (2.1km one way)

The start of the walk can be reached from the turn off along the Hastings Cave Road in to Chestermans Road, after the Visitor Centre. This road then leads to Coal Hill Road. Note that these are single lane roads. The carpark is about 4km from the Hastings Cave Road turnoff. Alternatively, take the Darcy Link Road from the A6 at a junction 3.1km south of the Esperance River bridge in the township of Strathblane and continue on to Creekton Road.

No fees apply for Duckhole Lake walk, but do apply at Hastings Caves State Reserve.

Picnic table at lake. Toilets, café, picnic and barbecue facilities and thermal swimming pool are located at Hastings Caves State Reserve, approximately 7.5km from Duckhole Lake car park.

Level 2. Level track suitable for all age groups.

Group A items

Water in creeks and lake – please supervise children.

Dogs are welcome if kept on a leash. No bicycles.
Hartz Mountains National Park is a high alpine area with several walking opportunities, weather permitting.

1.5-2 hour return (1.7km one way)

From Geeveston take the C632 road for 13km to the Hartz Mountains turn off. Continue on the gravel road for 8km to the park boundary. Then a further 5km to the road end and car park. The gravel road can be covered in snow. Do not drive in snow unless your vehicle is fitted with chains as, should you become stuck, death from hypothermia could result. No rangers are based in this park.

$ Park entry fees apply

Toilet, tank water, picnic shelter and barbecue 4km before track start. No camping

Level 2

Group B items

Subject to severe weather conditions all year round

No pets, firearms or bicycles
In fine weather, this relatively accessible peak gives views of the South West wilderness including Federation Peak. Walkers are warned that blizzard weather conditions can occur with little warning, in any month. All walkers must be equipped with suitable clothing and all walking parties require navigation skills.

3-5 hour return (3.7km one way)

See Lake Esperance walk

Park entry fees apply

See Lake Esperance walk

Level 3. It is a 400m climb from the car park to reach the summit of Hartz Peak. The summit is at 1254m

Group C items

White-out conditions frequently occur making navigation by sight impossible. Keep your party together and stay on the marked track (also, see notes for Lake Esperance walk)

No pets, firearms or bicycles
Walk 13

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Tahune AirWalk

Journey along the Huon River, cross the Picton and Huon on steel swinging bridges and ascend to the treetops.

Tahune AirWalk – 50 minutes return (1.6km circuit);
McKays Track – 1 hour return (3km circuit); Huon Pine Track – 20 minutes return (500m one way)

Road A6 to Geeveston, then roads C632 and C631 to Tahune AirWalk, 29 kms from Geeveston. Allow 90 minutes one way from Hobart

Site admission fees apply. Open every day, except Christmas Day and during hazardous weather.
April – Sept 10am–4pm and Oct – Mar 9am–5pm

Extensive picnic areas leading up to and throughout the AirWalk including gas barbecues, shelters and toilets. Visitor centre includes licensed café. Camping and campervan areas provided

Level 1 – Includes the 600m AirWalk, a steel walkway, 40 metres in the tree canopy. The approach has 112 steps but transport is available to the start for those with walking difficulties. Level 2 – McKays Track crosses both the Picton and Huon by two swinging bridges and then leads back to the AirWalk. Level 2 – Huon Pine Track – a short track allowing access to both ancient and young Huon pines

Group A items

Huon and Picton Rivers – children must be supervised

Dogs are welcome if kept on a leash
An excellent walk that offers the best of Mt Field’s lower altitude tracks. It includes Russell Falls, Lady Barron Falls, the Tall Trees Walk and more.

1 hour 45 minute circuit (6km circuit)

From New Norfolk take road B62 and then B61. If travelling from Lake St Clair, take road B61 from the Lyell Highway (A10), just east of Gretna.

Park entry fees apply
Toilets, electric barbecues, visitor centre and restaurant
Level 2
Group B items
Flowing water – please supervise children. Walking here is not recommended in strong winds or stormy weather. Track may be closed at short notice during periods of high wind.

No pets, firearms or bicycles.
Russell Falls is one of Tasmania’s most treasured places. The falls delight every visitor and can be reached by a very easy track that may suit some wheelchair users and those with strollers.

20 minute circuit (600m circuit)

See Lady Barron Falls Circuit walk

Park entry fees apply

Toilets, electric barbecues, visitor centre and restaurant

Level 1

Group A items

Flowing water – please supervise children. Walking here is not recommended in strong winds or stormy weather. Track may be closed at short notice during periods of high wind

No pets, firearms or bicycles
The tall swamp gums of Mt Field are amongst the tallest trees in Australia. This walk allows plenty of opportunities to appreciate them. Visitors have the opportunity to use a clinometer to calculate the height of these massive trees.

30 minute circuit (1km circuit)
See Lady Barron Falls Circuit walk
Park entry fees apply
Toilets, electric barbecues, visitor centre and restaurant
Level 2
Group A items
Walking here is not recommended in strong winds or stormy weather. Track may be closed at short notice during periods of high wind
No pets, firearms or bicycles
Named after the world’s tallest heath, this walk circles Lake Dobson in the Mt Field National Park. In fine weather, it’s suitable for all the family.

30-40 minute circuit walk (1.5km circuit)

See Lady Barron Falls Circuit walk for directions to Mt Field National Park. Once at the park, drive up the Lake Dobson Road for 16km. This section of road is unsealed and can be closed due to snow

Park entry fees apply

Toilets and day shelter near walk start at Dobson. Electric barbecues, visitor centre and restaurant located at the park entrance

Level 2

Group A items

Mountain area subject to cold weather conditions. Suitable clothing is essential

No pets, firearms or bicycles
There are three short walks at Lake St Clair. The shortest is 2.4km return and this can be extended by combining it with either one or two additional walks. At their longest, these walks combine to form a 4.7km figure-of-eight loop.

40 minute-1.5 hour depending on your choice of tracks (4.7km circuit)

Road C193 to Lake St Clair from the Lyell Highway (A10)

Park entry fees apply

Visitor centre, restaurant and accommodation

Level 2

Group A items

Wind, rain and snow can occur in any month

No pets, firearms or bicycles

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The Western Wilderness

Lake St Clair

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CRADLE MOUNTAIN-LAKE ST CLAIR NATIONAL PARK

DERWENT BRIDGE

to Queenstown

to Tarraleah

to St Clair Lagoon

START

500 m

NORTH
An easily accessible mountain walk giving outstanding views of Lake St Clair, Mt Olympus, Frenchmans Cap and the headwaters of the Franklin River.

7 hour circuit walk (18km circuit)

Road C193 to Lake St Clair from the Lyell Highway (A10)

Park entry fees apply

Visitor centre, restaurant and accommodation located at Lake St Clair

Level 3. Involves mountain walk from 737m to 1416m elevation on an easy to follow track

Group C items

Snow, wind, rain and freezing temperatures can occur in any month. The track is impassable after heavy snow

No pets, firearms or bicycles
Walk through rainforest, sub-alpine moorland and highland eucalypt forest on this circuit walk via Shadow Lake. Clear weather allows splendid views of Mt Hugel.

4 hour walk (11.5km circuit)

Road C193 to Lake St Clair from the Lyell Highway (A10)

Park entry fees apply

Visitor centre, restaurant and accommodation

Level 3. The track climbs approximately 270m over a distance of 6.6km

Group C items

Extreme weather conditions can be experienced at any time of the year

No pets, firearms or bicycles
Combine a ferry cruise on Lake St Clair with a walk through the rainforest beside the lake. You leave from, and return to, Cynthia Bay at the southern end of Lake St Clair.

20 minute by ferry and then 3 hours walk to return (10km one way)

Road C193 to Lake St Clair from the Lyell Highway (A10)

Park entry fees and ferry charges apply

Bush toilet at Echo Point. Restaurant and facilities at Cynthia Bay

Level 3

Group C items

Heavy rain can fall in any month and snow can cover the track in the winter months

No pets, firearms or bicycles

Ferry bookings and timetable phone (03) 6289 1137
Those travelling between Queenstown and Derwent Bridge will cross this well-known wilderness river on their way. Plan a rest stop here and enjoy the tranquillity of water and rainforest.

25 minutes return (1km one way)

Road A10 (Lyell Highway) 60km east of Queenstown

Park entry fees apply

Picnic and toilet facilities

Level 1. Easy walk that may suit some wheelchair users and those with strollers

Group A items

Swift flowing water – please supervise children

No pets, firearms or bicycles
Enjoy wilderness views of mountain tops and the Franklin River after this short walk. The track climbs a small hill at an easy grade and lands you perched and protected on a rocky lookout point.

40 minute return (1.1km one way)

Located on the Lyell Highway (A10) between the Franklin and Collingwood rivers

Park entry fees apply

Toilet and picnic facilities located at the Franklin River, 9km away

Level 2

Group B items

No pets, firearms or bicycles
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Nelson Falls

These delightful falls are reached after a very easy walk. Break the long drive and stretch your legs – you won’t be disappointed.

20 minute return (700m one way)

Located on Lyell highway (A10) between Queenstown and Derwent Bridge

Park entry fees apply

Toilet facilities only

Level 2. Some steps

Group A items

Heavy rain can occur in any month

No pets, firearms or bicycles
Walk with history down the route of the former railway line to Kelly Basin. Where once 1000 people lived, today only historic remnants of the former town called East Pillinger can be seen amidst lush green mosses and tree ferns.

3-4 hour return (5.4km one way)

Final 5km of access road is four-wheel drive only. In Queenstown, turn left at the Empire Hotel and then first right in to Conlan Street. Continue along Conlan Street which will lead you out of Queenstown and on to the Mt Jukes Road. Continue on this road for about 30 minutes until the right hand turn to the Bird River walking track. The last 20km of this road is gravel

Picnic tables near track start. Toilet at Kelly Basin

Level 3. Some sections are wet and muddy underfoot

Group C items

Heavy rain can occur in any month

No pets, firearms or bicycles. The walking track and picnic area are fuel stove only areas
This track is located in Peoples Park in the Strahan township. You can drive to the park via The Esplanade or walk there via the Foreshore Walking Track.

40-50 minute return (1.2km one way)

Peoples Park Strahan. This is midway between the main Strahan wharf area and Regatta Point

Toilets are located at the start of the track

Level 2

Group A items

Flowing water; please supervise children

Dogs are welcome if kept on a leash

No bicycles or firearms
An easy walk, through rainforest, along the route of the historic North East Dundas Tramway. At 104m, Montezuma Falls are one of the highest waterfalls in Tasmania. The track takes you right to the base of the falls.

3 hour return (4km one way)

Follow the signs to Williamsford and Montezuma Falls 2km south of Rosebery on the Murchison Highway (A10)

Picnic, toilet facilities and shops in Rosebery

Level 2. Level track suitable for all age groups

Group B items

Heavy rain can occur in any month

Dogs are welcome if kept on a leash. Bicycles are permitted and this track is well-suited to mountain bikes.
A wide boardwalk follows the bank of the Pieman River through rainforest. There are good views over the river and information is provided about the trees and the history of the area. There is a viewing platform at the end of the walk where an old Huon pine specimen hangs over the Pieman River.

20 minutes return (300m one way)

From the Murchison Highway (A10), take the turn off to Waratah (B23). Follow this road to Savage River, where it turns into the Corinna Rd (C247) and then onto Corinna. Access the walk from the car park beside the river.

Picnic areas, the Tarkine Hotel and a restaurant

Level 1

Group A items

Flowing water – please supervise children

No pets, firearms or bicycles
This 6km track is one of Tasmania’s premier walks. It will take you around Dove Lake and beneath the towering spires of Cradle Mountain.

2 hours (5.7km one way)

Road C132. 1 hour from Sheffield; 1.25 hours from Devonport

Park entry fees apply

Picnic and toilet facilities nearby

Level 2. Involves one moderate hill

Group B items

Wind, rain and snow can occur in any month

No pets, firearms or bicycles
A walk to suit all age groups. For company, there’s a cascading river, wombat burrows and magical old-growth rainforest.

20 minute circuit (1.1km circuit)

See information on Dove Lake Circuit walk. Enchanted Walk starts near the road bridge crossing Pencil Pine Creek at the national park entrance.

Park entry fees apply

Picnic and toilet facilities at the nearby visitor centre

Level 2

Group A items

Wind, rain and snow can occur in any month

No pets, firearms or bicycles
Crater Lake Circuit Walk

This track is at a lower altitude than many other tracks in the Cradle Mountain area. It’s a better option for days when the higher altitude tracks are being lashed by cold winds and heavy rain.

2 hour circuit walk (5.7km circuit)

See Dove Lake Circuit walk

Park entry fees apply

Toilets at Dove Lake and visitor centre

Picnic tables at Ronny Creek

Level 3

Group B items

Sections of track can be ice-covered and slippery, particularly during the winter months. Heavy rain, snow and freezing temperatures can occur in any month of the year

No pets, firearms or bicycles
The main track to Cradle Mountain summit leaves from Dove Lake and goes via Lake Lilla and Marions Lookout. However, walkers have a choice of several tracks and can choose to walk a different track on their return trip. Time of day, weather conditions and fitness of party should be kept in mind when choosing tracks for the trip. If in doubt, check with staff at the visitor centre.

6 to 8 hours return (6.4km one way)

See Dove Lake Circuit walk. Walk can be started from either Ronny Creek or Dove Lake car parks

Toilets at Dove Lake and visitor centre
Picnic tables at Ronny Creek

Level 3. 600m climb. Walk includes crossing large rocks

Group C items

Track starts at 900m and climbs to 1545m elevation. Highland weather conditions can change quickly and frequently. Snow, heavy rain and cold temperatures can occur in any month. Ice and snow regularly cover the track in the winter and spring months

No pets, firearms or bicycles
King Island is famous for its agriculture, wildlife, maritime history and rugged coastlines. The island can be reached by plane from Burnie airport. The limestone features that make up the Calcified Forest are often described as unusual, fascinating and mysterious. There are also Bennett wallabies, echidnas and birds to see. This walk is a must for all visitors to King Island.

30 minute return walk (800m one way)

King Island (off north-west Tasmania). From the main island town of Currie, take road B25 towards Grassy. East of Currie, take the South Road to the Calcified Forest. The start of the walk is 30km from Currie.

 Untreated drinking water is available from a tank

Level 2. There is a small flight of steps up to the viewing platform

Group A items

No pets, firearms or bicycles
The Nut is a 143 metre high massif. It rises from Bass Strait and towers above Stanley. You can reach the top by either the walking track or chairlift.

10-20 minute walk to plateau, or you can take the chairlift. 1 hour circuit track around the Nut plateau (2.3km one way)

Road B21 from Bass Highway (A2), about an hour’s drive west of Burnie

Toilets and café at car park. Picnic, electric barbecue, toilets and disabled access toilets adjacent to nearby historic cemetery. Privately operated chairlift open daily and caters for disabled visitors. (Chairlift closed late June to late August. Enquiries phone (03) 6458 1286)

Level 3. Short and steep track to plateau.

Group A items

Steep cliffs – please remain behind safety fences and supervise children

No pets, firearms or bicycles
Take a relaxing stroll close to Burnie. There is a quiet scenic riverside picnic area where visitors can often see a platypus.

15 minutes to an hour (500m one way)

Fern Glade Road from the Bass Highway (A1) on the eastern approach to Burnie

Picnic areas, car parks and toilets are available at each end of the track. There are also some fireplaces. BYO firewood

Level 1

Group A items

Deep water – please supervise children

No bicycles or firearms

The reserve closes at dusk each day and reopens at 7.30am
It is rare in the world to find such a powerful place as the Leven Canyon, that is so easy to access. Enjoy spectacular sweeping views from Cruickshanks Lookout 275m above the Leven River. Alongside the track, discover ferns, brightly coloured fungi and native wildlife.

45 minute circuit (1.2km circuit)

45 minute drive from Ulverstone (42km) or can be reached from Cradle Mountain, via Wilmot and the C132 route in 75 minutes

Picnic area with barbecues, tables, picnic shelter and toilets with disabled access

Level 3. Some steep terrain and 697 steps on the Forest Stairs track

Group A items

Depending on the time of year, there can be ice and snow on the track – watch for slippery surfaces. Steep cliffs at lookout – please supervise children

No firearms or bicycles
Enjoy a quiet country stroll to a forest lookout perched high above the Mersey River, as it flows beneath the Alum Cliffs. Combine this walk with a visit to the Mole Creek caves.

40-50 minute return walk (800m one way)

Travel via Deloraine or Sheffield. The Alum Cliffs track is reached, via a signed loop road, from road B12 between the townships of Mole Creek and Chudleigh.

Closest facilities are located in Chudleigh and Mole Creek.

Level 2. Track is generally dry underfoot and has some gentle uphill sections.

Group A items:
- Steep vertical cliffs – please supervise children.
- No pets, firearms or bicycles.
The walk starts at the Narawntapu National Park Visitors Centre and meanders through a paper bark swamp forest along a raised timber boardwalk. A bird hide along the track provides an opportunity for a rest and a look out. When not dry, the lagoon is home to a diverse range of water birds with Springlawn often teeming with native wildlife. When it is dry, be sure to look out for birds of prey.

1-1.5 hours return (700m one way)

It is half an hour from Devonport (ferry terminal). Take the Frankford Highway (B71) to the junction of Bakers Beach Rd (C740) and follow to the Narawntapu National Park. The last 2km of road is unsealed but suitable for all vehicles.

Park entry fees apply. Passes may be purchased from the Narawntapu National Park Visitor Centre during business hours. Self registration is also available outside business hours.

Toilets and electric barbecues are available near the start of the walk. Powered and non-powered camping grounds are also located in the National Park.

Level 2

Group A items

No pets or firearms. No bicycles on the walking tracks.
Hollybank has spacious picnic facilities nestled among ash and pine trees. Walking tracks lead through a mix of native bush and plantation forests. The ash trees, originally planted as a wood supply for cricket bats and tennis racquets, are particularly attractive in autumn.

15-40 minute return (2km circuit) depending on your choice of track. An information panel is located inside the reserve entrance.

Turn into Hollybank Road from road B81, 7km from Lilydale and 19km from Launceston via the suburb of Rocherlea.

Toilets, picnic shelters, wood barbecues, gas barbecue and bush cricket pitch (BYO cricket gear).

Level 1. Wide tracks with gentle grades are usually dry underfoot.

Group A items.

Dogs are welcome if kept on a leash. Bicycles are not permitted off the formed roads.
Follow the South Esk River from Launceston’s Cataract Gorge to the historic Duck Reach power station. This walk suits groups with children.

1.5 hour return walk (3km one way)

Park in Basin Road, West Launceston. Then follow the path into the Cataract Gorge grounds where you’ll find the Great Short Walks sign. Alternatively, you can walk to the Gorge from the Kings Bridge (near the Penny Royal complex) and join the Duck Reach track at the suspension bridge in the Gorge grounds. Allow 20 minutes to walk to the Duck Reach track from Kings Bridge.

Toilets, picnic facilities, kiosk, drinking water, swimming pool and change rooms in the Cataract Gorge grounds.

Level 3. Some short uphill sections and approximately 190 steps. The walk can be done one way if you arrange to have a car collect you from the track exit at Corin Street, above Duck Reach.

Group A items

Cliffs and water – please stay behind the safety fences.

No pets, firearms, bicycles or skateboards.
Just 10 minutes drive from the heart of Launceston, you can walk through wetlands and across a river channel to the 7 hectare Tamar Island. For company you’ll have pelicans, swans, cormorants and numerous other bird species as well as frogs, dragonflies and lizards. Tasmania’s only Wetland Interpretation Centre.

1.5 hour return walk (2km one way)

West Tamar Highway (A7) between the Launceston suburbs of Riverside and Legana. Signs indicate the turnoff

Wetlands centre, water bird viewing and toilets located close to car park. Picnic area, free gas barbecue and toilets on the island

Level 1. The boardwalk to the island is level and will suit some wheelchair users and those with prams and strollers

Level 2. Tracks on the island have natural surfaces and are generally not suitable for wheelchairs

Group B items

Tidal wetlands and river area – please supervise children

No pets, bicycles, roller blades or skateboards
There are two walking tracks to Liffey Falls. The walk described here is from the top car park where there are developed picnic facilities, and a shorter, higher grade walking track. An alternative track is from the lower car park where there are minimal facilities and a longer and less developed walking track. The lower car park may be accessed by buses and caravans.

45 minute return (1km one way)

- Road C513. Approach from Bracknell, Deloraine or Great Lake
- Gas barbecues, picnic shelters, toilets and drinking water
- Level 2
- Group A items
- Heavy rain and cold weather can occur in any month
- No pets, firearms or bicycles
- Access road is not suitable for buses and caravans
The Pine Lake walk offers a rare opportunity to get close to one of Tasmania’s rarest trees without having to go on an extended bushwalk. The pencil pine is an ancient species that evolved before flowering plants. It is only found in the Tasmanian highlands.

30 minute return walk (400m one way)

Highland Lakes Road (A5) 33km south of Deloraine

No facilities at Pine Lake. Picnic and toilet facilities are located approximately 30 minutes drive away at either Liffey Falls (accessed from road C513) or Liawenee (on road A5)

Level 1

Group A items. Wind-proof clothing and a warm hat are generally needed in this highland environment

Ice and snow can cover the track making the surface slippery

No pets, firearms or bicycles
A full day’s walk that gets you away from the more popular areas and into the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, under the Great Western Tiers.

4.5-6 hour return (5km one way)

Road C167 from Deloraine to Meander, then follow signs to Meander Forest Reserve

Bush toilet and shelter hut at car park

Level 3

Group C items

Ice and snow can cover this track in the winter months

No pets, firearms or bicycles
Castle Rock on Flinders Island is a massive granite boulder on Marshall Beach. A wonderful beach walk.

1.5 hours return (3.3km one way)

From the town of Whitemark travel north (towards Palana) on road B85. Turn left to Allports Beach at a junction 17km north of Whitemark. Watch for ‘Castle Rock track and car park’ sign approximately 2km from this junction.

Toilets, picnic table, gas barbecues and tank water are available at nearby Allports Beach.

Level 2

Group A items

Generally a very safe walk, but walkers should watch out for large waves during big seas.

No bicycles on beaches
Take a weekend or, better still, a whole week to visit Flinders Island to enjoy the beaches, walks and wildlife. The Trousers Point walk includes unusual rock features, views to off-shore islands and two beautiful beaches.

1.5 hour circuit walk (1.9km circuit)

From the main town of Whitemark, travel south (towards Lady Barron) on road B85. Turn into road C806 to Trousers Point. The walk starts 16km from Whitemark

Park entry fees apply and can be paid at Service Tasmania in Whitemark. Annual pass holders should bring their ‘annual all parks card’ to Flinders Island

Toilets, drinking water (tank), gas barbecues, campsites (un-powered) at Trousers Point. Picnic tables at Fotheringate Beach

Level 2

Group A items

Steep cliffs adjacent to the track in sections. Short rocky sections that may be slippery when wet. Walkers should stay on the track – please supervise children

No pets, firearms or bicycles
The large granite massifs of Strzelecki Peaks dominate the southern part of Flinders Island and offer amazing views.

4 to 5 hours return walk (2.8km one way)

From Whitemark, travel south (towards Lady Barron) on road B85 and turn into road C806. The track to the peaks starts 12.5km from Whitemark

See Trousers Point walk

Nearest facilities are located 3.5km away at Trousers Point

Level 3

Group B items. It can be very cold and windy at the summit

For personal safety, this walk should not be attempted on high fire danger days. If in doubt, check with local authorities

No pets, firearms or bicycles
A short loop from Poimena car park takes visitors through rain forest regenerating after the ravages of tin mining.

20 minutes (400m circuit)

Turn on to the Anchor Road off the Tasman Highway (A3), 20 kms south of Weldborough and drive towards Lottah and then Poimena. You can also approach it from St Helens via the Lottah Road off the Tasman Highway

Toilet, picnic and barbecue facilities and shelter

Level 1. Easy wheelchair friendly

Group A items

Goblin walk is the shortest and easiest of a series of tracks on Blue Tier for walkers and mountain bike riders. They offer a variety of experience, duration and level of challenge

Dogs on a leash welcome. Bikes must keep to formed tracks
For those who delight in falling water, this track leads to the base of one of Tasmania's highest falls. The walk is on a high-quality track through cool and shady rainforest.

20-30 minute return (600m one way)

Tasman Highway (A3) from St Helens then road C428 from Pyengana. 30 minutes drive from St Helens

Picnic and toilet facilities

Level 2. Moderate uphill walk to return from falls

Group A items

Flowing water – please supervise children

No pets, firearms or bicycles
A streaming ribbon of water, and sweeping views across picturesque farmland greet the walker after an easy walk through myrtle rainforest.

20 minute return or 50 minute circuit via Cashs Gorge Loop (1.2km one way or 4km circuit)

Road C423 from Ringarooma and then follow the signs to Ralphs Falls and Mt Victoria Forest Reserve. Alternatively, from Pyengana a turn-off to Ralphs Falls is marked shortly before St Columba Falls. Both these towns are accessed from the Tasman Highway (A3)

Picnic and toilet facilities

Level 2 (involves 25 rough bush steps with hand rail)

Group A items

Dogs are welcome if kept on a leash. No bicycles or firearms
The magnificent white gums of Evercreech are the tallest trees of their type in Australia. Interpretation signs tell visitors the story of these majestic trees. An excellent reserve for a family picnic gathering.

10 minute return (400m) or 20 minute circuit walk (1km circuit)

Road B43 from Fingal or road C423 from Ringarooma and follow signs to Evercreech Forest Reserve (unsealed roads)

Toilets, picnic tables, picnic shelter, fireplaces and firewood

Level 2. Track to viewing platform may suit some wheelchair users and those with strollers

Group A items

Walking here is not recommended in strong winds and stormy weather

Dogs welcome on a leash. No bicycles, firearms or camping
This walk crosses the Apsley River at the waterhole and then takes you away from the river on a walk through dry, open forest before descending back to the river at the Apsley Gorge.

2-3 hour return (2.8km one way)

Access from Tasman Highway (A3). 4km north of Bicheno turn into Rosedale Road and drive 7km to the Douglas-Apsley National Park. Final 6km is unsealed but suitable for 2WD vehicles and mountain bikes. Road is subject to flooding

Park entry fees apply

Toilets; bush camping area that is only accessible by walking track

Level 3

Group B items

Walking along the river bed involves a slow ‘rock hop.’ It should only be done when water levels are low. Beware that rocks may be slippery

No pets or firearms. Bicycles may be wheeled to the camping area but not ridden on walking tracks
This track is just 10m long and lands you on a long white sandy beach. From here you can explore for minutes or hours in either direction.

5 minutes to 5 hours depending on how long you feel like walking (1km one way)

From Tasman Highway (A3), take road C302 and then the turn-off to the Friendly Beaches

Park entry fees apply

Bush toilets near car park

Level 2

Group A and B items (depending on the length of your walk)

The beach is not patrolled and swimming is not advised

No pets, firearms or bicycles
With stupendous coastal views of the Freycinet National Park, this very easy walk provides a great alternative for those who don’t feel inclined to tackle the steep hill on the Wineglass Bay lookout walk.

20 minute circuit (600m circuit)

From Tasman Highway (A3) take road C302. Once inside Freycinet National Park, follow the main road, then turn left onto the Cape Tourville Road

Park entry fees apply

Toilet, picnic and electric barbecue facilities 7.5km away at Ranger Creek and Honeymoon Bay

Level 1. The track is wide, with even surfaces and gently graded slopes

Group A items

Steep cliffs – please remain behind the safety fences and supervise children

No pets, firearms or bicycles
The crystal clear waters and white sandy beach of Wineglass Bay are a tremendous sight. This is a steep uphill walk on a rocky, well-constructed track.

1-1.5 hour return (2.4km one way)

From Tasman Highway (A3) take road C302 to walking tracks car park inside Freycinet National Park

Park entry fees apply

Toilet facilities at car park. Picnic facilities nearby

Level 3. Steep uphill climb over 1.3km. Parts of the return track have rough bush steps

Group A items

Rigorous uphill walk is not suited to those with health or mobility concerns

No pets, firearms or bicycles
This walk follows on from the walk to the Wineglass Bay lookout. It is one of Tasmania’s most celebrated locations. Take your time, enjoy a picnic, walk on the beach and paddle in the crystal clear waters.

3.5 hour return (10.5km circuit)

From Tasman Highway (A3) take road C302 to walking tracks car park inside Freycinet National Park

Park entry fees apply

Picnic and toilet facilities nearby

Level 3. Steep uphill climb and a rough path descent

Group A items

Safe swimming beach – please supervise children

No pets, firearms or bicycles
Right in the heart of Swansea is a walk that offers stunning coastal scenery and passes through a shearwater breeding area. The birds can be seen at dusk in the summer months.

40-60 minute return – return by same route or circuit return via footpath route (2.3km one way)

The walk commences close to the centre of the town of Swansea which is on the Tasman Highway (A3)

Toilet, picnic facilities and shops all located in the town centre

Level 2

Group A items

Water – please supervise children

To protect breeding shearwaters, dogs are not permitted on the track between dusk and dawn 15 September to 15 April. Dogs must be kept on a leash at other times
Located in the Maria Island National Park, this challenging walk offers cliff-top and ocean views. It is for the physically fit, and involves an up and downhill walk, through an extensive field of boulders. Visitors can see the Fossil Cliffs as part of this walk by walking via the Fossil Cliffs.

4 hour return (6km one way)

A ferry service operates to Maria Island. The ferry departure point is at Triabunna, located off Tasman Highway (A3)

Park entry fees, ferry charges and camping fees apply

Picnic, toilet and gas barbecue facilities. There are no shops on the island. Basic hut and camping accommodation (own bedding, stove and food required)

Level 3. Steep and difficult

Group B items

Dangerous cliffs – please supervise children

No pets or firearms. Bicycles are permitted to the point where the Bishop and Clerk track departs from the Fossil Cliffs track
This walk is on Maria Island and can be enjoyed as part of a day or overnight visit to the island. The painted cliffs are best visited at or around low tide to allow safe access around the rock platform adjacent to the cliffs. Visitors can return to Darlington via the Oast House, where hop kilns were built sometime before 1845.

2 hour return (4.6km one way)

See Bishop and Clerk walk

Park entry fees, ferry charges and camping fees apply

Picnic, toilet and gas barbecue. No shops. Camping and hut accommodation (take own bedding, stove and food)

Level 2

Group A items

Beach area and water – please supervise children

No pets or firearms. Bicycles may be ridden on the formed road sections but not on beaches or track areas
This walk is in the Maria Island National Park and can be enjoyed as part of a day or overnight visit to the island.

1.5-2 hour return (3.7km circuit)

See Bishop and Clerk walk

Park entry fees, ferry charges and camping fees apply

Picnic, toilet and gas barbecue facilities. There are no shops on the island. Basic hut and camping accommodation (own bedding, stove and food required)

Level 2

Group B items

Dangerous cliffs – please supervise children

No pets or firearms. Bicycles may be ridden on this track
The Parks and Wildlife Service manages nearly 40 per cent of Tasmania, including 19 superb national parks and over 400 other reserves. These spectacularly diverse places are a delight to Tasmanians and visitors alike. They are also our assurance that the plants, animals, landscapes and histories that make our State so special will continue into the future. The job of the Parks and Wildlife Service is to both protect and present this wonderful heritage. Rangers and other specialist staff are found all over the State working in our reserves, and with the Tasmanian community, to fulfil this role. We hope 60 Great Short Walks helps give you a taste of what makes Tasmania so special.

For more information visit www.parks.tas.gov.au

As stewards of Tasmania’s State forests, Forestry Tasmania looks after more than 1.5 million hectares of forest. An important part of its operation is to ensure tourism and recreational facilities are maintained in top shape. This includes maintaining 6,000 kilometres of forestry roads and more than 200 walking tracks. You can enjoy everything from rafting to riding trail-bikes and horses, and even bring your dog. From Tasmania’s windswept mountainous west rainforests, to the dry eucalypt forests on the sunny sandy coast in the east, stunning views, scenery and forests abound. Throughout the State forests you’ll find a walk, waterfall or a forest drive to fulfil all your passions for the bush.

For further information on location and facilities visit www.forestrytas.com.au
For visitors attracted to the outdoors, especially bushwalkers, Tasmania is the ultimate destination. With over 2000km of walking tracks which can vary from 8 minutes or 8 hours to 8 days, you can experience a wild, ancient beauty that includes vast tracts of World Heritage wilderness and cool climate rainforest, untamed rivers, and coast as pristine as the day it was created.

There’s also a range of other outdoor activities to try in stunningly beautiful locations – relaxing pursuits such as fishing and golf; fine wines and the freshest foods; or for those feeling a little more adventurous, sea kayaking, rock climbing or maybe even rafting the last wild river in the southern hemisphere. Tasmania also has unique kelp forests in which to enjoy diving in temperate waters; or a whole island to explore by bike.

The forests are home to hardwoods the height of apartment buildings, 2000 year old Huon pines, and also Australia’s wonderfully unique wildlife. Wallabies, wombats and Tasmanian devils abound and the unique platypus, rare on the mainland, can be found, sometimes quite easily, in the pristine rivers.

Wet or dry, extreme or gentle, Tasmania has something for every type of adventure-seeker. For more information see www.discovertasmania.com
Great short walks are all located within easy reach of the main visitor destinations and include a variety of grades and distances. They include half hour walks, half day walks and full day walks.