

## Bournda Lagoon via North Tura Lookout



2 hrs

Hard track

5.2 km Circuit

↑ 106m

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The Bournda Lagoon track is a wonderful walk around the Lagoon, exploring the surrounding area. Bournda Lagoon and Sandy Beach Creek support some lush vegetation, including a rain forest, on their shores. The walk is well signposted with the option to miss the North Tura section of the walk and head back to the car park. Don't forget to take your swimmers for a dip at Bournda Lagoon on your way back.

38m

Bournda National Park

## Bournda Beach picnic area

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## North Tura Lookout

North Tura Beach Lookout is located between Tathra and Merimbula in Bournda National Park. The lookout has stunning views over North Tura Beach, all the way south to Tura Headland and out to sea. The lookout is also a great viewing point for Turingal Head and Bournda Island. The lookout is easily accessed from North Tura car park and is wheelchair-accessible.

## North Tura Beach

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## Bournda Island

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## Bournda Lagoon

Bournda Lagoon has formed behind Bournda Beach, between Tathra and Merimbula in Bournda National Park. The lagoon is deep enough for swimming and is a popular spot for a freshwater swim. The lagoon is fed by Sandy Beach Creek, which has been silted up at the southernmost end of Bournda Beach. The lagoon supports a variety of environments, including a rainforest, on its shores. However, the lagoon is subject to environmental issues such as algal blooms. The lagoon can be accessed by bush track from Bournda Lagoon car park, at the end of Bournda Rd. [More info.](#)

## Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an enjoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast ([BOM South Coast District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Far South Coast, unknown](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Bournda National Park](#))
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

## Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

- T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

## Topo Maps

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include;

**1:25 000 Map Series:**88242N WOLUMLA

**1:100 000 Map Series:**8824 BEGA

## Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



**Grade 4/6  
Hard track**

<b>Length</b>	5.2 km Circuit
<b>Time</b>	2 hrs
<b>Quality of track</b>	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
<b>Signs</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	No experience required (1/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)



### 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 walk's 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 Bournda Lagoon Carpark (gps: -36.8156, 149.9375). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

This is a circuit, 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/blvnt>

### 0 | Bournda Beach picnic area

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### 0 | Bournda Lagoon Carpark

(240 m 5 mins) From the intersection, this walk heads along the car park (on the right) to the signposted intersection at the other corner of the car park. The walk then follows the sign 'Bournda Walking Track' down the hill. The track winds for a short time to come to a 'Walking Track' signposted intersection before the lagoon.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the arrow on the sign 'Walking Track' keeping the lagoon on the left. The track soon meets a signposted hill, which it heads up, coming to an signposted intersection on the left.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to the lookout. The track winds through the trees, up onto a rocky platform overlooking the lagoon and beach.

### 0.24 | Bournda Lagoon Lookout

(2.3 km 45 mins) Turn around: From the lookout, this walk heads away from the unfenced rock edge and into the trees. The track keeps the lagoon below on the right as it winds through the trees to a signposted intersection.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign 'Walking Track', winding up the hill, then turning left and soon coming to a 'Walking Track' signposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Walking Track' arrow down the steps. The steps lead the walk beneath a line of cliffs, then the track turns left, down the hill, entering an area of rainforest vegetation (which is signposted). The track then continues down closer to the water where it turns right, and keeps the lagoon on the left for some time. The track then passes a whole lot of seats with a signpost marked 'Study Area 1'. The track continues past this to more closely follow the waterline, on the left, coming to 'Study Area 2'. The walk passes over a log then follows the track markers along the creek bank. The track then turns left, up the hill, and follows a rocky path over the hill and down to a dry creek crossing. The track crosses to the other side, where there is a signpost.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the arrow up the rocky hill. The track winds along the hillside, with Sandy Beach Creek below on the right. The track soon descends from the hill, meandering through the bush, tending left (away from the creek) to a well-signposted intersection.

### 2.58 | Alternate Route Int North Tura Carpark and Bournda

(680 m 12 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Bournda Lagoon via Bournda Headland' sign, tending left down the hill. The walk heads straight past a 'Kunzea' sign to the right, before passing over numerous speed bump like mounds on a white dirt path. The track continues straight up this hill to wind past a 'Melaleuca' sign to the left of the track. From here, the track meanders down the hill to a signposted intersection. Now Veer left to rejoin the main walk .

### 2.58 | Int. North Tura Carpark and Bournda Lagoon Trk

(820 m 13 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign 'Nth Tura Carpark' down the hill. The sandy track meanders through the heath to a signposted intersection.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Nth Tura Carpark', heading down the track through the thick heath. The track winds a little as it passes into areas of open and closed heath, and also passes a 'Walking Track' sign. The walk continues for a short time to meet a signposted intersection with picnic tables at the car park.

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads away from the sign and the picnic tables, which are on the right, keeping the car park on your right. The walk comes to the middle of the car park where a fenced-track leads out onto a verandah.

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the sign for 'Viewing Platform' out to the verandah lookout.

### 3.39 | North Tura Lookout

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### 3.39 | Nth Tura Lookout

(90 m 1 mins) Turn around: From the lookout, the walk heads away from the beach views to the dirt car park, at the end of the verandah.

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the walking tracks sign along the fence line, with the car park on your left. The walk continues to the picnic table and signpost.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign 'Steps to Beach 80m' down the hill. The walk winds down through the melaleuca trees to an unsignposted intersection with a set of stairs.

### 3.48 | Optional sidetrip to Nth Tura Beach

(60 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the stairs down the hill and through the heath and then onto the beach. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

### 3.48 | Int Bournda Lagoon and Steps onto Beach Trks

(960 m 17 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection with the stairs, the walk heads behind the dunes, keeping the ocean to the right. The track winds through the trees behind the dunes and has some views of the ocean. The track soon comes to a signposted intersection.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Bournda Lagoon via Bournda Headland', keeping the ocean on the right of the track. The track winds behind the dunes to soon come to a signposted intersection.

### 4.44 | Optional sidetrip to Bournda Island

(280 m 5 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the sign to 'Bournda Island' over the dune and down some stairs onto the beach.

Veer left: From the bottom of the steps, this walk heads away from the stairs and across the beach towards Bournda Island. The walk continues along the sand to a small cave feature at the base of the island.

Veer right: From the intersection, the walk keeps the cave feature on the right and climbs up the ridge of rock. The track winds along the left-hand side of the island, with the ocean below on the left. The walk heads up onto the hill with views of both North Tura and Bournda Beaches. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

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### 4.44 | Int. Bournda Lagoon and Island Trks

(170 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Bournda Lagoon', following the white fencing. The walk keeps the ocean on the right as it winds down to a grassy lookout on the right of the track (with fantastic views of Bournda Island). The walk then heads down some stairs to a signposted intersection on the beach.

### 4.61 | Bournda Bch Sth

(460 m 8 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads along the beach, with the ocean on the right, and the lagoon behind the dunes, to the left. The walk continues up the beach, tending left over the dunes to the shore next to the lagoon, and stairs leading up the hill.

### 5.07 | Bournda Lagoon

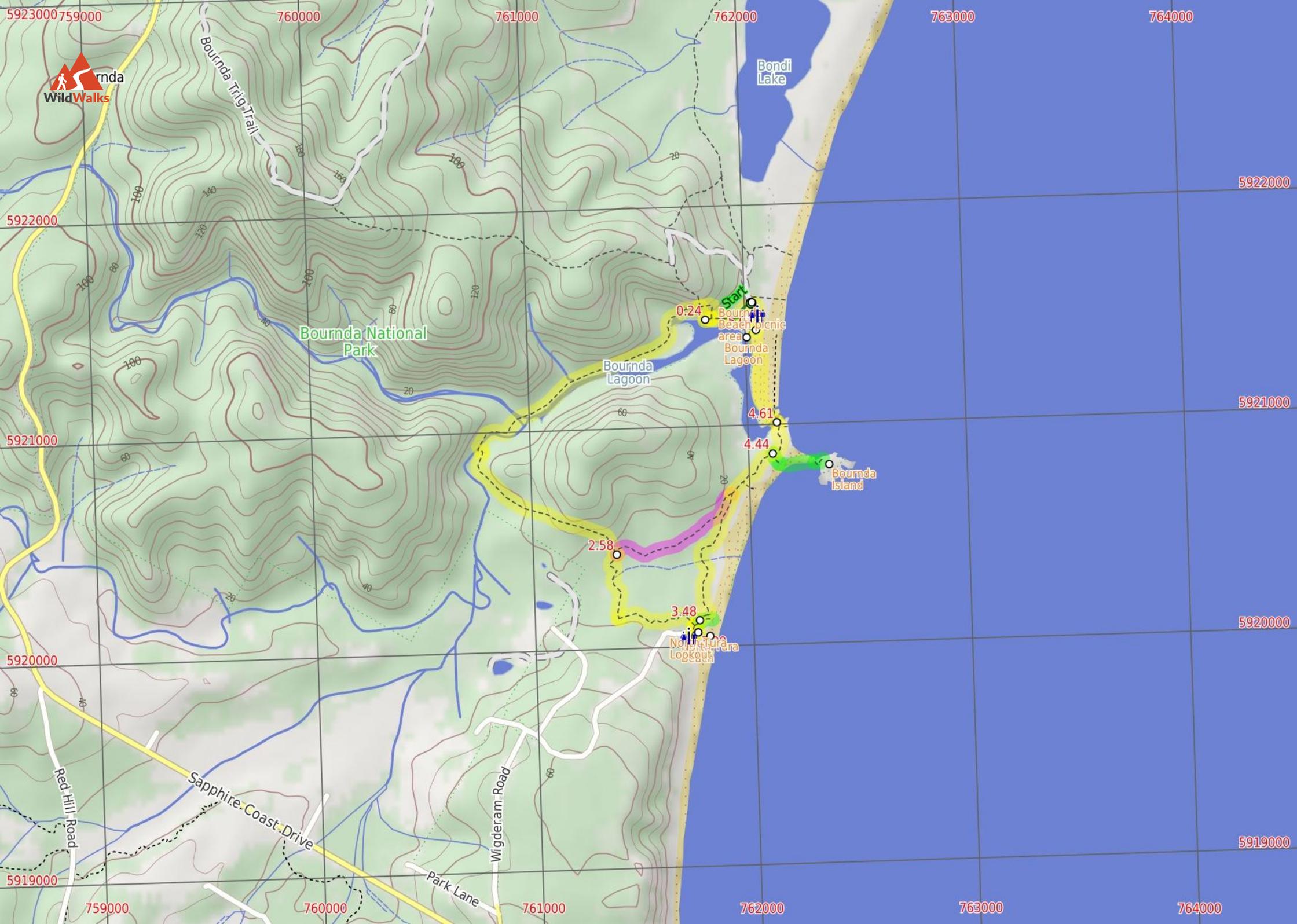
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### 5.07 | Bournda Lagoon

(140 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the lagoon, the walk heads away from the lagoon up the wooden stairs on the bushy hill. The track continues past a toilet block (on your right) and then a gate into the car park.

### 5.21 | Bournda Beach picnic area

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## Summary navigation sheet for the Bournda Lagoon via North Tura Lookout



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
0.00	Bournda Lagoon Carpark -36.8156,149.9375 (GR Wolumla, 620216)	6 -8	240 m 5 mins	From the intersection, this walk heads along the car park (on the right) to the signposted intersection at the other corner of the car park.
0.24	Bournda Lagoon Lookout -36.8163,149.9352 (GR Wolumla, 618215)	64 -62	2.3 km 45 mins	Turn around: From the lookout, this walk heads away from the unfenced rock edge and into the trees.
2.58	Int North Tura Carpark and Bournda Lagoon Trk -36.8259,149.9306 (GR Wolumla, 614204)	13 -12	680 m 12 mins	Alternate Route Int North Tura Carpark and Bournda Lagoon Trk. Turn left : From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Bournda Lagoon via Bournda Headland' sign, tending left down the hill.
2.58	Int. North Tura Carpark and Bournda Lagoon Trk -36.8259,149.9306 (GR Wolumla, 614204)	11 -14	820 m 13 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign 'Nth Tura Carpark' down the hill.
3.39	Nth Tura Lookout -36.8291,149.9348 (GR Wolumla, 617201)	1 -1	90 m 1 mins	Turn around: From the lookout, the walk heads away from the beach views to the dirt car park, at the end of the verandah.
3.48	Int. Bournda Lagoon and Steps onto Beach Trks -36.8286,149.9349 (GR Wolumla, 618201)	0 -3	60 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Nth Tura Beach. Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the stairs down the hill and through the heath and then onto the beach.
3.48	Int Bournda Lagoon and Steps onto Beach Trks -36.8286,149.9349 (GR Wolumla, 618201)	13 -13	960 m 17 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection with the stairs, the walk heads behind the dunes, keeping the ocean to the right.
4.44	Int. Bournda Lagoon and Island Trks -36.8218,149.9387 (GR Wolumla, 621209)	8 -8	280 m 5 mins	Optional sidetrip to Bournda Island. Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the sign to 'Bournda Island' over the dune and down some stairs onto the beach.
4.44	Int. Bournda Lagoon and Island Trks -36.8218,149.9386 (GR Wolumla, 621209)	0 -8	170 m 3 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Bournda Lagoon', following the white fencing.
4.61	Bournda Bch Sth -36.8205,149.9389 (GR Wolumla, 621210)	8 0	460 m 8 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads along the beach, with the ocean on the right, and the lagoon behind the dunes, to the left.
5.07	Bournda Lagoon -36.8167,149.9378 (GR Wolumla, 621214)	3 0	140 m 2 mins	Continue straight: From the lagoon, the walk heads away from the lagoon up the wooden stairs on the bushy hill.