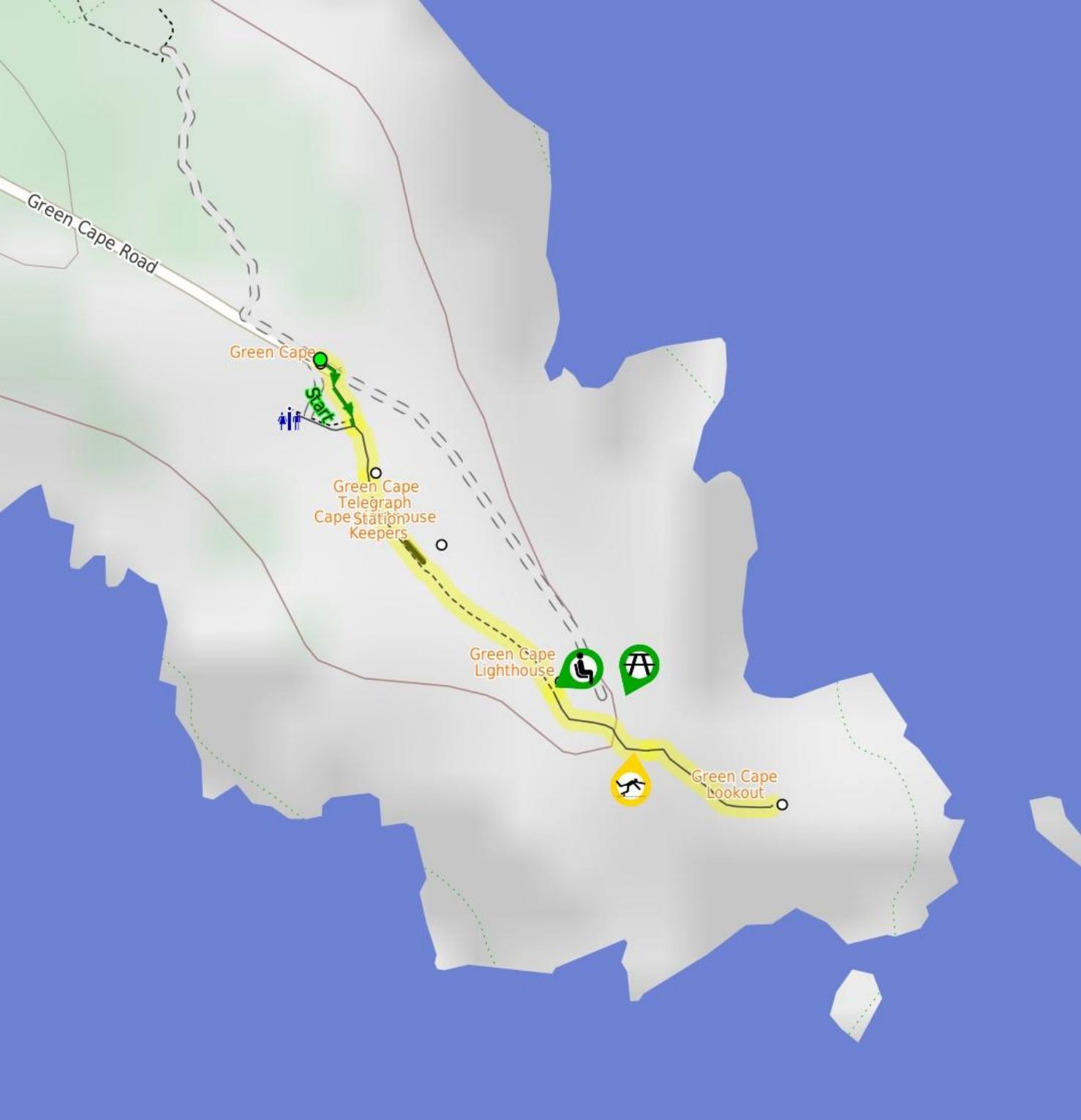


## Green Cape Lighthouse and Lookout



**30 mins**

**Easy track**

**826 m Return**

**↑ 16m**

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This short stroll provides the most stunning views in the park, especially on a sunny day. You will wander past the old telegraph station, light house cottages to find the towering white & blue historic Green Cape Lighthouse. The green grass, blue sky and tower is a photographers dream. Continue along the boardwalk to pass the modern lighthouse and find the stunning rugged red rock coastal views from the fenced lookout at the tip of Green Cape. Don't forget to look back at the lighthouse from the lookout, there really are 360-degree views.

### 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 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: -37.2595, 150.048). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

This is a return walk, 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/tu>

### 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 1-hour tours of the site based on bookings. There is a composting toilet at the car park at the end of Green Cape Road. Accommodation is also available in the renovated lighthouse keeper cottages.

### 0 | Green Cape Lighthouse Car Park

*(50 m 1 mins)* From the dirt car park at the end of Green Cape Lighthouse Rd, this walk leads past the manual park entry fees station to then turn right following the 'Walkway to Lighthouse' sign along the boardwalk, gently uphill. The walk leads past the 'toilet' sign and continues along the boardwalk (now with handrail) to come to a 3-way intersection and a large sheltered 'Enjoying Green Cape' information sign.

### 0.05 | Enjoying Green Cape int.

*(40 m 1 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads uphill along the boardwalk (between the two handrails) to the 'Get the message' information sign. The path now follows 'lighthouse 200m' sign and the fence line for another 20m to come beside the white 'Signal Flag Locker' building and signpost. This is the site of the old Green Cape Lighthouse Telegraph Station.

### 0.09 | Green Cape Telegraph Station

Green Cape Telegraph Station was established in 1882. The station acted as a relay station, re-sending ship-to-shore messages from boats passing by. Ships, and communication staff on Green Cape, would use semaphore flags to communicate a message. When required, the messages could also be relayed using Morse code. The telegraph station is a white concrete building with a tin roof. The building has a blue painted base and is less than 100m north of Green Cape Lighthouse in Ben Boyd National Park.

### 0.09 | Cape Lighthouse Keepers

The Cape Lighthouse Keepers' cottages is a large concrete building near Green Cape Lighthouse in Ben Boyd National Park. There are two cottages

that have been refurbished, each sleeping up to 6 guests and boasting 3.5 stars. Each cottage has a fully equipped kitchen, dining room, bathroom, lounge room (with sofa bed), Master bedroom (Queen) and second bedroom (2 singles). The price starts from \$250 a night per cottage. Bookings are essential, for more info call NPWS on 13000 72757 or online

### 0.09 | Green Cape Lighthouse Telegraph Station

*(180 m 3 mins)* Continue straight: From beside the Telegraph Station, this walk follows the boardwalk along the fenceline, downhill towards the lighthouse. After about 50m the path leads to a 'Jack of all trades' sign and a section of 20m of hand railing either side of the path. The path now leads uphill for about 45m to pass the large solar panel array where the walk heads down for another 60m to come to a 'no entry' gate beside the Green Cape Lighthouse tower.

### 0.26 | Green Cape Lighthouse

Green Cape Lighthouse is a majestic, 29 meter tall, white octagon-shaped, concrete and blue stone monolith, at the southern tip of Ben Boyd National Park. The lighthouse construction was tendered in 1880 and Albert Aspinall started construction in 1881. He built a timber tram line from Bittangabee Bay to transport materials. After having to dig footing much deeper than expected, in addition to dealing with workers' disputes, Aspinall went broke and his creditors completed the project. The original lantern was oil-fired and was visible 19NM out to sea. Today, the lighthouse still operates with a solar-powered electric light. The lighthouse buildings and grounds can be visited on a tour, otherwise enjoyed from outside the fence. The lighthouse was functionally replaced with a more modern metal tower 60m down the hill in 1992.

### 0.26 | Green Cape Lighthouse entry gate

*(150 m 3 mins)* Continue straight: From the gate beside the Green Cape Lighthouse tower, this walk leads downhill along the boardwalk, keeping the lighthouse to the left and immediately passing small seat. After about 25m the fence leaves the path (there is a picnic table about 30m over the grass to the left), where the walk continues downhill along the boardwalk for another 45m to come beside large white metal tower. This tower has been the official lighthouse since 1992.

Continue straight: From the modern lighthouse tower, this walk follows the boardwalk downhill around the metal tower. After about 15m the walk leads past the 'Wildlife navigates the coast safely' information sign, then continues mostly downhill for another 70m to the fenced lookout.

### 0.41 | Green Cape Lookout

The lookout at the point of Green Cape, at the southern end of Ben Boyd National Park, provides great views out to sea and along the coast. On the right, the view extends across Disaster Bay to Nadgee Nature Reserve and down into Victoria. To the left, there are views north along rugged sea cliffs and views of Green Cape Lighthouse and accommodation. An information sign at the lookout tells some of the story of the Ly-ee-moon tragedy. The lookout platform is fenced (1.07m high). There are no seats at the lookout.





This page is designed to give you a sense of the facilities that help improve access for people with disabilities or mobility restrictions. See tracknotes and map for navigation, point of interest and other information. See the Accessibility Details page for specific information about each facility.

**Parking:** There are 0 designated accessible parking areas on this walk.

**Toilets:** There are 0 toilets on this walk.

**Seats:** There are 2 seats on this walk. They are 300m apart.

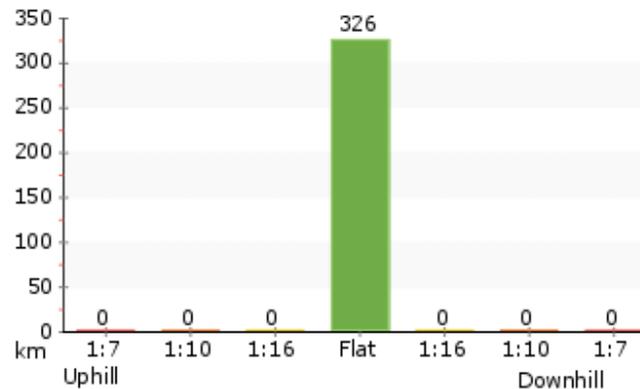
## Surface

The car park has a rough dirt surface, the majority of the walk follows a hard fibreglass mesh footpath, with short grass growing through it.

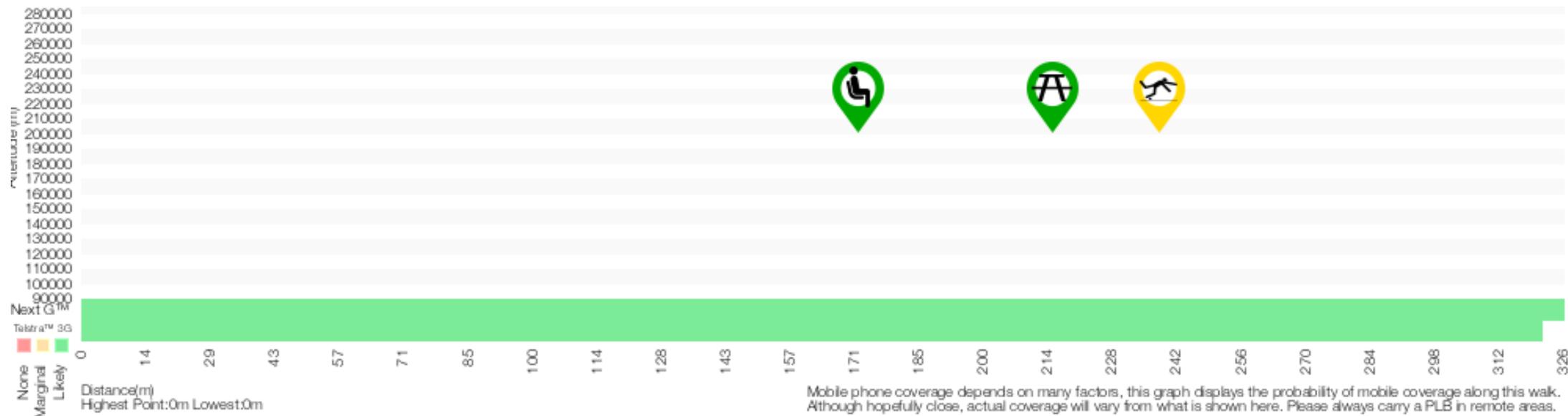
## Steepness

No steps, mostly gentle slopes, some short sections are steeper than 1:10.

This graph shows how steep the track is.



| Grade 2/6<br>Easy track    |   |  |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Length</b>              | 826 m Return  |  |
| <b>Time</b>                | 30 mins   |  |
| <b>Quality of track</b>    | Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)                          |  |
| <b>Signs</b>               | Clearly signposted (1/6)  |  |
| <b>Experience Required</b> | No experience required (1/6)  |  |
| <b>Weather</b>             | Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)                 |  |
| <b>Infrastructure</b>      | Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6) |  |



Mobile phone coverage depends on many factors, this graph displays the probability of mobile coverage along this walk. Although hopefully close, actual coverage will vary from what is shown here. Please always carry a PLB in remote areas.



**1                    Seat                    (260m)**  
A white painted timber bench seat, 27cm high, 20cm deep and 89cm wide with no arm or backrest.



**2                    Picnic Table                    (300m)**  
A timber slat picnic table and bench seats. The table is 71cm high, 91cm deep and 2.5m wide. The seats are 49cm high, 35cm deep and 2.5m wide (no backrest). The ground on one side of the table is eroded.



**3                    Trip Hazard                    (320m)**  
The boardwalk is slightly elevated and has an ungraded side with a 25cm drop to the side.