PRINCESS ROYAL HARBOU

IARBOUR

DIRECTIONS

An inland water paddle in the Princess Royal Harbour following an anti-clockwise loop with views of the Cheynes II Dive Wreck, Camp Quaranup, Point Possession, shipping channel and Albany Port.

See the wide range of sailing boats and ships using the harbour and keep an eye out for dolphins regularly seen in the area.

Looking north from near Camp Quaranup provides great views of the National ANZAC Centre at Mt Clarence, and Mt Adelaide. If the tide is in, consider stopping for a picnic on Inner Bramble Beach just north of Camp Quaranup.

Large rays and small fish can be seen in the shallows close to shore.

To travel to the start point from the Town Square (1km) drive down York Street and turn left at Princess Royal Drive. Continue past the Entertainment Centre and the Albany Waterfront Marina before turning right into the boat launch car park.

Grade: S02

Distance:10 kms circuitTime:2 to 2.5 hours

Recommended Launch Point: Albany Waterfront Marina

DESCRIPTION

Launch from the sandy beach on the west (a) side of the boat ramp car park. There are toilet and changeroom facilities available at the west end of the beach.

- 1. Paddle out through the marina being aware of boats and ships. Exit the marina with a dog-leg to the left. (b)
- 2. Paddle across the harbour in a south-easterly direction to the Cheynes II Wreck (c). This ship drifted loose from the town jetty in 1992 before becoming grounded in 3-4m deep water where it remains. Paddle around the ship but do not board as it is unsafe to do so.
- 3. After rounding the wreck, paddle north and round the small rocky headland to the Camp Quaranup Jetty (d) with views of the historic quarantine station which is now run as a camp by the Department of Sport and Recreation. Landing in this area is not allowed.
- 4. Continue paddling north past Inner Bramble Beach. If the tide is high and water depth allows, this is a safe landing area for a rest.
- Round the granite headland that is Point Possession before crossing the shipping channel. Always cross at right angles watching for shipping and boating traffic.
- 6. Once across the channel visit the shallow bay and granite rocks on the north of the channel east of the port, before heading west back to the marina.
- 7. As you pass the port stay a minimum of 100m away from all wharves and facilities as these are closed waters.
- 8. Once back at the marina visit one of the nearby cafes for a well-deserved morning tea or lunch.









