

MT MARTIN BOTANICAL RESERVE

DESCRIPTION

This walk in Gull Rock National Park is in a beautiful coastal setting and offers outstanding views of Breaksea and Michaelmas islands, Albany's harbours, the Torndirrup Peninsula and inland to the Stirling Range.

The walk has several short steep hills with steps. At its furthest point Voyager Park directly opposite Emu Point provides a good picnic spot.

There is an extensive range of plant life including orchids, Banksia, Dryandra, Kingia and more. Good whale watching opportunities during the season. As the walk is in the national park dogs are not allowed.

To access the start point from the Town Square travel up York Street and proceed straight through the roundabout at the top on to Lockyer Avenue. Travel down Lockyer Avenue away from Albany and on to Ulster Road, which turns into Lower King Road and then Nanarup Road and turn right into Gull Rock Road. After 4km turn right into Ledge Point Road. The car park is a further 3km.

Grade: Four (4) Distance: 12.3km

Gradient: Short steep hills

Quality of path: Formed track, some obstacles

Signs: Sign posted

Experience: Some bushwalking experience

recommended

Time: 4 to 5 hours

Refreshments available at Lower King Store and Nippers on Two People's Bay Road.

Toilets at Voyager Park and Johnson Cove

WALK NOTES

- Commence the walk across from the picnic area at the interpretive sign. Clean your footwear at the boot cleaning station, as this area has high conservation values and is susceptible to Dieback (Phytophthora cinnamomi).
- Walk uphill, on the track.

- At the first seat a track goes to the right, ignore this, it is the return point. Veer left continuing uphill. A seat at 1.30km has views of the islands. This is Mt Eileen. Follow the cairns over the rocks and up the track.
- At the marked junction turn left and wander down to Coal Basket Bay. Return to the same way and continue straight on.
- At the next junction bear left, ignoring the maintenance track. Continue walking uphill over pine pole steps. At the next junction go straight ahead. Turning right goes back to the car park.
- Continue uphill on the now gravel track. Turn left at the next junction for a short walk down to a whale watching platform.
- Return to the track and continue walking to the sign up to Mt Martin. Turn right to ascend up the track, over a maintenance track and a rocky outcrop to the summit of Mt Martin (152m), and a memorial seat. Return the same way to the main track.
- Continue on the track. Ignore the turn off to Dick Redshaw's track. Continue on the open sandy track with fantastic views.
- Arrive at a T-junction and turn left to Voyager Park, which is another 120m. This is opposite Emu Point.
- 10. Leave the park following the Voyager Trail sign. Follow this track for about 500m and veer left into Johnson Bav.
- 11. To return to the start, follow the trail past a bench on a stone plinth. Walk up the track that leads to the Dick Redshaw Lookout. Turn left at the junction and continue up over a rocky outcrop. Follow the markers to the top with another bench
- 12. Return to the junction but continue straight on, down to the main track and turn left.
- 13. Continue along past the Mt Martin turnoff.
- 14. Turn left at the next marker; do not go back to the whaleviewing platform.
- 15. Turn left at the marker to Ledge Beach. Keep on this track, to meet the main track, turn left and walk downhill 300m to the car park.









