



Kangarutha Track



4 hrs 8.8 km One way **1** 453m



The Kangarutha Track takes walkers from Tathra south to near Wallagoot Gap. The walk explores about half of the Bournda National Park coast line. This coastline has many beautiful bays and scenic ocean views. There are a few bays where you would be able to have a splash to cool yourself down on those warmer days. Allow time to rest and enjoy the view from these secluded bays and headlands.

Bournda National Park

Kianinny Bay picnic area

Kianinny Bay picnic area is found at the end of Davidson St in Tathra. The picnic area leads off the boat ramp's parking area. Kianinny Bay picnic area has an electric BBQ hot plate underneath a shelter. The picnic area also boasts a number of tables, grass clearing, toilets and a playground. Kianinny Bay picnic area is at one end of the Kangarutha Track and, with the large car park at the bay, this makes it quite convenient for car shuffles.

Kianinny Bay Lookout

Kianinny Bay Lookout is perched on the hill, just south of Kianinny Bay. The lookout is an unfenced rock platform which has two white nautical markers placed on it. The lookout views the passage of boats into Kianinny Bay as they avoid the rocks near the northern headland. The lookout can be accessed from Kianinny Bay car park in Tathra, using the Kangarutha Track.

Boulder Bay

Boulder Bay is located on the Kangarutha Track, south of Tathra, within Bournda National Park. The bay is sided by two rocky coast lines that funnel the water to the sandy beach. The sand of Boulder Bay is lower on the beach and the area behind this is covered in rounded rocks in a variety of sizes. Boulder Bay Creek runs into the bay but is usually a dry creek bed at the back of the beach. Access to Boulder Bay is by the Kangarutha Track.

White Rock

White Rock, Bournda National Park, as the name suggests, is an area of white coloured rocks, south of Tathra. The rocks form the headland with spectacular views of the coastline both to the North and South, and across the South Pacific Ocean. White Rock car park is backed by an old quarry, which formed the amphitheatre of rock behind it. White Rock can be accessed by White Rock Rd, off the Snowy Mountains Highway.

Games Bay

Games Bay, Bournda National Park, is located along the Kangarutha Track, south of Tathra. The bay is formed by two rocky sides, and backed by a sandy beach. Games Bay Creek runs through the beach out to sea, but flows intermittently. The bay is named after Mr Games, a settler who cleared and used the surrounding area of the bay for dairy farming. Mr Games also made a track from Games Bay to White Rock. The bay is backed by a small fireplace with driftwood seats around it.

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 ejoyable 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:

Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.

Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.

Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).

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, 88241S BEGA 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 dertermined by the highest classification along the whole track.

4	Grade 4/6 Hard track		
Length	8.8 km One way		
Time	4 hrs		
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)		
Signs	Minimal directional signs (4/6)		
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)		
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)		
Infrastructure	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 walks 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 Kianinny Boat Ramp (gps: -36.7368, 149.9819). Car: There is free parking available. Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Wallagoot Beach Carpark (gps: -36.785, 149.9611). Car: There is free parking available.

Find up to date and more information inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at http://wild.tl/kt

0 | Kianinny Boat Ramp

(60 m 1 mins) From the car park, this walk keeps the water on the left as it heads down the stairs to the grassed area of the park. The track then continues along the creek, below on the left, to a bridge and information sign.

0.06 | Kianinny Bay picnic area

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0.06 | Kianinny Park

(150 m 5 mins) Veer left: From the information sign, this walk crosses the bridge and heads up the hill. The walk soon leads up the logged steps to a rock platform at the top. On the ocean side of the rock platform is a great lookout over Kianinny Bay and the coast.

0.21 | Kianinny Bay Lookout

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0.21 | Kianinny Bay Lookout

(1.5 km 35 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk keeps the ocean to the left as it crosses straight over the rock platform to a gap in the heath. The track passes down through the heath to meander and undulate for some time. The track continues past a cleared area on the right before turning into a gully. The track winds out of the gully tending right, up the hill, to an area of low heath with a faint track on the left.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill away from the ocean. The track winds along an area of low heath to soon turn left into taller heath. The track winds and undulates through the cleared passage in the heathland, passing through a few gullies. The walk crosses a large creek with stairs leading down and away from a rock platform. The track then continues up and around the hillside through an area of more open vegetation. This walk then leads down the hill to an arrow post, marking the track on the right. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill along the track, soon coming into view of the beach. The walk winds down the stairs onto a rock which leads onto the beach. This walk continues to the middle of the beach.

1.73 | Boulder Bay

Boulder Bay is located on the Kangarutha Track, south of Tathra, within Bournda National Park. The bay is sided by two rocky coast lines that funnel the water to the sandy beach. The sand of Boulder Bay is lower on the beach and the area behind this is covered in rounded rocks in a variety of sizes. Boulder Bay Creek runs into the bay but is usually a dry creek bed at the back of the beach. Access to Boulder Bay is by the Kangarutha Track.

1.73 | Boulder Bay

(2.8 km 1 hr 9 mins) Continue straight: From the middle of the beach, the walk heads towards the track marker near a tree on the beach, keeping the water to the left. The walk then follows the arrow along a bush track, away from the beach and winds through areas of heath and open bush. After passing a small trail to the left (which accesses the cliffs through the heath), the track continues, keeping the ocean to the left, and arrives at a signposted intersection with an overgrown service trail.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the arrow down the steps, towards the ocean. The track opens out onto the coast and arrives at a white post on the rock platform beside the bay.

Turn right: From the first white post, the walk heads towards the next visible white post, keeping the ocean on the left. The track meanders along the rocky platform then tends away from the bay, turning right, up the hill. As it climbs up the hill, the walk passes an ant mound, to the left, and soon heads over a very rocky area, following the most worn and compacted route through the rocks. The track continues, with the ocean on the left, and follows a track marker down the hill, arriving at the middle of a rocky bay.

Continue straight: From the middle of the rocky bay, the walk follows rockcut steps up onto the rocky headland, keeping the water on the left. The track then winds its way over the rocks, passing a lookout on the left, and dropping into a U-shaped rock yalley (which points out to sea).

Continue straight: From the U-shaped rock valley, the walk climbs the hill, keeping the ocean on the left. The track continues for some time passing many great views of the coast. After passing through more areas of open and closed heath, the track bends right and goes up some stairs to an intersection with a service trail.

4.57 | Optional sidetrip to White Rock Nth route

 $(230~m\ 5~mins)$ Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill towards the ocean. The track soon tends right, down to a cul-de-sac in the management trail.

Continue straight: On the side of the car park where the road leads up the hill, this walk follows track around the cliff tops, keeping the small bay below on the left. The track heads around the small hill (above on the right), leading to a point on the white rock which overlooks the sea and surrounding coast. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

4.57 | White Rock

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4.57 | Int. Kangarutha Trk Nth and White Rock Rd

(40 m 1 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill to a bend in the management trail, where a small green track marker indicates the intersection.

4.6 | Int. White Rock Rd and Kangarutha Trk Sth

(1.6 km 36 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads south-west, away from the management trail and up the slight hill following the track marker. The track meanders for a short time to tend left down the hill, towards the ocean. Here, the track meets a large black termite mound and turns right. The walk passes a number of good views, and a track on the left (which leads down to the ocean). This walk continues along the hillside, and soon tends to the right, heading through the heath to enter an area of trees. The track then heads down the hill into a rocky bay.

Turn right: From the bay, this walk heads up the hill, keeping the ocean on the left of the track. The walk winds up the steps to then meander along the hillside, coming to a track marker at an intersection.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads down the stairs following the track marker arrow. The track very quickly winds down into the sandy creek bed behind Games Bay. A signpost marking 'Games Bay' is hidden in the low bush at the back of the beach area.

6.21 | Games Bay

Games Bay, Bournda National Park, is located along the Kangarutha Track, south of Tathra. The bay is formed by two rocky sides, and backed by a sandy beach. Games Bay Creek runs through the beach out to sea, but flows intermittently. The bay is named after Mr Games, a settler who cleared and used the surrounding area of the bay for dairy farming. Mr Games also made a track from Games Bay to White Rock. The bay is backed by a small fireplace with driftwood seats around it.

6.21 | Games Bay

(2.4 km 49 mins) Turn right: From the sandy creek bed, this walk heads up the hill out of Games Bay, keeping the ocean to the left of the track. The walk keeps Games Bay just below on the left for a short time, as it winds up the hill and then tends right with the hill, following posts marking the track. The walk passes many access tracks down to the side of Games Bay. This walk leads through heath and banksia, with the posts still leading the way through large clear areas and areas of thick vegetation. The track continues for quite some time, winding with the ocean far below to the left until coming to the signposted intersection just before the timber platform overlooking Wallagoot Gap.

8.61 | Optional sidetrip to Wallagoot Gap

(110 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk heads to the timber platform then down the timber steps onto Wallagoot Gap Beach. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

8.61 | Wallagoot Gap

Wallagoot Gap is situated south of Tathra, facing east out onto the South Pacific Ocean. The gap is created by two headlands that protect the main beach from the wind. A second beach can be found around the corner of Wallagoot Gap, by following the right-hand side wall. Wallagoot Gap is an excellent place for a swim or a play in the sand. The gap can be accessed from Wallagoot Beach car park at the end of Wallagoot Lake Rd or the Kangarutha Track.

8.61 | Optional sidetrip to Wallagoot Beach North

(280 m 6 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill, keeping the ocean and the wooden platform to the left. The track tends right, down the hill to reveal a great view over Wallagoot Beach. The walk then heads down the hill and a set of stairs onto the beach. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

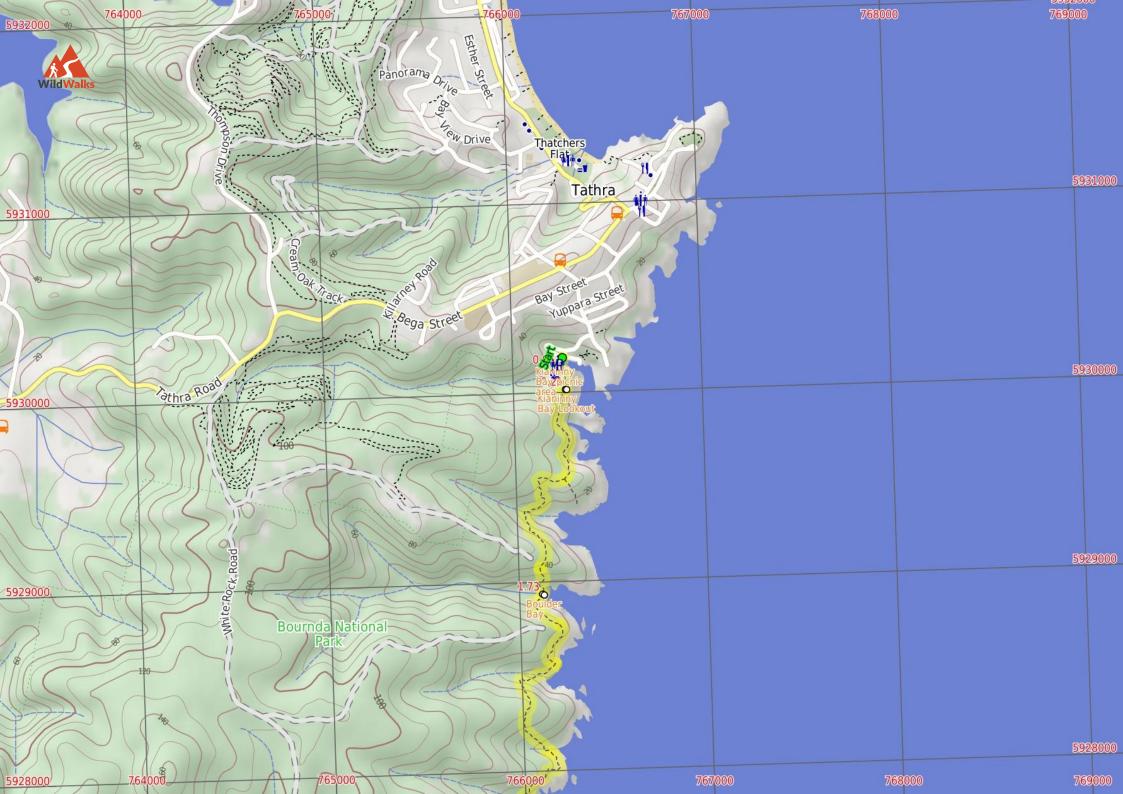
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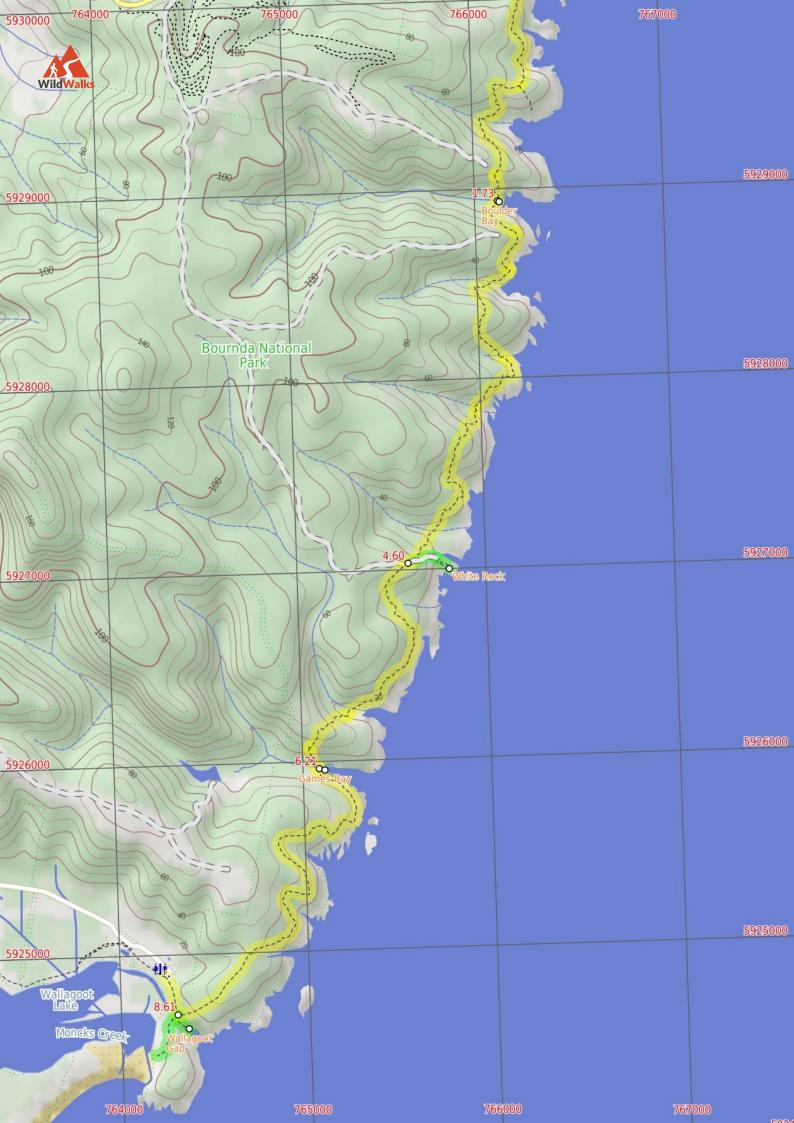
Wallagoot Beach, is located east of Wallagoot Lake in Bournda National Park, between Tathra and Merimbula. The beach is a large expanse of white

sand, with surf conditions created by its south easterly aspect. The beach's northern end sometimes floods, due to Wallagoot Lake breaking through the beach's sand barrier. Alternative access (instead of Wallagoot Lake Rd) is from Bournda Rd, through Hobart Beach camping area.

8.61 | **Int. Wallagoot Gap and Kangarutha Trks** (220 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads away from the coast slightly uphill (that is, away from the face of the sign). The track tends left and dips through a valley, soon leading to a car park. (The car park is found at the end of Wallagoot Lake Rd, off the Sapphire Coast Drive.)







Summary navigation sheet for the Kangarutha Track

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km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail) WildWalks	
0.00	Kianinny Boat Ramp -36.7368,149.9819 (GR Bega, 663302)	3	60 m 1 mins	From the car park, this walk keeps the water on the left as it heads down the stairs to the grassed area of the park.	
0.06	Kianinny Park -36.7372,149.9816 (GR Bega, 662301)	27 -5	150 m 5 mins	Veer left: From the information sign, this walk crosses the bridge and heads up the hill.	
0.21	Kianinny Bay Lookout -36.7383,149.9821 (GR Bega, 663300)	72 -93	1.5 km 35 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk keeps the ocean to the left as it crosses straight over the rock platform to a gap in the heath.	
1.73	Boulder Bay -36.748,149.9807 (GR Bega, 661289)	186 -152	2.8 km 1 hr 9 mins	Continue straight: From the middle of the beach, the walk heads towards the track marker near a tree on the beach, keeping the water to the left.	
4.57	Int. Kangarutha Trk Nth and White Rock Rd -36.7652,149.9758 (GR Wolumla, 656270)	1 -34	230 m 5 mins	Optional sidetrip to White Rock Nth route. Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill towards the ocean.	
4.57	Int. Kangarutha Trk Nth and White Rock Rd -36.7652,149.9758 (GR Wolumla, 656270)	3 0	40 m 1 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill to a bend in the management trail, where a small green track marker indicates the intersection.	
4.60	Int. White Rock Rd and Kangarutha Trk Sth -36.7653,149.9754 (GR Wolumla, 656270)	69 -109	1.6 km 36 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads south-west, away from the management trail and up the slight hill following the track marker.	
6.21	Games Bay -36.7751,149.9702 (GR Wolumla, 651260)	86 -82	2.4 km 49 mins	Turn right: From the sandy creek bed, this walk heads up the hill out of Games Bay, keeping the ocean to the left of the track.	
8.61	Int. Wallagoot Gap and Kangarutha Trks -36.7868,149.9618 (GR Wolumla, 643247)	0 -8	110 m 2 mins	Optional sidetrip to Wallagoot Gap. Turn left: From the intersection, the walk heads to the timber platform then down the timber steps onto Wallagoot Gap Beach.	
8.61	Int. Wallagoot Gap and Kangarutha Trks -36.7868,149.9618 (GR Wolumla, 643247)	12 -11	280 m 6 mins	Optional sidetrip to Wallagoot Beach North. Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill, keeping the ocean and the wooden platform to the left.	
8.61	Int. Wallagoot Gap and Kangarutha Trks -36.7868,149.9618 (GR Wolumla, 643247)	7 -7	220 m 4 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads away from the coast slightly uphill (that is, away from the face of the sign).	