

## The Pinnacles Loop



30 mins

1.1 km Circuit

Moderate track

▲ 43m

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The Pinnacles are an amazing brightly coloured rock feature, and the centre piece of this walk. The reds and white of the rock contrasts with the green heath and blue sea creating a fantastic sight. The smaller lookout, one without a sign, is a better lookout than the larger area. However, both lookouts give a good view of the Pinnacles.

21m

53m

Ben Boyd National Park

### **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 Pinnacles car park (gps: -36.9879, 149.9233). Car: There is free parking available.

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/tpl>

### **0 | Pinnacles car park**

*(110 m 2 mins)* From the corner of the car park below the toilet, this walk follows the 'Long Beach' sign. The track winds down the hill for a short time to a signposted intersection.

### **0.11 | Optional sidetrip to Long Beach**

*(240 m 6 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Long Beach' sign down the hill. The track winds for a short time before turning right and steeply winding down steps onto the beach. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

### **0.11 | Long Beach**

Long Beach (aka Haycock Beach), in Ben Boyd National Park, has well-earned its name, as the crescent shaped, yellow sand beach is about 7.25km long. The beach stretches from Haycock Point in the north, and is roughly divided into three section by two small rocky points. There are plenty of places to access the beach by a short walk from the road. Some entrances to the beach are quiet spectacular, passing through pinnacle-like gorges. The surf is not patrolled, but the beach is a popular fishing spot for locals.

### **0.11 | Int. Pinnacles and Long Beach Trks**

*(520 m 11 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Pinnacles 600m' sign across the hillside, with the higher side of the hill to the right. The track winds along the hillside, tending left, down and across a wooden bridge. The track then rises up and tends right, around to a wooden-fenced viewing area over the Pinnacles.

Veer right: From the small lookout, the walk heads through the bush, keeping the Pinnacles and the ocean behind to the left. The track soon reaches a larger wooden viewing area of the Pinnacles.

### **0.63 | The Pinnacles**

The Pinnacles are a spectacular geological formation in the northern section of Ben Boyd National Park. The Pinnacles were formed from the erosion of a hill, which was made from a layer of white sand, topped with red clay. This leaves an fantastic sight of contrasting white and red bands in the rock face. The Pinnacles are best viewed from the lookout on the Pinnacle walking track, but they can also be seen from Long Beach.

### **0.63 | Pinnacles Lookout**

*(450 m 9 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads up the hill away from the view of the Pinnacles, heading in the opposite direction to the 'Return Loop' arrow. The track winds up the hill, with the vegetation becoming more like a pine forest. The track winds over the small hill then drops down onto a bridge. From the small wooden bridge, the track heads up to the signposted car park. From this end of the car park, the track heads to the 'Long Beach 350m' signpost below the toilets.

