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WELCOME TO KINGBOROUGH'S TRACKS

This guide presents 42 walking tracks in Kingborough, ranging from short, easy strolls to full-day challenging walks, with some also suitable for horses, mountain bikes and dogs. As you explore, you'll come to appreciate all that Kingborough offers, including Tasmanian Aboriginal cultural landscapes and whaling, convict and mining relics. You will also discover a wonderful variety of landscapes: beaches and cliffs, colourful heathlands, fragrant eucalypt forests, fern-lined creeks, rolling green pastures, rushing rivers, waterfalls, and sub-alpine areas. An incredible range of birds and animals live in these landscapes, including some very special threatened species. How could you not love this place! Enjoy Kingborough's Tracks.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN

Tracks are categorised into three difficulty levels.



Difficult: Likely to be single track with moderate gradients, variable surface and obstacles. May have arduous climbs and steep sections.



Moderate: Suitable for people with an average level of fitness. May include some short steep inclines.



Easy: Accessible to people of all ages and fitness levels.



Permitted: Activities permitted on the walk



Prohibited: Activities prohibited on the walk



Bikes: Suitable for cycling and/or mountain bikes



Dogs on lead: Suitable for dog-walking



Dog Exercise Area: Off lead and under effective control



Horses: Suitable for horse-riding



Time: Times are for the completion of each walk back to the start point and are estimates based on an unhurried but steady walking pace. Allow extra time for breaks and steep terrain.



Distance: The length of each walk



Parking



Information: Additional useful information



Toilets



Warning: Information about potential dangers



Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service: Tenure



Wellington Park Management Trust: Tenure



LEAVE NO TRACE

The following principles of **Leave No Trace** make logical sense. Please follow them.

Plan ahead and prepare

- For longer walks, let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- For walks at high altitude, always prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies.
- Observe the regulations regarding dogs, horses and bikes.

Dispose of waste properly

- Take your rubbish home with you.
- If you must emergency bush-toilet, please deposit all waste in a hole dug at trowel-depth (15 cm), at least 100 metres from any track or watercourse. Cover and disguise when finished.
- *Dog owners:* Carry plastic bags for your dog's droppings.

Walk on durable surfaces

- Stay on the marked track to prevent getting lost, to avoid erosion and to avoid spreading root rot.

Leave what you find

- Respect Aboriginal landscapes and other historic sites.
- Leave natural objects as you find them.

Respect wildlife

- Observe wildlife from a distance, especially during breeding seasons (eg nesting shorebirds in spring).

Be considerate of others

- Many walks pass close to private property. Please respect residents' privacy.
- Keep dogs on a lead and under effective control on walks where dogs are allowed.

WATER

All natural water sources are subject to local habitat contamination and may not meet health authority guidelines for drinking. It is good practice to carry your own water.

ROOT ROT

A serious plant disease which is spread by humans threatens Tasmania's native flora. Known as 'root rot', this introduced microscopic soil-borne pathogen (*Phytophthora cinnamomi*) invades a plant's roots and kills its host by blocking the uptake of water and nutrients. Once root rot is present it cannot be removed. It may be carried unknowingly in dirt and mud on boots, bike and car tyres, horses hooves and camping equipment. Starting your walk with clean gear helps prevent its spread, as does staying on the marked track.

FOR SHARED-USE TRAILS



Respect other users

- Cyclists please use your voice to alert other trail users of your presence.
- Horse riders have priority on the trails, then walkers; MTB riders give way to both. As a courtesy, walkers may step aside on narrow sections of track to allow bikes to pass.
- When passing, slow to the speed of other users and prepare to stop if necessary, particularly when encountering horses.
- When walking with your dog, keep it under effective control and restrain the dog on a lead or by the collar if you encounter a horse, bike rider or other walkers.



Be safe

- Slow down for corners and blind spots.
- Ride your horse or bike at a controlled speed.
- Wear an approved equestrian or bike helmet.
- Carry a mobile phone with you in case of emergency.

Stay on the Trail

- Do not trespass on private land.
- Obey signs prohibiting access to beaches during bird nesting season, or other sensitive areas.

Get involved

- Report trail hazards, incidents and maintenance issues to the land manager.
- Share your experiences and photos with @KingboroughTas on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram #KingboroughTracks.
- Take part in trail maintenance days or join your local Landcare Group: www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/natural-resource-management.

More information at: www.greaterhobarttrails.com.au/etiquette/

PLEASE NOTE

When walking in the natural environment you may encounter natural hazards. Land management agencies will not accept liability for any injury or damage resulting from such hazards. No guarantee is given that this publication is free from error or omission.

MORE TRACKS?

If there's a walking track that you would like included in the next edition, please contact Kingborough Council. For more exploring of trails for walking and riding in the greater Hobart area, go to www.greaterhobarttrails.com.au

DAMAGED TRACKS?

Please inform Council if you notice any damage to help keep our tracks in good order (see back page for contact details).

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