



## DESCRIPTION

This is an excellent walk along the narrow isthmus between Princess Royal Harbour and King George Sound from Whaling Cove with fabulous views of Princess Royal Harbour, Whalers Cove, Albany and King George Sound.

The walk includes two sections of beach walking, steps up some steep sections and climbs over granite to the end of Point Possession that provides views of the channel which is the shipping access to the Albany Port.

Wildflowers and whales abound in season, while dolphins are often seen in the bays and channel.

The Porongurup and Stirling ranges to the North are visible on a clear day.

Point Possession was named by Capt. George Vancouver in 1791 when he "took possession of this land" and a cairn, although rebuilt in 1972, stands where the ceremony to mark the occasion took place

If traveling from the Town Square (21km). Turn into Grey Street West through Carlyle St, turn right into Princess Royal Drive. Turn left into Frenchman Bay Road. Travel approx. 12km to Quaranup Road. Travel along Quaranup Road for approx. 6km. Turn right into the Whaling Cove car park (21km).

Whaling Cove is a good spot for a swim.

Dogs on leash and please pickup after your dog, Toilet at car park.

Nearest Refreshments at Little Grove Store and Discovery Bay.

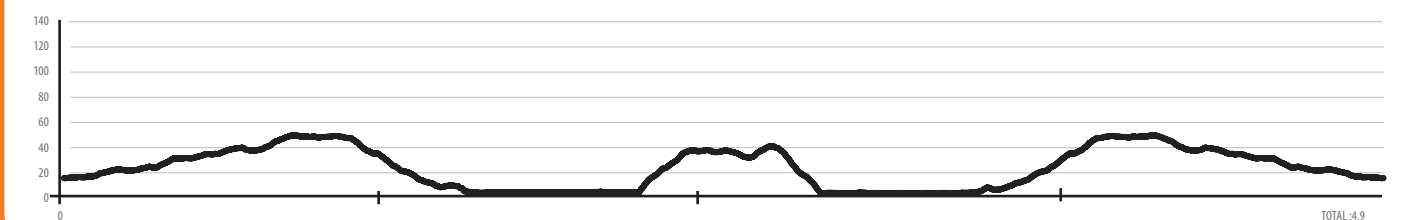
<b>Grade:</b>	Three (3)
<b>Distance:</b>	4.9km Circuit
<b>Gradient:</b>	Short Steep Hills
<b>Quality of track:</b>	Formed track, some obstacles
<b>Signs:</b>	Sign posted
<b>Experience:</b>	Some bushwalking experience recommended
<b>Time:</b>	2 to 3 hours
<b>Steps:</b>	Occasional Steps

## WALK NOTES

1. Start the walk at the interpretive sign on the western side of the car park and follow the track around the seaward side of Quarantine Hill through low woodland and granite slopes with excellent ocean views. The track is well formed and sandy at the start.
2. A good place to whale watch is from wooden steps which span over the granite rock about 700m from the start of the walk. After another 130m note the stand of Nuytsia Floribunda (Australian Christmas Tree), which produce an impressive orange display in December.
3. Follow the track downhill, taking care on the granite if it is wet. Go straight across at the crossroads near the Camp Quaranup Sign and a tin shed [A]. This track will lead you to Inner Brambles Beach on the West side of the peninsula. The beach runs north alongside Princess Royal Harbour.
4. Should the tide be too high when you walk this section then the alternative is to return to the crossroads and turn left and down to the steps, which lead to the beach at Barker Bay. [This is also the return route]. Walk along the beach and turn left at [B] over the dunes arriving at point [C] on the map.
5. Continue to the end of the beach and ascend to Point Possession at the marker points onto the steps and rocks.
6. The cairn is a good place for a rest and a snack.
7. Look out for the white marker as you face NNE and Emu Point for the return journey along Outer Brambles Beach on the east side at Barker Bay. Follow the track downhill over the granite surface. There are good views of Breaksea and Michaelmas islands from here.
8. Go down the steps to the beach taking care over the rocks at the bottom. Walk along the sandy beach and turn right up the wooden steps to the track.
9. Follow the sandy track and turn sharp left at the sign for Camp Quaranup. This was the crossover point earlier in the walk at [A].

Return up the hill to the car park.

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# WALK 06

point possession heritage trail

