



Simply Trekking

CAPE TO CAPE TRACK Sat 14 March 2020

The Cape to Cape Track follows the coast from Cape Naturaliste along the beautiful Indian Ocean to Cape Leeuwin. It passes through a few small settlements, gently winds up and down small hills, and has many sections walking on beaches. The coastline features rocky headlands, cliff sections, forests and empty white sand beaches. We walk north to south – there is no best way – but having the sun behind us so we can see the coastline clearly is the main reason. We have walked in the spring and the autumn and love the Indian summer feeling and colours of autumn.



Day one: Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse to Yallingup 13.7 km The first 3 km is an absolute delight with incredible views and it is a boardwalk. There is a delightful viewing platform at Sugarloaf Rock and then the track follows the edge of the cliff tops with expansive views. We reach Three Bears Surf spot and we can take the steps leading down to the beach. The next section is a mix of narrow path and sandy 4-wheel drive track until we reach the small settlement of Yallingup our destination for the night.

Day two: Yallingup to Moses Rock Camp 20.5km The track skirts along the top of the cliff top and then down to Smiths Beach and at the south end the track heads uphill and becomes rocky and interesting with lovely viewpoints. A short detour can be had down to Canal Rocks to explore the interesting formations although keep in mind that its all uphill from there to an excellent lookout. We pass through Injidup with an excellent viewing platform where we can take in the view and watch the surfers. We pass Quininup Falls, which will have little water flowing at this time of the year and the Moses Rock Campsite is still another 5km and a reward on arrival with its little tucked away tent sites and a fabulous viewpoint for those sunset photos.

Day three: Moses Rock to Gracetown (lunch) and Ellenbrook campsite 22km Go again to the viewpoint at dawn, the early



morning panoramic views over the ocean are amazing. Today's walk is an absolute delight with views over the ocean constantly and Wilyabrup Brook will be easy to cross on the beach (not like in spring). The Wilyabrup Sea Cliffs are a highlight and you may see rock climbers or people abseiling here. We recommend stopping at the Gracetown café for a lovely lunch and then continuing on south with wonderful ocean views until we turn inland to Ellensbrook Homestead following the stream and a surprise water feature. It is only a short distance now to our delightful green campsite beside Ellens Brook.



Day four: Ellensbrook to Prevelly 14km A plus of walking in autumn is you can continue along the coast with all the views all the way to Prevelly as there is a sand bank. (In the spring the Margaret River is often too deep to cross and you take a diversion or arrange a canoe company to meet you there). We figure in autumn we continue independent and free. Lunch can be had at the Sea Garden Café or its lovely to snack on arrival overlooking the ocean watching the surfers.

Day five: Prevelly to Contos 16km We take a bit of a short cut through Gnarabup to connect up with the track and climb up onto the escarpment which is a lovely change after all the cliff top walking. A highlight is the lovely Redgate Beach and the next 7km stretch is one of the prettiest sections of the Cape to Cape Track. It mainly stays above the ocean, meandering through short coastal scrub and offering up superb views along the way. Bob's Hollow is a hidden little gem and then we skirt the cliff tops looking over Conto Beach to reach

Conto's campground that is very well set out with a camp kitchen and little private campsites amongst the trees.

Day six: Contos to Hamelin Bay 21km The first 15km section is all inland traveling through some spectacular karri forest, you will enjoy and then you turn towards the ocean again to pop out through sand dunes onto Boranup Beach. In autumn, the sand is usually hard packed and easy walking for the 6km. You can see Hamelin Bay in the distance, your gorgeous destination.

Day seven: Hamelin to Deepdene 10.5km We have a relaxing start from Hamelin Bay, as there's lots to see. Wooden walkways over rocky lookouts and especially the viewing of the multitude of sting rays that come in to feed. Also you don't want to be in a rush on the next section, there is a short loop detour to White Cliff Point with some beautiful views, then down to the beach into Foul Bay (strange name as its lovely) then walk inland to reach the Foul Bay lighthouse and have more fantastic views. . From Cozy Corner Road you're at the start of an interesting

limestone platform which is made of limestone and is full of gaps and holes. During large swells, blow holes can be heard and seen. We have to carefully pick our way across the flat rock, watching for the holes!. Deepdene Beach is quite lovely and our campsite is set back up and over the sand dune in a delightful little tree lined campsite with picnic table.

Early morning view coming out of Deepdene campsite



Day eight: Deepdene to Cape Leeuwin 17.5 A lot of people don't stop at Deepdene and push on along the beach, fighting against the headwind and the soft sand to reach Augusta in the one day! They don't realize what they are missing out on. In the morning coming out from the campsite the coastline is stretched out in panoramic form in front of you, no wind, perfect waves, bliss. After 7km along the lovely beach you climb up above the Augusta Cliffs and the track meanders along inland until it reaches Cape Leeuwin, your destination.

Cost: \$ tba per person (plus transport to start and from end of track shared cost, BYO food, food drop shared cost, bought meals and accommodation your cost, trekking gear available for hire. Further details will be provided on booking.

