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# Muru and Yena Tracks

# 1 hr 30 mins 2.8 km Circuit

Moderate track

3

38m

Following the service trails, this track covers many of the major walking tracks on Botany Bay's south side. Thick eucalypts and ferns surround the trail and there are great views from the Yena Picnic Area - a good place to break, (although it lacks shade). This walk is a nice way to explore a fair bit of the park.

Botany Bay 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** You can get to Botany Bay Discovery Centre (gps: -34.0053, 151.2217) by car or bus. Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

This is a circuit, so you will finish back at the start.

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

### 0 | Botany Bay Discovery Centre

(180 m 3 mins) From the discovery centre, this walk heads south, out of the car park along the track leading to Banks-Solander Track (signposted 'Banks-Solander Track'). This track follows a shady bush trail through the ferns along a part-track, part-boardwalk trail until coming to an intersection with a road signposted as Cape Solander Drive.

Continue straight: From the intersection with the road, this walk heads south along the service trail for a short while before coming to a intersection with a bush track off to the left.

#### 0.18 | North end of Banks Solander Track

(320 m 6 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk turns off onto the narrower, sandy track. The walk heads east along the bush track, the Banks Solander Track, and soon bends to the right. This track goes through a shady woodland and ferns forest, at times over boardwalk, passing a notable large, interesting tree fern partway along the track. The walk emerges onto a management trail.

#### 0.5 | South end of Banks Solander Track

(790 *m* 14 *mins*) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads south along the gravelly management trail until coming to an intersection with a bush track on the left.

Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the main management trail to the south-east through the open ferny forest. Soon, the Yena trail meets the radar track (on the right).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads south-east along the management trail, leaving the smaller track behind on the right. The trail passes through large sections of ferns and eucalypts, before reaching Solander Rd and a 'Yena Fire Trail' sign.

## 1.29 | South end of Yena Picnic Area Rd

(580 m 11 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads east down the gravel road towards the coastline. Gradually, this curves around to the north before coming to the Yena Picnic Area. There are no shaded areas, but this is compensated by the good lookouts over the South Pacific Ocean. Although this section of the walk is classified as wheelchair accessible (due to it being along a road), the asphalt is extremely pitted and bumpy. The road turns back inland and comes to another intersection with Cape Solander Drive, and a sign pointing back to 'Yena Picnic Area'.

# 1.87 | North end of Yena Picnic Area Rd

(90 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads north along Cape Solander Drive, keeping the ocean (not visible) off to the right.

After approximately 100m, the walk comes to an intersection with a management trail on the left, blocked to vehicles by a gate.

#### 1.96 | Int of Muru Track and Cape Solander Drive

(440 m 7 mins) Turn left: From Cape Solander Drive, this walk passes the large gate and heads north-west along the management trail until reaching an intersection with a track on the left (south-west).

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads north-west along the management trail for approximately 50m until coming to an intersection with a track on the right (north).

### 2.4 | Optional sidetrip to Houston Lookout

(310 m 6 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads north along the overgrown management trail. There are some good views out over the bay area and the national park however these are shrouded by the nearby trees and ferns. The trail ends at the top of the hill, with filtered views. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

### 2.4 | Int of Muru Track and Houston Lookout track

 $(260 \ m \ 5 \ mins)$  Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads west, gently downhill along the sandy management trail until coming to an intersection with a track on the left.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads north-west, down along the wide gravelly management trail, with dense ferns on either side, until coming to Cape Solander Drive.

#### 2.66 | Int of Cape Solander Dr and Muru Track

(100 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the road, this walk heads northwest along the old road, now a service trail. This continues for a short period before passing over a small bridge. Just beyond this, the track opens out onto the Botany Bay Discovery Centre car park. The discovery centre is to the right.

