

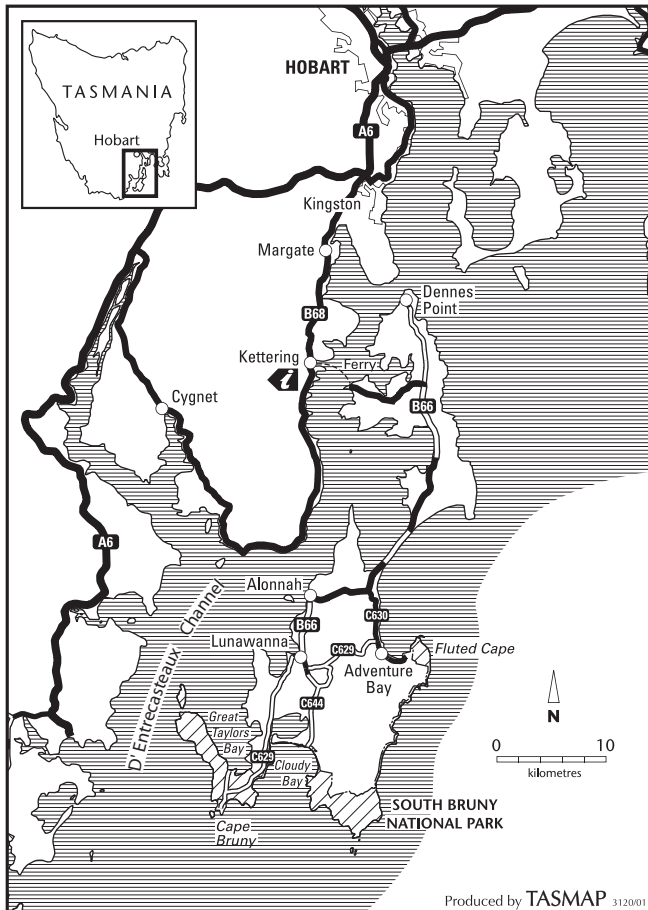
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# South Bruny National Park



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South Bruny National Park was created in 1997 to preserve its abundant birdlife, coastal heathland and its prominent place in the Tasmanian history. Much of the coast comprises towering cliffs, muttonbird rookeries, gardens of kelp seaweed and long sandy beaches. Some areas of the park extend several kilometres back from the coastline, where rainforest may be found containing plant species unique to Tasmania.

## Highlights

The island has long been inhabited by aboriginal people known as the Nuenonne band and the national park contains a number of important Aboriginal sites. Adventure Bay was originally a location for whaling. The southern right whales have since returned to Adventure Bay and can be seen during migration times (June to late October). One of the largest remaining colonies of the endangered bird, the forty-spotted pardalote, is located on Partridge Island. The hooded plover and swift parrot can also be seen on Bruny Island.

## Getting there

Bruny Island lies south of Hobart and is separated from the mainland by the D'Entrecasteaux Channel. It can be reached by a vehicular ferry, which operates between Kettering and North Bruny Island. Kettering is 32 km (40 minutes) south of Hobart and can be reached by taking the Southern Outlet (A6) toward Kingston. Branch off on the B68 towards Margate and continue to the town of Kettering. A signposted turnoff takes you down to the ferry, which operates on a regular basis. For time tables and information on ferry fares ring Bruny Island Ferry Service phone: 03 6272 3277 or the Bruny/D'Entrecasteaux Visitor Centre 03 6267 4494. It's worth arriving early as departure times may vary!

The South Bruny National Park encompasses all the coastline and some of the hinterland between Fluted Cape and the southern part of Great Taylors Bay, and can be accessed in a number of ways. From the ferry head toward South Bruny on the B66. After about 29km take the turnoff to Adventure Bay (C630) to reach Fluted Cape. The walking track begins at East Cove, the southern-most part of Adventure Bay Beach. To Access Cloudy Bay continue on the B66 to Lunawanna. From there take the Cloudy Bay Road (C644) for about 10 km. Jetty Beach at Great Taylors Bay and the Cape Bruny Lighthouse can be reached from Lunawanna via the C629 (Lighthouse Road).

When driving at night please remember you are sharing the road with wildlife.

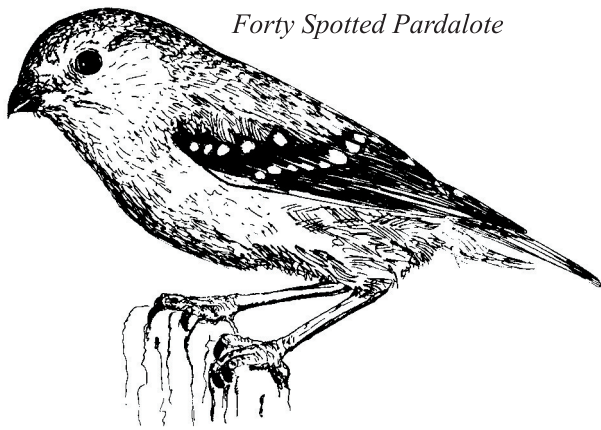
## Things to do

Take your time and enjoy the South Bruny National Park as it offers plenty of opportunities for many activities. These include bird watching, bush and coast walking, swimming, surfing and boating

**Boating:** There are no boat ramps in the park; boats can be launched from the beaches when necessary. The jetty on Partridge Island should only be used for landing and disembarking - no mooring is permitted.

**Swimming and surfing:** Adventure Bay and Jetty Beach provide safe, sheltered areas for swimming. Cloudy Bay is a popular spot for experienced surfers - watch the rips!

**Birdwatching:** the coast, bush and open pastures of the park provide a range of habitat for many bird species. Please avoid birds and nests on the beaches.



*Forty Spotted Pardalote*

#### Short walks include:

**Grass Point - 1.5 hours return.** This walk starts at the Adventure Bay entrance to the park. Parking is available at the very end of Adventure Bay road. Start the walk along the short beach next to the carpark and turn left. The track is well formed, suitable for families, keeps close to the coast and is mainly flat.

**Fluted Cape - 2.5 hours return.** Follow the Grass Point track to the open grassland at Penguin Island. The circular route can be taken by following the Fluted Cape circuit sign. The track climbs steeply, staying close to the coastal cliffs providing spectacular views of Fluted Cape and the more distant Tasman Peninsula. Sea eagles may be seen. Follow the signs to begin a gradual descent, returning to Adventure Bay. This walk should not be attempted by young unescorted children.

#### Day walks include:

**East Cloudy Head - 4 hours return.** Park at the end of Cloudy Bay Road and walk to the southern end of the beach. Turn inland along Imlays Creek. The walk follows an old 4WD track with a number of quite steep ascents and descents. Once you reach the headland you can return the way you came.

**Labillardiere Peninsula Circuit - 5.5 to 6.5 hours return.** The track starts at the Jetty Beach campground and does a circuit around the peninsula. From Mt Bleak you will gain a view of Partridge Island, which protects one of the largest populations of the endangered forty-spotted pardalote. The track descends to Hopwood and Butlers Beaches and finishes at Jetty Beach.

**Park entry fees apply.** Passes are available from the D'Entrecasteaux Visitor Centre at Kettering and self registration booths are located at the Neck and Lighthouse Road (Mable Bay). The money raised will be used to maintain and develop South Bruny National Park facilities.

## Facilities

Food and petrol can be purchased on the island from shops located at Alonnah and Adventure Bay (both on the south island). Camping gas can be refilled at Alonnah. Camping areas are located at Neck Beach, Cloudy Bay and Jetty Beach. All have pit toilets, limited water and fireplaces. Firewood is not supplied so please bring your own or use a fuel stove. Camp grounds have no rubbish collection so be sure to take your rubbish with you.

## What to bring

Bring a raincoat, warm clothing, robust walking shoes, a hat and sunscreen. Bushwalkers should carry an accurate map and water.

**Important** - Pets and chainsaws are not permitted in the national parks and reserves (even in vehicles).

## Weather

The weather can change very quickly, and it is important to carry waterproof and warm clothes as well as protection from the sun.

## Further information

TASMAP 1:25,000 series;

Parks and Wildlife Website [www.parks.tas.gov.au](http://www.parks.tas.gov.au);

 Great Short Walks Booklet.



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