

# ABW ACTIVITY INVENTORY (AI) - Activity Information Record

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Activity Code **W** Area code **Tasmania** Record No **0003**

## Activity

Walk ('W'), Cycle , ('C') Kayak/Canoe ('K'), Other ('O') (Indicate here with Symbol)..... **W**

## Location

Freycinet Peninsula

## Outline of activity

Walk from the Carpark at the base of the Wineglass Bay lookout towards Fluerieu Point to Hazards Beach, Cooks Beach returning via Mt Freccinet and Mt Graham to Wineglass Bay and back to the carpark.

## Permits & permissions required, with contact details

A Parks Permit is required (\$30 in 2012) . Obtainable via the internet ([www.parks.tas.gov.au](http://www.parks.tas.gov.au)), from Government offices in Hobart, from the local Coles Bay Visitors' Centre or from private companies which may be arranging transport to and from the carpark from Hobart or elsewhere.

## Maps required

TasMap: Freycinet National Park (1:50,000) covers the direct route in and out and gives some useful information about the walk. The track is well marked in this area. This map / brochure is available from most good map shops for around \$10 (2012)

## Travel: recommendations, times, car shuffling, parking etc.

Given the walk start and end points are the same, one could leave a car in the carpark. Alternatively transport may be required from Hobart or some other centre. Options are: Tasmanian Wilderness Experience (Fax: 03 6261 2786) or a combination TassieLink bus services ([www.tassielink.com.au](http://www.tassielink.com.au)) to The Coles Bay turnoff which is met by Bicheno Bus service. While the latter is cheaper it is less flexible

## Water availability

Water can be hard to come by so it is best to check with the Visitors Office before departing. In 2012 when this walk was undertaken it was supposedly a dry year but we found drinkable water at Hazards Beach, Cooks Beach (at Cooks Hut) and at Graham Creek. Slightly brackish (but drinkable water) was also found at an inlet just off the beach at Wineglass Bay. Even so, we always left each day with 3 litres of water just in case.

## Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)

The route was well marked. Obviously when one returns via Mt Graham one is fully exposed to the weather at an altitude of 579 metres so, like everywhere else in Tasmania, one must be prepared for the worst. Should the weather turn nasty or if anyone is injured anywhere before the beginning of the climb to Mt Freycinet saddle and beyond, one can always retrace ones steps and / or use the Isthmus Track. The climb to Mt Graham is tough going with some scrambling required

### Route overview

This walk is relatively easy although the leg from Cooks Beach up and over Mt Graham is requires some reasonable level of fitness, particularly from the saddle to Mt Graham. A side trip from the top of the saddle to Mt Freycinet offers superb views although the track is not well marked and some scrambling is required. The walk could be done in as little as 2 days (Day 1- Carpark to Cooks Beach, Day 2 – Cooks Beach to Car park) as long as 4 (Day 1 Carpark to Hazard Beach, Day 2 – Hazard Beach to Cooks Beach to Bryans Beach and back, Day 3 – Cooks Beach to Wineglass Bay, Day 4 – Wineglass Bay to Carpark). The former offers limited chances for exploration while the latter allows the walker plenty of time to soak up the splendid ambiance of this beautiful walk.

### Campsites used & possible alternatives

There are three large and excellent campsites - Hazards Beach, Cooks Beach and Wineglass Bay

### Walk Ratings (indicate rating below where indicated ..eg 'SMMQ' )

<b>Distance</b>	S: Short, 0-9 km	M: Medium, 10-17 km	L: Long, 18+ km
<b>Gradient</b>	E: Undulating	M: Steep	H: Very steep/exposed
<b>Terrain</b>	E: Track/open, 4 km/h	M: Medium scrub, 2-4 km/h	H: Heavy scrub/rock, 0-2 km/h
<b>Qualifying? ( Q )</b>	<b>MMEQ (with an MMM section)</b>		

### Supplementary information (Insert below, if required. Insert Maps on the last page)

This is a beautiful and relatively easy walk (apart from the Mt Graham section). Although the carpark is inevitably full of day trippers, most of these only walk from the car park to the Wineglass Lookout. Some others set out on the walk as described but return via the Isthmus Walk making it a nice day walk. For those willing to venture to any of the three campsites, they will be assured of low numbers and the privacy and beauty of a relatively isolated area.

Once at Cooks Beach, the walk to Bryans Beach (which can be done with a day pack) is especially beautiful and isolated. Similarly the views from the top of Mt Freycinet on a fine day are stunning.

An additional very strenuous 2-3 hour scramble from the carpark to Mt Amos (height 354 metres) offers the view of Wineglass Bay depicted on the Tas Map brochure. Be warned, though, that much of this walk is over steep granite and is poorly marked meaning that the walk should not be attempted if it is wet or if rain is forecast.

**Note:** This activity outline has been compiled from information provided by ABW members. Its accuracy is subject to variations in individual members' observations, climate and weather conditions, land and ownership, accessibility, national park rules and permits.

Members should not rely on this information but use it as a guide and supplement it with their own research as appropriate.

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