

Rockpool to Norah Head Lighthouse



1 Hr

Hard track

2.6 km Return

↑ 60m



A great, scenic walk along the shoreline at Norah Head, to the lighthouse with its picturesque location and beautiful views. The walk along the beach and rockshelf is interesting, with lots of shapes and textures making the rockshelf interesting to explore. The Norah Head lighthouse is very picturesque and the views of the surrounding area from the lighthouse and lookout are fantastic. The very short sidetrip to the merchant mariners memorial adds some more interest.

4m

17m

Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve

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 Boat ramp (gps: -33.2792, 151.5686) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

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

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

0 | Boat ramp

(80 m 2 mins) From the boat ramp at the bottom of Bald St, Norah Head, this walk follows the concrete footpath towards the rock pool, keeping the ocean to the left. After a short distance, the walk goes down the concrete ramp and continues along the beach a little to the steps at the bottom of the Bush St Rock Pool Path, just below the toilet block.

0.08 | Norah Head Rock Pool

This tidal ocean pool is in Cabbage Tree Harbour at Norah Head. It is a beautiful, sheltered place to swim or to relax on the sand. There are public toilets nearby. [More info.](#)

0.08 | Rock Pool

(750 m 14 mins) Continue straight: From the bottom of the steps, just below the toilet block, this walk goes along the water's edge, keeping the ocean pool to the left. The walk crosses the rock shelf using some steps and metal handrails before going around the headland on a concrete footpath with metal handrail. The walk then drops down a few steps and crosses the next section of rock shelf, keeping the ocean to the left, before arriving at the northern end of Lighthouse Beach.

Continue straight: From the northern end of Lighthouse Beach, this walk follows the beach south, keeping the ocean to the left, until reaching the southern end of the beach.

0.82 | Norah Head rockshelf

This rockshelf is at the tip of Norah Head, below the lighthouse. The general scenery in the area is beautiful and the rockshelves have a lot of interesting shapes and textures, making the area interesting to explore. The rockshelf can be reached from the nearby beaches or via steps from the lighthouse.

0.82 | Southern end of Lighthouse Beach

(360 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the southern end of Lighthouse Beach, this walk goes south, onto the extensive rock platform beneath the lighthouse. After exploring the rock platform, the walk continues south, around the headland, keeping the ocean to the left, and arriving at the bottom of the wooden staircase leading up to the lighthouse.

1.18 | Bottom of Norah Head steps

(40 m 1 mins) Veer right: From the bottom of the steps, this walk goes up the steps to the viewpoint at the top, near the lighthouse.

1.22 | Norah Head Lighthouse Point lookout

This lookout, on the point of Norah Head, near the lighthouse, has amazing views in all directions, up and down the coastline, across the rockshelves and beaches below, and of the lighthouse itself.

1.22 | Lighthouse Point lookout

(80 m 1 mins) Turn left : From the lookout point, this walk follows the footpath gently up the hill, to the gate beside the lookout.

1.3 | Norah Head Lighthouse

The lighthouse was established in 1903 and was converted from a kerosene burner to mains electricity power in 1961. Tours of the lighthouse are available on weekends , every half hour between 10am and 1:30pm . [More info.](#)

1.3 | Optional sidetrip to Merchant Mariners memorial lo

(220 m 5 mins) Continue straight: From the gate beside the lighthouse, this walk follows the footpath gently up the hill, leaving the lighthouse to the right. The footpath continues past the cottages, on the right, to the car park beside the cottages.

Continue straight: From the corner of the cottage yard, this walk follows the footpath away from the lighthouse, keeping the car park and driveway to the right. The walk passes an information board, to the left, then arrives at the merchant navy memorial lookout. There are numerous plaques in the footpath and set in rocks at the memorial, providing information about merchant ships and lives lost during times of war. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left .

1.3 | Merchant Mariners memorial and lookout

This memorial and lookout point commemorates the loss of lives in the merchant navy, during times of war, primarily WWII . There are several plaques with details of the ships and number of lives lost. The stunning views from the lookout take in the nearby Norah Head lighthouse and much of the coastline to the south.

