

## Saltwater Beach to Red Cliffs



**1 hr 30 mins**

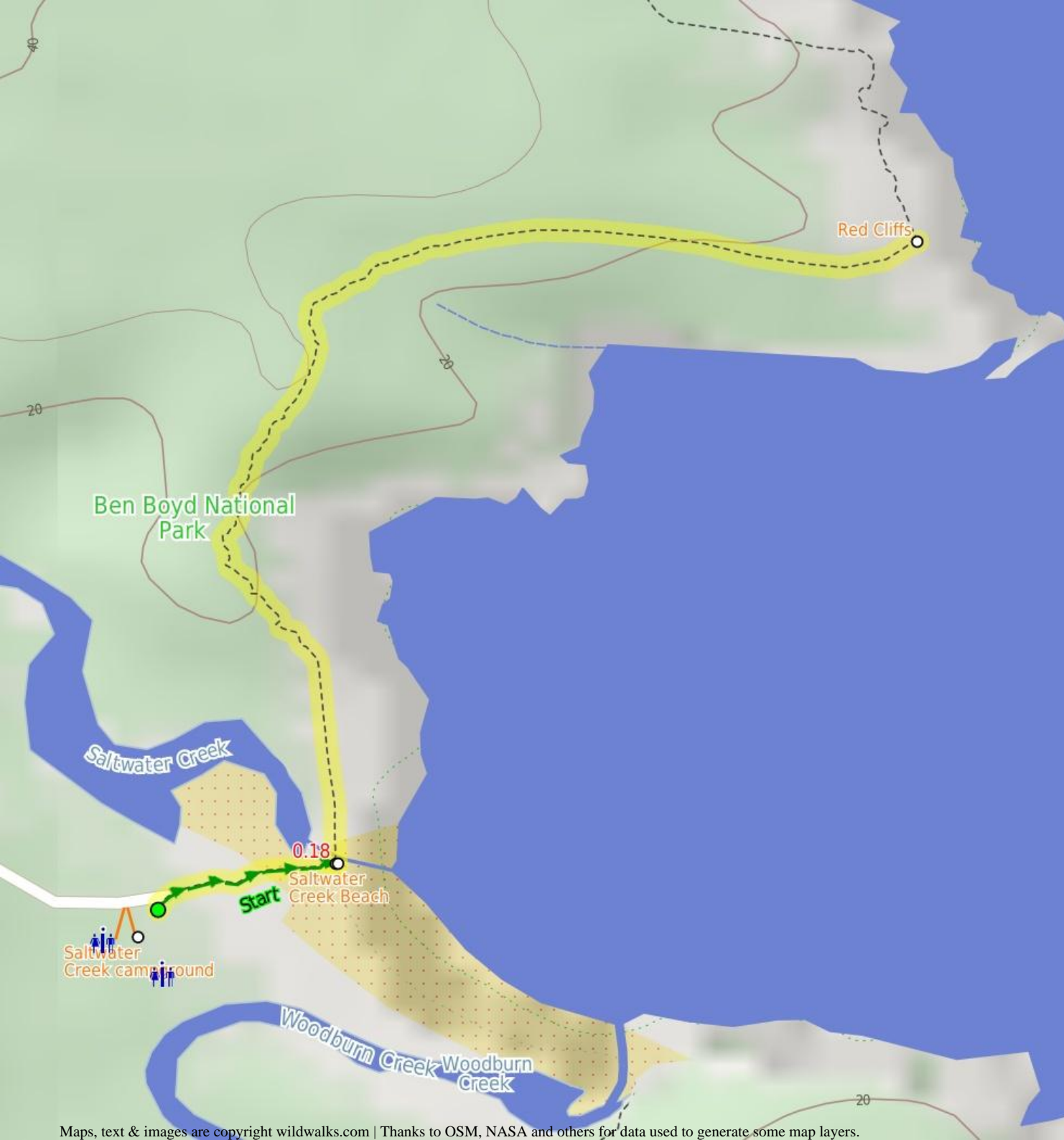
**Moderate track**

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**3.3 km Return**

**▲ 67m**

This walk starts from Saltwater Creek camping area and heads north around the bay to the red cliffs. The walk gives an opportunity to explore the end of Saltwater Creek, the beach and the varied bushland on it's journey to the bald rock platform. From the rock platform, there are awesome views and sounds of the sea smashing against the red cliffs below. It is worth spending some time exploring the rocks, being careful to stay clear of the edge.



Ben Boyd 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 walk's 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** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Saltwater Creek Campsite Information Sign (gps: -37.169, 150.0007). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

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/sbtrc>

### **0 | Saltwater Creek campground**

Saltwater Creek campground is a nice place from which to access the coastal walking track -there is plenty of swimming, fishing and snorkeling to be done as well. There are some rainwater tanks on site, but be prepared for them to be empty.

### **0 | Saltwater Creek Campsite Information Sign**

*(180 m 3 mins)* From the information signs at Saltwater Creek camping area, the walk heads through the 'Day use' parking area to the far left corner. The track then follows the track-marker through the fenced area and onto the beach between the creek and ocean. The track continues towards the bush on the other side, where there is a signposted intersection.

### **0.18 | Saltwater Creek Beach**

Saltwater Creek meets the South Pacific Ocean at a beautiful white sand beach in Ben Boyd National park. The beach looks north-east and has a rock shelf at either end. The wide Saltwater Creek forms a lagoon at the northern end, popular for swimming. Woodburn Creek also forms a lagoon on the southern end of the beach. Both creeks have a brown colouration from the tea tree, that forms a beautiful contrast with the white sand and blue ocean. The back of the beach is heavily wooded, providing some shade, and is home to the Saltwater Creek campsite. The beach can be accessed from the Saltwater Creek campsite at the end of the access road from Duck Hole Road.

### **0.18 | Saltwater Creek Beach Nth**

*(1.5 km 27 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, the walk

heads up the hill following the sign to 'Mowarry Point 5.4km'.

The track heads up the hill into the heath, keeping the ocean on the right. The walk winds through the heath and Melaleuca trees surrounding the track. There are numerous fallen branches and trees hanging above the track, so walkers should take due care. The walk continues up through an old farm fence as it winds along the coastline, then heads down to a rock shelf above the ocean.

### **1.67 | Red Cliffs**

**Red Cliffs** - These fantastic red coastal cliffs are found about 1km north of saltwater creek in Ben Boyd National Park. The cliffs are made of a red siltstone. As the name suggests, this rock is made from deposited silt, making it much finer grain than sandstone. The red silt came from nearby volcanic eruptions long ago, and is clearly different from the other brown siltstone and sandstone in the region. The cliff is unfenced and provides views out to sea and into a few surrounding bays. [More info.](#)

