

Overview

Peaceful Bay offers easy access, moderate grades and plenty of fun routes close together.

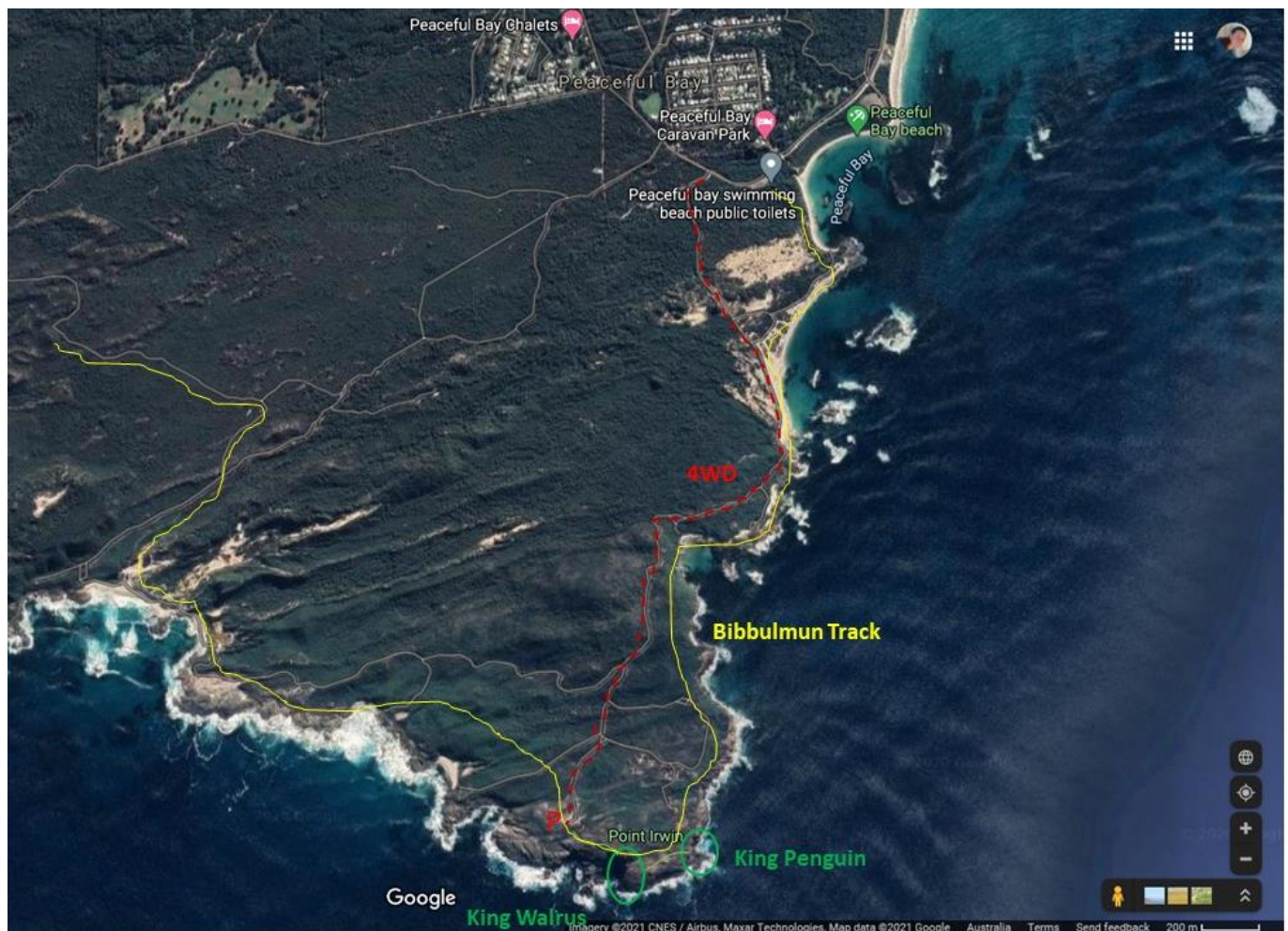
Routes are 12-25m long and include trad, mixed and bolted climbs. There are slabs, cracks and some steep gym like pumpers... There are two cliffs, an eastern and western facing cliff, located about 5 mins apart. Bolt plates are required for the Glued In Machine Bolts (GIMBs) anchors along the top of the eastern (King Penguin) cliff. Other anchors are either P-bolts or trad. There are no bolt plates required on any of the routes.

You can scramble to the bottom of the King Penguin cliff at low tide, however this is not recommended due to sudden and unexpected king waves. It's much better to rap in and climb out. As the cliff is 20m high, you use one rope: rap on one end and lead back up on the other end. Or take two ropes. These are sea cliffs, so be smart, sensible and stay tied in to something when at the bottom.

The cliffs can be wet in high wind/wave/swell conditions. It is recommend to check Seabreeze for Albany (nearest location) before planning a trip here ([Albany \(Coastal\) WA Weather Forecast & Live Wind/Surf Report](https://seabreeze.com.au) (seabreeze.com.au)). Ideal conditions are low wind and swell <1m.

Access

Peaceful Bay is located between Walpole and Denmark. The two cliffs are located 3km south of the town at Point Irwin. From Peaceful Bay you can 4WD drive 20 minutes down a sandy 4WD track, or walk 4km along the Bibbulmun Track.



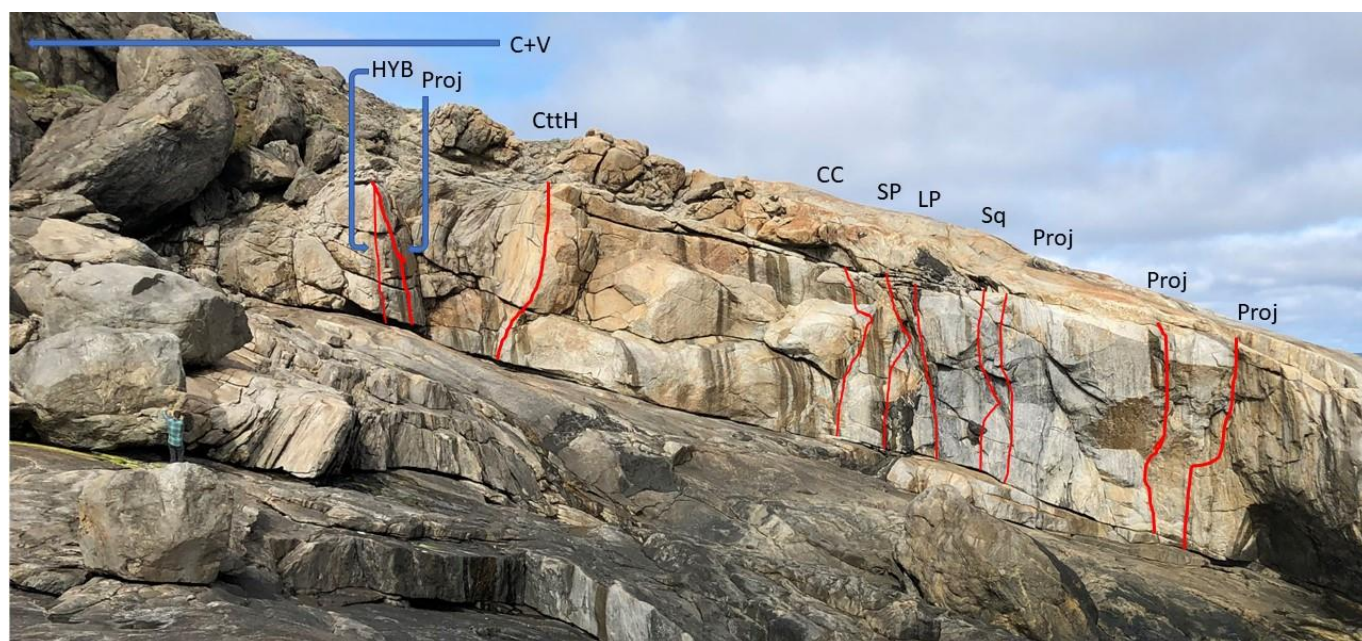
If driving, low tyre pressure is a must (e.g ~15 psi). On the way out, there is an air compressor at the Peaceful Bay Caravan Park shop that takes gold coins. To get to the crag, take the unmarked 4WD track that starts ~200m past the carpark and toilets for Peaceful Bay, 50m south of the Peaceful Bay Caravan Park entrance. After ~100m down this dirt track is a sign with a map showing all the 4WD tracks. Deflate tyres here and take a photo of the map. Follow the map and park at the Castle Rock carpark.

If walking, find the Bibulman track near the Peaceful Bay shops or toilets (it passes both) and head in the direction of Walpole. The crag is at the southern most part of the Bibulman track in this area.

King Walrus cliff (western cliff, also faces west)

Approach to King Walrus is ~2 mins from the Castle Rock car park. From the carpark head up the Bib track to the top of the hill. Once at the top, you should be able to see the cliff. Scramble down the hillside to the south east. This takes you to the top of the cliff. To get to the eastern cliff (King Penguin cliff) walk east for a few mins across the low angled slabs. You can also access King Walrus cliff by traversing east along the coast from the carpark.

Routes described left to right.



1. **Cruise and Views** (18, 25m) – 5 bolts (not marked on topo)
Start at the base of the tallest slab and top out just next to the Bib Track. This is the only route on the slab, which is located behind the giant overhanging boulder. Nice face climbing. 2 p-bolt anchor.
FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill, 1 Jan 2021
2. **Hedging Your Bets** (16, 12m) – trad
Climb the arete. Steeper and pumpier than it looks and solid at the grade Trad anchor.
FA: Peter Thomas, Neil and Kate Gledhill, 22 Nov 2020
3. **Portside with ropes** (20/21, 12m) – trad
Climb the middle of the face to the right of HYB past an ancient rust-mark that used to be a bolt. Bold climbing off the ground. Trad anchor.
FA: Peter Thomas, Neil and Kate Gledhill, 22 Nov 2020
4. **Close to the Hedge*** (19, 15m) – trad
Start with good climbing on good holds under the little roof. Exit out left from under the roof then back right to establish yourself on the golden nose. Climb an exposed and bold crux. A very small wire is needed

to protect the moves after the crux. Thought provoking exit moves lead to a ledge and trad anchor. Make sure you are confident at the grade.

FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill, 1 Jan 2021

5. **Colorado Cruise*** (15, 15m) – trad

Follow the corner up through a tricky exit move onto a sloping ledge. One more tricky move leads to the belay ledge, or continue 2 more meters to the top. Good gear all the way. Trad anchor.

FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill, 22 Nov 2020

6. **Sea Pig** (19, 15m) – trad

Start at the black dyke and climb straight up until the holds disappear. Step right to the left trending crack on Lily Pilly for one move until you can move back left and follow the left line to the top.

FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill, 22 Nov 2020

7. **Lilly Pilly**** (17, 15m) – trad

Starts 2m just right of Sea Pig. Follow face holds and cracks straight up through a steepening corner. Good gear all the way. Takes the upper line right of Sea Pig. Trad anchor.

FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill, 22 Nov 2020

8. **Squeeler**** (24/25, 15m) – trad

Start at a black 1m x 1m blob in the middle of the grey wall. Up past the black blob, then follow shallow cracks in the thin corner to a jug under the rooflet at half height and bomber gear. Crux is getting over the rooflet. Great moves and good holds to the top. Gear up the thin, shallow corner is flaring and not brilliant. Trad anchor. Grade 25 placing gear on lead.

FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill, 1 Jan 2022

9. **Closed Project** (?, 15m) – trad

Start 1m right of Squeeler. Very close to Squeeler but 100% independent. Follow flakes and good gear up to the right hand end of the rooflet. Place gear high on the right in slots above the rooflet, then strenuously up past the hanging flake (crux) and on to the top. Trad anchor.

10. **Closed Project** (?, 20m)

Start up vertical face and route gets steeper and steeper. Crux is at $\frac{3}{4}$ height, from a good hold making a big dynamic move left to a sidepull, then setting up to make a lunge for a flat hold that is often wet from seepage. Trad anchor.

11. **Closed Project** (?, 20m)

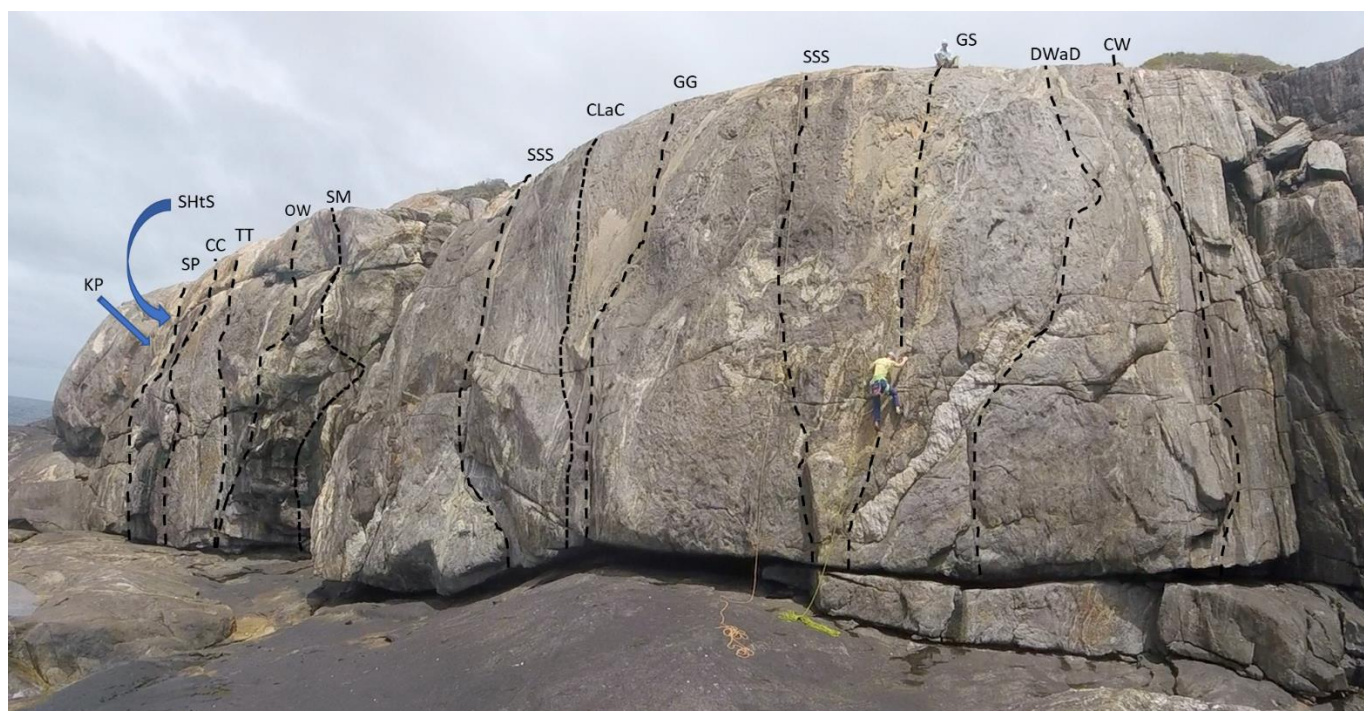
Amazing climbing on big holds through steep terrain to an abrupt and difficult crux at $\frac{3}{4}$ height. Falling off at the crux will be exciting. Falling off after the crux will be spectacular. Trad anchor.

King Penguin cliff (eastern cliff, also faces east)

The cliff is not easy to see. While you can scramble to the bottom at low tide from the southern end, this is not recommended due to sudden and unexpected king waves. It's much better to rap in and climb out. As the cliff is 20m high, you can rap on one end and lead back up on the other end, or take two ropes.

There are two sections split by a small gully. To rap for the routes King Penguin to Sea Monkey: a mix of trad and bolts. Routes on the other side of the gully need bolt plates and long slings as they're spaced about 1.5-2m apart along the top of the cliff.

Routes are described left to right.



1. **King Penguin*** (20, 20m) – trad (not marked on topo)
Head up a short right-trending crack. Where this peters out, strenuously place a small cam and stand up like a proud King Penguin. Finish trending right and up. Trad anchor.
 FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill, 10 Oct 2020
2. **Sir Henry the Seagull*** (15, 20m) – trad (not marked on topo)
Obvious corner crack. Pleasant climbing. Trad anchor.
 FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill, 10 Oct 2020
3. **Sea Possum** (19, 20m) – trad plus 1 bolt
First route right of arete. Up to overlap, tricky moves past a bolt leads to an easy slab. Trad anchor.
 FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill, 7 Nov 2021
4. **Cranky Crab** (18, 20m) – trad plus 2 bolts
Nice climbing, with crux passing first bolt past bulge. Trad anchor.
 FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill and Peter Thomas, 21 Nov 2020
5. **Tusky Times**** (22, 20m) – trad.
Thin, striking finger crack. Very satisfying, balancy and subtle climbing. Anchor: p-bolt and gear.
 FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill and Peter Thomas, 21 Nov 2020
6. **Octopus's Whiskers*** (23/24, 20m) - 6 bolts.
A bit of a stretch. Stick clip first bolt. Start at Tusky Times or just to the right. Three very different and distinct cruxes. Anchor: two p-bolts.
 FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill, 7 Nov 2021
7. **Sea Monkey*** (21, 20m) – trad
Starts just to the left of the broken gully. Steep jugs lead to a money move at half eight. Escape right to gully then back left to hidden holds and crack and up to top. Take doubles of finger sized cams. Anchor: two p-bolts (same anchor as Octopus's Whiskers). Climbable even when a little damp.
 FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill, 7 Nov 2021

Wet/broken gully splits the cliff.

Open Projects (not on topo):

- a. the arete (hard start as the bottom of the cliff is undercut)
 - b. two routes (one left side and one right side of the chocolate rock). They were both about 18/19 but the rock quality was a bit average. Needs bolts, so we couldn't be bothered.
- There are 2 bolts at the top for an anchor. 1 p-bolt, 1 GIMB

Anchors: there are 5 GMIBs glued in about 1.5-2m apart across the top of the cliff. Long slings and bolt plates needed.

- 8. **Sun, Sweat and Sealions** (17?, 20m) – gear plus 3 bolts
Start at the left trending seam. Follow the seam left then up past three bolts (crux).
FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill, 1 Jan 2021
- 9. **Cling-On Like a Crab*** (22/23, 20m) – 6 bolts.
Bouldery start leads to a good rest at one third height. Crux is the technical sloper slab above on the left side of the beautiful, golden shield of rock.
FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill, 7 Nov 2021
- 10. **Golden Groper*** (19, 20m) – 5 bolts
Start in the same place as Cling-on, but move right to reach the first bolt then up, climbing right of the golden shield.
FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill, 1 Jan 2021
- 11. **Sea Slug Slab*** (17, 20m) – 4 bolts and take a 60cm sling to use as a thread
Fun consistent climbing on good holds.
FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill and Peter Thomas, 21 Oct 2020
- 12. **Groper Sloper**** (17, 20m) – 4 bolts
Start at the bottom of the white crystal dyke and go straight up past 4 bolts. Nice climbing on good holds.
FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill and Peter Thomas, 21 Nov 2020
- 13. **Dancing with a Dugong**** (19, 22m) – trad
Start at the flake 3 m right of the toe of the white crystal dyke. Up the flake to the white crystal dyke. Follow the dyke up and right then follow the thin crack to another thin crack that you follow to the top. Not recommended if 19 is your limit.
FA: Kate and Neil Gledhill, 21 Oct 2020
- 14. **Crabs Whiskers** (15, 18m) – trad
Start at the very right end of the cliff, at an obvious block. Up the right side of the block and follow the cracks to the top.
FA: Neil and Kate Gledhill, 11 Oct 2020



Neil and Kate on 'Cruise and Views' (18)



Peter Thomas leading and Neil belaying on Lilly Pilly (17)**



Kate belaying Neil up Colorado Cruise* (15)



Neil looking up at one of the Projects



Kate seconding Groper Sloper* (19)



Peter leading Groper Sloper* (19)



Kate leading Cranky Crab (18)



Kate leading Tusky Times (22)**