

## Policy for Off-track Walking in Innes National Park

Walking trails have been established based on trail planning in the Park to provide a range of visitor experiences whilst protecting habitat, wildlife, areas of cultural significance, and to limit the risks to visitors. We ask that visitors do not walk off designated trails.

There are several areas that have been identified as HIGH risk to visitor safety, biodiversity and cultural assets. Approval will not be given to visitors groups to walk through these areas (see map):

- The coast line between Cape Spencer and Ethel's Beach
- The sand dunes between Browns Beach and Gym Beach
- The area between the Royston Head Trail and Dolphin Beach
- The Pondalowie Islands

In all other areas, permission may be granted if the trip organizer can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Ranger that the following risks have been addressed appropriately:

- Visitor safety
  - Unstable and undercut cliffs
  - Unmarked routes
- Impact on biodiversity
  - Disturbance to threatened species
  - Erosion caused by foot traffic

The conditions of approval also include:

- Walkers must keep to designated walking trails where they are available
- Keep at least 5 meters away from the edge of cliffs
- When walking on beaches, walk along the water edge rather than along the base of the sand dunes
- Camp only in designated campgrounds
- All rubbish must be taken with the walker and not left or buried along the trail
- Restricting group size to minimal numbers

The attached map includes all designated walking trails and campgrounds. No access is permitted in areas marked red.