

Walk 11 – Daleep

Distance: 7.8 km Time: 2½ hrs

Description

This is another lovely walk for winter when, in rough weather, you can experience the contrast between the wild west and the sheltered east sides of the Leeuwin-Naturaliste Ridge, or for springtime when wildflowers abound. The starting point and first part of the walk are the same as for the Kilcarnup walk, but you may equally well reverse the walk directions, to finish along the coastal section.

Starting point

Take Kilcarnup Road, which turns west off Caves Road, 1.5 km north of the Margaret River bridge. Follow this to the end of the new subdivision, and park at the turning circle. [6242461 mN, 50 315892 mE MGA]

Directions for the walk

Take the sandy track to the right of the private driveway, and head northwest towards the coast. In 720 m you reach a junction. Turn right (N) here for another 470 m to the next junction. There are often kangaroo paws and other wildflowers along this stretch in spring.

Gnoocardup Road (385 m)

Turn left (NW), towards the coast for 385 m to where the Cape to Cape Track, marked with wooden posts, crosses the 4WD track.

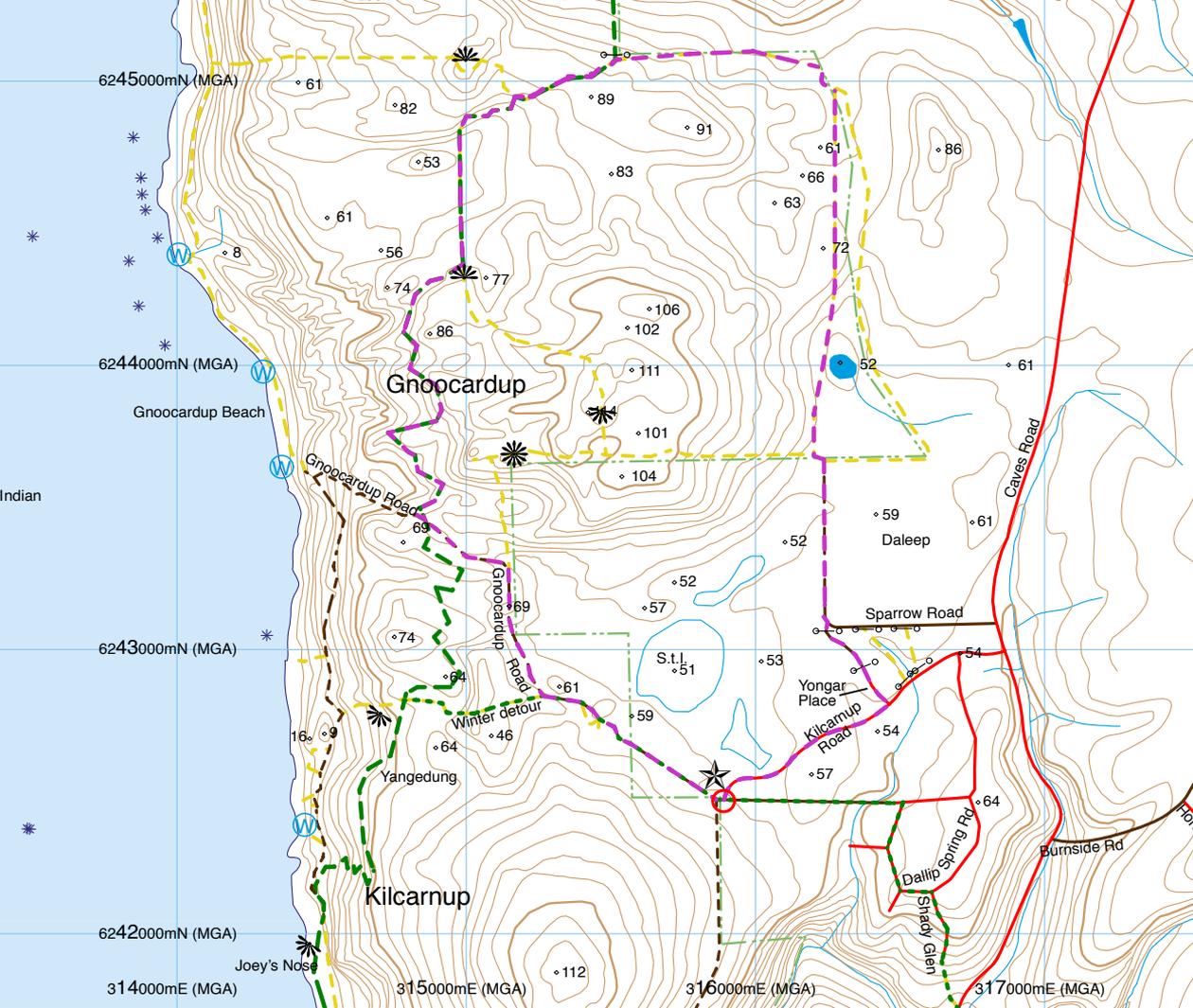
Cape to Cape Track (2.47 km)

Turn right (N) along the Cape to Cape Track, which contours around the western side of the ridge. There are great ocean views all along this section and you soon pass through a group of interesting limestone pinnacles. In September and October the heathland is ablaze with the gold of Coastal Wattle, *Acacia littorea*, and blue of Thick-leaved Fan-flower, *Scaevola crassifolia*. After about 1.35 km the path winds around a hill to join a 4WD track where you turn left, still following the Cape to Cape Track. Descend gently through a wide valley and up through a lovely grove of old Peppermint trees then veer to the right across the main ridge.

Unmarked Tracks behind the Ridge (2.67 km)

Leave the Cape to Cape Track just before it passes through a boom-gate and drops down a steep hill to the left, and turn right (E) instead, following a sandy track down to the eastern side of the ridge. After 750 m and a couple of bends the track turns to the south, and you pass a private property boundary on your left. It is possible to see several different orchids along this track, though they are more in evidence after a burn. Head south for 1.3 km to a T-junction, where you turn left and immediately right, still walking south along an increasingly gravelly track that runs between two properties. Pass





around or over the gate to continue south along an Emergency Access Track that leads around or over another gate to the bitumen Yongar Place.

Emergency Access Track and Kilcarnup Road (1.1 km)

At the southern end of Yongar Place turn right (SW) along Kilcarnup Road back to the start.

One of the pinnacles that occur near the beginning of the Cape to Cape Track leg of this walk

