

Ben Cruachan Walking Club - Walk Preview

Please register with Walk Leader before the day of the walk. See website: <http://bencruachanwalkingclub.com/>

Walk:	Jack Smith Lake – Ninety Mile Beach Circuit		
Area:	Jack Smith Lake Wildlife Reserve, Darriman		
Date:	Sunday 27 th August 2023	To be publicised in local papers?	Yes
Grade:	L – 3 – 4	Style:	Day Return – Circuit
Walk Length:	17km – no fresh water available	Walk Duration:	6hr
Meeting Place:	McGaurans Beach.	Meeting Time:	9:30am
Walk Summary:	<p>The walk commences at McGaurans Beach which is accessible by car. From McGaurans Beach we will walk a short distance behind the dunes before climbing Hoddinott Hill from where we can see a panoramic view of Jack Smith Lake Reserve and Ninety Mile Beach. We will then follow the boundary of the Reserve and the neighbouring farm for a short distance before traversing the Reserve which is a mix of light scrub and a grassy plain over a dry lake bed to a point on Ninety Mile Beach near where Jack Smith Lake overflows into the ocean when it fills. We will have lunch behind the dunes here then walk the 7km back to our cars along the beach.</p> <p>Jack Smith Lake Game Reserve was established in 1958 and covers 2,750Ha. It features extensive coastal lagoons, salt marshes and native grasslands grazed by kangaroos, wallabies, wombats and emus while Jack Smith Lake provides valuable feeding and nesting habitat for a range of water birds. It was and is an area of great significance to the traditional custodians, the Gunaikurnai people.</p>		
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Lake bed



Ninety Mile beach