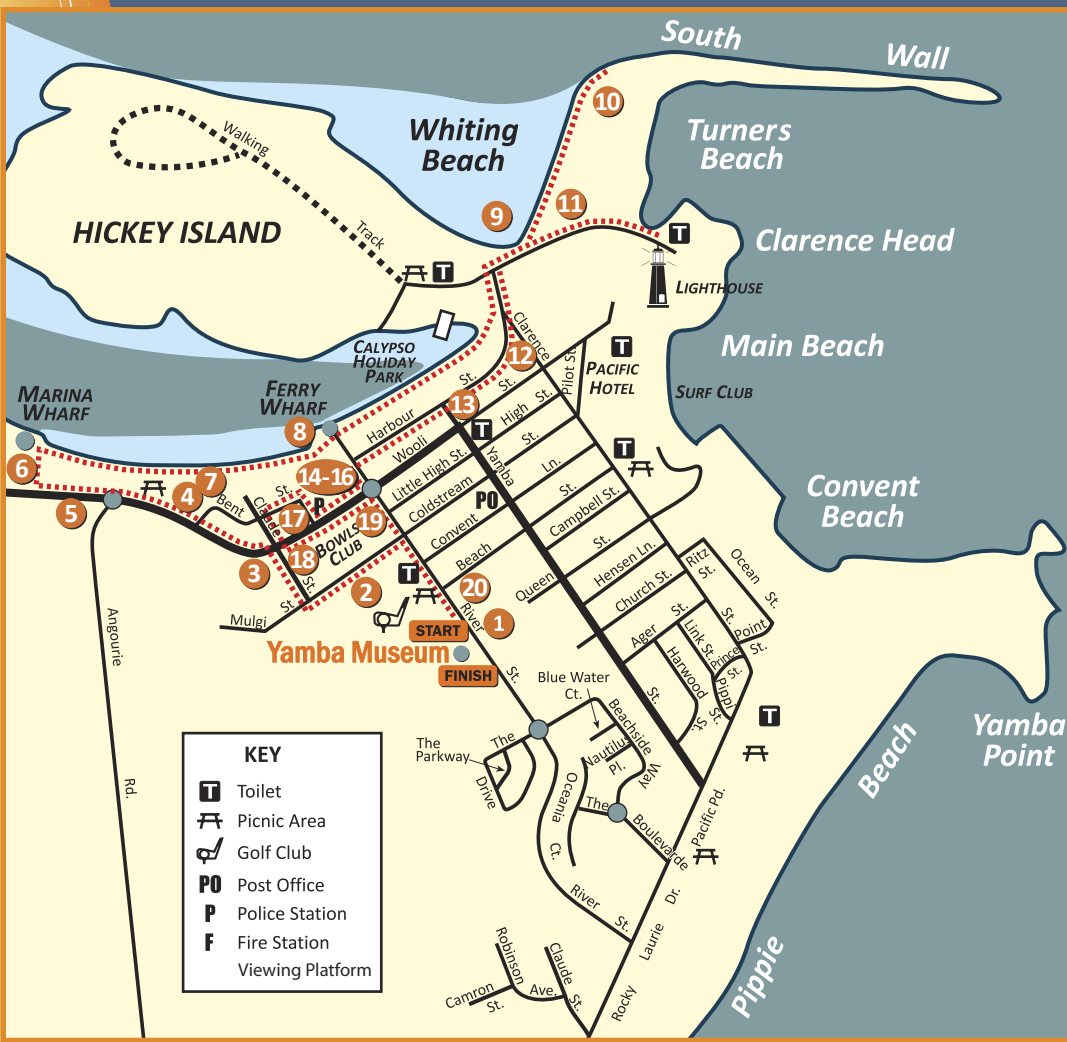


Yamba Breakwall at sunset



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Yamba Historical Walks Flat Walk

A pleasurable 3km walk to discover the historical sites on Yamba's flat lands. This is an easy grade walk takes approximately 1½ hours to complete.

This walk starts and finishes at the...

Yamba Museum



Open:
Tuesday, Wednesday,
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1. Next to **YAMBA MUSEUM**, in River St, is the **YAMBA GOLF CLUB**. The clubs first 6 holes were built in 1960. Walk on to the **LIONS PARK** and **YAMBA FIRE STATION** which opened in 1957.

2. Turn left into Coldstream St, passing the **SPORTS OVAL** where the original picket fence was erected in 1936.

3. Right turn into Claude St. At the intersection with Wooli St note the cottages in Wooli St, 57 & 59. These have been the long time family home of the Carr family.

4. Turn left into Wooli St to find the **ONE MILE PEG** on the right at **FRED PHILLIPS PARK**. Fred Phillips was a storekeeper, oyster farmer, shire councillor and local civic leader in Yamba. The extensive reclaimed parkland below was dedicated and named **FORD PARK** in 1966 after the local Ford family, who for 30 years from 1930 served on the Yamba Urban Committee, responsible for the town maintenance and improvement.



5. Continuing south along Wooli St to the Angourie Roundabout. The Pegasus Motel now stands on the site of Arthur and Emma Pegus's home who were the Customs Officer and Post Mistress from approx 1870-94. Yamba locals complained regularly about the distance of the Post Office from the township. In the mangroves on the right is the skeleton of a barge used in the construction of the Gantry Wall.

6. At the **MARINA**, turn right, walking down to the river, turn left passing the Yamba fishing fleet which is moored here. Near the end of the wall is a plaque unveiled at the official opening of the Boat Harbour. Return back along the wall and looking out on the left, opposite the Angourie Roundabout, is Yamba's last remaining bay, **PEGUS BAY**.



7. Continue along the wall passing **FORD PARK** on the right. The wall was formed by filling in part of Pegus bay, and all of **BARCLAYS BAY**, to the side of a training wall. It became known as the **GANTRY WALL**. It was built in the 1860s and so called because of the PWD Wharf, near the Boat Harbour, upriver, where a huge Gantry lifted rocks and concrete blocks from the barges onto a train for the construction of the South Breakwater.



Barclays Bay was downriver and had been named after George Barclay, a pioneer fisherman and oyster farmer. His home was in Bent St near the Police Station.

8. Walk past the **FERRY WHARF** to reach **CALYPSO CARAVAN PARK**, which stands on reclaimed land, done by filling

BILLY BLACKS BAY. Billy's father, Walter, built Yamba's first hotel called **WOOLI HOTEL**, operating from 1862 to 1910. A portion of the hotel still remains as a private house at no. 7 Harbour St.



9. On the left past the caravan park is **WHITING BEACH** on **HICKEY ISLAND**, which faces **SHOAL BAY**. Matthew Flinders discovered the bay in 1799. Before the early Harbour Works in 1862-1903, causing the bay to silt up, the main channel used for shipping is where **GORMAN'S RESTAURANT** now stands. **HICKEY ISLAND** is named after the family who operated the Iluka's first post office, store and boat service.

10. Continuing along the Breakwall, you'll find **TURNERS BEACH**, which is to the right of the T PIECE jutting out into Shoal Bay. The **T PIECE** was created with stone and concrete blocks carried by Punt from a large quarry at Ilarwill, near Maclean. Following the path back towards the carpark, passing **TURNERS BEACH**. The beach was so named after the works paymaster, Turner Turner, who drowned here in 1901.



11. Turn left and walk to the end of the carpark beneath the **LIGHTHOUSE**. This is the site of the quarry that was used in construction of the Gantry Wall from the Boat Harbour to the T Piece. When the quarrying had ceased it became a rock swimming pool from 1953 to 1968. This is where the famous '**TIM THE BREAM**' **FISHING COMPETITION** was held in 1958.

12. Return to Harbour St. On the left is a memorial constructed by the Yamba Historical Society on the site of a filled-in spring, known as **FLINDERS WELL**. It's believed that Matthew Flinders took on water here when he landed in Yamba on 12th July 1799.



The remains of **WOOLI HOTEL** at 7 Harbour St are just along from here.

13. The Ritz and Spar Supermarket are on the original site of the **PACIFIC HOTEL** built by Captain Mann in 1873. Maggie Buchanan's Boarding House was built next door in the 1860's, later becoming the **BAYVIEW BOARDING HOUSE**.

14. Walk along Claude St then right into Wooli St, to notice the street lined with **NORFOLK ISLAND PINES**. This once was the main entrance into Yamba. The old home at No 39 had been used as Yamba's PO in approx 1917.

15. The **SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL**, now the Yamba Library, was the town's social venue for dances, public meetings and farewells from 1893 to 1983.

16. The Heritage Listed **YAMBA POLICE STATION** was built in 1879 and then extended in 2007.

17. After turning right into Bent St, opposite in Claude St is the site of Yamba's original Government Offices from the early 1900s. They then stood on the river bank of the Clarence River.

18. Walking back along Wooli St brings you to **YAMBA BOWLING CLUB**. The first club house was built in 1937. Extensions were made to the club once purchasing the adjoining land after **YAMBA PUBLIC SCHOOL** moved to Angourie Road in 1990.

19. The **SCHOOL MASTER'S RESIDENCE**, now heritage listed, is located at the corner of Wooli and River Streets.

20. Turn right into River St to head back to **YAMBA MUSEUM**. Opposite the museum is **NORFOLK PARK**, named in 1999 after Matthew Flinder's Sloop. Situated in the park is a portion of a **BRIDGE SPAN** from Palmers Channel Bridge on Yamba Road. This is one of the last of its style in NSW.



This **FLAGSTAFF** was used along Yamba's shores to display signal flags to vessels to control their movement in and out of the river to ensure safe passage.

Also available is the **Yamba Historical Walks Hill Walk**