

Follow Wynyard's GEOTRAIL



Geotrail signs have been installed to guide you along our fascinating coast.

All walks onto the coastal rock platforms are only accessible at low tide. Check tide times before going so you aren't caught out by the incoming tide.

Sturdy shoes and a walking pole are recommended on rock platforms.

Take only photographs. Please leave fossils and other geological and cultural features undisturbed for future research and the enjoyment of others.

All geological and archaeological features are on reserved land. Penalties apply to any unauthorised disturbance.

More information:

All walks are detailed in the Wonders of Wynyard's Geology available from:

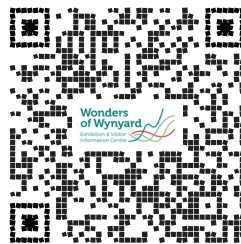
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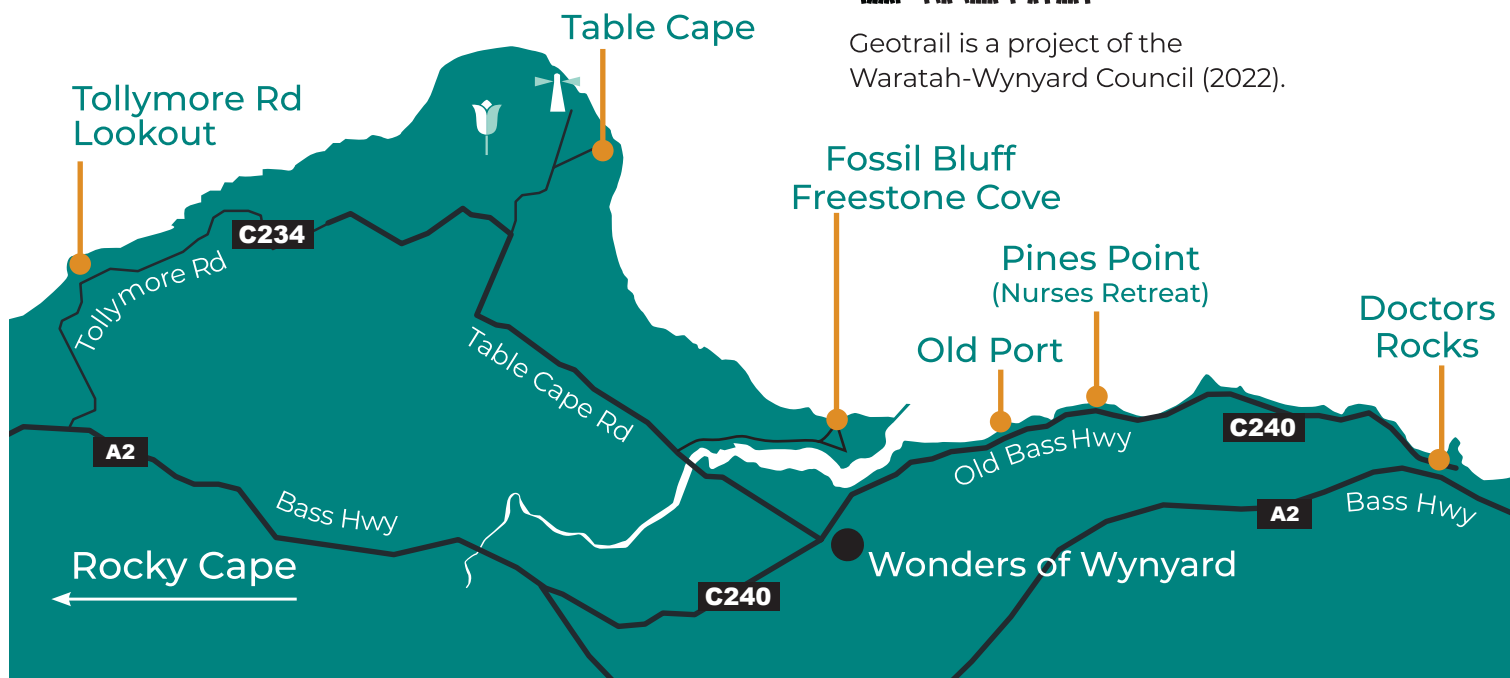
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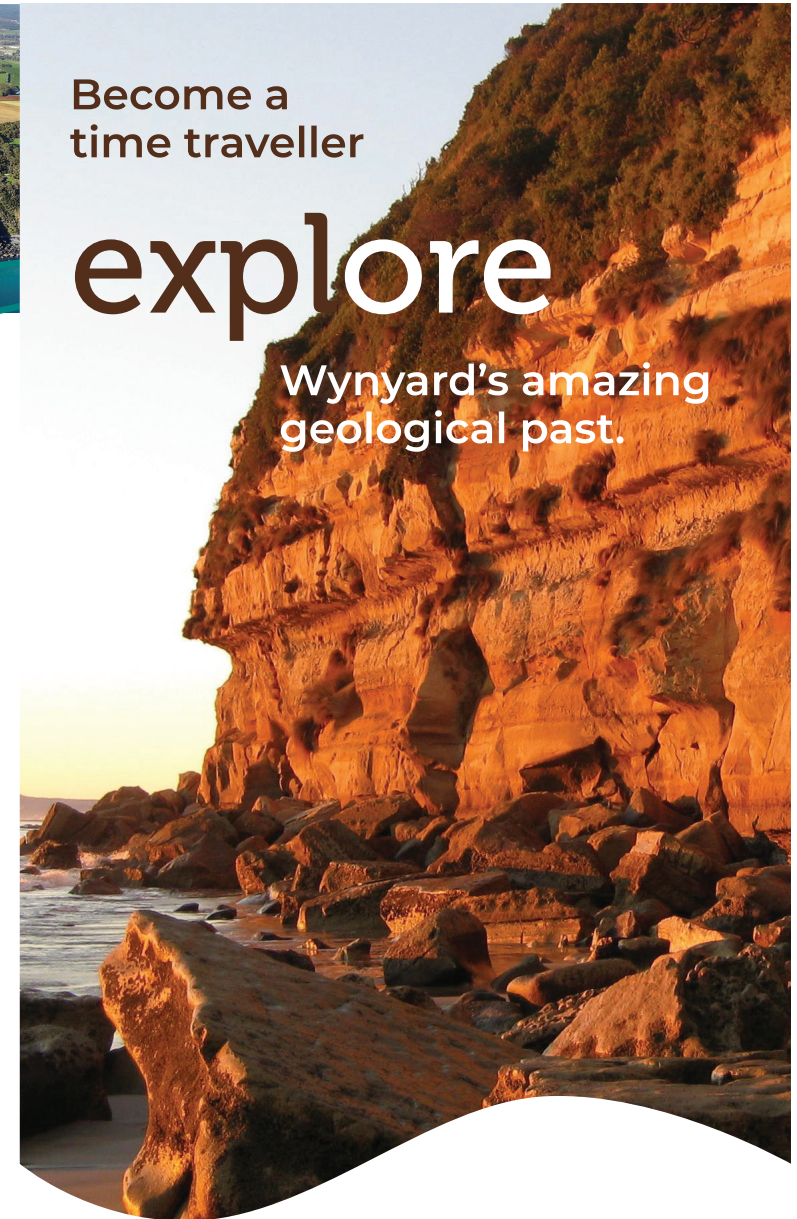
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explore

Wynyard's amazing
geological past.



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Fossil Bluff and Table Cape



Old Port



Doctors Rocks

Shaped by the elements – ice, fire, wind and water – the Wynyard coastline has many fascinating geological features to explore.

Travel way back in time to some of the oldest rocks in Tasmania – up to 1,450 million years old – found at **Rocky Cape**. These ancient rocks provide the evidence that Tasmania once sat between North America and East Antarctica as part of the Gondwana supercontinent.

Visit remarkable **Table Cape**, created as a volcanic lava lake about 13.3 million years ago. Look out over a coastline that has been shaped by millions of years of glacial and volcanic activity.

Search for the remains of marine life that tumbled to the bottom of the sea about 23 to 13 million years ago. An abundance of these invertebrate fossils (shells, corals and fossil plankton) are beautifully preserved in the sedimentary rocks that form the cliffs at **Fossil Bluff**.

Take a short walk to the top of **Fossil Bluff** for a breathtaking view of glacial features below you. Take a longer walk to the breakwater, built using rocks blasted from the cliffs over 100 years ago.

If the tide is right, walk out on the coastal shore platform at **Freestone Cove**, to discover

sea caves, glacial erratics and dropstones. Trace the lines of fishtraps built by the local Aboriginal *tommeginer* people over 200 years ago.

At the **Old Port** and **Pines Point** explore the world-famous Wynyard Tillite Formation deposited from about 303 to 293 million years ago by a tidewater glacier. Discover the amazing features left by an ice sheet that stretched to Antarctica and beyond.

Examine the striking basalt columns at **Doctors Rocks**, formed a mere 12.5 million years ago by a lava flow, which sit on the much older glacial sediments below.

Enjoy the Wonders of Wynyard's geology!

Freestone Cove



Pines Point



Rocky Cape

