



**It is essential to make contact in advance** to obtain permission to walk or drive off-road and to check for any land-access fees.

Coast Ridge Farm phone 42062/55062/53579  
 Visitors are welcome to look around the Post Office museum; the key is available from Keith and Nuala Knight.

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*Fox Bay is named after the warrah, the Falkland fox which once inhabited the area. The bay itself is flanked dramatically on each side by stunning mountains and there are plenty of pretty coastlines to explore as well as hills to hike. Fossils can be found in the attractive sedimentary rock.*

*Fox Bay East comprises a number of privately-owned farms and the government-run settlement, Fox Bay Village. The walks presented here start in the settlement and traverse Coast Ridge Farm.*

**Fauna & Flora highlights**

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| Dark-faced Ground Tyrant          | Patagonian Crested Duck | Diddle dee     |
| Dolphin gull                      | Rock Cormorant          | Christmas bush |
| Falklands Flightless Steamer Duck | Skua                    | Lady's slipper |
| Falklands Thrush                  | Striated Caracara       | Lavender       |
| Gentoo penguin                    | Southern Giant Petrel   | Pale maiden    |
| Kelp goose                        | Turkey Vulture          | Sea Cabbage    |
| Long tailed Meadowlark            | Upland goose            | Scurvy Grass   |
| Magellanic Oystercatcher          | White-bridled finch     | Small fern     |
|                                   |                         | White grass    |
|                                   |                         | Woolly ragwort |



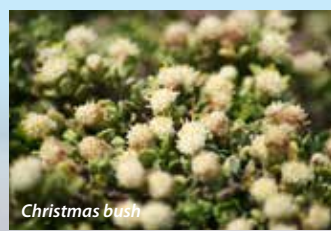
Scurvy grass



Gentoo penguins



The old post office



Christmas bush



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Distance: 3 km Terrain: Moderate Time: Around an hour

Distance: 3 km (out and back from the centre of the settlement)  
Terrain: Moderate Time: 50 minutes plus time for fossil hunting

Distance: 8 km Terrain: Moderate  
Time: 2 – 2.5 hours plus time to explore the bay

## 1 SETTLEMENT TRAIL

This relatively short trail is ideal for families and provides a great introduction to the immediate area. It includes a memorial for the 1982 war, the quarry from which the locally renowned Fox Bay stone is obtained, a small museum and a glimpse into settlement life. There are lovely views from the memorial to East and West Head which form the entry to the bay. The walk is on vehicle tracks with some short hill climbs.

### Main route

From the large white transit shed at the head of the jetty, walk away from the settlement in a southerly direction, up a short slope to the fuel depot. As the main track turns to the left, continue up hill and as the main track turns to the left, take the right hand lowest track around the coast. The Liberation Memorial can easily be seen at the top of the hill but this track goes via quarry point where Fox Bay stone, used for many practical and ornamental purposes around the Falklands, is found. Once the quarry is reached, head uphill to the Memorial.

From the Memorial, walk downhill in the direction of the settlement to return to the transit shed. Continue on the track with the shore to the left side. Take the second right and walk past Coast Ridge Cottage (on the right) towards the brown two-storey "Clanwood" houses, following the track as it bends left towards the school and the Post Office Museum at the top of a small rise.

Turn left to visit the museum. On leaving the museum premises, walk along the path and out of the gate, turn left to walk in front of the fence-line, then left again to join the main track alongside the village store. Pass the clubhouse on the right and return to the starting point at the jetty.

#### Tips:

- ▶ Have a camera at the ready for the stunning views from the Liberation Memorial
- ▶ Don't forget to ask for the key for the Post Office museum to take a look inside!



Old post-office

## 2 FOSSIL QUARRY

This short, simple trail is an out-and-back route to the fossil quarry, just outside the settlement. The walk is on old and new vehicle tracks with some short hill climbs.

### Main route

Head out of the settlement passing the "Old Doctor's House", now the farm managers' house, then crossing a cattle grid. Around 100m along the road, the "old" track is visible to the left side of the road. Follow this track for softer walking to the shoreline. As the "old" track finishes, continue along the shore if the tide is low or re-join the new road.

The fossil quarry is the first quarry reached, situated at the bottom of a hill and at the head of Cheek's Creek. Fossils can also be found further along the coastline and mint grows in the nearby ditch.

Please leave large fossil rocks (larger than your foot) at the quarry for others to enjoy.

#### Tips:

- ▶ Be prepared to look carefully on, under and within the rocks for fossils which are the size of a finger nail.
- ▶ Collect some wild mint for a refreshing drink later on!



## 3 GENTOOS & WEASELS

This mainly circular route provides an opportunity to spot Gentoo penguins and allows exploration of the lovely, rocky Weasels Bay. The land to the north of the bay is designated a nature area, managed by the community, free from grazing livestock and home to native plants. There are great views of the open seas and some interesting coastal features including pretty inlets and small caves. The walk is along vehicle tracks with some gradual climbs.

### Main route

Stand so that the large white transit shed at the head of the jetty is behind and walk straight ahead, in an easterly direction. Cross a cattle grid and turn left just after a small stone corral to enter a fenced "corridor" known as the cattle lead.

Follow the cattle lead in an east-north-east direction to a galvanised gate, a distance of approximately 1.3km. Go through the gate and continue walking in the same direction along a clear vehicle track. After about 500m the track bends to the right along the fence-line. Another 100m further on is a gate on the left side, which leads to Annie Brooks Bay. Pass this gate to the left, continuing straight on in a south-easterly direction, following a vehicle track to the top of the small, circular hill to the right.

The vehicle track leads to the top of the hill and on down the other side. Gentoo penguins often nest alongside the track but do move sites. As the track disappears, simply walk across the open grassland to any point on the coastline.

On reaching the coast, turn right. Look out again for Gentoo penguins which may be along the coastline. Simply follow the coastline which leads round to Weasels Bay then right around the entire bay to pick up another vehicle track at its western side. This track continues along the coast, bending round and finally heading inland to join the cattle lead which started the walk. Turn left to retrace the first part of the route back to the stone corral and then to the transit shed.

#### Tips:

- ▶ Look out for dolphins & porpoises in the bay and whale blows out between the Heads
- ▶ Take a net suitable for rock-pooling!

### Walk shorter

Follow the initial directions to get to the cattle lead and start walking along it. Around 350m from the stone corral there is a wire gate on the right hand side which leads directly to Weasels Bay. Follow the track and return via the same route. (Approximately 4km total)

## Countryside Code

1. Always ask for permission before entering private land.
2. Keep to paths wherever possible. Leave gates, open or shut, as you find them.
3. Be aware of the high fire risk throughout the islands; particularly when lighting fires, BBQs or smoking.
4. Do not litter\*. Take your rubbish home with you or use a bin provided
5. Never feed, touch, handle, injure or kill any wild bird or animal\*.
6. Always give animals the right of way. Do not block the routes of birds or animals coming home to their colonies. Do not startle or chase wildlife from resting or breeding areas\*.
7. Prevent disturbance to wild birds and animals. Always stay on the outside of colonies and remain at least 6 m (20 ft) away.
8. When taking photographs or filming, stay low to the ground. Move slowly and quietly. Make sure your flash is turned off\*. Always be aware of the location of your camera and equipment, including "selfie-sticks". Do not use this to get closer to wildlife.
9. Some plants are protected and should not be picked\*. Wildflowers are there for all to enjoy.
10. Whalebones, skulls, eggs, etc. may not be exported from the Falkland Islands\*. They should be left where they are found.
11. Do not disfigure rocks or buildings\*.

\*Such actions may constitute an offence in the Falkland Islands and could result in significant fines.

## Stay Safe

Always tell someone where you are going with an estimated return time. Ensure you have plenty to eat and drink. Take clothing to account for all weather conditions and sun-lotion or sun-block.

Unexploded ordnance and land mines from the 1982 war are very occasionally found around the islands, particularly along the coast. In the very rare event of finding a suspect item, mark the spot if possible and contact the Royal Falkland Islands Police on 28100.