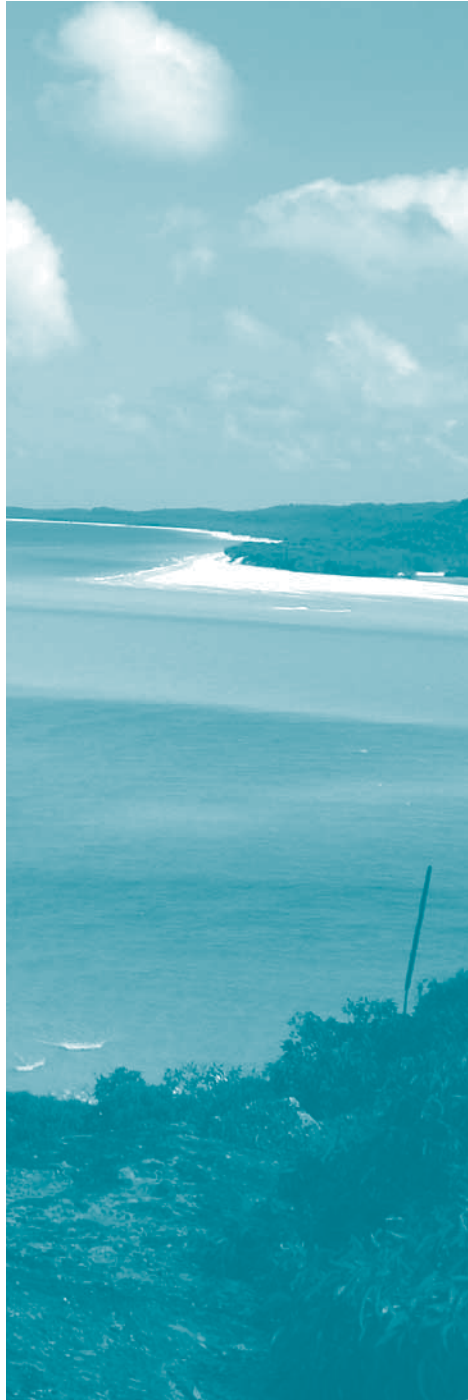


Whitsunday Ngaro Sea Trail

Follow in the footsteps of the Ngaro people, the traditional owners of the Whitsunday area, and undertake a journey through a region of unsurpassed natural beauty and rich cultural history. Blending seaways with a range of walks, the Whitsunday Ngaro Sea Trail will be truly unique.



What are Great Walks?

The Great Walks of Queensland is a State Government initiative to develop a series of extended walks. These will provide visitors with new and exciting ways to explore Queensland's natural areas as well as provide future economic and commercial opportunities for the regions.

After successfully building and opening six great walks from 2004-2007, the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) is planning an additional four Great Walks that will highlight more of Queensland's most valuable natural assets — our parks and forests. Planning and construction commenced early in 2008 for the following walks:

- Carnarvon
- Conondale Range
- Cooloola
- Whitsunday Ngaro Sea Trail.

The Whitsunday Ngaro Sea Trail

The Whitsunday islands and their surrounding waters have long been a centre for recreation and nature-based activities. Annually, more than 1.4 million people visit this region, making it one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. The Whitsunday Ngaro Sea Trail will add another facet to an already outstanding region, providing visitors with the opportunity to experience a remarkable journey over both land and sea.

What to see

The Whitsunday Ngaro Sea Trail will highlight many iconic features that have made the area famous. Walk across pure white sands, sail over turquoise waters, see ancient rock art, rugged headlands, dry rainforest, rolling grasslands and experience the breathtaking views.

The trail

Take in all of the Whitsunday Ngaro Sea Trail — travel from sea to summit with varying grades of difficulty and length across South Molle, Hook and Whitsunday islands, as well journeying its sea paths for a different and refreshing perspective.

The Whitsunday Ngaro Sea Trail can be accessed by private, charter or commercial boat. The area is also kayak friendly and within easy reach using hire vessels or bare boats. Commercial boats depart from Shute Harbour and Airlie Beach. Bare boats can be sourced at Hamilton Island, Shute Harbour or Airlie Beach. There are also numerous public boat ramps in the area.

Ngaro cultural site, Hook Island

170m one way

Short and initially moderately steep, the track climbs the banks of Nara Inlet, to a rock shelter filled with Ngaro art motifs and extensive cultural deposits. The site has been upgraded with improved access, a new boardwalk, viewing area and interpretive displays.

