

WALKS AND HIKES

Morgan Bay • Kei Mouth • Qolora



Halfway Rocks (10 mins)

For a quick bracing number, head for Halfway Rocks, just 800m up the beach. This is a casual 10 to 20 minutes both ways. Nautilus shells often found near here on low and high tides.

To The Sand Dunes (15 mins)

This takes you a bit further along the beach from Halfway Rocks, for those folks who prefer to see things from a higher perspective or enjoy exerting themselves climbing the soft sand. The view from here over Morgan Bay is quite beautiful and one can also see beyond the Krantzes, back towards Cintsa. A great place to snap a few pictures of the bay and for kids sand boarding.

Black Rock (20 mins)

A walk to the end of the beach is exactly one mile and should take you from 20 minutes to half an hour, depending on how you like to skip in the surf. Take note of the wave froth, marvel at the formation of the dunes and delight at the sandpipers running along the waters edge!

Pump House (30 mins)

This is another 10 minutes amble from the end of the beach. The pump house used to service the Titanium Mine and you can see the old rusted pipes leading into the sea and experience a bit of Morgan Bay's history as you take a dip in the mine's storage pool.

The Lighthouse (45 mins) or Kei Mouth (1^{1/2} hours)

The lighthouse is situated in the forest just above the pump house. You can follow the old pipeline up through the trees to the lighthouse and then along the road through the reserve to Kei Mouth. Alternatively, skip the lighthouse and take the fishermen's paths along the rocks to Kei Mouth. Kei Mouth is approximately 6km along the coastline from Morgan Bay.

The Morgan Bay Cliffs and Double Mouth (1 to 1^{1/2} hours)

Instead of going in the direction of Kei Mouth, head the other way over the Krantzes. Follow the yellow hikers footprints and you will eventually reach Double Mouth. The walk up the Krantzes is fairly steep, but the scenery and the view from the top is well worth the effort. You will probably see quite a few cormorants and dassies (rock hyraxes) along the way and you may be lucky enough to spot whales or dolphins from the top of the Krantzes. A walk along the coastline to Double Mouth will take around an hour and a half. A speedier alternative is to follow the road from Morgan Bay to Double Mouth, but it's not nearly as scenic.

Yellowwood Forest (25 mins) and the Bushbuck Trail

Walk out the front of the hotel and turn right, walk past the caravan park and up the steep tarred hill. Go through the 4 way stop and down the hill, then ascend another whopper of a hill and go through the intersection onto a gravel road. Walk 200m past the Mudhutters until you come to Yellowwood Forest, a stunning rustic caravan park, craft shop, and tea garden, serving wood fired pizzas, tea, coffee and refreshments. Here you can enjoy an 800m walk through the riverine forest on the Bushbuck Trail. Yellowwood host a "Forest Foodfare" from 10am - 1pm every Saturday and a monthly craft market on a Saturday.

Top Shop round trip (40 mins)

Take an amble along the seafront past The Mitford, then take a sharp right up the hill. This is a steep road where a number of new residences have been built and the views are pretty. You come to a T junction and go left, then right, to the Top Shop. You can return by turning left out of Top Shop car park and walking down the tarred road to the 4-way stop, then amble down the hill, past the caravan park, and through the natural bush on the seafront to the hotel.

Signal Hill, Lovers Lane and the Kei River Mouth (30 mins - 1 hour)

Start at the municipal offices in Kei Mouth, where a path on the opposite side of the main road leads up through the coastal forest to three wooden viewing platforms, where you can enjoy views of Kei Mouth, the Ocean and the Kei River Mouth. The path then leads down to Lovers Lane, where you can either explore the beach at the river mouth, or turn right and follow the road back around the hill to the start.

The Jacaranda Shipwreck (1 to 1^{1/2} hours)

Drive to Qolora and walk North-East along the 2km long beach and around a few rocky points to the wreck of the Jacaranda, a 2000-ton Greek-owned coaster, which ran aground on the night of September the 18th, 1971. She was not laden with any cargo and her engines failed as she negotiated the windy seas. Not much but a rusting skeleton remains now.

Times shown are one way. Please allow enough time for your return trip.

