

## **How to get there (permission required) by way of Tasman Monument Track**

Access to the Bangor property is from the Arthur Highway between Sorell, Dunalley, and Port Arthur. The internal roads are gravel and should be driven with care.

From the Arthur Highway, take Blackman Bay Road toward Lagoon Bay. Turn left just before the Lagoon Bay ALA windsock and continue toward the Lagoon Beach northern side camping site. This point is about 30 minutes from Bangor Heritage Cottage, or roughly 40 minutes from the Bangor Vineyard Shed.

Just before reaching the Lagoon Bay camping area, a track on the left (with a chain across it) leads north over the headland toward Two Miles Beach. On Google Maps, this appears as the Tasman Monument Track. The walk to the beach takes about 30 minutes. The start of the track is marked by marine netting and a buoy near the beach (GPS approx. -42.87761 / 147.94788).

Follow Two Miles Beach north for another 30 minutes. Near the end of the beach, before the rocks, look for a cluster of buoys (GPS approx. -42.86114 / 147.91956). From here, cairns and multicoloured ribbons mark a path inland. Some sections may be blocked by fallen trees. The monument sits up from the beach near an open-sided hut with benches (approx. -42.85620 / 147.91614).

The walk to and from the Lagoon Bay camping site takes around four hours in good conditions, though five to six hours is more realistic. Mobile phone coverage is limited once off the beach, so a satellite-capable phone or personal locator beacon is recommended. Carry sufficient water and allow for changing weather.

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## **Staying nearby**

The Bangor Heritage Cottage offers historic accommodation dating from 1906 (extended in 1922), with two bedrooms and a sofa bed. The cottage, accessible via Bangor Vineyard, features a coat of arms from Bangor in Wales.

The Bangor Vineyard Shed offers meals, tastings, and catering (+61 3 6253 5558). The area also features local food and dining options including the Cannery Bakery and Café, Ophir (formerly Van Bone) for fine dining, and fresh oysters from nearby Boomer Bay. The Bream Creek Farmers' Market runs on the first Sunday of each month.

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## **A journey through time**

Visiting the Tasman monuments near Dunalley is both a historical and personal experience. The 1942 monument offers a convenient introduction, while the 1923 site — remote and largely untouched — evokes the sense of discovery that Abel Tasman and his crew must have felt in December 1642.

Respect for private property and the fragile coastal environment ensures that these sites remain a testament to one of the earliest European encounters with Tasmania, and a key chapter in Dutch exploration of the Southern Hemisphere.