

Freycinet a favourite winter walk

The mild climate of the Tasmanian east coast makes the Freycinet Peninsula Circuit a great choice for a winter walk according to long-time parks pass holder Peter Franklin.

The Hobart-based bushwalker with more than 40 years' experience says he tends to go to Freycinet every year, generally from late autumn to early spring.

"You don't tend to get rained upon as much as you do in the west, and the winter sun means that the flowers seem to come out early. It's a very quiet and peaceful place," Peter said

The 30 kilometre Freycinet Peninsula Circuit travels around the Hazards to Hazards Beach. It continues south to Cooks Beach and then crosses the peninsula over a heathland plateau next to Mt Freycinet. Spectacular views are offered to walkers before they descend to the white, quartz sands of the world-renowned Wineglass Bay.



Peter Franklin

"On long summer days some people do the circuit in a day," Peter said. "But I'd encourage people to take their time because it's nice to camp down there, either on Cooks or Hazards Beach. There are also several other tracks that are nice to explore."

Peter said the Freycinet circuit is suitable for all walkers, as long as they are well prepared with drinking water, protective clothing and other essentials. The tracks are obvious, although walking on beaches can be taxing when you're carrying a pack. The ascent up to Freycinet Saddle also requires a bit of effort.