



# Castle Rock Granite Skywalk

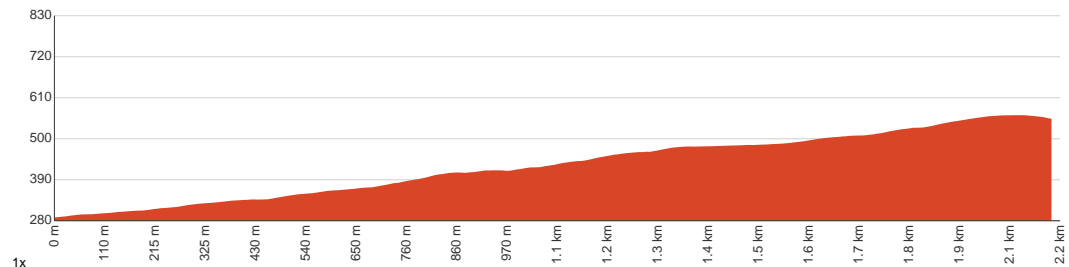
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Hard track

Starting from the Castle Rock Carpark on Castle Rock Road, Porongurup, this walk takes you to the Granite Skywalk on the summit of Castle Rock. The Granite Skywalk is a suspended walkway that spirals around giant granite boulders, and is truly a marvel of engineering as it clings to a vertical rock face at the summit of Castle Rock. The 2km hike up from the Castle Rock picnic area passes through Jarrah, Marri and Karri forest and by Balancing Rock to reach the base of Castle Rock and the lower lookout. As you ascend the peak, you're likely to encounter some of the region's 78 species of birds and 700 flowering plants, including many rare and extraordinary orchids and lichen varieties. Reaching the upper lookout requires scrambling over rocks and climbing a 7 metre ladder. The last part of the climb, just before reaching the ladder to the Skywalk, involves a rugged climb through a rocky crevice. A series of grab handles bolted onto the granite adds another layer of fun to the experience. If you can manage the scramble, you'll be rewarded with spectacular views of the surrounding peaks of the Porongurups, the Stirling Range to the north, Mount Manypeaks to the south-east and the undulating farmland towards Albany and Mount Gardner. The hike to the Skywalk is a steep ascent along a rocky path with some obstacles, featuring more rock steps as the gradient becomes steeper. Sturdy walking shoes are recommended, as the trail has a decent amount of loose terrain and can become slippery when wet. The final climb requires some arm and leg strength, and an aptitude for heights. One of the most unique experiences in the South West, the Granite Skywalk is a great finish to a challenging hike. The steep hike through dense forest, the exhilarating climb up to the Granite Skywalk and the unparalleled views from the summit make this a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. Let us begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 4 of 6 Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely	
<b>Quality of track</b>	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
<b>Gradient</b>	Very steep (4/6)
<b>Signage</b>	Clearly signposted (1/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Albany Highway, 30, 356

- Turn on to Oatlands Road, 252 then drive for 26.8 km
- Turn right onto Castle Rock Road and drive for another 325 m
- Turn right and drive for another 90 m

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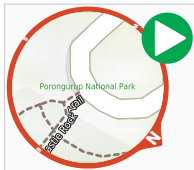


Start



Toilet

**Getting started:** From the Castle Rock carpark on Castle Rock Road, Porongurup, head along the sealed path towards the picnic area until you reach the park entry ticket booth (on your right). After paying the park entry fee, climb the steps opposite the ticket booth, passing a white 'Granite Skywalk Castle Rock' sign. Head along the sealed path until you reach a sheltered picnic table, then turn left onto the dirt track marked with a small 'Granite Skywalk' signpost. Follow the dirt track ahead to continue the hike to the Granite Skywalk.



**Start.**



After 90 m pass the toilet (20 m on your right).

