



Bushwalking and hikes in and around Magnetic Island in tropical North Queensland offer you many great adventures!

Would you prefer a casual beach stroll or setting out on a bush walk to discover grand views, plus our 23 bays and beaches?

Maybe the Butterfly Walk and an adventure through the tropical lagoon at Horseshoe Bay before lunch?

Magnetic Island has a great selection of bush walking tracks to choose from. Here are just a few suggestions to get you started:

1. The Butterfly Walk*

Distance/Time: 100m (Approx) 15min

Depart: Horseshoe Bay

Difficulty: Easy - flat ground.

***Please walk slowly and quietly through this walk** if it is [butterfly breeding season](#)

(June-July)

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2. Horseshoe Bay Lagoon Walk

Distance/Time: 300m (Approx)

Depart: Lagoon end of Henry Lawson St, Horseshoe Bay

Difficulty: Easy - flat ground.

3. The Forts Walk

- Magnetic Island's No. 1 Bushwalking Trail

Distance/Time: 2.8km 1.5hrs return

Depart: The Forts Car Park

Difficulty: Moderate - undulating terrain.

4. The Forts, Arthur Bay, Florence Bay, Radical Bay, Balding Bay & Horseshoe Bays Walk**

Distance/Time: 2.8km 1.5hrs return

Depart: The Forts Car Park or Horseshoe Bay

Difficulty: Advanced - steep climbs.

**Take a lot of fresh drinking water on this walk. None is available en-route.

5. The Forts to Horseshoe Bay Walk

Distance/Time: 2km 30-45min

Depart: The Forts Car Park or Horseshoe Bay

Difficulty: Difficulty: Easy - flat ground.

6. Arcadia to The Forts Walk

Distance/Time: 2km 30-45min

Depart: Alma Bay or The Forts Car Park

Difficulty: Moderate - undulating terrain.

7. Nelly Bay To Arcadia & Endeavour Falls Walk

Distance/Time: 6km 2hrs

Depart: Mandalay Ave, Nelly Bay or Endeavour Rd, Arcadia.

Difficulty: Moderate - undulating terrain.

8. Rocky Bay Walk

Distance/Time: 1km 30min

Depart: Lookout between Picnic and Nelly Bays.

Difficulty: Moderate - moderate climb.

9. Hawkings Point Walk

Distance/Time: 600m 30mins

Depart: Picnic Bay

Difficulty: Moderate - moderate climb.

10. Sails Rock Walk

Distance/Time: 1km return

Depart: Picnic Bay

Difficulty: Advanced - steep climb.

11. Cockle Bay Walk

Distance/Time: 2.5km (Approx) 45min - 1hr

Depart: Picnic Bay

Difficulty: Easy - flat ground.

12. West Point Walk

Distance/Time: 8km 2.5hrs

Depart: Picnic Bay

Difficulty: Easy - flat ground.



The Great Escape Walk is a 12-kilometre bushwalk that starts at the ferry terminal and ends at the lighthouse. It is a challenging walk that takes about 4-5 hours to complete. The walk is divided into 12 sections, each starting from a numbered orange circle on the map. The sections are: 1. The Forts, 2. Horseshoe Bay, 3. Florence Bay, 4. Radical Bay, 5. Arthur Bay, 6. Alma Bay, 7. Endeavour Falls, 8. Geoffrey Bay, 9. Picnic Bay, 10. Nelly Bay, 11. Cockle Bay, and 12. West Point. The walk is suitable for experienced bushwalkers and is not recommended for beginners. It is important to check the weather and tide conditions before starting the walk. The walk is a great way to see the island's natural beauty and enjoy the views of the Great Barrier Reef.