Mersey Bluff Area
A 185 million-year-old headland of dolerite intrusive rock that is jointed to provide many flat surfaces for seating and aboriginal carvings.

Don Heads
Unsurpassed geological coastal platforms of basalts showing sea stacks, columnar and polygonal jointing, sea potholes and rare xenolith boulders.

Goat Island
520 million-year-old stretched pebble conglomerate resulting from enormous pressure and heat from the thrusting of two earth plates.

Penguin Silver Mine
A foreshore of past mining activity for economic minerals such as silver, copper and now a mineral and rock collector’s paradise.

Sulphur Creek Boat Ramp
One of the most violent, distorted and changed rock groups in Tasmania’s history showing folding, stretching and tilted layering.

Doctors Rocks
A basalt headland and foreshore that exhibit minerals of the interior of the earth and the opportunity to pan for gold.

Sulphur Creek Point
A unique boundary (unconformity) between two of Tasmania’s oldest rocks with surfaces showing ancient seashore environments.

Basalt Columns behind Burnie wharf
Unique (almost perfect) columnar jointing in a basalt lava flow exhibiting unique curved “ball and socket” jointing.

Seabrook ‘Pines’ Point
One of the best coastlines of 320 million-year-old glacial sedimentary structures containing many rocks dropped by icebergs.

Fossil Bluff
Unique to Australia’s geological history because of its large variety of fossils, past environment indicators, limestone and rock platform.

Table Cape
Magnificent example of a basalt volcanic plug which was once a lava lake in a volcanic environment.
Experience Tasmania’s most diverse and observable geological trail, concentrated along 60 kilometres of scenic shoreline from Devonport’s Mersey Bluff to Wynyard’s Table Cape.

With the help of this guide you will encounter some of Tasmania’s oldest deformed rocks (750 million years) along a coast sculptured by recent ice-age effects.

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These maps are a guide only and should be used in conjunction with an approved Tasmanian road map. Look for signage along the trail with the following geological symbols:


Don Heads 1. From McDonalds, travel north alongside river around to lighthouse on Bluff headland.
2. From Don Railway, cross Don River bridge and turn sharp right into Waverley Road. Drive 2km and turn right into Don Heads Road.
3. Retrace steps back to Don River Bridge. Turn west up Forth Road. At 4km, turn right to lookout. Continue north, past lookout, to reenter the Bass Highway.
4. Enter Ulverstone from the east and cross Leven River. Turn right after railway line, onto Sonnic Coastal Route.
5. 6. 7. 8. All features located along the Sonnic Coastal Route. This route can be entered at its western end at the Howth Roundabout on the Bass Highway.
9. Turn off Bass Highway into Burnie, past McDonalds, onto Wilson Street. Travel full length of Wilson Street and turn right onto North terrace. Feature is behind skateboard park.
10. 11. 12. 13. Doctors Rocks is located 100m east of the scenic route into Wynyard. Via scenic route, travel 3km into Wynyard to Seabrook Pines Point (stand of pines). Drive into... and follow signage to Fossil Bluff. Retrace steps back to Table Cape Road and follow signage to Table Cape lookout.

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