Distance: 3 km Time: 50 - 60 min Terrain: Moderate

DARWIN SETTLEMENT

This short circular trail is ideal for families and provides a great introduction to the immediate area. It includes many interesting historical features and some stunning views along with opportunities for beach-combing, birding and fishing along the shoreline. The walk begins with a fairly steep uphill section and there is some uneven, but not demanding, terrain.

Main route

From Darwin House follow the main track to the top of the hill, passing the stone building, known as the "Galpon" and the corral on the left-hand side then crossing a deep valley (to the left) where casualties were placed in the 1982 battle for Goose Green. Cross the cattle grid and walk

straight ahead to the memorial for 2nd Battalion, Parachute Regiment which can easily be seen.

Back-track from the memorial to the road. Walk along the fence-line, roughly parallel to the road, away from the settlement. On reaching the main road, turn right and continue to the attractive memorial stone commemorating three members of 59 Independent

Squadron Royal Engineers who gave their lives in 1982. Cross the stile here and walk down to the memorial for Colonel H Jones who led the battle for Goose Green and lost his life here on 18th May, 1982 but winning the Victoria Cross.

Continue down the valley towards the shoreline of Darwin Harbour. Turn right to return directly to the settlement OR turn left to add in a short out-and-back extension to visit Darwin cemetery where earlier residents of the area are buried. Darwin House will soon come into view. Please note that there are private houses in Darwin so stay with the coastline as far as possible to reach Darwin House itself.

The Boca Col H Jones Engineers memorial **Darwin** Racecourse Nick Taylor DARWIN HARBOUR Fish Creek Gorse forest **Goose Green** Settlement Community



Landowners:

Camilla Creek

Camilla Creek

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Distance: 12 km

HISTORICAL TRAIL

This circular trail, which can be started at any convenient point, incorporates historical features, scenic coastline and crosscountry walking. There is a wealth of flora and fauna en-route including occasional visits of marine mammals and penguins both on and off-shore. There are hilly stretches.

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Continue across the open ground in the same direction, picking up the coastline if wished. Eventually, Fish Creek is reached. These is no bridge across the river on the coast so turn right and walk inland to meet the Darwin – Goose Green road. The road is the shorter route to Goose Green but a more attractive option is to return to the coastline on the other side of Fish Creek and meander along the shore to the settlement.

From the coast, the old jetty is the turning point to walk into the settlement itself. Goose Green Galley café is to the left. The Community Hall is opposite the café and easily distinguishable by a small spire. Face the Hall from the road, then turn to the right to follow the main route out





Darwin Cemetery

of the settlement. The settlement store with a small museum (key available from the Galley Café) is a little further along on

At the junction in front of the shearing sheds, take a left turn in the direction of Bodie Creek Bridge, Newhaven and North Arm. Follow the road towards the wind turbines and radar array continuing around to the right, passing these to the left-hand side.

Pass through a gate just after the wind turbines. Continue along the road to the next gate which is the junction of the track to Bodie Creek Bridge. Go through this gate and pass a stockyard on the left. Walk to the end of the stockyard, to where there is a gate on the right-hand side of the road. Go through the gate and head towards a square of gorse bushes and small trees, crossing a fence-line en-route. This is known locally as "Brooke's forest". Planted by a previous landowner, Brooke, it is a pleasant spot for a sheltered rest break; there is just one way in and out. Continue onward in the same direction to meet the Goose Green by-pass road and turn right.

Pass through a cattle grid at the top of small rise. The memorial for Nick Taylor, a Harrier pilot killed in the 1982 war, surrounded by a white picket fence and the racecourse stadium building are visible ahead on the left side of the road. (The memorial is around 500m distant and the stadium beyond it, to its left.) The memorial can be reached directly across open ground, then use the small gate alongside to reach the grandstand.

Take a left turn to follow the direction of the racecourse itself, for about 800m to the west to Boca Beach. As the coast comes into view, a fence "corner" is reached; cross the fence and head directly for the shore. Turn right and follow the coastline for around half a kilometre; there are sheep tracks which make walking easier. Drop down to a pebbly bay. Up ahead an old wooden fence juts into the sea and a gorse hedge runs inland, roughly west-east.





Turn right and follow the hedge which is the remnants of an old turf wall from the days of the early settlers in this region. Keep the gorse to the left for approximately three-quarters of a kilometre where there is a fence ahead (north-south) and a wire gate followed by a traditional gate, passing through the hedge to the left. Go through both gates and turn sharp right to continue following the gorse, now to the right side.

Eventually the hedge meets the Darwin - Goose Green road. Just before the end of the track, on the far side of the road, an attractive memorial stone can be seen. Cut across, or walk to the road and turn left, to it. The memorial commemorates three members of 59 Independent Squadron Royal Engineers who gave their lives in 1982. Cross the stile here and walk on down to the memorial for Colonel H Jones who led the battle for Goose Green and lost his life here on 18th May, 1982 but winning the Victoria Cross, the highest British battle honour.

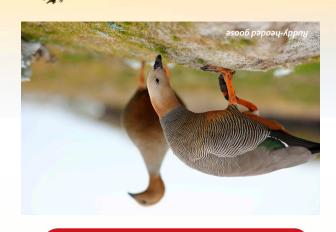
Continue down the valley towards the shoreline of Darwin Harbour. Turn right and follow the coast; there are many sheep tracks. Darwin House will soon come into view. Please note that there are private houses in Darwin so stay with the coastline as far as possible to reach Darwin House itself.

Walk further

The Darwin & Goose Green settlement cemetery is just a short distance from the Royal Engineers memorial. Before walking on to the Colonel Jones memorial, follow the road around to the north (Mount Pleasant direction). The cemetery is obvious on the right side of the road. Return by the same road to re-join the main route. Allow at least half an hour to take in the cemetery.

Tips:

Darwin Harbour is a haven for wildlife; binoculars will help to identify small birds and any mammals offshore. Interesting objects often wash up on the beaches – keep an eye out for that unusual historical item!



remember "four seasons in one day" is not unusual. Ensure clothing is available for all weather conditions; enjoy different stop-off points. Take a packed lunch and plenty of small snacks to

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the Camilla Creek trail from "follow the coast" in the third north-north-east direction, picking up the instructions for to walk on its shore-side. Continue along the coastline in a the right along the old turf wall, instead climb the fence end of Boca Beach, as the trail directions instruct a turn to the historical trail to reach Boca Beach. At the northern From Darwin House, follow the walking instructions for

Main route

opportunities. The walking is mainly flat but with some slight and spectacular hills as well as a range of wildlife spotting features, superb coastlines, fantastic vistas of sweeping plains with a full day walk on a circular trail taking in historical Make the most of both Darwin and Goose Green settlements

A GRAND TOUR



Terrain: Moderate

Time: 6-8 hrs

Distance: 20 km

Countryside Code

- Keep to paths wherever possible. Leave gates,
- Be aware of the high fire risk throughout the islands; particularly when lighting fires, BBQs or smoking.
- Do not litter*. Take your rubbish home with you or
- Never feed, touch, handle, injure or kill any wild
- Always give animals the right of way. Do not block the routes of birds or animals coming home to their

- 11. Do not disfigure rocks or buildings*.

*Such actions may constitute an offence in the Falkland Islands and could result in significant fines.

Stay Safe

Always tell someone where you are going with an estimated return time. Ensure you have plenty to eat and drink. Take clothing to account for all weather conditions and sun-lotion or sun-block.

Unexploded ordnance and land mines from the 1982 war are very occasionally found around the islands, particularly along the coast. In the very rare event of finding a suspect item, mark the spot if possible and

Engineers memorial; visit Darwin on another day. If time is limited, start and finish the walk at the Royal scan the horizons. A pair of binoculars helps with bird spotting and to

half an hour plus any stoppage time. attractive picnic stop alongside a small bridge. Allow an extra of Camilla Creek, where Ceritos Arroyo joins and forms an easterly vehicle track which leads to the head of this part From the shanty add on an out-and-back route along a north-

Walk further

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shoreline to Darwin House.

of valley to the enclosed bay then turn right to return along the gate is at the road-facing side.) Continue down a short stretch side. (Exploration of the cemetery is permissible but the only Cross the road and walk around the cemetery fence to the far

Darwin cemetery on the opposite side of the road. settlement into view to the left and a further kilometre arrival at dangers of passing vehicles. Another kilometre brings Darwin easier walking route offering a softer surface and removes the which runs along the right-hand side of the new road. It is an - Darwin road. At the road, turn right or choose the old track tracks lead just a short distance to the main Mount Pleasant Approximately one kilometre on is gate from which various

mast for Darwin & Goose Green can be seen in the distance, fence, heading in a southerly direction. The communication bear left to a very clear vehicle track which runs alongside a The shanty is the turn-around point. With the building behind,





pick up another track also leading to the shanty. the building or meander a little further along the coast to seen to the right. A track leads along an old fence-line to of Camilla Creek come into view an outbuilding can be follow. Pass through a gate in a small bay. As the "fingers" shoreline. In many parts there are easy vehicle tracks to The route is straightforward, following the direction of the

(A short-cut can be taken here to omit the promontory if of land to arrive at the southern end of Camilla Creek. north-north-east. Follow the coast around a promontory the parallel fence-line to walk on its seaward side to the At the shoreline turn right; find a suitable place to cross

continue to the coast in a west-north-west direction. the gates but stay on the same side of the gorse hedge to line crossing is soon reached alongside multiple gates. Use a north-westerly direction towards Brenton Loch. A fencewhich is a vehicle track. Turn right and follow the track in short distance to a wire fence and gorse hedge, in front of Cross the road and continue straight ahead. It is a very

Engineers memorial.

Continue upwards and cross the stile alongside the Royal left into a narrow gulley to the Colonel H Jones memorial. coast turns to the north, walk up a wide open valley. Turn the coastline, along the bay to the north-west. As the From Darwin House, walk directly to the shore and follow

Main route

walking is mainly flat but with some slight hilly sections. of the settlement cemetery at Darwin can be included. The Usborne and adjoining hills. Birdlife is plentiful and exploration beautiful vistas of the open plains and big skies with views to This circular trail encompasses interesting coastline and

CAMILLA CREEK



Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 12 km Time: 4-5 hrs



DARWIN

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DARWIN



Fauna & Flora highlights

Black-crowned night heron Blackish Oystercatcher Dolphin gull Falklands Flightless Steamer Duck Falklands Thrush Kelp goose Kelp gull Long-tailed Meadowlark

Magellanic Oystercatcher Patagonian Crested Duck **Rock Cormorant** Ruddy headed goose Southern Giant Petrel Turkey Vulture Two banded Plover

Brown hare

Diddle dee Christmas bush Gorse Small fern

Falkland Islands

Upland goose

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The Darwin area has much to offer the enthusiast of 1982 war history but equally has flora and fauna to enjoy with an occasional marine mammal to be seen. The terrain is relatively flat and affords lovely views and scenic coastlines.

