

Tay Head (Draft)

Possible landing area:
63° 20' 50" S, 55° 32' 46.42 W

IAATO

visitor site guide

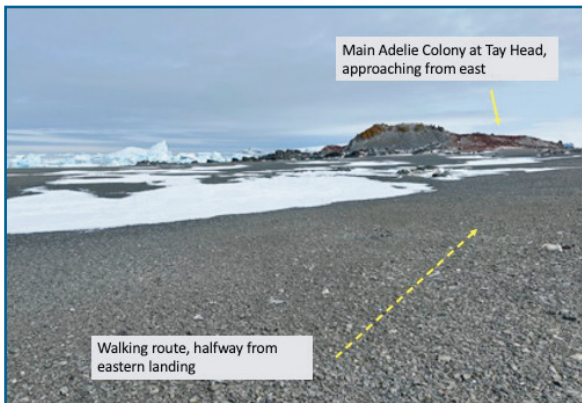


Key Features

- Adelie penguins
- Fur seals
- Weddell seals



Description



TOPOGRAPHY

Tay Head is a tombolo, or isthmus, that extends from the southern shore of the 40 nm long Joinville Island. Vessels have landed on the East side of the head, but ice can pack in quickly. The landing is fairly straightforward at higher tides, onto smooth gravel beaches, however lower tides reveal rocks and reefs, and an alternate landing may be needed at very low tides.

Landing beaches are found on the East and West sides. From the eastern landing beach, it is approximately .4km (0.25 mi) on flat ground to the Adelie colony.

The Tay Head isthmus is comprised of rock, mud, and rubble that extends approximately 1 km (0.62 mi) from the glacier faces of Joinville Island. The bedrock is primarily composed of Sandstone and Quartzite.

FAUNA

Confirmed breeders: Adelie penguins, Kelp gull, Brown skua

Regularly sighted: Antarctic tern, Snowy sheathbill, Gentoo penguin, Chinstrap penguin, Wilson's storm petrel, Antarctic shag, Southern giant petrel, South Polar skua

Occasionally sighted: Snow petrel, Cape petrel, Northern giant petrel, Emperor penguin

Regularly hauled out: Antarctic fur seal, Weddell seal



