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Frequently asked questions

How do I access the TrailRider?

The chair can be booked for free through the Great Ocean Road Visitor Information Centre located at 100 Great Ocean Road Apollo Bay. Ph: 1300 OTWAYS (689 297) E: gorvic@colacotway.vic.gov.au

How long can I hire the TrailRider for?

The chair can be booked for up to 10 days.

What are the dimensions of the chair for transportation?

The TrailRider weighs 25kg and requires two people to load it safely into the back of a car. It folds down to a size of 172 cm x 82 cm x 61 cm.

Where can I take the TrailRider?

The Colac Otway Shire recommends several tracks for the TrailRider.

Can I take the TrailRider on the beach?

No. The TrailRider is not suitable for beach access.

The TrailRider initiative is funded by Parks Victoria and the Victorian Government's Transport Connections Program. Transport Connections supports local people and organisations working together to improve access to education, health, employment and social opportunities for transport disadvantaged communities.

Booking information

Bookings to be made via the [Great Ocean Road Tourist Information Centre](#)

The TrailRider can be booked for **up to 10 days** and can be picked up and dropped off from the Great Ocean Road Visitor Information Centre, Apollo Bay during office hours:

Monday - Sunday, 9am – 5pm

Alternative arrangements may be made with sufficient notice.

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Instructional video links

Chair features & transfer information

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=kcy4UvpFXUw

Chair use and safety information

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=qPg7mSWGPDw

Chair Car loading

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=bAdOyySAndc



TrailRider

All-Terrain Wheelchair



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The Colac Otway Shire is committed to improving access for people of all abilities and through an exciting partnership with Parks Victoria; we're now able to provide better access to our great outdoors.

Recommended Walks

Great Ocean Walk (GOW)

Recommended Section: From Apollo Bay Visitor Information Centre to Swell Point, Marengo

Distance: Approximately 4km, recommended for beginners using the TrailRider Chair

No of Sherpas recommended: 2-3

Time taken to complete Walk: Approximately 1.5 hours one way

Recommended Section: Cape Otway Lighthouse car park to Aire River Camp Ground

Distance: 9.6 km, recommended for experienced TrailRider users

No of Sherpas recommended: A minimum of 4 fit adult Sherpas.

Time taken to complete walk: Approximately 4 hours one way

Recommended Section: From Gibson Steps to Twelve Apostles Visitor Centre.

Distance: Approximately 1km, recommended for beginners using the TrailRider

No of Sherpas recommended: 2-3

Time taken to complete Walk: Approximately 30minutes one way

Great Otway National Park

Maits Rest Rainforest Walk

Distance: Approximately 500m loop walk, recommended for beginners using the TrailRider

No of Sherpas recommended: 3-4

Time taken to complete walk: 30minutes

Melba Gully Walk

First Section of loop walk from Melba Gully car park to Anne Cascades

Distance: Approximately 600m one way, recommended for TrailRider users with some experience

No of Sherpas recommended: 3-4

Time taken to complete walk:

Approximately 60minutes to Anne cascades and back to car park.

What is the TrailRider?

The TrailRider is an all-terrain wheelchair that will allow for residents and visitors with physical and mobility issues to get out in the great outdoors and explore some of the Shires most stunning parks and reserves. The one wheeled chair is a cross between a wheelbarrow and a sedan chair. The wheel supports the rider's weight while the handles at the front and the back allow two, three or four helpers (or Sherpas) to guide the rider up and down tracks.

You will need

- Your own bicycle helmet
- Two or four fit Sherpas

Please note: the level of access the TrailRider can achieve in parks & reserves is determined by the number, strength and level of fitness of people operating the chair. The TrailRider requires a minimum of two reasonably fit people (one at each end of the chair) to enable a passenger to travel in the chair. It is recommended that four people, plus the passenger, operate the TrailRider on more testing terrain.



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