

# OTWAYS

Walks & Waterfalls Map

From walking trails to hidden forest retreats, the Otways is a place for adventure, romance and discovery.

Apollo Bay, the Otways and the Colac regions are filled with natural beauty, history and world class produce.

## WALKS & WATERFALLS LOOP

This stunning loop drive takes in Apollo Bay, Cape Otway, Lavers Hill, and Beech Forest.



Hoptoun Falls

Possible stops include Wildlife Wonders, the Cape Otway Lightstation, Great Otway National Park, Otway Fly Treetop Adventures, waterfalls, a Californian Redwood Forest and rainforest walks.

## COLAC & THE VOLCANIC PLAINS LOOP

Take the Colac & Volcanic Plains Loop and discover Red Rock's dormant craters, the crater lakes of the Kanawinka Geopark and the historical township of Beeac.



Red Rock Volcanic Lookout

## ACCREDITED VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

For more information and our stunning walks and experiences, please contact our friendly Visitor Information Teams, see the reverse side of this map, or, visit our official websites and social media platforms.

**Colac Visitor Information Centre**  
Cnr Queen & Murray Sts, Colac  
Open: Fri - Mon 10am-4pm  
P: 1300 OTWAYS (689 297)  
E: colacvic@colacotway.vic.gov.au

**Great Ocean Road Visitor Information Centre**  
100 Great Ocean Road, Apollo Bay  
Open: 9am - 5pm, 7 days a week  
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## OFFICIAL TOURISM WEBSITE & SOCIAL CHANNELS

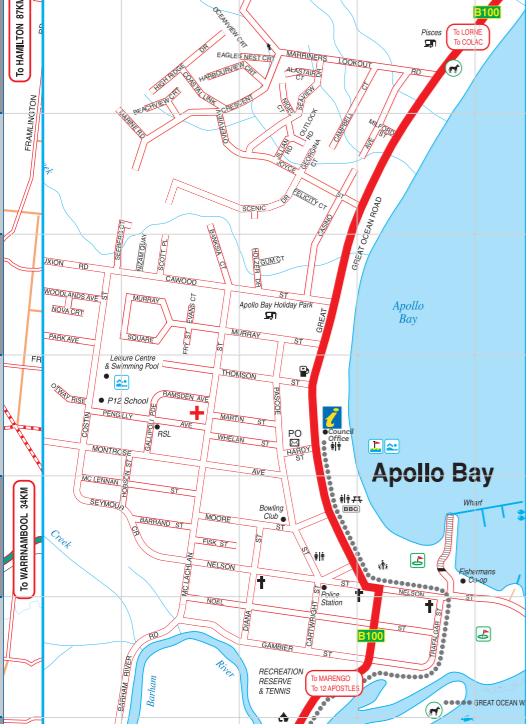
[www.visitapollobay.com](http://www.visitapollobay.com) [www.visitotways.com](http://www.visitotways.com)

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## APOLLO BAY TOWNSHIP MAP

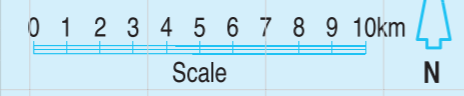


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- We do not recommend using a GPS device when you are travelling in the Great Ocean Road region
- For Electrical Vehicle user, due to limited EV charging stations in some areas of the region, please research your touring route prior to departure.

DRIVING DISTANCES / TIMES*								
	12 Apostles	Apollo Bay	Colac	Geelong	Lorne	Melbourne	Torquay	Warrnambool
12 Apostles		1hr 15m	1hr	4hr	2hr 30m	5hr	3hr 30m	1hr 25m
Apollo Bay	88km		1hr	2hr 15m	1hr	3hr	2hr	2hr 30m
Colac	82km	70km		2hr 15m	1hr	2hr	2hr 15m	1hr 30m
Geelong	191km	109km	74km		1hr 30m	30m	30m	5hr 15m
Lorne	124km	44km	57km	70km		2hr 15m	1hr	3hr 30m
Melbourne	264km	184km	150km	75km	139km		1hr 30m	5hr 30m
Torquay	171km	90km	81km	23km	47km	96km		2hr 15m
Warrnambool	76km	165km	113km	275km	208km	358km	255km	

\* Drive times are estimates intended to be used as a guide only.



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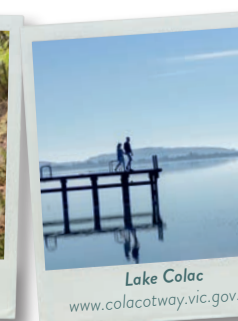
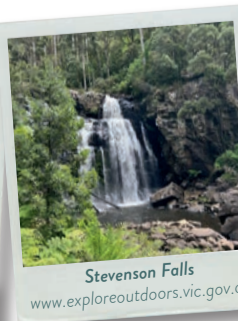
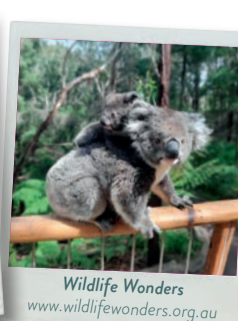
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- Main Access Routes
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- Minor Road - Sealed
- Minor Road - Unsealed
- Track
- Walking Track
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- Great Ocean Walk

Colac Otway Shire Council proudly acknowledges the Guldijan and Gadubanud peoples, past, present and emerging, as the traditional custodians of the Colac Otway region

# Walks & Waterfalls

Walk Waterfall

NAME	DESCRIPTION	FEATURES & FACILITIES	WALKS DIFFICULTY RATING	TIME / DIST.	START POINT	MAP REF.	DISTANCE FROM APOLLO BAY	COLAC
<b>WYE RIVER &amp; KENNETT RIVER</b>								
Jamieson Creek to Separation Creek Walk	This undulating 5.3km coastal track with steps and creek crossings links Jamieson Creek Campground to Wye River township. High points along the track offer views through tall eucalypt and temperate rain forests to the Southern Ocean. The walk offers a great activity for campers located in the Jamieson Creek Campground where toilets and BBQs are also available.	 	Moderate	2.5hrs one way / 6kms one way	Either Jamieson Creek Campground or Separation Creek, departing from Olive St.	T15	28km	87km
Wye to Separation Beach Walk & Paddy's Path	Enjoy the rock ramble and see the historic remnant tram rails, see the 3 large rock pools at low tide. Return via Paddy's Path, the old timber route, with picturesque views over Wye River and Separation Creek.	 	Easy to Moderate	60 mins / 2.4km Return	Wye River Foreshore Picnic Area	T15	28km	87km
The Wye to Kennett River Walk	This undulating 4.6km coastal track with steps and creek crossings links the townships of Wye River and Kennett River. High points of the track offer views through tall eucalypts to the Southern Ocean. Spot native birds and wildlife on this short, easy walk. Note that dogs are not permitted.	   	Easy	2.5 hrs / 4.6km One way	Wye River hotel	T15	28km	87km
Kennett River Nature Walk	Reconnect with nature on this self-guided walk along the banks of the Kennett River. Learn about local wildlife and history, and spot native birds and animals, including kangaroos in the early morning and at dusk.	  	Easy	20 mins / 400m Return	Kennett River Picnic Area	S16	22km	82km
Carisbrook Falls Walk	The walking track leaves the carpark and heads upwards along the eastern side of the gorge with views over Carisbrook Creek, leading to a viewing area with excellent views of the falls.		Easy to Moderate	20 mins / 1km Return	Carisbrook Falls Carpark	R16	12km	70km
<b>APOLLO BAY</b>								
Marriners Lookout	Take the short but steep walk to lookout for spectacular views. No dogs, buses, caravans/campervans or camping. Please respect this private property.		Easy to Moderate	20 mins / 1km Return	Top of Marriners Lookout Road	P17	2km	70km
Apollo Bay Foreshore Walk	Walk the gravel footpath between Wild Dog Beach to Marengo taking in the interesting wooden sculpture trail along the Apollo Bay Foreshore. A sculpture brochure is available from the Visitor Information Centre.	   	Easy to Moderate	1 hr / 5.5km One way	Wild Dog Beach, Apollo Bay or Marengo	P18	3km	70km
Great Ocean Walk	Weave your way through tall forests, coastal heathlands, beside wild rocky shores and along windswept clifftops with amazing views. Hike up to eight days or choose a day walk along this incredible one direction walk from Apollo Bay to the Twelve Apostles. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.greatoceanwalk.com.au">www.greatoceanwalk.com.au</a>	  	Moderate	110km	Apollo Bay Visitor Information Centre	P18-F16	-	70km
Marengo to Shelly Beach	Follow low cliff tops overlooking the ocean and climb the exposed and aptly named Bald Hill. This walk takes you onto the beach and through sheltered forest, to picturesque Shelley Beach. Only take alternative coastal routes at low tide and during calm seas. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.greatoceanwalk.com.au">www.greatoceanwalk.com.au</a>		Moderate to Difficult	2 hrs / 4.7kms One way	Marengo Carpark	P18	3km	70km
Wildlife Wonders	Enjoy a 75-minute guided walk through the magical Otways bushland, where you'll discover lush tree fern gullies, eucalypt woodlands and spectacular ocean vistas. Your conservationist guide will share with you the secrets of the bush and the plants and animals who call the Otways home. <a href="http://www.wildlifewonders.org.au">www.wildlifewonders.org.au</a>	  	Easy (1.4km all-abilities walking path)	The guided walk lasts 75 minutes.	475 Great Ocean Rd, Apollo Bay	O18	5km	76km
Elliot River Loop	Start from the Shelly Beach Picnic area, and follow the Elliot River Track down to the mouth of the Elliot River. Please exercise caution crossing the stepping stones as this area may flood after heavy rain. Climb up the Elliot ridge passing through stands of Blue gum and areas of tall Eucalypt forest. Return to Shelly Beach Picnic Area via the management vehicle track.	 	Moderate	2 hrs / 4.5km Return	Shelly Beach Picnic Area, via Elliot River Road	O18	8km	79km
Shelly Beach Walk	This is one of the best short walks on the Great Ocean Walk. The track will take you through fern gullies, coastal scrub, to Shelly Beach. Follow the same track back to return to Shelly Beach Picnic Area.	 	Moderate	45 mins / 1.8km Return	Shelly Beach Picnic Area via Elliot River Rd	O18	9km	79km
Maits Rest Rainforest Walk	Named after former forestry patrol officer Maitland Bryan, Maits Rest is a short walk through the stunning Otway cool temperate rain forest. Marvel at the ancient Myrtle Beech, towering Mountain Ash trees and tree ferns; the walk has been designed to protect the surrounding ecosystem and immerse visitors in moss and fern-covered environment.		Easy	30 mins / 1km Loop	Maits Rest Carpark	N18	16km	86km
<b>FORREST</b>								
Stevensons Falls	Stevensons Falls is one of the most spectacular and accessible waterfalls in the Otways, and a short walk from a well-equipped campground and picnic area. The site also has 2 smaller walks: the Redwoods Boardwalk and the Blue Spruce Walk. For more information visit <a href="http://DECCA's Explore Outdoors Website">DECCA's Explore Outdoors Website</a> .	    	Easy	1-4 hrs / 3.4km return	Stevensons Campground, Upper Gellibrand Rd	O14	34km	44km
West Barwon Reservoir	Take a cool temperate rainforest walk or take the path from the picnic area and explore the waterways. There are excellent views from the dam wall over the reservoir.	    	Easy	20 mins / 400m Return	West Barwon Reservoir	P13	38km	32km
Forrest History Walk	This Otways township enjoys a rich history of the timber and agriculture industries. The walk is lined with 27 interpretative plaques dotted around the town.	  	Moderate	1 hr / 2km Return	Forrest Township	P13	38km	32km
Tiger Rail Trail	The Tiger Rail Trail is an easy ride and beautiful walk that passes through rich fertile farm lands and spectacular forest.	 	Easy	1 hr / 2hrs 6km Return	Forrest Township	P13	38km	32km
Lake Elizabeth	The one hour return walk ambles alongside the river and a billabong to the lake or an extended two hour walk loops the entire lake. A colony of platypus resides here, tread lightly and you may see some.	    	Easy to Moderate	1 hr - 2 hrs 2-4km Return	Lake Elizabeth Carpark via Kaanglang Rd	Q14	38km	32km
<b>COLAC, COROROKE, BEEAC &amp; BIRREGURRA</b>								
Colac Botanic Gardens	Take in the stunning views of Lake Colac (the largest natural freshwater lake in Victoria), this trail is great for bird watching, hiking, or riding and is fully paved and suitable for wheelchairs and prams.	  	Easy	15 mins / 1.2km Return	Main Entrance, Gellibrand Street	N8	70km	
Lake Colac & Barongrook Creek Path	Take in the stunning views of Lake Colac (the largest natural freshwater lake in Victoria), this trail is great for bird watching, hiking, or riding and is fully paved and suitable for wheelchairs and prams.	   	Easy	1.5 hrs / 7km Loop	Start on Fyans Street, or at the Colac Visitor Information Centre	N8	70km	
Cororoque Open Space History Trail	Located just before Red Rock Lookout, the Cororoque Open Space History Trail is a great place to stop. There's an excellent playground for the kids and an interpretative history walk that sets the scene for the region's volcanic, Indigenous, and prehistoric history.	  	Easy	10 mins	15 Factory Road, Cororoque	M7	81km	10km
Red Rock Volcanic Lookout	Red Rock lookout is one of Australia's youngest volcanoes. There's a viewing platform at the carpark or a short climb to the main lookout. The area is the third-largest volcanic plain in the world and is estimated to be 8,000 years old.	  	Moderate	15 mins Return	Red Rock Volcanic Scenic Lookout	M7	85km	15km
Beeac Heritage Walk	Discover historic churches, buildings and businesses in the quaint village of Beeac. A highlight includes the Beeac Windmill Park commemorating the area's agricultural heritage. Pick up a guide from the Visitor Information Centre.	 	Easy	1.5 hrs Return	65 Main St, Beeac	O5	83km	19km
Birregurra Heritage Walk	Discover historic churches and buildings in the scenic Birregurra township. Other highlights include the towns timber industry and sporting historical connections. <a href="https://visitotways.com/explore/birregurra/">https://visitotways.com/explore/birregurra/</a> .	  	Easy to Difficult	35min / 1.7km Return or 80mins / 3.4km Return	Birregurra Public Carpark	Q9	63km	20km
<b>CAPE OTWAY</b>								
Blanket Bay to Parker Hill	A diverse walk through coastal forests and grass trees, in and out of gullies before descending to beautiful Parker Inlet. Two lookouts along the way provide wonderful ocean and estuary views. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.greatoceanwalk.com.au">www.greatoceanwalk.com.au</a> .	  	Moderate	2 hrs / 4km One way	Blanket Bay Campground	N19	30km	94km
Cape Otway Lighthouse	Cape Otway Lighthouse is the oldest surviving lighthouse on mainland Australia and considered the most significant, the historical precinct is a must-see when visiting the region. Please see the Lightstations website for opening hours and fees <a href="http://www.lightstation.com">www.lightstation.com</a> . Discounted tickets are available at the Great Ocean Road Visitor Information Centre in Apollo Bay.	 	Easy	45 mins / 1km Return	Lighthouse Precinct via Otway Lighthouse Rd	M20	30km	94km
Lightstation Cemetery & Lookout	The gravel path leads walkers through beard heath to Paynters Hill lookout which has distant views across the lighthouse, telegraph station and the ocean. Continue over the hill and off to the right for about another 10 min to explore the cemetery, which bears witness to the harsh isolation of early lightstation life.		Easy	40 mins / 2.8km Return	Cape Otway Lightstation Carpark	M20	30km	94km
Aire River Escarpment Lookout	Discover the peaceful estuarine waters of Aire River, the Hordenvale Wetlands and the impressive view from the Escarpment Lookout over the heritage-listed river mouth and wetlands.	  	Moderate	2 hrs / 4.2km Return	Aire River bridge via Hordern Vale Rd	L19	28km	84km
<b>LAVERS HILL &amp; BEECH FOREST</b>								
Beauchamp Falls	Walk passes through softwood plantation forest, along a river to discover magnificent Mountain Ash, Myrtle Beech, Blackwoods and lush ferns. Free camping area - Otway Forest Park with basic pit toilet facilities, picnic tables & fireplaces. For more information visit <a href="http://DECCA's Explore Outdoors Website">DECCA's Explore Outdoors Website</a> .	    	Moderate to Difficult	1 hr Return	Beauchamp Picnic Area, Via Binns Road	O16	45km	44km
Hopetoun Falls	Regarded as one of the best waterfalls in the Great Otway National Park, you can walk to the viewing platform 20 metres from the carpark, or, take the 200 odd stairs through glades of tree ferns to the falls viewing platform. Soak up the spray as the Hopetoun Falls plummet 30 metres into the Aire River Heritage River.		Moderate	30 mins Return	Hopetoun Falls Reserve, Binns Road	N16	45km	44km
California Redwoods	This remarkable stand of the world's tallest tree species have thrived in Otway soil, far from their native California. Towering on the sheltered river flat at the Aire Valley Plantation, these Sequoia Sempervirens Trees were originally planted in 1936 by Victorian foresters for experimental purposes.	 	Easy	10 mins Return	Aire Valley Picnic Ground (near Binns Road turnoff)	N16	45km	44km
Beechy Rail Trail	Experience scenic forests, rich farmland, rolling hills & birdlife along the original path of the historic narrow gauge railway "The Beechy". Visit the Colac Otway Shire's website for Old Beechy Rail Trail updates.	   	Moderate	49.2km One Way	-	N9-N15	-	-
Otway Fly Treetop Adventures	Whether you're soaking up the breathtaking birds-eye view on the 600-metre-long Treetop Walk or soaring through the treetops on the Zipline Tour, there's something for the whole family to enjoy. Please see the Otway Fly's website for opening hours and fees <a href="http://www.otwayfly.com.au">www.otwayfly.com.au</a> . Discounted tickets are available at the Great Ocean Road Visitor Information Centre in Apollo Bay.	  	Easy to Moderate	1 hr / 2.5km Return	Otway Fly Carpark, Phillips Track	M16	45km	44km
Triplet Falls	Walk along raised platforms through ancient rainforest to view the awesome triple cascades thundering over rock ledges. This walk also passes by an original sawmill site.	 	Moderate	1hr / 2km Loop	Triplet Falls Carpark, Phillips Track	M16	48km	44km
Little Aire Falls	This walk leads off the Triplet Falls track and passes through spectacular rainforest along an old logging winch line. View the falls from an eight metre platform.	 	Moderate	2.5 hrs / 2.5km Return	Triplet Falls Carpark, Phillips Track	M16	48km	44km
Gable Lookout	This great short walk travels through coastal heath, woodland and thick Casuarina forest before arriving at a lookout with spectacular views of some of Australia's highest sea cliffs from Moonlight Head. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.greatoceanwalk.com.au">www.greatoceanwalk.com.au</a>		Easy	20 mins / 800m Return	The Gables Carpark Via Moonlight Head Rd	H18	63km	71km
Wreck Beach	Descending over 360 steps from carpark area, turn right once on the beach. Explore the beach, rock ledges and the anchors of the Marie Gabrielle & Fiji shipwrecks. Before visiting the site, check local conditions and be well prepared. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.greatoceanwalk.com.au">www.greatoceanwalk.com.au</a>		Difficult	90 mins / 2km Return	Wreck Beach Carpark via Monlight Head Rd	H18	63km	71km
Melba Gully	A stunning loop walk through dense rainforest of Myrtle Beech, Blackwood and tree ferns alongside a bubbling creek.	   	Moderate	35 mins / 1.2km Loop	Melba Gully Carpark	K17	58km	58km



 Toilets  Day Hike  Dogs on Leads Permitted  Picnic Shelter  Picnic Table  Wood BBQ  Electric or Gas BBQ  Cycling  Camping  Cafe  Fishing  Gift Shop

**SAFETY & INFORMATION**

- Sudden weather changes are common. Carry all-weather clothing.
- Check tide times for coastal walks.
- Consider carefully whether to bushwalk on days of Total Fire Ban.
- Mobile phones are frequently out of range.
- Respect the environment, stay on marked paths.
- Advise someone of your destination and estimated time of return.
- Allow plenty of time - winding roads can double your drive time.
- Some roads are travelled by large log trucks from November to May.