

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES



 This guide is only a snapshot of what Gippsland can offer you on your next adventure. Our accredited visitor information centres can provide detailed information about when to travel, journey routes, events and activities; plus tours and accommodation bookings.

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240 Main Street, Bairnsdale
1800 637 060

Cowes Visitor Information Centre
91–97 Thompson Avenue, Cowes
1300 366 422

Inverloch Visitor Information Centre
16 A Beckett Street, Inverloch
1300 762 433

Lakes Entrance Visitor Centre
Corner Marine Parade and The Esplanade, Lakes Entrance
1800 637 060

Latrobe Visitor Information Centre
“The Old Church” Southside Central,
Princes Highway, Traralgon
1800 621 409

Metung Visitor Centre
Shop 3, 50 Metung Road, Metung
03 5156 2969

Phillip Island Visitor Information Centre
895 Phillip Island Road, Newhaven
1300 366 422

Prom Country Visitor Information Centre (Korumburra)
South Gippsland Hwy
1800 630 704

Prom Country Visitor Information Centre (Foster)
Corner McDonald and Main Streets,
1800 630 704

Sale Visitor Centre
Port of Sale, 70 Foster Street Sale
1300 368 864

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NATURE TRAILS

INSPIRING GIPPSLAND WALKS AND RIDES

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Explore an extraordinary diversity of landscapes. From lush rolling hills to rugged coastlines, wide sandy beaches to mountainous terrain there is something to inspire the nature lover in all of us. Stretching from just an hour east of Melbourne right through to the east coast, and up to the NSW border, the region welcomes all variety of travellers looking to reconnect with nature and enjoy the very best of the great outdoors.

Gippsland offers the chance to meander, stroll, walk, run and ride through a variety of beautiful landscapes designed for all fitness levels from absolute beginner to elite athlete. Our Rail Trails offer the chance to improve fitness, enjoy a day out with the family or just stroll from one village to another. Gippsland's Rail Trails can be found in all corners of the region and offer experiences that give you a reason to visit again and again.



As well as our iconic Rail Trails, information about the very best walking and riding trails in Gippsland can be found in this booklet. These trails take in breathtaking scenery, and are well sign posted offering safety and comfort for your journey.

We look forward to seeing you on your bike or in your walking boots soon.

Awaken your senses
and feed your soul.



INSPIRING GIPPSLAND WALKS AND RIDES



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*Embrace a slower
pace of travel.*

*Explore forests of
giant tree ferns.*

*Discover pristine,
uncrowded beaches.*

*Wander friendly local
villages.*

*Be inspired by
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GETTING HERE AND GETTING AROUND



BY CAR

Gippsland is easily accessed via the Monash Freeway (M1) from Melbourne, this freeway will branch out to access roads into other parts of Gippsland. The three main driving routes into Gippsland are the Monash Freeway (M1), the South Gippsland Highway (A440), and the Bass Highway (M420).

The M1 (Princes Freeway) travels past many of Gippsland's regional cities including Warragul, Traralgon, Sale and Bairnsdale. The road continues on to Lakes Entrance, Orbost and Cann River before detouring to Mallacoota or continuing on to NSW.

To access the Bass Coast travel via the Monash Freeway (M1) and take the Pakenham/Koo Wee Rup (C422) exit, turn left at the roundabout after Koo Wee Rup (M420). Then continue on the M420 to Phillip Island or take the B460 at Anderson for Bass Coast.

To access Prom Country/South Gippsland, travel via the Monash Freeway (M1) and take the Pakenham/Koo Wee Rup (C422) exit, turn left at the roundabout after Koo Wee Rup (M420). Then take the Korumburra/Leongatha exit (A440) after Lang Lang.





PUBLIC TRANSPORT

V/Line operates rail services to the region on the Gippsland line, terminating at either Traralgon or Bairnsdale. Departing Southern Cross Station and stopping at Flinders St, V-Line stops at many towns in Gippsland including Drouin, Warragul, Traralgon, Sale and Bairnsdale.

Bus services depart Southern Cross Station. Bus services travel to Yarram via Leongatha, and to Phillip Island or Inverloch via Koo Wee Rup.

Bicycles can be carried on V/Line trains, if there is space available.

Travellers to Gippsland who are bringing bikes are strongly urged to travel outside peak periods, and to preference the Bairnsdale services over the Traralgon services. For more information about V/Line services or about bringing your bike on the train visit vline.com.au.



GUIDE TO SYMBOLS

Time & Distance Approximate distances for each route with an indication of whether it is one way or return. Times are given for completing each walk at an unhurried but steady pace. Times are for walking only and do not allow for rests, picnics and photos etc.

Facilities

 Toilets	 Picnic Area
 Parking	 Food & Drink
 Accommodation	 Visitor Information Centre

Level 1 No experience required. Flat even surface with no steps or steep sections. Suitable for wheelchair users with someone to assist them. Walks up to 5km.

Level 2 No experience required. The track is hardened gravel or a compacted surface and may have a gentle hill section or sections and some steps. Walks up to 10km.

Level 3 Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep sections, a rough surface and steps. Walks up to 20km.

Level 4 Bushwalking experience and a good level of fitness required. Tracks may be long, rough and very steep. Directional signage may be limited. Walks may be more than 20km.

Notes Additional information to assist you in the safe enjoyment of your ride.

Accessibility

 Riding	 Dogs allowed
 Walking	 Dogs not allowed
 Child friendly	
 Wheelchair access	
 No wheelchair access	

SAFETY

Gippsland offers a diverse range of landscapes. It's important you're aware of the environment you're travelling in before you begin.

Helpful hints for riding and walking in Gippsland:

- Check the weather forecast before you go.
Visit bom.gov.au
- Wear an approved helmet when riding
- Carry adequate supplies of water and snacks
- Always wear sunscreen
- Stay on the tracks, walk and ride within your capabilities
- Carry a tool/repair kit, pump and spare tube if travelling longer distances, and a basic first aid kit is handy too
- Take your mobile phone but be aware that some areas in remote parts of Gippsland offer no coverage and make provisions accordingly
- Give way to pedestrians if using a shared track

ALPINE AREAS:

The best walking/cycling period commences in early November and runs until late March, as the area is usually snow covered during winter and early spring. Weather conditions can change rapidly at any time of the year though, so please be prepared with the appropriate clothing, food and water supplies, and safety equipment.

PLEASE NOTE:

Maps and distances advised are indicative only. Obtain a detailed map and check local information before departing.

ACCESSIBILITY

Gippsland boasts a diverse range of accessible visitor experiences that are welcoming and inclusive of people of all ages and abilities, people with a disability, seniors and parents with young children. For more information on accessible experiences in Gippsland see the Accessible Gippsland brochure in Visitor Centres or online.

RAIL TRAILS

Rail trails are a series of shared-use paths that have been developed and maintained along abandoned railway corridors around Australia. Most rail trails have a gravel or dirt surface and can be used for walking, cycling and horse riding.

Gippsland boasts some of Victoria's most spectacular trails, taking you through hills, along windswept coastlines, through dense forest and open farmland. The protected trails away from busy roads gives an opportunity for native vegetation to thrive and encourages wildlife back into the area.

Rail trails give visitors the opportunity to slow down their journey and savour the region's villages complete with galleries, wineries, cafés and boutique accommodation.



BASS COAST RAIL TRAIL

Victoria's only coastal rail trail, the Bass Coast Rail Trail showcases the region's rich history against stunning backdrops and coastal views. The trail runs through the hinterland of Wonthaggi, past the sand dunes of Dalyston, across the majestic Kilcunda Trestle Bridge and all the way to the breathtaking hinterland views of Woolamai.

Access for:



From: Woolamai Race Track, Woolamai, via Anderson

To: Wonthaggi Centennial Centre, Bent Street, Wonthaggi

Length: 23km one way, allow 6 hours one way walking

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities as per map.

Surface: Level 1 – 2. Suitable for most ages and fitness levels.



GREAT SOUTHERN RAIL TRAIL

Retrace Australia's most southern mainland rail line. With panoramic views of lush farmland, temperate rainforest and pristine seascapes, the Great Southern Rail Trail links several towns, celebrating the best of what this region has to offer.

Walk, Cycle or Ride all the 72kms, or enjoy its shorter journeys.

Access for: 

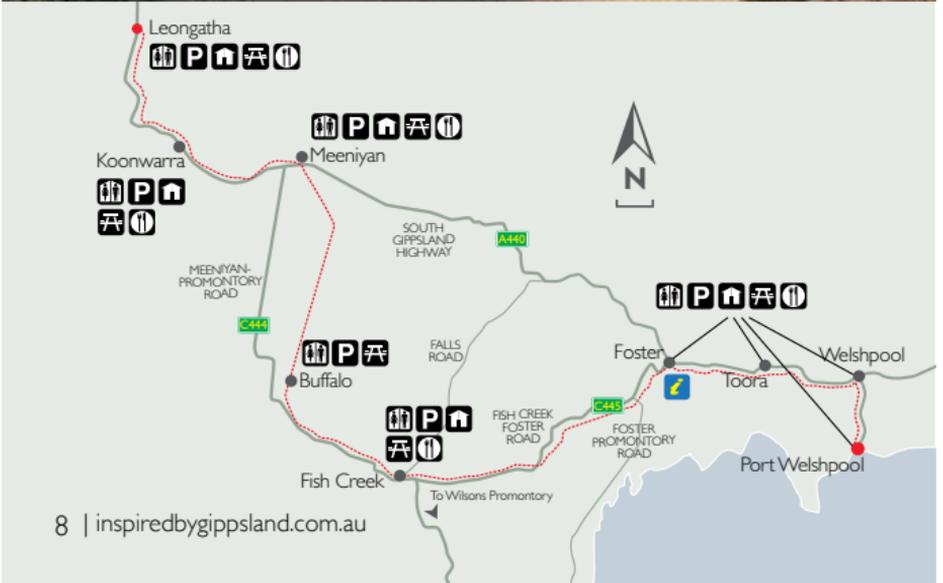
From: Horticultural Park, Holt St, Leongatha. Street parking available.

To: Foreshore Reserve, Lewis St, Port Welshpool

Length: Leongatha to Port Welshpool 72km one way
Leongatha to Koonwarra 7.8km
Koonwarra to Meeniyán 8.2km
Meeniyán to Fish Creek 18.3km
Fish Creek to Foster 12.4km
Foster to Toora 10.2km
Toora to Welshpool 10.2km
Welshpool to Port Welshpool 5km

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities as per map.

Surface: Level 1-2. Suitable for most ages and fitness levels.
Compacted gravel surface.



GRAND RIDGE RAIL TRAIL

The Grand Ridge Rail Trail winds between Mirboo North and Boolarra in the picturesque Strzelecki Ranges. The rail trail runs continuously through eucalypt forest and farmland, along the former railway route. It opened as a trail for walkers, cyclists and horse riders in 1998. The Grand Ridge Rail Trail has start/end points located within the two townships, and an access point midway at Darlimurla.

Access for: 

From: Starts at Baromi Park Car Park, Mirboo North

To: Railway Park, Tarwin St, Boolarra

Length: Mirboo North to Boolarra 13km one way
Mirboo North to Darlimurla 6km
Darlimurla to Boolarra 7km

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities as per map. Limited parking available at Darlimurla.

Surface: Level 1-2. Suitable for most ages and fitness levels.
Compacted gravel surface.

Notes Limited parking at Darlimurla



ROKEBY TO NEERIM RAIL TRAIL

Commencing at Rokeby Common, this trail is part of the original Warragul to Noojee branch line. It passes through the Crossover Regional Park to Neerim South, and then follows the Main Neerim Road to the edge of Neerim. Highlights include the trestle bridge at Crossover, and views of the Tarago Reservoir, Bunyip State Forest and Mount Baw Baw.

Access for: 

From: Rokeby Common, Rokeby to Neerim

To: Neerim

Length: 12.6km one way, 3 hours (return)

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities as per map.

Surface: Level 1. No experience required



MOE YALLOURN RAIL TRAIL

This well-maintained trail begins at the Botanical Gardens in Moe and meanders along the old railway line to Yallourn. It traverses open countryside and bushy areas and features views of Lake Narracan, the Haunted Hills, farmland, mountains and Yallourn power station. The trail passes through the township of Moe and terminates at the imposing Yallourn Power Station. A new addition is the Hall's Bay Loop Track, a 4km loop from the trail down to Lake Narracan with fabulous views of Hall's Bay and back to the trail via South Shore Road.

Access for:



From: Moe Botanic Gardens, Botanic Drive Newborough

To: Eastern Rd, on the east side to Yallourn Power Station

Length: 8.5km one way

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities including BBQ are available as per map

Surface: Level 1. Easy, no experience required. Gravel, flat, well-maintained.



GIPPSLAND PLAINS RAIL TRAIL

This pretty, peaceful trail extends 63km through rural farmland with stunning views of the Great Dividing Range and country towns populated with friendly locals. Stop off at a bakery for a tasty treat, explore a gallery, pick up a bottle of local wine, or choose a country pub or café for lunch. With lots to explore, take your time and stopover along the trail to enjoy the journey. See heritage buildings and tree lined streets of Maffra or view the fascinating Gippsland Vehicle Collection. With V/Line connections at Traralgon and Stratford, you can catch the train back to the start.

Access for:

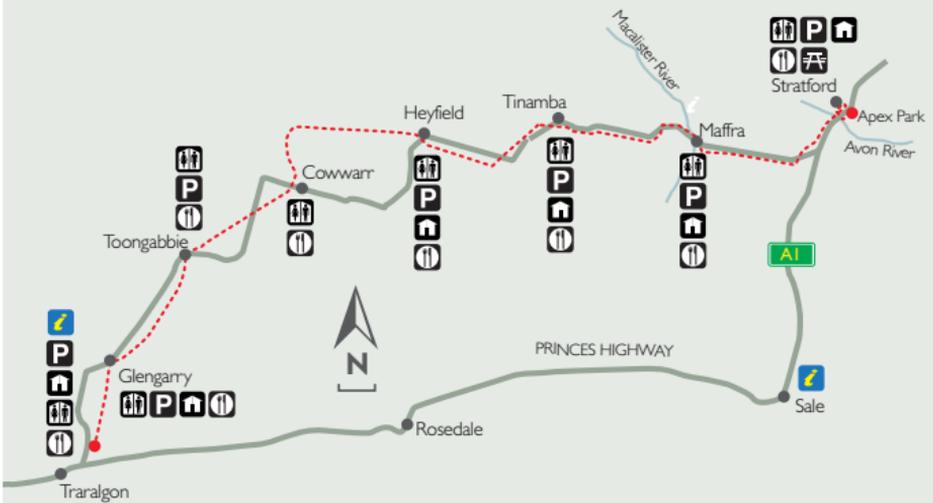


From: Carpark at intersection Burnetts Road and Traralgon Maffra Road, Traralgon

To: Apex Park, Stratford

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities as per map.

Surface: Level 1. No experience required.



EAST GIPPSLAND RAIL TRAIL & GIPPSLAND LAKES DISCOVERY TRAIL

Experience the diversity of East Gippsland's undulating farmland, tall forests, trickling creeks and winding rivers. Travel through scenic flood plains, across historic timber railway bridges, and enjoy glimpses of the Gippsland Lakes before meeting the iconic Snowy River in Orbost. If you are equipped with a mountain bike and want to include a trip out to the lakes on our journey, the Gippsland Lakes Discovery Trail provides a connection out to Lakes Entrance from Seaton Track in the Colquhoun Forest.

Access for: 

From: Howitt Park, McEacham Street, Bairnsdale.

To: The trail ends at Burn Road, Newmerella. However, there is an off-road shared pathway that takes you the last 2km into Orbost. Alternatively, head down the Discovery Trail and finish at Myer St, Lakes Entrance.

Length: Bairnsdale - Orbost 94km (one way)
Bairnsdale - Lakes Entrance 65km (one way)
Bruthen - Lakes Entrance 36km (one way)

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities as per map.

Surface: Level 1 – 2. Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some sections in Colquhoun Forest are level 3. Colquhoun State Forest is suitable only for mountain bikes.



MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS

Explore the ski runs of Mount Baw Baw during the warmer months, when walkers and riders reclaim this magnificent alpine region. Or explore some of Gippsland's fantastic, purpose built mountain bike trails, sure to offer up a challenge for riders from beginners through to advanced. Get your confidence on easier routes and progress to more advanced trails, all in the one location.



MOUNT BAW BAW TRAILS

Once the snow has cleared the mountain is the domain of riders and walkers alike. Set amongst the alpine wilderness and magnificent scenery of the Baw Baw National Park, Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort has a range of hiking and mountain biking trails for all levels of ability. Breathe in the crisp mountain air and explore the resort and surrounding bushland without snow cover; you'll find it hard to beat the views!

Access for:



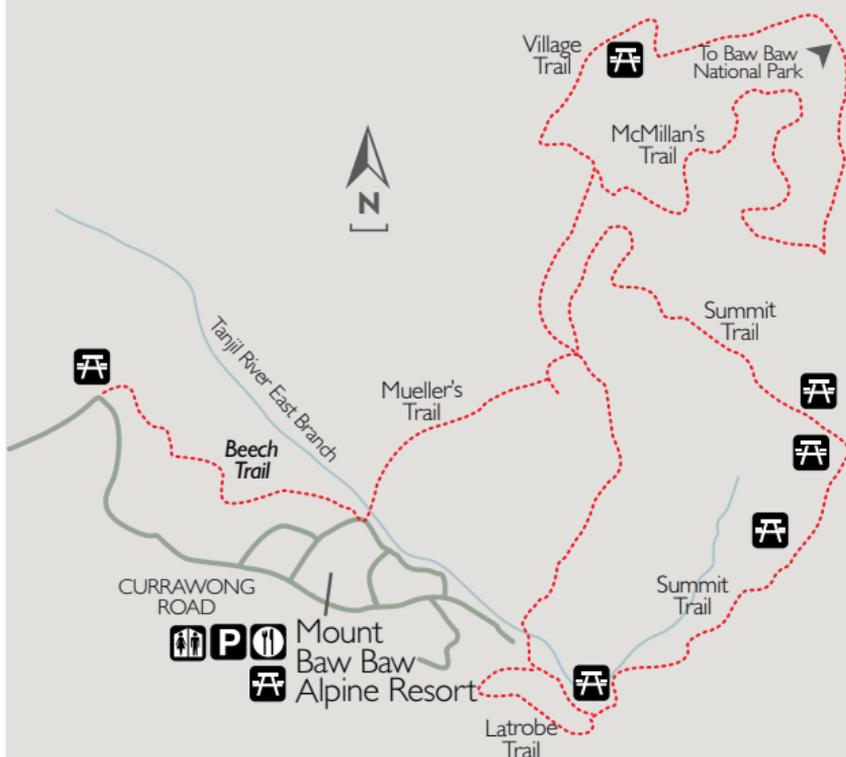
From: Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort

Length: Latrobe Trail 0.5km (return), Beech Trail 1 km (return), Summit Trail 2.3km (return), Village and McMillan's Trail 4.5km (return) and Mueller's Trail 0.5km (return)

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities are available in Mount Baw Baw Resort Village.

Surface: Level 1 – 3. Level 1 (Beech and Latrobe), Level 2 (Summit, Village and McMillan's) and Level 3 (Mueller's). Surface is rough dirt track; more difficult walks have steep sections.

Notes: Please ensure you stay on marked trails. Trails may close due to weather conditions so please check with the Resort before you go.





BLORES HILL MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

Blores Hill Mountain Bike Park is a magnificent area of natural bushland just a few minutes north of Heyfield on the Tinamba-Glenmaggie Road. Set on approximately 50 acres of land managed by Parks Victoria and maintained by Gippsland Mountain Bike Club, Blores Hill boasts an array of trails specifically designed for mountain bike riders. Blores Hill is one of the best mountain bike areas in Victoria, with riders coming from all over the state to ride. Not only for experienced riders, Blores Hill MTB Park is fun for all the family and makes for an active and enjoyable day out!

Access for:



From: Ostbergs Road or Tinamba-Glenmaggie Road, Tinamba West

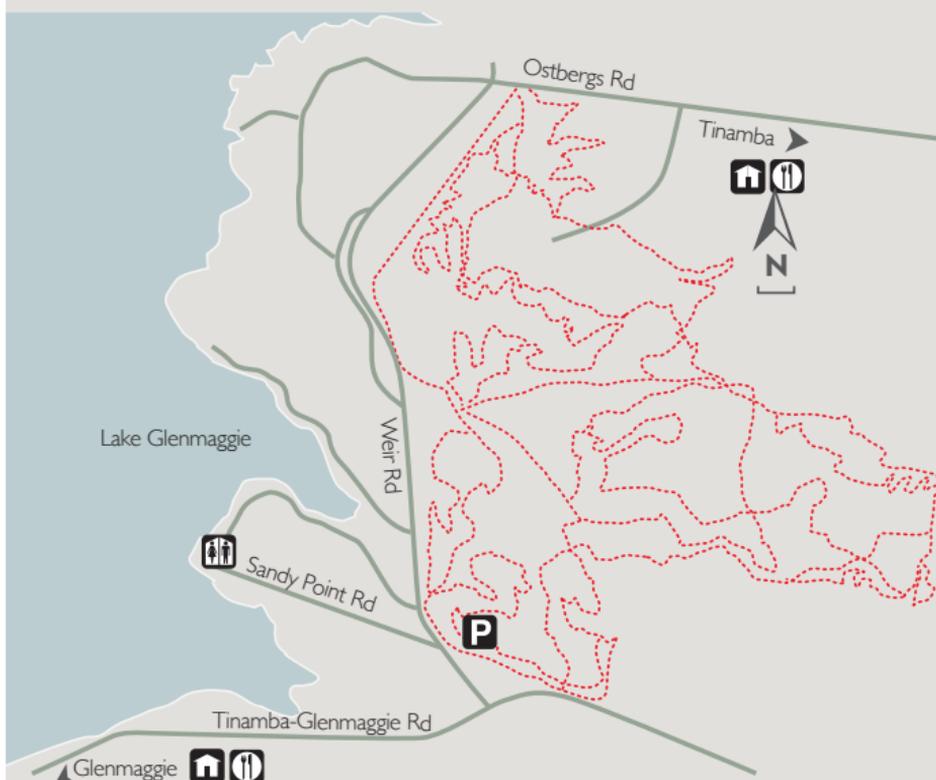
To: Return circuits

Length: Various length tracks across 50 acres of land

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink and toilets are available as per map

Surface: Level 1-3. Many trails of different styles and difficulties, ranging from beginners to the most experienced with features including jumps, bridges, rocky outcrops, technical elements and flowing trails throughout the beautiful bushland.

Notes: For more detailed maps and information please see signage at the park.



NOWA NOWA MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

This dedicated mountain bike park is set amidst the beautiful bushland of Nowa Nowa, a haven for those who love outdoor activities. All the tracks are smooth, single tracks and there are a range of trails to suit all abilities. Track One is an easy ascent and then you have a choice of trails downhill over several kilometres. Get your confidence and improve your bike handling skills on the easier loops, then progress onto more challenging trails.

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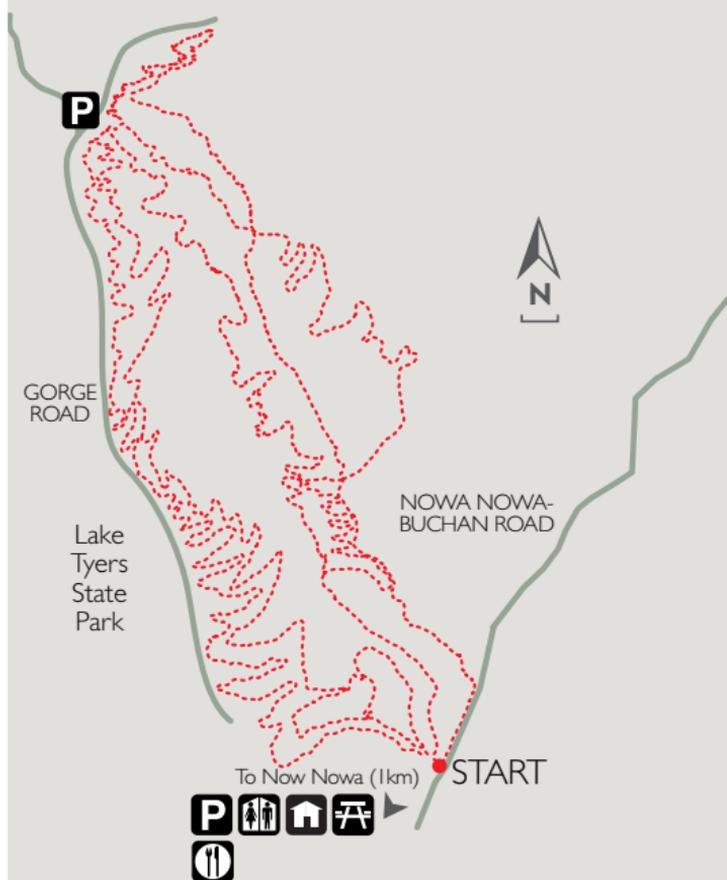
From: Network of trails beside the Nowa Nowa – Buchan Road

Length: 35km of trails including 20km of mountain bike trails and 15km of shared tracks

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities including BBQ are available as per map

Surface: Level 1 – 3. Rough dirt track. Affiliated with the International Mountain Bike Association, meeting a world standard in mountain biking. There is a map at the entrance with ratings for all the trails.

Notes: Loops six and seven are suitable for children.



DISCOVER BASS COAST



Located just over an hour from Melbourne, Bass Coast is a haven for incredible experiences. Get up close and personal with fascinating creatures, explore stunning coastline trails with sensational scenic views, indulge in fine wine and gourmet foods, or just cruise around and revel in

the diverse range of attractions, shops, and events.

If you love a little exercise, fresh air and a great view, Phillip Island and the Bass Coast have over 40 different bush walks, coastal walks and cycling tracks. Did we mention we're home to Victoria's only coastal Rail Trail? There's even a chance you'll spot some wildlife along the way, ranging from rare bird species and koalas to humpback whales! Make sure you pack your most comfortable shoes and best bring your camera so you can take the spectacular scenery home with you.

For a complete guide of Bass Coast Walks and Trails visit **www.visitbasscoast.com** or call into one of our accredited Visitor Information Centres located on Phillip Island (Newhaven and Cowes) and Inverloch.



GEORGE BASS COASTAL WALK

One of the most magnificent walks in the region, follow in the footsteps of famous explorer, George Bass, on his coastal discovery voyage along this cliff-top path. This spectacular trail rises high above the pounding surf of Bass Strait and offers panoramic coastal views, before its winding path detours across the beach and through farmland to the Punchbowl Coastal Reserve. Beach access is at low tide.

Access for:



From: Southern end of Punchbowl Road, off the Phillip Island Road.

To: Bass Highway (opposite the hall at Peppermint Road) in Kilcunda.

Length: 14km, 4-6 hours walking (return)

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic tables are available as per map.

Surface: Level 2 – 3. Moderate to difficult. Various surfaces – mowed grass, mud, beach sand. The track surface can be slippery, so sturdy footwear should be worn.



CAPE WOOLAMAI WALKS

The highest point on Phillip Island, Cape Woolamai is home to not only spectacular views, but up to a million shearwaters between October and April each year. This area is a hiker's delight with a array of walks to choose from, including the Pinnacles Walk, Old Granite Quarry Walk and Cape Woolamai Beacon Walk - or make a day of it and embark on all three as part of the Cape Woolamai Circuit.

Access for: 

From: Woolamai Beach Road, Cape Woolamai, Phillip Island.

To: Woolamai Beach Road, Cape Woolamai, Phillip Island.

Length: Pinnacles Walk (green markers) – 4.5km / 1.5 hours (return)
Old Granite Quarry (blue markers) – 6km / 2 hours (return)
Cape Woolamai Beacon Walk (black markers) – 6.6km / 2.5 hours (return)
Cape Woolamai Circuit (all three walks combined) – 8km / 4 hours (return)

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities are available as per map.

Surface: Level 2. Moderate. Sand, exposed tree roots, uneven ground, cliff edges, and can be muddy.



THE GURDIES NATURE CONSERVATION RESERVE

This 260 hectare reserve is an ideal place for discovering flora and fauna, including kangaroos and wombats. As well as native animals, you'll also find a wide variety of eucalyptus and wild orchids. The multiple walking tracks will take you through the largest remaining area of native vegetation on the eastern shore of Western Port.

Access for:



From: Bass Highway or Dunbabbins Road, The Gurdies

Length: Circuit 5.8km / 1 ½ hours (return)

Facilities:

- Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities are available as per map.
- There are no toilets on the walk, closest are in Grantville.

Surface: Level 1. Easy. Sand and gravel.

Notes: Not suitable for prams.



CONSERVATION HILL & RHYLL INLET WALKS

Rhyll Inlet is a world renowned habitat for migratory waders and resident birds, and its tranquil mangroves and wetlands are listed under the Ramsar Convention as having international importance. Along the walks you'll find an array of boardwalks that loop through the mangroves, saltmarsh and mudflats. You may even be treated to the presence of spoonbills, oyster catchers, herons, egrets and cormorants.

Access for:



From: Conservation Hill Reserve, Cowes-Rhyll Road

To: Beach Road, Rhyll

Length: Mangrove Boardwalk – 1.2km / 25 minutes (return)
McIlwraith Road Lookout – 4.5km / 1 hour (return)
Rhyll Village – 7km / 2.5 hours (return)

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities are available as per map.

Surface: Level 1 - 2. Easy to moderate. Compacted granitic sand, boardwalk, grass.



SCREW CREEK TOWNSEND BLUFF ESTUARY WALK

Enjoy an undulating walk over the boardwalks, saltmarsh and mangroves of Screw Creek, and be rewarded with scenic views over Anderson Inlet from the Townsend Bluff lookout. The Screw Creek Townsend Bluff Estuary Walk splits after the bridge at Screw Creek, with the left track continuing on to fishing platforms, and the right track winding up to the Bluff.

Access for:



From: Foreshore Camping Reserve Road, Inverloch

To: Townsend Bluff lookout, Inverloch

Length: 2km / 30 minutes (return)

Facilities:

- Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities are available as per map.
- Inverloch has toilets, food, drink and picnic amenities.

Surface: Level 1. Easy. Soft sand, compacted gravel, boardwalks and steps.



DISCOVER PROM COUNTRY



Prom Country is located in South Gippsland, a leisurely two-hour drive from Melbourne. The region is renowned for its spectacular scenery, unspoilt beaches, towering forests and farm fresh produce. A nature-lover's paradise, Prom Country is home to Wilsons Promontory National Park.

FOOD & WINE

Prom Country boasts several wineries producing cool-climate red and white table wines. The region is also fortunate to grow a wide range of farm-fresh produce, which is lovingly transformed into mouth-watering delights at our many cafés, pubs and restaurants. Farmers' markets are held regularly in Prom Country to sell produce direct from the farmer to you.

VILLAGES

The region is host to a number of charming villages and towns, bursting with colour and country hospitality. Come visit and discover what each has to offer.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Many artists and craftspeople have chosen to make Prom Country their home, creating a vibrant arts community. Throughout the region there is a wide variety of galleries and several stores featuring quality products from local artists and craftspeople.

To help plan your trip phone the Prom Country Visitor Information Centre on 1800 630 704 and visit www.visitpromcountry.com.au



POINT SMYTHE WALK

A sheltered walking track on windy days, the Point Smythe Walk takes you through masses of coastal vegetation and onto the beach at Point Smythe.

Access for:



From: End of Lees Road, Venus Bay

Length: 6km (return)

Facilities:

- Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic facilities are available in Venus Bay.
- There are no toilets on the walk, closest are at Beach 5 and Jetty & Boat Ramp, Venus Bay.

Surface: Level 1-2. Easy, gravel.



TARWIN LOWER TO VENUS BAY PATHWAY

Follow the banks of the Tarwin River between the townships of Tarwin Lower and Venus Bay on this gently undulating shared pathway. Start at the 'Long Table' in Tarwin Lower, and enjoy an easy scenic journey between these two towns.

Access for:



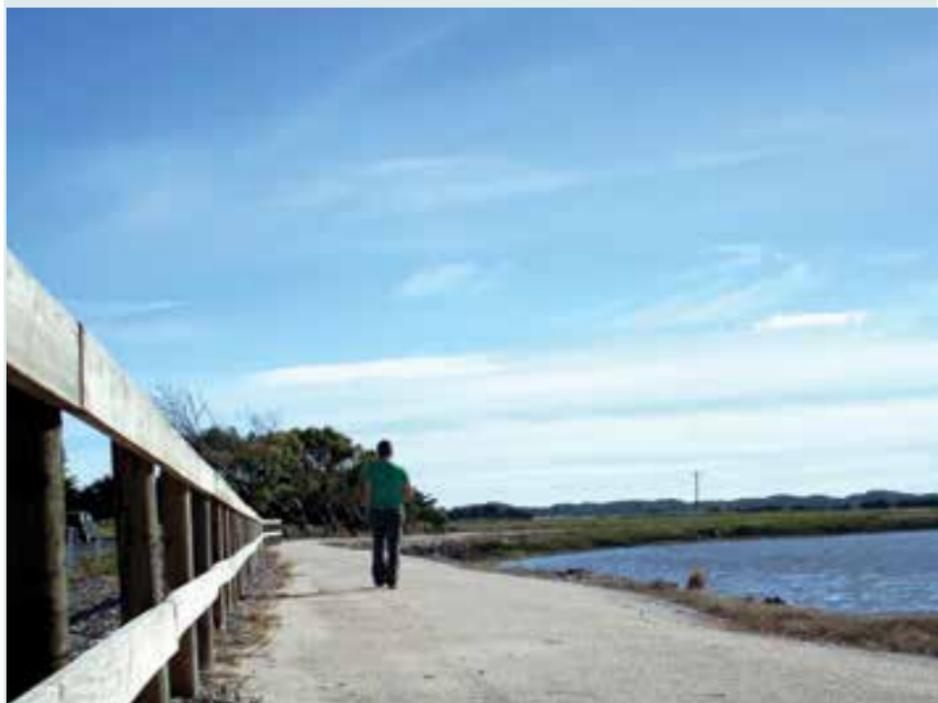
From: The Long Table, River Drive, Tarwin Lower

To: Town Centre, Jupiter Blvd, Venus Bay

Length: 10km (return)

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities are available as per map.

Surface: Level 1. Easy, compacted gravel.



WILSONS PROMONTORY

Wilson's Promontory or 'The Prom' as it is commonly referred is one of Victoria's most-loved National Parks. Offering a multitude of walks for all ages and fitness levels, visitors can choose from short walks, day walks and overnight hikes. A nature lovers' paradise, the walks include temperate rainforest, beautiful beaches and spectacular views.

Access for: 

From: The walks are located in various locations within Wilsons Promontory National Park.

Length: Short walks, day walks and overnight hikes

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities are available as per map.

Surface: Level 1 - 4. Easy, Moderate and Challenging walks. Surfaces vary including sand, gravel and boardwalks.

Notes: A TrailRider and a range of beach wheelchairs are available from the visitor centre. Contact the Tidal River Visitor Centre for walks suitable for children and prams. For detailed maps and walking information see parks.vic.gov.au or see the Tidal River Visitor Centre.





LYREBIRD FOREST WALK

A moderate one and a half hour bushwalk through native forests typical of South Gippsland. The track follows the Little Morwell River through green gullies of eucalypts and tree fern before reaching open farmland. The elusive Lyrebird is often seen on this walk, noted for its ability to imitate the calls of other birds, it can also reproduce the sound of car horns, chain saws and other man-made noises. Walk the full circuit or take a secondary link track to Coral Fern Gully back to the carpark via a shorter 3km route.

Access for:



From: Car park 3.3km north of Mirboo North on the Strzelecki Highway

Length: 4.8km (return)

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities are available in Mirboo North

Surface: Level 1-2. Easy, gravel.

Notes: Wheelchair and pram access limited to first 750 metres.



DISCOVER BAW BAW REGION



The Baw Baw region, in West Gippsland, is just an hour east of Melbourne, it is a region of diversity and beauty, from the majesty of the Baw Baw plateau down to lush valleys and gourmet country pastures. A feast for the senses awaits with breathtaking scenery, adventure, history and a myriad of events.

Here you will find the food and wine treasures of West Gippsland. Fill your basket with the freshest local produce and discover quality wineries offering a boutique cellar door experience. This region is also home to many artists, craft and antique businesses, many of whom can be found in Yarragon Village.

Visit the villages of Erica, Rawson and the Mt Baw Baw Alpine Village. Go camping, 4WDing, paintballing, gold panning, trout fishing or simply sit by the river with a picnic.

Don't miss Walhalla, a once-flourishing gold mining town preserved beautifully from the 19th century. Now home to only a handful of permanent residents, it offers the perfect weekend escape.

Mt St Gwinear and Mt Baw Baw provide year-round activities for the whole family with a wide variety of snow activities in the winter, and hiking, mountain biking and picnics in the summer.

For a complete guide of trails in the Baw Baw region visit visitbawbaw.com.au



TWO TOWNS TRAIL

The Two Towns Trail is an 8km walking and cycling pathway linking the two towns of Drouin and Warragul. The trail travels between Civic Park in Drouin and Rotary Park in Warragul and links with the Linear Park Trail at the Warragul end. Cycle your way between the thriving towns of Drouin and Warragul on a wide, easy shared pathway. Enjoy wetlands, boardwalks, and picturesque views of the Baw Baw Ranges, Mount Worth and the Strzelecki Ranges.

Access for:



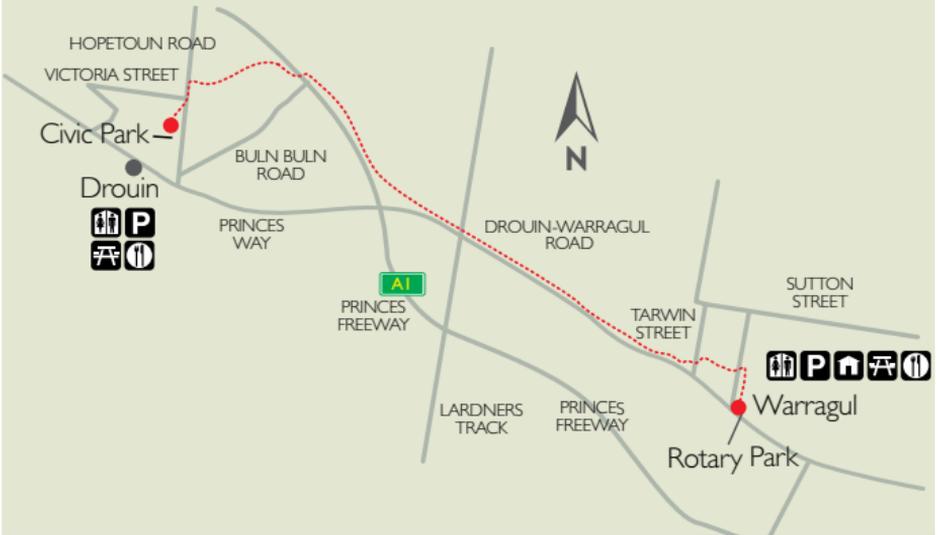
From: Civic Park, Drouin.

To: Rotary Park in Warragul, links with the Linear Park Trail at the Warragul end.

Length 8km (one way)

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities are available as per map.

Surface: Level 1. No experience required – suitable for beginners and children. The tracks is sealed the whole way including a couple of wooden boardwalks.



NOOJEE TRESTLE BRIDGE RAIL TRAIL

This trail is part of the branch line from Warragul that opened in 1919. It was gradually closed in sections between 1954 and 1958. The Noojee Trestle was destroyed by fire in 1939, and rebuilt again in the same year. It is an impressive structure spanning 102 metres, is 21 metres high, and is supported by 19 sets of piles. A stroll across the Noojee Trestle Bridge is one of the Baw Baw Region's must-do activities.

Access for: 

From: Old station site in Noojee village, opposite the start of School Rd

To: Trestle Bridge

Length 6km (return)

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities are available as per map.

Surface: Level 1 – Gentle terrain, shady and sheltered from wind. Step steps at each end near carpark.



POVERTY POINT BRIDGE WALK

Follow the Thomson River from the Thomson River Bridge (Walhalla Rd) to the Poverty Point Bridge and back. This is a picturesque loop walk where you can walk upstream on one side of the river and return on the other. Keep your eye out for the remains of the old tramways and dry stone walling that once supported the timber tramway from Walhalla.

Access for: 

From: Thomson River Bridge, 4km from Walhalla

Length: 8km, 3 hours (return)

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities are available as per map.

Surface: Level 1-2. Suitable for most ages and fitness levels.



TOORONGO FALLS VIA AMPHITHEATRE FALLS LOOP TRACK

The circular walking track at Toorongo Falls Reserve takes in both the Toorongo and Amphitheatre Falls with spectacular viewing platforms. Two walking options are available for those who wish to explore. Wander through the tranquil forest with the sound of the falls and river running, then round the corner and get your first glimpse of the majestic Toorongo Falls. Head back to the car park or continue on the loop to the viewing platform over the river for the Amphitheatre Falls.

Access for:



From: Car park at the Toorongo Falls Reserve, Noojee, located 4km east of the township of Noojee on the Toorongo Falls Rd.

Length: 2.2km, 1 hour (return)

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities are available as per map

Surface: Level 1. No experience required – suitable for beginners and children.





DISCOVER CENTRAL GIPPSLAND

Central Gippsland encompasses the diversity of wide open farmland and mountain ranges, vibrant regional centres and villages where life moves at a slower pace. Tarra Bulga National Park boasts giant Mountain Ash and pockets of cool temperate rainforest, waterfalls, mountain streams and a suspension bridge connected by a network of trails. If flowers are your passion, the Morwell National Park has more than 40 species of native orchid. Further afield, the legends of the mountain cattlemen were born on the Dargo High Plains and the Alpine National Park contains some of Australia's most stunning scenery.



Central Gippsland offers a range of quality dining experiences that draw upon the rich diversity of fresh local produce and you'll be delighted with the range of small wineries in magnificent natural settings. The talented artists of Central Gippsland exhibit

their work not only in the intimate studios that showcase local arts, but in the Latrobe Regional Gallery in Morwell and the Gippsland Art Gallery in Sale.

At the western entrance to the Gippsland Lakes, the Port of Sale is the gateway to Australia's largest inland waterway. A short drive east takes you to 90 Mile Beach, a strip of pristine white sand along one of the world's few unspoilt beaches.

For a complete guide of Central Gippsland trails visit visitlatrobevalley.com, centralgippsland.com.au or call into our accredited Visitor Information Centres located in Traralgon and Sale.



TARRA BULGA NATIONAL PARK

Tarra-Bulga National Park is known for its giant Mountain Ash trees, beautiful fern gullies and ancient Myrtle Beeches. The park covers some of the best examples of original cool temperate rainforests of the Strzelecki Ranges and features the Corrigan Suspension Bridge, which stretches through the rainforest canopy, offering spectacular views of the lush tree-fern gullies below. There are several short walks and some longer trails for more experienced walkers looking for a challenge.

Access for:



From: The Tarra-Bulga Visitor Centre at the end of Grand Ridge Road is closest to Corrigan Suspension Bridge OR the Tarra Valley Picnic Shelter on Tarra Valley Road is closest to Cyathea Falls

To: Various circuit walks

Length: Walks range from 700m to 12km, and suit a wide range of abilities.

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities are available as per map.

Surface: Level 1-2. Shorter tracks are well maintained, longer tracks may be wet & muddy.

Notes: Lyrebird Ridge, leaving from the Tarra-Bulga Visitor Centre, is suitable for prams and wheelchairs. The Tarra Bulga visitor centre is open on weekends.



TARRA TRAIL

The Tarra Trail follows the historic Great Southern Railway route through farmland with views of the Strzelecki Ranges and Wilsons Promontory. An easy-to-ride trail which is perfect for young children, the Tarra Trail is also close to seaside Port Albert for a post-ride meal. The trail connects with other local pathways making it possible to start or finish the trail from many locations in either town.

Access for: 

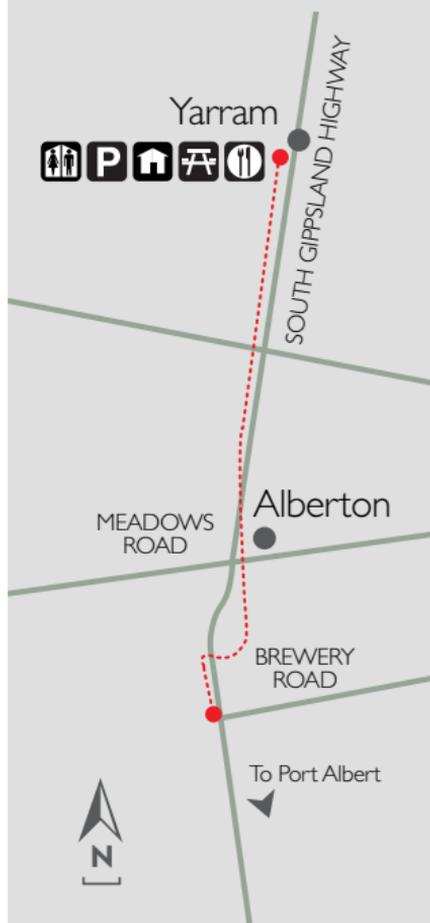
From: Lawler Street Yarram (Access from Bland Street)

To: Primary School No. 1, Alberton

Length: 14km (return)

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities are available as per map

Surface: Level 1. Compacted gravel, suitable for many abilities.



FOSTERS GULLY NATURE WALK – MORWELL NATIONAL PARK

Nestled in the foothills of the Strzelecki Ranges and surrounded by Mountain Grey Gums, this little park is perfect for nature lovers. Wildlife abounds, with echidnas, kangaroos, possums, wallabies and wombats often spotted. Koalas are commonly napping in the trees so don't forget to look up! Birdlife features in this accessibly sized park that is rich in species, with nearly 100 native birds identified in the park. Listen out for the superb Lyrebird's amazing repertoire of mimicry, and if you are lucky you might even glimpse the elusive bird. Over 43 varieties of orchids, including the delicate Pink Spider Orchid, can be found in the dry eucalypt woodlands as well as in the fern gullies along the creek.

Access for:



From: Kerry Road picnic area, Kerry Road, Yinnar South

Length: 2.3km loop, approximately one hour.

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, toilets and picnic amenities are available as per map

Surface: Level 1 - Suitable for most ages and fitness levels.



GIPPSLAND HERITAGE & ABORIGINAL CULTURAL WALK

The Gippsland Heritage Walk is a tribute to immigrants who have lived and worked in Gippsland. The walk showcases photographs, timelines and stories beside a commemorative naming wall and brass sculpture of a young migrant. Combine this walk with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Trail for a longer walk through the region's history, where signage relays stories and meanings of the Gunaikurnai's cultural heritage. Explore a bush-tucker garden and indigenous vegetation including Black Wattle used to create boomerangs and nulla nullas. Together, these walks provide an extraordinary presentation of our history.

Access for:



From: The Welcome Archway, Kernot Lake, Princes Drive, Morwell

Length: 600 metre circuit

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities are available as per map

Surface: Level 1 – Suitable for most ages and fitness levels.



TRARALGON RAILWAY RESERVOIR CONSERVATION RESERVE

A sanctuary of natural wetlands for native flora and fauna, the reserve was originally established in 1880 to supply water for the steam trains. Today, the peaceful reserve is home to migratory and local water birds. With approximately 3 kilometres of walking tracks, explore the small lake and further to a canyon at the western end. A photographers' haven, try the bird hide for that special shot, best at sunrise or sunset, and as the weather warms up, wildflowers abound. A great picnic location with table, shelter and information pavilion, plus a large wooden deck perfect for kids to feed the ducks.

Access for:



From: 116 Hickox Street, Traralgon

To: 116 Hickox Street, Traralgon

Length: 3km circuit

- Facilities:
- Accommodation, parking and picnic amenities are available as per map
 - Please note there are NO toilets
 - Large wooden decking area perfect for kids to feed the ducks or for wedding ceremonies

Surface: Level 1 – Suitable for most ages and fitness levels.

Notes: Wheelchair access: Limited.



EDWARD HUNTER BUSH RESERVE

So close to the CBD of Moe, this tranquil 58 ha bush reserve is home to native wildlife and rich native forest, ferns and native orchids. Several walking tracks, bridges and boardwalks lead you through the reserve to a lake where you can enjoy a picnic in the rotunda and watch the waterbirds from viewing platforms. You may also catch sight of resident swamp wallabies, echidnas and lizards including blue tongues. Perfect for bird enthusiasts and nature lovers with beautiful birdsong and the smell of trees and wild flowers. A tranquil bushland setting for a walk amongst nature.

Access for:



From: Coalville Road, Moe

To: Coalville Road, Moe

Length: Coral Fern walk - 750m, George Toye track - 1.26km, Heart Starter track - 2.7km

Facilities:

- Picnic amenities and parking as per map.
- Please note there are NO toilets, the closest are in Moe

Surface: Level 1 – Easy, dirt track and boardwalks, some steps. The heart starter track is steep and more challenging.

Notes: Wheelchair access: Limited



SALE COMMON WETLANDS AND RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL

Boardwalks wind their way through freshwater marshes and Red Gum woodlands, starting from the edge of the swamp through to deeper water. A lookout gives you views of the northern section, see an enormous variety of birdlife along with some of the plants and smaller pond life in the Morass. At the top of the Common, you can continue your walk onto the Lakes precinct, taking in both Lake Guyatt and Lake Guthridge, or from the bottom end of the Common, you can walk further onto the historical Swing Bridge.

Access for:



From: Wellington Visitor Information Centre, Foster Street, Sale

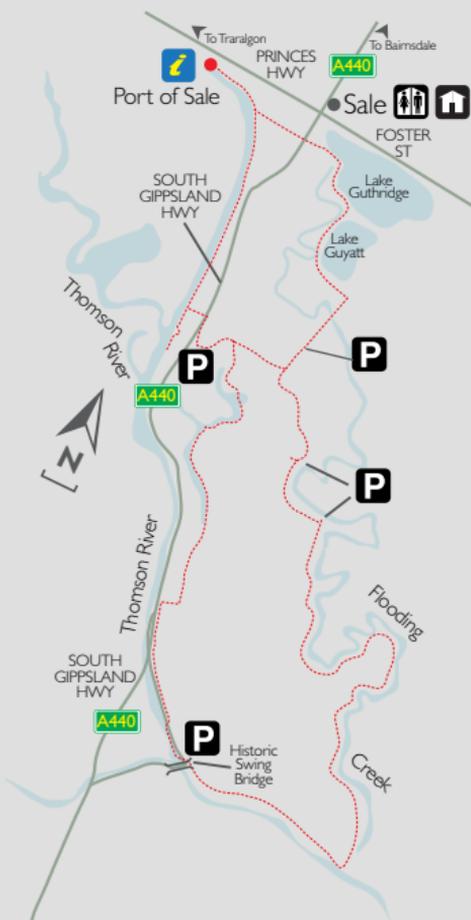
To: Sale Common Wetlands or extend to the Swing Bridge, shorter circuits available

Length: 2km to McArdules gap, 7km Lake Guthridge/Guyatt, 13km Swing Bridge (return)

Facilities: Accommodation and parking, are available as per map

Surface: Level | Suitable for most ages and fitness levels

Notes: There is also a Liberty Swing on Guthridge Parade, Lake Guthridge.



THE BRYCE GORGE CIRCUIT

Bryce Gorge is not only Victoria's most impressive ravine it is also home to two of the state's finest waterfalls, Pieman Falls and Conglomerate Falls. The walk starts at the carpark on the Howitt Road and follows a well defined track across open snow plains for about 1.7 km to the waterfall on Pieman Creek then returns to the main track and continues around the clifftops of Bryce Gorge for 2 km to Conglomerate Falls. The Bryce Gorge Circuit also takes in Guy's Hut which was built in 1940 and is an excellent example of bush architecture.

Access for: 

From: Howitt Road carpark 65km north of Licola

Length: 8km, approx 2.5hr (return)

Facilities: Parking and toilet facilities are available as per map

Surface: Level 3. Some bushwalking experience recommended

Notes: The best walking/cycling period lasts from early November until late March, as the area is usually snow-covered during winter and early spring. Weather conditions can change rapidly at any time of the year though, so please be prepared with the appropriate clothing, food and water supplies, and safety equipment.



DISCOVER EAST GIPPSLAND



With nine national parks including Croajingolong, the legendary Snowy River; Errinundra, Alpine and Mitchell River and the outstanding Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park, East Gippsland is a true paradise for bush walkers, canoeists, campers and nature lovers.

East Gippsland is renowned as the boating capital of Australia. East of Bairnsdale the expansive beauty of the Gippsland Lakes unfolds before you. Visit the charming villages on the water and fish from a shady spot on the water's edge, drop a line from one of the many jetties or take a boat to the 90 Mile Beach.

If you prefer the mountains, you can create your own adventure in the Omeo Region with high country adventures such as white water rafting, horse riding, mountain biking, four-wheel driving and fishing in clear mountain streams amongst beautiful scenery.

East Gippsland is the perfect place to fill your esky with local produce. Visit the jetties to buy plump juicy scallops on the shell or prawns and flathead for your dinner. Savour the distinctive vintages of wines with full fruit flavours and rich cool climate characters.

For a complete guide of East Gippsland Walks and Rides visit www.visiteastgippsland.com.au or call into one of our accredited Visitor Information Centres located in Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance and Metung.



DEN OF NARGUN LOOP ON THE MITCHELL RIVER

A Nargun, according to Gunai/Kurnai tribal legends, was a fierce half-human half-stone creature that lived in the Den of Nargun. The Den was a special place for women of the Gunai tribe, used for women's initiation and learning ceremonies. A very significant Aboriginal site, this walk is part of the Bataluk Cultural Trail, which explores sites of significance to Gunaikurnai history and culture. This walk features the Bluff Lookout with views of the Mitchell River Gorge, deep green pockets of warm temperate rainforest and Woolshed Creek.

Access for:



From: Den of Nargun picnic area on Wallers Road, in the Mitchell River National Park

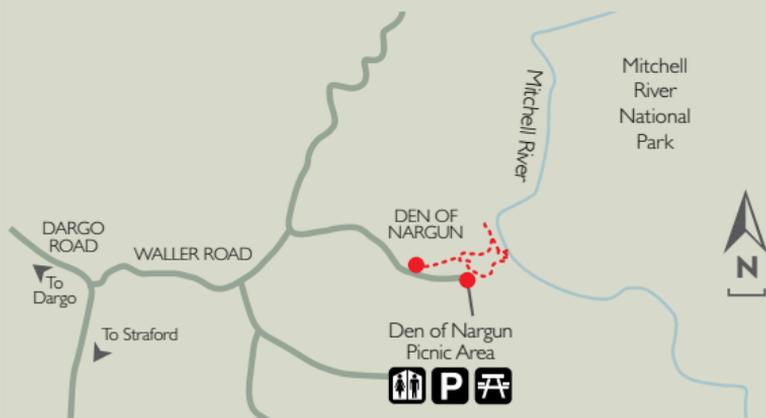
To: Den of Nargun picnic area on Wallers Road, in the Mitchell River National Park

Length: 5km, 1.5 hours (return)

Facilities: Parking, toilets and picnic amenities including BBQ are available as per map

Surface: Level 3. Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience recommended.

Notes: The Gunaikurnai people and Parks Victoria ask you to respect this special place by not entering the cave.



AH FONG'S LOOP OMEO

In its day, the Oriental Claims was one of the largest gold-slucing operations in the world. Today many of the mining remnants, caves and mining sites can be viewed along the short walks around the heritage listed Claims. This leisurely walk takes you to the site originally worked by Ah Fong in 1875, one of the richest and most extensive sites within the Oriental Claims. This historic area is also excellent for viewing birds, orchids and wild flowers.

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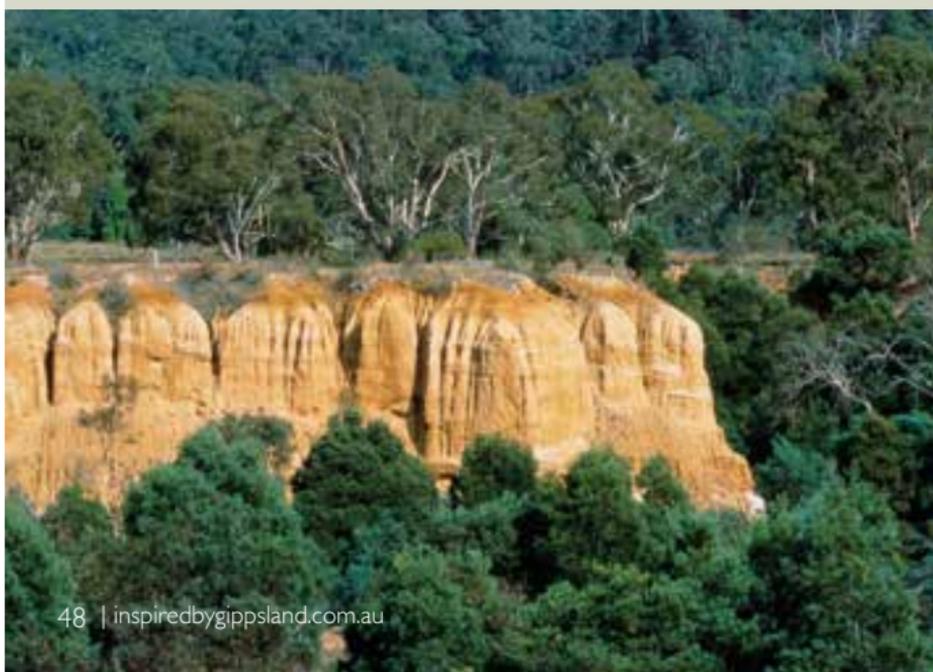


From: Oriental Claims Picnic Area, off the Great Alpine Road, 1.5km from Omeo

Length: 1.5km, 45 minutes (return)

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities including BBQ are available as per map

Surface: Level 2. Gravel surface, some steps. Remain on path to avoid unstable cliffs, caves and mine shafts.



ENTRANCE TO THE LAKES WALK

Cross the footbridge over Cunninghame Arm to walk through coastal bushland along the edge of the lake. Take in views of boats and fishing vessels crossing the bar from historic Flagstaff Hill before returning to the footbridge via the windswept Ninety Mile Beach.

Access for:



From: Cross the footbridge over Cunninghame Arm at Myer St towards the beach. Before the Kiosk, take the path to the right past the information board

Length: 4.6km, 2.5 hours (return)

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities including BBQ are available as per map

Surface: Level 2 - 3. Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some sandy sections.



WILDERNESS COASTAL WALK

The Wilderness Coast Walk extends over 100km from Sydenham Inlet, Croajingolong, to Wonboyn, NSW. We have focused on a section of the walk however you may choose to extend your walk or explore another section. This multiple-day walk features a magnificent section of the trail along an isolated stretch of coastline in Croajingolong National Park including the Sandpatch Wilderness Area. Enjoy a variety of scenery from wide open beaches to small coves with rocky headlands, river estuaries and coastal heathlands.

Access for: 

From: Thurra River via Point Hicks Road south of Cann River

To: Shipwreck Creek via Betka Track (4WD) off Stony Peak Road

Length: 45km, 3 – 4 days (one way)

Facilities: Accommodation, parking, food, drink, toilets and picnic amenities including BBQ are available as per map

Surface: Level 4. Only experienced and suitably equipped hikers should undertake this rugged and remote walk. Be self-sufficient with drinking water

Notes: Must be self-sufficient with drinking water





