

OTWAYS Walks and Waterfalls

...breathe easy



The Otways are a bushwalking paradise. Otway's waterfalls are at their thundering best during winter months and following heavy rainfalls. Tracks are mostly gravel and can be muddy and slippery after rainfall. Appropriate footwear is recommended. Be aware that mobile phones are frequently out of range in the Otways. All times and distances are approximates only. Please check road and track conditions and any closures with the local Visitor Centre before setting out.

WATERFALLS

APOLLO BAY

1) Marriners Falls
Distance: 3.4 km return Time: 40 min return
Difficulty: Easy - Moderate
Start: Marriners Falls carpark
Located at the end of the Barham River Rd. Magnificent tree ferns, lichens and mosses abound on this stunning walk. You will cross over large stepping stones at 4 creek crossings. Note: Track is subject to flooding after heavy rain.

BEECH FOREST

2) Triplet Falls
Distance: 1.8 km loop Time: 1 hr return
Difficulty: Moderate (stairs to be navigated)
Start: Triplet Falls carpark (Phillips Track)
A stunning walk through ancient rainforest and tall timber. View the lower cascades as you follow raised walkways meandering through the forest to the main falls. Three cascades thunder past the nearby viewing platform. The trail runs past an original sawmill site - view the remnant artifacts.

3) Little Aire Falls

Distance: 5 km return walk Time: 2 hr return
Difficulty: Moderate
Start: Triplet Falls carpark
A wonderful return walk through magnificent fern gullies and mountain ash forests, highlighted by a viewing platform elevated 7 metres in the canopy overlooking the Little Aire Falls, arguably the most spectacular in the Otway Ranges.

4) Beauchamp Falls

Distance: 3 km return Time: 1 hr return
Difficulty: Moderate - Difficult
Start: Beauchamp Reserve
Walk passes softwood plantation timber areas. Near the river is a magnificent Mountain Ash forest with large Myrtle Beech, Blackwoods and thick ferns.

5) Hopetoun Falls

Distance: 1 km return Time: 30 min return
Difficulty: Moderate (stairs to be navigated)
Start: Hopetoun Falls Reserve
There is a viewing platform 20 metres from carpark where you can hear and see the roaring water. Alternatively, walk down steps to the falls where it passes through a glade of ferns.

FORREST/BARRAMUNGA

6) Stevensons Falls
Distance: 1 km return Time: 20 min or 1 hr return
Difficulty: Easy
Start: Stevensons Falls Campground
Located off Colac-Skenes Creek road at Barramunga. 7 kilometres of narrow gravel road leads to campground. Commence longer walk from here. Shorter walk available in dry conditions, by driving via second bridge, across the ford to the parking area.

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7) Sabine Falls
Distance: 1.5 km return Time: 1.5 hr return
Difficulty: Difficult
Start: Sabine Falls carpark
Sabine Falls is located off the Sunnyside Road. This can be accessed from Skenes Creek - Forrest Road or Great Ocean Road near Wongarra. This offers a downhill walk through lush rainforest, crossing over two creeks, finishing with a spectacular display of the tallest waterfall in the Otways. Water flows can be limited in summer

WALKS

APOLLO BAY

8) Marriners Lookout
Distance: 1 km return Time: 20 min return
Difficulty: Easy - Moderate
Start: Top of Marriners Lookout Rd
Other: No dogs, buses, caravans/campervans or camping
Follow the track through the gate on a well made, short but steep path for spectacular views of Apollo Bay and Cape Patton. Please respect this private property.

9) Great Ocean Walk

Web: www.greatoceanwalk.com.au
Distance: 91 km one way Time: 8 days
Start: Apollo Bay Finish: Glenample Homestead Princetown
Other: Hikers campsites & untreated watertanks
Overnight camping requires registration with Parks Victoria. Tide charts and map/information guide available for purchase.

CAPE OTWAY

10) Shelly Beach (part of Great Ocean Walk)
Distance: 1.5 km Time: 35 min return
Difficulty: Moderate
Start: Elliott River picnic ground
Follow the Elliott River track 50 metres. Turn left for a further 700 metres to Shelly Beach. Return via the same track. If tide is low, an alternate loop walk can be accessed by walking 400 metres west via the rock platforms. A return track exists at the east side of the mouth of the Elliott River.

11) Maits Rest Rainforest Walk

Distance: 1 km loop Time: 30 min return
Difficulty: Easy - Moderate
Start: Maits Rest carpark
Other: Parking not suitable for coach buses
The boardwalk and main viewing platform is located beneath a 300 year old National Trust registered Myrtle Beech tree. A magnificent walk for all age groups.

12) Cape Otway Lightstation

Location: Cape Otway Lighthouse Rd, Cape Otway
Ph: (03) 5237 9240 Web: www.lightstation.com
Distance: 1 km Time: 45 min return
Difficulty: Easy Start: Lighthouse precinct
Open daily (closed Christmas Day), 9am - 4.45pm. Fees apply. Also includes Cape Otway Cemetery.

LAVERS HILL & MOONLIGHT HEAD

13) Melba Gully
Distance: 1.2 km Time: 35 min return
Difficulty: Easy
Start: Melba Gully carpark
A dense rainforest of Myrtle Beech, Blackwood and tree ferns. See the Big Tree, a huge old Otway Messmate over 200 years old. Glow Worms line the track by night.

14) Wreck Beach

Distance: 2 km Time: 90 min return
Difficulty: Moderate - Difficult
Start: Moonlight Head
Caution: Only walk at low tide & calm seas
Turn right at beach access. Descending over 350 steps, the walk takes you to anchors of the Marie Gabrielle and Jill.

WALKS

COLAC & DISTRICT

15) Lake Colac Foreshore
Distance: 3 km one way Time: 1.5 hr return
Difficulty: Easy
Start: Lake Colac Bird Reserve (Church St)
Finish: Stodart St Open Space Precinct (Stodart St)
Walk along the southern foreshore of Lake Colac, taking in one of Victoria's largest fresh water lakes. The walk which includes shared pathways and informal paths takes in the Lake Colac bird reserve, beneath the Botanic Gardens and along the southern foreshore of Lake Colac.

16) Colac Botanic Gardens

Distance: 1.2 km loop Time: 45 min
Difficulty: Easy
Start: Main Entrance (Gellibrand St)
Walk among the beautiful flora and fauna of the Botanic Gardens, considered to be one of Victoria's unique regional gardens. The 12 hectare gardens offer great views of Lake Colac and the Warriors to the north.

17) Old Beechy Rail Trail

Web: www.railtrails.org.au
Distance: 45 km Colac to Beech Forest
The Old Beechy Rail Trail follows much of the original path of the narrow gauge railway "The Beechy" which ran from 1902 until 1962. The area has scenic forest, rich farmland and rolling hills with the coast not too far away. There is excellent bird life along the trail and rain forest pockets have magnificent eucalypts and blackwoods shading the lush under storey.

BEECH FOREST

18) Otway Fly Tree Top Walk
Location: Phillips Trk, 5 min from Beech Forest
Ph: (03) 5235 9200 Web: www.otwayfly.com
Distance: 2.5 km (treetop section 600 metres) Time: 1.5 hr return
Difficulty: Easy - Moderate
Note: A buggy is available for persons with limited mobility for transport to and from the treetop section. Please phone ahead to check buggy is operational.

Open daily (closed Christmas Day), 9am - 5pm. Fees apply. A unique and spectacular walk amongst the giants of the rainforest, also includes the new dinosaur trail. The platform walk rises 25 metres above ground level and to 47 metres at the lookout tower.

19) Aire Valley Reserve (Redwoods)

Time: 10 min Difficulty: Easy
Start: Aire Valley Rd, (entering from Beech Forest) a short drive past the Hopetoun Falls turnoff
See a spectacular forest of giant Californian Redwoods (Sequoia trees), planted in 1939.

FORREST

20) West Barwon Reservoir
Distance: 400 m Time: 20 min return
Difficulty: Easy Start: West Barwon Reserve
Take a cool climate rainforest walk or take the path from the picnic area and explore the waterways.

21) Lake Elizabeth

Distance: 2 km or 4 km Time: 1 hr or 2 hr
Difficulty: Easy - Moderate Start: Carpark
This 1 hour walk takes you alongside the river and a billabong to the lake. An extended 2 hour walk loops the lake. A colony of platypus resides here. Platypus canoe tours available. Camping, walk in only.

OTWAY TRAILS

These are a series of trails throughout the Otways. They offer walks and tours incorporating heritage, wildlife, attractions, food and wine and scenic views. Notes are available from local Visitor Information Centres and are downloadable from www.visitotways.com.

KENNETT RIVER & WYE RIVER

22) Kennet River Koala Walk
Time: 45 min walk
Start: Grey River Rd
Relax and enjoy as you wind your way along Grey River Rd through koala popular gum forest and into the dense Otway Forest. You might even spot a mother and baby in its native habitat. An opportunity to connect with nature. Access via Gray River Rd.

23) Kennet River Glo-Worm Walk

Time: 1 hr return night walk
Start: Gray River Rd
Take your torch and explore the beauty of glo-worms by night at the Grey River picnic area.

24) Wye River Heritage Walk

Time: 90 Minutes
Start: Wye River Foreshore Picnic Area
Discover the historic township of Wye River and its fascinating timber-milling industry. Also learn about the local indigenous people and the life they lived on the land.

FORREST

25) Forrest Heritage Walk
Distance: 2 km Time: 1 hr
Difficulty: Moderate
Enjoy the fascinating history that this Otway Winterland town has to offer. With a rich tradition in the timber industry and agriculture, this small township has many stories to tell. The walk is lined with 27 plaques installed around the town with photos and information.

COLAC & DISTRICT

(26) Colac Heritage Walk
Time: 1.5 hr
Difficulty: Easy
Start: Colac Visitor Information Centre
Walk the streets of Colac viewing some of the historic buildings along with some of the architecture from days gone, followed by the opportunity to view the picturesque botanical gardens overlooking Lake Colac.

27) Red Rock Volcanic Reserve Drive

Time: 45 min return drive from Colac
Difficulty: Easy (stairs to be navigated)
Red Rock Scenic Lookout offers a ground-level viewing platform or a short stair climb to the top of a dormant volcanic crater complex. On a clear day, 30 distinct lakes can be seen including Lake Corangamite - Australia's largest permanent saline lake.

28) Birregurra Heritage Walk

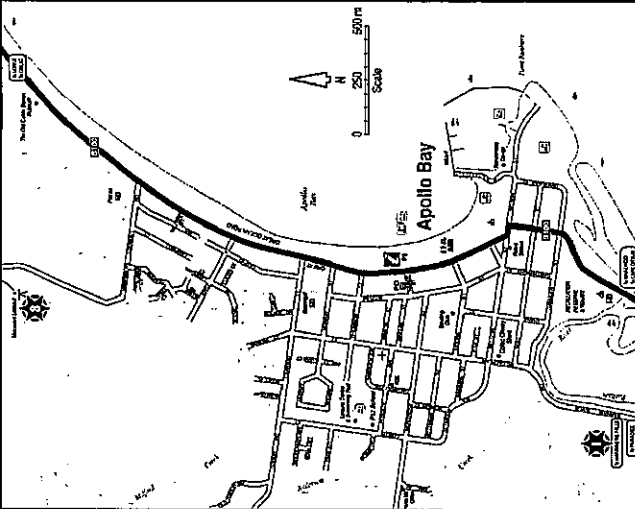
Time: 1.5 hr
Difficulty: Easy
Start: Public Carpark
Discover the historic and scenic beauty of the Birregurra township highlighted by its historic churches and buildings. It also demonstrates its links with the timber industry and its strong sporting connections.

29) Cressy Discovery Trail

Time: 1 hr
Difficulty: Easy
Start: Community Hall
Being a traditional country town, take a stroll through this historic farming town settled in the 1830's with its quaint churches and strong links to the old Victorian Railways.

Driving Times From

To	Time	Kms
Marriners Lookout	15 min	10 km
Maria Rest	10 min	4 km
Cape Orway	25 min	16 km
Lipston	40 min	32 km
Lavers Hill	50 min	49 km
•Mesa Gully •Moonlight Heads •Wind Beach	(1 Hour Moonlight Heads)	
Beech Forest	1 hour	37 km
•Tidal Falls •Orway Fly •Bapichamp Falls •Hopetoun Falls •Red Woods		
Shelly Beach	15 min	5 km
Sabine Falls	35 min	25 km
Stevenson Falls	25 min	34 km
Lake Elizabeth	30 min	48 km
Cape Orway	1.5 hours	94 km
Lipston		
Cavers Hill	55 min	55 km
•Mesa Gully •Moonlight Heads •Wind Beach		
Beech Forest		
•Tidal Falls •Orway Fly •Bapichamp Falls •Hopetoun Falls •Red Woods	50 min	44 km
Lake Elizabeth	40 min	40 kms
Stevenson Falls	45 min	44 kms
Sabine Falls	50 min	50 kms



BUSHFIRE SAFETY TIPS

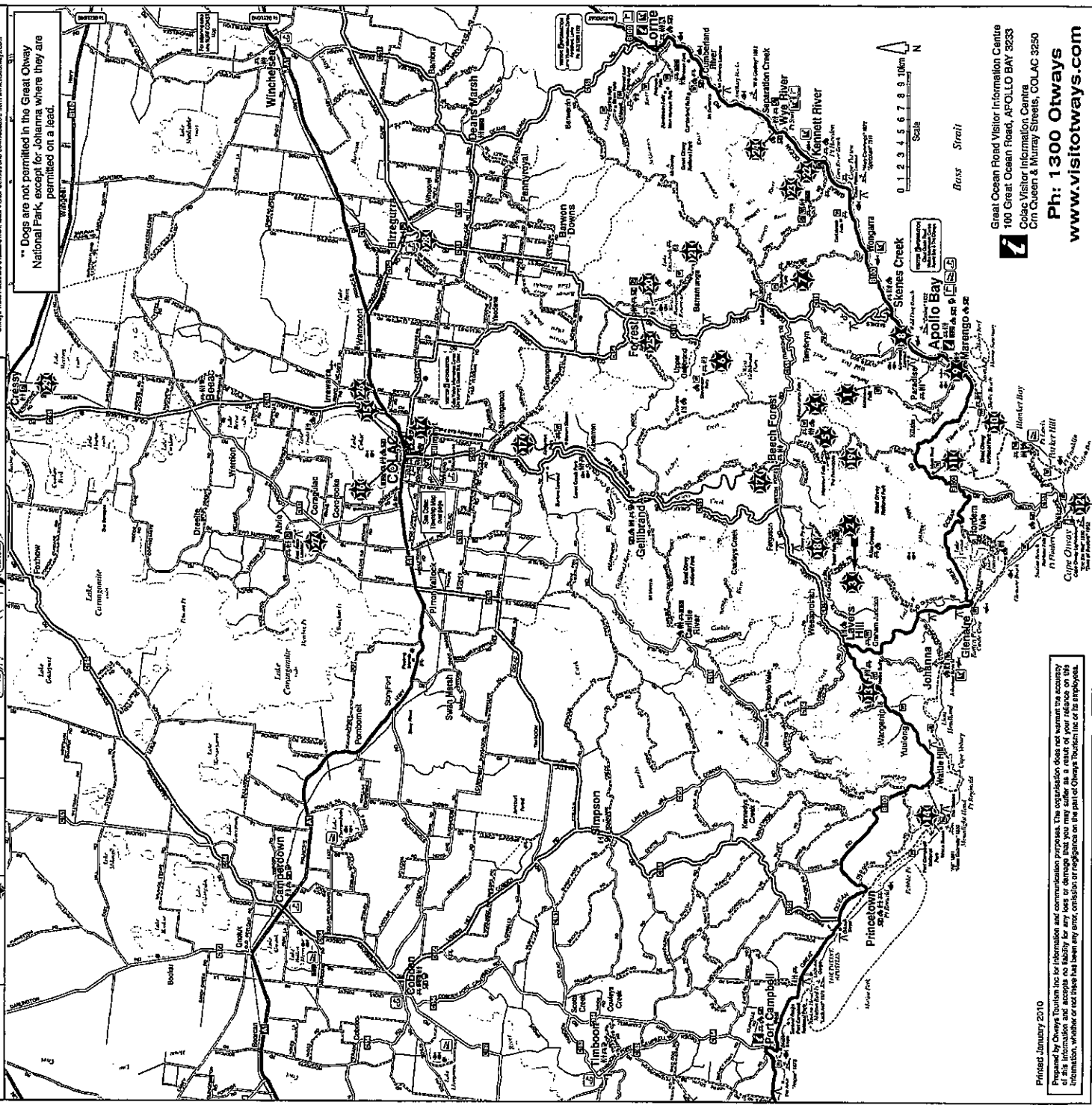
- Smoke and extreme weather conditions can change the weather in the Otway region, carry a fire blanket, extinguisher, water, and a bucket.
- Be aware of Total Fire Ban days as they can be out of range.
- Always carry a fire blanket, extinguisher, water, and a bucket.
- Respect the environment and stay on marked paths - unless for your own safety, the use of signs and warnings.
- It is wise to advise someone of your intended walk location and estimated time of return.

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

	Visitor Information		Public Toilet		Camping		Walk		Water		Hiking
	Great Ocean Road		Camping Ground		Picnic Area		Shade for Bikes		Phone Area		Undercover Picnic Area
	Highway Road Number		Bicycle Facilities		Bike Repair		Dogs Allowed		Accommodation		Cabin operated
	Major Road - Sealed		Bike Viewing Point		Barbecue		Chairs		Wood operated		BBQ
	Major Road - Unsealed		Bike Shop		Camping		Dogs Allowed				
	Minor Road - Sealed		Bike Hire								
	Minor Road - Unsealed		Bike Rental								
	Track		Bike Launching Ramp								
	Track (HWD ONLY)		Fishing - Surf / Rock / Bay, Skuary or Lake								
	Walking Track		National State Forest								
	Great Ocean Walk										

Designated areas are available from local Visitor Centres and downloaded from www.visitotways.com

**** Dogs are not permitted in the Great Otway National Park, except for Jolanna where they are permitted on a lead.**



Great Ocean Road Visitor Information Centre
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Cnr Queen & Murray Streets, COLAC 3250

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