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Welcome to **EAST GIPPSLAND**

Welcome to a playground of nature's best offerings. Of pristine beaches and High Country adventures, untamed rivers, and honeycomb caves, of fertile farmland supplying fresh produce to an abundance of charming villages.

From the unique ecosystems of Australia's Coastal Wilderness to the spectacular rugged mountains of the High Country and the vast system of lakes, rivers and inlets that offer enough variety to meet your every desire.

Discover the adventure, legend and romance of the Snowy River Country, visit the limestone labyrinth of the Buchan Caves or enjoy the hospitality of the Mitchell River flats. Cruise across the Gippsland Lakes or stretch your legs on the golden sand of the Ninety Mile Beach.

It's all waiting for you here in East Gippsland.



The Bluff Reserve, Buchan

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

East Gippsland acknowledges the Gunaikurnai, Monero and the Bidawel people as the Traditional Custodians of the land that encompasses East Gippsland Shire. We pay our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in East Gippsland, their Elders past and present.

ALPINE HIGH COUNTRY

Omeo

Dinner Plain

Swifts Creek

Ensay

GIPPSLAND LAKES

Bruthen

Lindenow

Bairnsdale

Paynesville

Nowa Nowa

Metung

Lake Tyers Beach
Lakes Entrance

Orbost

Marlo

Gelantipy

SNOWY RIVER COUNTRY

Buchan



Bastian Point, Mallacoota

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COASTAL
WILDERNESS

Cann River

Bemm River

Mallacoota

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Victoria's first **ECO ACCREDITED** **DESTINATION**

Welcome to East Gippsland: your eco-friendly adventure awaits!

We're thrilled to share that East Gippsland is now the first destination in Victoria to earn globally certified Eco Destination status! This exciting achievement highlights our commitment to keeping our beautiful region sustainable and welcoming for all.

Here in East Gippsland, we're dedicated to protecting our stunning landscapes, wildlife, and local culture. But we know that being eco-friendly is an ongoing journey, not a final destination. We're constantly working to improve and innovate, making sure that every visit supports our shared goal of a greener, cleaner future.



As you explore, you'll find plenty of ways to travel consciously and help us in our mission. Whether you're staying in eco-friendly accommodation, participating in local conservation efforts, or simply enjoying our pristine natural beauty, every little choice you make contributes to preserving East Gippsland for the future.

So, come and experience the wonders of East Gippsland while joining us on our journey towards sustainability. Your visit helps make a difference, and we're excited to have you as part of our eco-friendly adventure!

Welcome to East Gippsland—where every step you take supports a brighter, greener tomorrow.



Den of Nargun walk/Mitchell River National Park

BE A CONSCIOUS TRAVELLER:

Travel Consciously in East Gippsland

Welcome to East Gippsland! As you explore our beautiful region, we encourage you to travel consciously to protect and respect our wildlife, nature, and local communities. Here are some tips to help you make a positive impact:

WILDLIFE & NATURE

- **Respect Wildlife:** Observe animals from a distance and avoid feeding them.
- **Stay on Trails:** Stick to designated paths to protect habitats.
- **Leave No Trace:** Take all your rubbish with you. Use recycling bins where available.
- **Conserve Water:** Be mindful of water usage.
- **Mindful Recreation:** Participate in water activities responsibly to avoid disturbing aquatic life.
- **Protect Waterways:** Avoid polluting rivers, lakes, and oceans. Use biodegradable products.
- **Fire Bans:** Always check and adhere to local fire bans and restrictions.
- **Campfires:** Only light campfires in designated areas and ensure they are fully extinguished before leaving.

- **Fishing and Hunting:** Obtain necessary permits and follow guidelines for sustainable practices.

CULTURE

- **Honor Local Traditions:** Respect the customs and traditions of local Indigenous communities.
- **Support Local:** Buy local produce, arts, and crafts to support our community.
- **Community Engagement:** Engage with locals to learn more about the regions heritage.

WASTE

- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle:** Minimize waste by using reusable bags, bottles, and containers.
- **Proper Disposal:** Dispose of waste responsibly, especially in natural areas.

TRANSPORTATION

- **Eco-friendly Travel:** Use public transportation, carpool, bike, or walk whenever possible.
- **Carbon Offsetting:** Consider offsetting your travel carbon footprint.

Thank you for helping to keep East Gippsland beautiful and sustainable. Enjoy your visit!

A land of **PROVENANCE**



 Nicholson



Bairnsdale

From the fertile Mitchell River flats and prime mountain grazing land to our bountiful waterways, East Gippsland is a renowned food bowl.

Our mild climate, rich soils, and reliable rainfall make this region ideal for producing award-winning cool temperate pinot noir and chardonnay, as well as an abundance of fresh vegetables, seafood, and gourmet delights from both the high country and coastal areas.

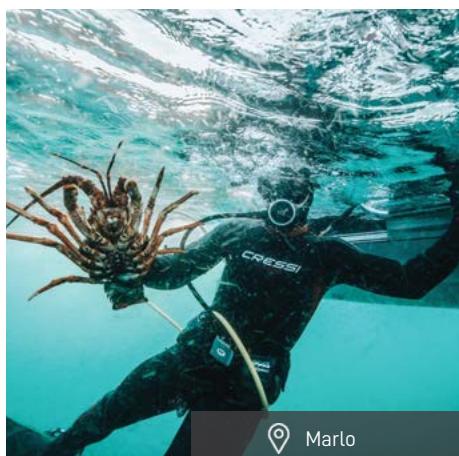
Whether you're enjoying freshly caught seafood, farm-fresh produce, or sampling local wines and craft beers, you'll be tempted by the exceptional flavors on offer. With passionate winemakers, brewers, and producers creating unique tastes that capture the essence of our land and waters, East Gippsland is truly the land of provenance.

To top it all off, East Gippsland boasts an abundance of local farmers' and makers' markets that run nearly every weekend. These markets are a must-visit, offering a treasure trove of fresh produce, handmade goods, and artisanal treats. They're the perfect opportunity to meet the passionate locals behind the food and crafts that define our region.

For an up-to-date schedule of markets across the region reach out to our friendly team at East Gippsland Visitor Services.



Lindenow



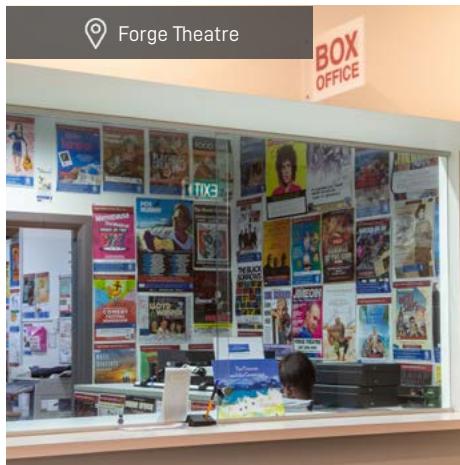
Marlo



Creative **EAST** **GISSLAND**

Experience a vibrant spectrum of creative opportunities that fuel the soul and engage the senses. East Gippsland is a dynamic canvas inspired by its breathtaking natural wonders.

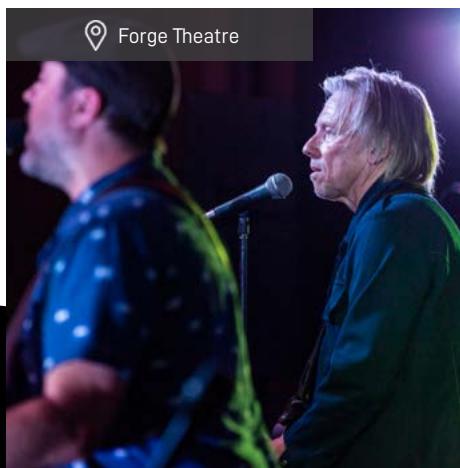
Journey along the East Gippsland Rail Trail and immerse yourself in "Under the Surface," a curated public art project featuring local and internationally renowned artists in Gunaikurnai Country.



Learn about Gunaikurnai art and culture at the Krowathunkooloong Keeping Place in Bairnsdale or the GLaWAC Aboriginal Art Gallery and Bush Café in Kalimna West.

Explore a vibrant network of galleries, workshops, and performance spaces throughout the region, including the East Gippsland Art Gallery, the Great Alpine Gallery, and FLOAT 3909—a unique floating art studio on the tranquil waters of Lake Tyers.

In addition to visual arts, East Gippsland comes alive with live music and theatre. Enjoy local performances that showcase the rich talents of the community or join in on festivals that celebrate the region's vibrant cultural scene. Embrace creativity for all ages, from resin and pottery workshops to fine art classes, and don't miss a night at the theatre or a lively concert under the stars.



In East Gippsland, creativity knows no bounds, inviting you to express yourself in your own unique way.



📍 Bairnsdale

Signature **EVENTS**



Lakes Entrance Footbridge



📍 Buchan Rodeo

OPERA BY THE LAKES

March, Nyerimilang

Opera by the Lakes is proudly presented by Gippsland Opera and held at the stunning Nyerimilang Heritage Park's natural amphitheatre overlooking the Gippsland Lakes. Held in March each year, Opera by The Lakes is one of the most highly anticipated events of the year, featuring renowned international and Opera Australia singers. Bookings are essential, chairs are provided and reserved seating is an option.

gippslandopera.com.au

PAYNESVILLE CLASSIC BOAT RALLY

March, Paynesville

A biennial celebration of classic boats from across the country, of maritime culture and cruising on the Gippsland Lakes. Set against the stunning backdrop of the Gippsland Lakes, the Paynesville Classic Boat Rally is a free family event. Highlights include a grand parade of hundreds of classic boats big and small, through McMillan Strait.

paynesvilleclassicboatrally.com.au

OMEOW AND BUCHAN RODEOS

Easter weekend, Buchan & Omeo

Dust off your cowboy boots, strap on your chaps and dip your Akubra – Easter is rodeo time in East Gippsland! This is your chance to experience a grass-roots High Country day out with all the thrills and spills of a real-life rodeo. Skilled horsemanship and stock-work is on display with events including barrel racing, breakaway and team roping, steer wrestling and, of course, bull riding. The Omeo Rodeo is held on Easter Saturday and the Buchan Rodeo is held on Easter Sunday.

facebook.com/OmeoRodeo | facebook.com/BuchanRodeo

⌚ Winter Festival



EAST GIPPSLAND WINTER FESTIVAL

June-July, across East Gippsland

The East Gippsland Winter Festival is a month-long celebration of light, food, music, art and culture, bringing warmth to the darkest days of winter.

The festival program includes more than 100 spectacular events right across the region. Expect beautiful hand-made lanterns, projection art, live music, wellness experiences, long lunches and winter feasts in spectacular locations, creative workshops, on-foot adventures and more!

egwinterfest.com.au

📍 Bream Classic



TWIN RIVERS BREAM CLASSIC

July, Twin Rivers

The Twin Rivers Bream Classic stands as a signature fishing event in East Gippsland, drawing anglers of all ages and skill levels to its serene waters every July.

This significant gathering, scheduled over the third weekend of the month, fosters not only spirited competition but also a genuine sense of camaraderie among participants. Whether you're an experienced angler or a novice casting your first line, this tournament provides an inclusive platform to engage in the thrill of the sport. Moreover, it actively encourages youth fishing, ensuring that enthusiasts of all ages can participate and vie for notable prizes.

twinrivers.com.au

LAKES ENTRANCE NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS FESTIVAL

December 31

For over 60 years, Lakes Entrance has celebrated the New Year in spectacular style with its iconic Fireworks Festival. Each year on December 31st, the skies light up in a brilliant display, bringing joy to locals and visitors alike.

As one of the largest fireworks events east of Melbourne, this beloved tradition is the perfect way to welcome the New Year with family and friends, creating unforgettable memories by the water.



WILD HARVEST SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Mallacoota

The Wild Harvest Seafood Festival celebrates the fruits of the land and sea, and the Indigenous custodians that have been connected with this land for thousands of years.

Mallacoota is firmly rooted in seafood, and the festival shines a light on the unique abundance and variety found in this corner of the world.

wildharvestseafoodfestival.com



Dreaming and designing YOUR TRAVEL



Paynesville

TRAVELLING WITH PETS

East Gippsland is the ideal place to travel with your pets with lots of pet friendly accommodation options, and pet friendly beaches and reserves for your furry friends to enjoy on leash.

Contact East Gippsland Visitor Services for our up to date guide 'Holiday with your pet'. It includes everything you need to know about travelling with your pet; off leash dog areas, bush walks and nature trails, East Gippsland Shire Council dog rules, vet clinics and pet friendly accommodation options.

ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL

East Gippsland offers something for everyone and we strive to ensure we offer an inclusive destination for all abilities. For a list of accessible accommodation facilities, outdoor areas and playgrounds please contact East Gippsland Visitor Services.

EV CHARGING

Rest assured travelling to East Gippsland will keep you powered up with charging points available across the region.

Charging is available in Bairnsdale, Bruthen, Lakes Entrance, Cann River, Omeo, Orbost, Paynesville and Buchan with many accommodation providers and other businesses across the region offering plug in points also.

For an up to date list of charging point across East Gippsland go to the 'plan you visit' page at visiteastgippsland.com.au



Lakes Entrance Charging Station



Mallacoota Foreshore

CARAVAN AND CAMPING

From top to bottom and east to west in East Gippsland there are a plethora of caravan parks and places to camp.

Throughout East Gippsland there are many free camping locations where self sufficient campers can stop and enjoy nature within national parks, reserves and state forests. For a comprehensive list of camping sites please visit the Parks Victoria website parks.vic.gov.au or reach out to the friendly team at East Gippsland Visitor Services.

RV and caravan free camping locations with limited facilities can be found at Genoa camping ground, Princes Hwy Genoa, Cann River Rainforest Caravan Park, Princes Hwy Cann River and Wulgulmerang Recreation Reserve 381 Snowy River Rd, Wulgulmerang.

DUMP POINTS (*Free Dump Points)

- Murrungowar Rest Area Campground, Murrungowar Rd, Cabbage Tree Creek
- Skate Park / Boat Ramp, Off Bullock Island Rd, Lakes Entrance*
- Paynesville Progress Jetty, 80 Esplanade, Paynesville*
- Eagle Point Caravan Park, 40 School Rd, Eagle Point*
- Nicholson River Reserve Boat Ramp, 929 Princes Hwy, Nicholson*
- Orbost Truck Wash, 20 Forest Rd, Orbost*
- Cann River Rainforest Park, 7536 Princes Hwy, Cann River
- Mallacoota Foreshore Caravan Park, Allen Drive, Mallacoota*
- Wulgulmerang Recreation Reserve, 381 Snowy River Rd, Wulgulmerang*
- Bruthen Dump Point, Bruthen Buchan Rd, Bruthen
- Omeo Dump Point, 111 Old Omeo Hwy, Omeo

Gippsland LAKES



The Gippsland Lakes are an immense network of lakes, marshes and lagoons covering a whopping 400 square kilometres across Lake Victoria, Lake King and Lake Wellington, with Lake Tyers just a little further east.

Separated from the ocean by a thin slip of sand dunes, bird and marine life thrive here, with dolphins, pelicans and even seals making an appearance.

Perhaps it's the hundreds of kilometres of shoreline, the many tiny islands, or charming waterfront villages. It may be the ample boardwalks for strolling, or the abundance of breweries, wineries and fresh seafood... whatever it is, a stay in the Gippsland Lakes is sure to swell your heart a size.

Journey	Distance	Driving
Melbourne – Lakes Entrance	320km	3 hours 50 mins
Bairnsdale – Lakes Entrance	40km	35 mins
Bairnsdale - Paynesville	18km	15 mins
Bairnsdale - Metung	34km	30 mins
Lakes Entrance – Paynesville	50km	45 mins
Lakes Entrance - Metung	21km	20 mins
Metung - Paynesville	44km	40 mins

Plan your **GIPPSLAND**
LAKES EXPERIENCE



Towns & VILLAGES



The vibrant regional centre of Bairnsdale has all your bases covered, while the lakeside villages of Lakes Entrance, Paynesville, Metung and Lake Tyers are abuzz during the holidays, and full of charm year-round. Further inland, Lindenow is a foodie's dream, and Twin Rivers draws anglers from miles around. Nowa Nowa has a thriving arts community with a vibrant café and general store.

 Bairnsdale

Bairnsdale

Set along the wide, slow-flowing Mitchell River, Bairnsdale is a bustling regional centre with a laid-back country vibe.

A gateway town to shimmering lakes, untouched coastline or mountain adventure, Bairnsdale is also the kick-off point for the East Gippsland Rail Trail, a spectacular 100km trail that'll take you all the way to Orbost. A creative community thrives here, with the East Gippsland Art Gallery playing host to the abundance of artistic spirit.

First Nations culture is omnipresent in East Gippsland and Krowathunkoolong Keeping Place showcases the living, vibrant, and continuing culture of the Gunaikurnai people, with hunting and fighting weapons, baskets, canoes and contemporary art on display. Join a guided tour to learn about the area's Aboriginal history.

Lindenow & Calulu

Set within a valley filled with fertile fields of leafy vegetables, just a short drive from Bairnsdale, the whistle-stop village of Lindenow is home to a rich, productive land surrounding the town.

Internationally renowned chefs have moved home here, to set up a dining experience that effortlessly transforms seasonal local produce into a feast worthy of a road trip. Be sure to leave room for dessert, as the cake selection is renowned across the region.

Heading towards Bairnsdale via Calulu, you'll find that the rich farmland is also perfect for grape-growing.





 Nicholson River

Twin Rivers

The Twin Rivers region and surrounds, where the Nicholson and Tambo Rivers meet the Gippsland Lakes, incorporates the villages of Johnsonville, Nicholson, Swan Reach, Tambo Upper and Bumberrah.

The area is a well-known 'food bowl,' where leafy vegetables thrive, trees are heavy with fruit, and farm gates abundant with sweet, tangy blueberries or cherries, stone fruits, apples and pears bursting with flavour.

Unsurprisingly, Twin Rivers is also premium grape-growing territory, the region boasts a couple of popular wineries along the East Gippsland Drink Trail, whose cellar doors welcome you in for tastings, local cheese and antipasto.

Held annually in July, the Twin Rivers Bream Classic puts the tiny townships of Nicholson, Swan Reach and Johnsonville on the map for the anglers with a much-loved catch and release fishing competition.

Metung

Set at the end of a peninsula, Metung is almost completely surrounded by the waters of Lake King and Bancroft Bay. Sumptuous 360-degree waterfront views and gently bobbing leisure boats create an idyllic setting.

Metung is the stuff of dreams for boating and fishing enthusiasts. With easy access to boat ramps, jetties, mooring facilities, bait shops and boat charters, the town enthusiastically caters to those wanting to get onto the water. If you prefer to stick to dry land, fishing from the jetties, Metung boardwalk or along the Tambo River is also popular.

The extensive deck of the local pub overlooks Bancroft Bay and beckons after a day out on the water, get in early to secure the best spot.

Just a short walk from Metung village, escape to geothermal bliss in the bathing pools, massaging showers, architecturally designed sauna experiences, reflexology walk and bathing barrels of the Metung Hot Springs. There's luxurious accommodation onsite, a day spa, golf course and an all-day café on the stunning 25-acre grounds.

Nearby, at Nyerimilang Heritage Park enjoy the stunning views over the largest lake system in the Southern Hemisphere set in a natural amphitheatre.





The Entrance, Lakes Entrance

Lakes Entrance

This lively family-friendly town is set at the eastern edge of Ninety Mile Beach, where the Gippsland Lakes, Australia's largest inland waterways, breaks through to the Bass Strait.

Vast sandy beaches, glistening lakes, world-class fishing and a thriving water sports scene have kept Lakes Entrance at the top of the holiday destination charts for decades.

The town is set along Cunningham Arm, which in turn is separated from the Ninety Mile Beach by a thin strip of dunes. One side of the Esplanade is abuzz with waterfront

eateries, mini golf and accommodation, and on the other, hundreds of boats bob gently in Cunningham Arm, including one of Australias largest fishing fleets.

Lock in a bucket list helicopter ride to get the full effect of the shimmering lakes, Ninety Mile Beach and world's largest Silt Jetties.

Keen anglers can take a skippered boat charter to chase the catch of the day. While nature lovers can explore via kayak, stand up paddle, or hire a boat or an eco-cruise, complete with expert commentary of the lakes' flora and fauna. You can even book a segway tour on the Ninety Mile Beach, now that's unique!

For those who prefer two wheels, the Gippsland Lakes Discovery Trail links the bush to the sea via an old tramway track that runs through the Colquhoun State Forest. Mountain-biking fanatics will love the fun single-track adventure of Colquhoun Mountain Bike Trail Park, just outside of Lakes Entrance.

Be sure to visit Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC), where you can explore the Aboriginal Art Gallery showcasing local Indigenous works. The Bush Café is a perfect spot to enjoy a meal inspired by the region's rich heritage.

Lake Tyers Beach

Lake Tyers Beach is a picturesque lakeside destination close to Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust, a former mission settlement established in the 1860's to house Indigenous people from around the State, forcibly removed from their homelands.

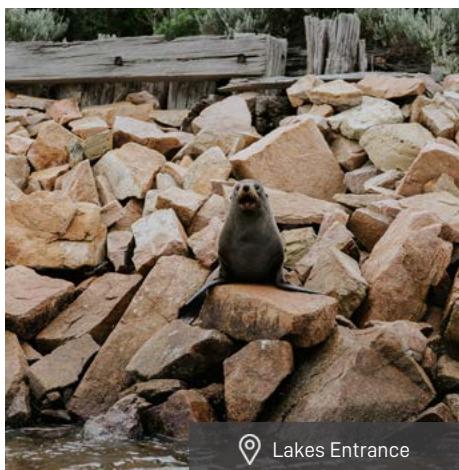
The relaxed village sits within sight of the beach, on the belly of the lake, with large arms extending northward like fiery bolts of lightning. The lake is hugely popular among fishing enthusiasts, offering impressive hauls of flathead and bream.

Surfers should make their way to Red Bluff, known for its excellent right and left-hand breaks along the Ninety Mile Beach. For swimmers, the calm waters of the lake provide a safer alternative, as the beach can be unpatrolled and prone to strong rips.

At the end of your day, indulge in a delicious pub meal on the deck overlooking the lake—where the breathtaking views are truly unforgettable. Lake Tyers Beach invites you to explore its natural beauty while appreciating the rich cultural significance of the surrounding area.



Lakes Entrance



Lakes Entrance



Lakes Tyers Beach

Paynesville, Raymond Island & Eagle Point



📍 Silt Jetties, Eagle Point

Paynesville's extensive network of canals and inlets means there are plenty of waterfront accommodation, eateries and facilities on offer. It's this signature waterfront touch that makes Paynesville a favourite holiday destination for lovers of boating and fishing.

Paynesville is a destination for relaxed dining, with renowned chefs building their menu on the freshest local produce to celebrate East Gippsland on a plate.

Opposite the foreshore, you'll see Raymond Island, home to a large koala population, walks and cycling tracks. Visitors are encouraged to park their vehicle in Paynesville and take the five-minute ferry ride to Raymond Island, departing Paynesville regularly and is free for pedestrians or those arriving by bike.

Be sure to walk the self-guided cultural trail on Raymond Island telling the stories of Gunaikurnai Country, inviting you to pause and reflect on the beauty of the landscape and the deep history of the area.

Located between Lake Victoria and Lake King, the lakeside vibe continues around the corner



📍 Paynesville

to Eagle Point. Here you'll find sheltered swimming areas, and the incredible Mitchell River Silt Jetties - the longest natural jetties in the world. Enjoy walking and fishing, and don't leave without snapping an Insta-worthy pic from the Bluff Lookout.



📍 Nowa Nowa Wetlands Walk

Nowa Nowa

Nowa Nowa's forested surrounds and tranquil lake are a huge drawcard for nature lovers looking to while the time away cycling, walking, fishing or kayaking.

The Stony Creek Trestle Bridge is just a couple of kilometres west of town, standing a whopping 20m high and 247m long, it's the largest standing bridge of its kind in Victoria and a highlight of the East Gippsland Rail Trail. While we're on two wheels, the Nowa Nowa Mountain Bike Park has 20km of trails from gentle descents for learners to log roll-over, drops and banked corners for adrenaline-junkies.

The Nowa Nowa Walk is a 12km network of trails that explore the shimmering shores of Lake Tyers, wetlands and silver gum forests. For a dash of the arts, the gently paced 1.4km Nowa Nowa Sculpture Walk is dotted with Nowa Nowa Nude sculptures.



📍 Stony Creek Trestle Bridge

On the **GIPPSLAND** **LAKES**



 Gippsland Lakes

BOATING

An unforgettable boating adventure awaits amidst the scenic splendor of the Gippsland Lakes. Whether you're cruising leisurely or picking up speed, the calm waters provide the perfect backdrop for exploration. Discover hidden beaches, diverse wildlife and charming waterfront towns along your journey. From guided boat cruises, different boat hire options or bringing your own boat along, a maritime paradise is waiting to be explored.

KAYAK AND SUP

Discover the tranquility of the Gippsland Lakes through kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding. Navigate the intricate waterways, bordered by lush forests and picturesque shores.

Encounter the unique ecosystems of this region, home to diverse birdlife and aquatic creatures. Experience the serenity of gliding across these pristine waters, where every paddle stroke unveils the natural beauty of the Gippsland Lakes.

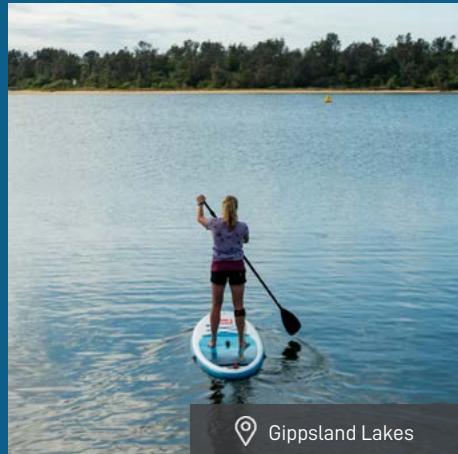
INSHORE & OFFSHORE FISHING

Embark on an angler's paradise along the shores of the Gippsland Lakes and the offshore waters of the Ninety Mile Beach. From the serene estuaries to the open sea, the fishing opportunities here are boundless.

Cast your line into the waters of Gippsland Lakes, teeming with bream, flathead, and perch, or venture offshore for the thrill of targeting larger species like snapper, salmon, and gummy shark against the backdrop of the expansive Ninety Mile Beach. Whether you're a seasoned angler or a novice, the diverse fishing grounds of Gippsland Lakes and Ninety Mile Beach promise an unforgettable fishing adventure.

SURFING AND SWIMMING

With its long stretches of open coastline, Ninety Mile Beach provides ideal conditions



for surfing. Whether you're a beginner catching your first waves or an experienced surfer seeking a challenge, you'll find breaks suited to various skill levels along the beach. Both Gippsland Lakes and Ninety Mile Beach offer fantastic opportunities for swimming. Gippsland Lakes provide calm and sheltered waters, perfect for leisurely swims and family-friendly activities.

The beach along Ninety Mile Beach makes an excellent spot for swimming and enjoying the coastal scenery. Just be mindful of any signage or advice regarding currents and conditions, and always swim between the flags if lifeguards are present.

Gippsland Lakes **WALKS & TRAILS**



📍 Den of Nargun Loop Walk, Mitchell River National Park

HUMMOCKS WALK

A peaceful walk along the shores of Lake Cunningham, to the entrance of the Gippsland Lakes. Cross the footbridge from The Esplanade and turn right at the Surf Lifesaving Club, from here the walk follows the foreshore of Cunningham Arm to the entrance, where you can see playful seabirds or seals, and watch boats crossing the bar.

Location: Lakes Entrance

Distance: 4.6km return

Duration: 2 hours

Grade: Level 2-3

Start/finish: Surf Life Saving Club

KOALA TRAIL

Koala spotting must be one of East Gippsland's most unique pastimes. Located on Raymond Island, a short ferry ride from Paynesville, this trail is clearly marked, leading you amongst the gumtrees and into koala territory. Don't forget to look up, they're most likely fast asleep above you.

Location: Raymond Island

Distance: 1.3km return

Duration: 30 minutes

Grade: Level 1

Start/finish: Ferry reserve, Raymond Island

DEN OF NARGUN LOOP WALK

This trail takes in an area of Aboriginal significance along the Bataluk Cultural Trail, taking in vistas of the national park, lush gully trails, river access, waterfalls, pools and the culturally significant Den of Nargun. The Nargun is a large female creature who lives in a cave behind a waterfall in the Mitchell River.

Location: Mitchell River National Park

Distance: 5km return

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

Grade: Level 3

Start/finish: Den of Nargun picnic area

METUNG BOARDWALK

This easy walk along the waterfront weaves through the village and along the boardwalk, past lavish yachts and leisure boats moored in the marina to the eastern side of the Peninsula.

Swans float on by and pods of dolphins love to check in every now and again.

Location: Metung

Distance: 2.6km (each way)

Duration: 30 minutes (each way)

Grade: Level 1

Start: Shaving Point, Metung

Finish: Chinamans Creek, Metung

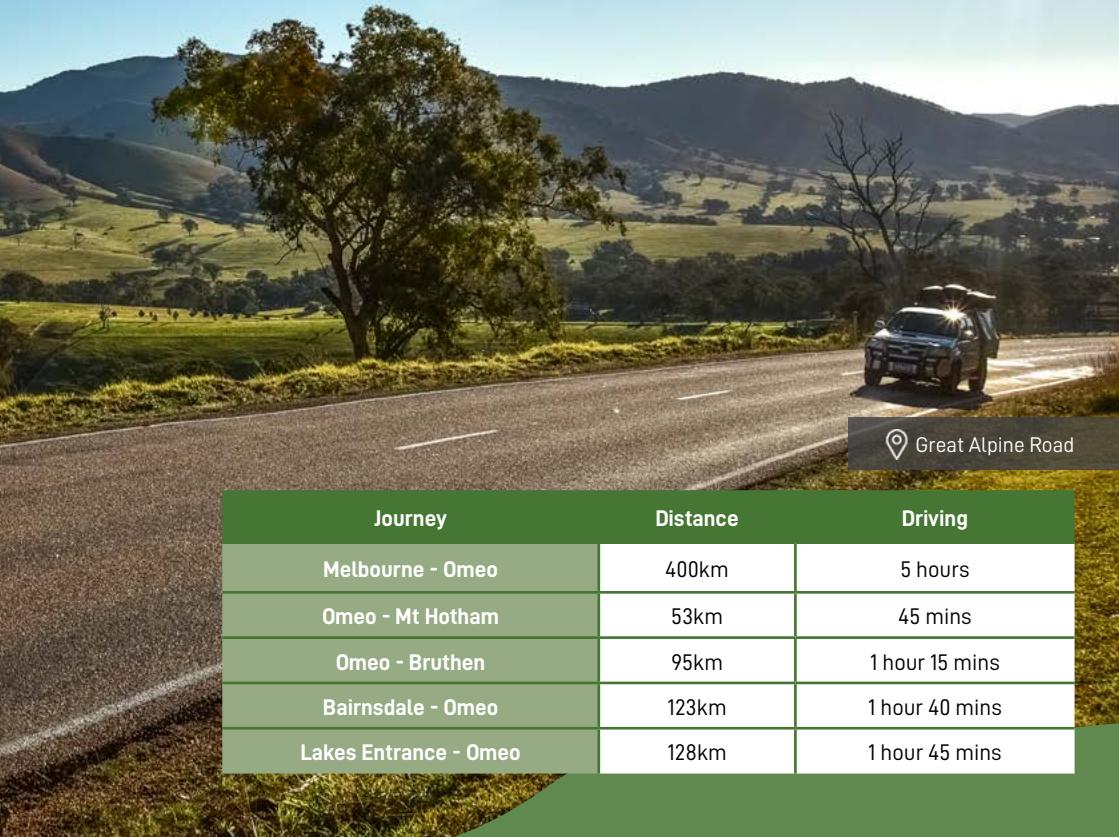
Alpine **HIGH COUNTRY**



Traversed by the bucket-list touring route that is the Great Alpine Road—one of only two Great Touring Roads —this iconic roadway offers an unforgettable journey through the heart of the Alpine High Country.

The Great Alpine Road showcases breathtaking mountain vistas, rushing rivers, and the rugged spirit of high-country cattlemen, making it a must-see for any traveler.

The Alpine region has a proud history built on the toil of gold miners and cattle graziers, it is an increasingly popular destination for fishing, 4WD, snow sports and wild mountain-biking trails. With crisp mountain air and a blanket of stars at night, there's much to discover in this rich pocket of East Gippsland.



Great Alpine Road

Journey	Distance	Driving
Melbourne - Omeo	400km	5 hours
Omeo - Mt Hotham	53km	45 mins
Omeo - Bruthen	95km	1 hour 15 mins
Bairnsdale - Omeo	123km	1 hour 40 mins
Lakes Entrance - Omeo	128km	1 hour 45 mins

Plan your **ALPINE HIGH
COUNTRY EXPERIENCE**



Towns & VILLAGES

The welcoming mountain towns of Omeo, Benambra, Swifts Creek, Ensay, and the lively hub of Bruthen offer the perfect blend of country charm and adventure.

With their warm hospitality and vibrant community spirit, these towns are the ideal base for exploring the Alpine High Country. From cozy accommodation to local eateries and everything in between, you'll find all you need to fuel your journey.

Immerse yourself in the breathtaking scenery and endless outdoor activities, knowing these dynamic towns have got you covered for an unforgettable alpine experience.



Omeo Township

Bruthen

Tucked into the High Country foothills, where the Great Alpine Road starts to bend and wind, Bruthen makes a most excellent stopping off point on the East Gippsland Rail Trail between Nicholson (20km west) and the enchanting Colquhoun Forest and Stony Creek Trestle Bridge towards Nowa Nowa (30km east).

The Tambo River ambles slowly through the town of Bruthen, which is surrounded by an idyllic rural backdrop and just made for pottering. Stroll down the main street, where 19th century shopfronts line the main street, their verandahs stretching over the footpaths.

You'll find a next-level honey shop and café where you can indulge in honey tastings and browse a gift shop filled with bees wax and honey-inspired goods.

The Bruthen Art and Information Centre has works from local artists and crafts people on display. You can also peek inside The Police Lockup and Fettlers Hut for a glimpse into life in the town's history throughout the 1800 and 1900s.

If you're keen to get outdoors, walk amongst a rainforest landscape fit for fairies, on the Fairy Dell Walking Track (1.4km; 40 mins) or pack a picnic and head to Ramrod Creek swimming hole, a tranquil widening of the Tambo River, perfect for riverside lazing or swimming during warmer weather.



📍 Bruthen



📍 Bruthen

Swifts Creek, Ensay and Cassilis



📍 Ensay

The idyllic villages of Swifts Creek and Ensay sit mid-way along the dramatic twists and turns of the Great Alpine Road.

Set on the banks of the Tambo River, there are many sumptuous spots to cast a line or cool off in the river between Swifts Creek and Ensay, while cyclists flock to the picturesque Ensay-Doctors Flat Road for an idyllic riverside ride.

The rugged beauty of this region has attracted numerous artists, with the Great Alpine Gallery in Swifts Creek serving as a revolving door of displays by local talent, many of which are available for sale. From the heart of town, the Poet's Walk follows the river for approximately 1.5 km, taking you past six stanzas of 'A River's Mark' by John Butler. Be sure to take the scenic route to Cassilis

between Swifts Creek and Omeo, where you can explore two local wineries offering a delightful taste of the region.

Along the way, don't miss the Cassilis Historic Area—a once-thriving mining community that now stands as a captivating ghost town, rich with history and stories of the past. The 3600-hectare Cassilis Historic Area mines are now a popular attraction, featuring several walks that explore relics of the gold mining era.

If you're chasing a High Country tipple, the winery in Ensay is well worth a stop for free tastings and sales of their delicious Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, and Pinot Noir.



Swifts Creek



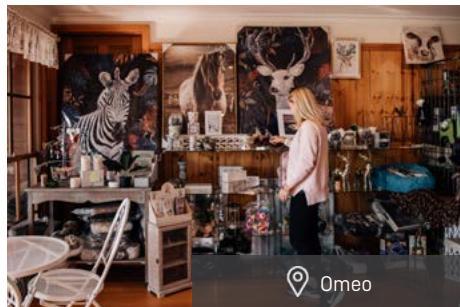
📍 Omeo

Omeo

Omeo is a charming town steeped in gold rush history, characterised by its many heritage buildings from the 1850s. The nearby Oriental Claims Historic Area was once one of the world's largest gold sluicing operations, with fascinating remnants still visible today.

For nature lovers, the Livingstone Creek Walking Track offers a scenic route from Omeo to the Oriental Claims, showcasing abundant birdlife and diverse flora. Alternatively, the Ah Fongs Loop Walk winds through eucalypt-scented bushland.

Omeo is also emerging as a mountain biking destination, featuring a world-class asphalt pump track and a gravel-lined skills course with various challenging features.



📍 Omeo

Downhill thrills await across 100kms of state-of-the-art mountain biking trails with more than 20 runs ranging from beginner level to advanced.

In winter, Omeo serves as a base for skiing and snowboarding at Mt Hotham, Australia's highest alpine village. During the warmer months, visitors can hike, bike, or embark on horseback tours of the stunning High Country. For those seeking adventure, nearby Hinnomunjie offers white-water rafting on the Mitta Mitta River, perfect for one or two day excursions.

Benambra

Benambra is one of Victoria's most remote villages, nestled in a picturesque landscape that offers breathtaking mountain views and a tranquil atmosphere.

The surrounding area is rich in natural beauty and is perfect for outdoor enthusiasts seeking solitude and adventure. Benambra serves as a gateway to numerous hiking trails, exploring the region's diverse flora and fauna.

The village is also known for its historic significance, with remnants of its gold rush past visible in the landscape and local architecture. Visitors can engage in various activities, such as fishing, bushwalking, and wildlife spotting, making it an ideal spot for those looking to connect with nature.





Alpine National Park

Alpine **NATIONAL PARK**

Alpine National Park stirs hearts with its enviable list of High Country adventures. Take a knuckle-whitening 4x4 drive, hike an epic bushwalk or camp in the footsteps of High Country cattlemen.

From the East Gippsland side, the park can be accessed via the Great Alpine Road (near Omeo) or from Central Gippsland (Dargo, Licola). Alpine National Park is also accessed by our neighbours in the north, Victoria's High Country.

In winter, relish the ski fields with downhill skiing at Mt Hotham, Dinner Plain and Falls Creek, and oodles of cross country skiing across the high plains. In the warmer months, hit the trails to seek wildflowers covering alpine meadows.

Discover the 'hidden lake' of Tali Karng, a stunningly beautiful place steeped in dreamtime legend. Or challenge yourself with a hike to the summit of Mt Howitt, part of the Australian Alps Walking Track.



Alpine National Park

You're spoilt for choice when it comes to river fishing on the Wellington, Macalister, Wonnangatta, Caledonia, Howqua, King and Rose Rivers.

Master the ruggedness with a four-wheel drive adventure exploring ridgelines and hidden valleys, with popular tracks including the 4x4 Moroka Hut Track and the 4x4 Good Hope Steam Engine Track drawing enthusiasts from far and wide. All the while being a conscious traveler, leaving this magnificent national park as pristine as you found it.



Alpine High Country

WALKS & TRAILS



© Fairy Dell

AH FONGS LOOP WALK

This popular walk encompasses Omeo's heritage-listed Oriental Claims, one of the world's largest gold-sluicing operations. Many mining remnants, caves and sites can be seen on this short informative walk.

Location: Oriental Claims Historic Area, Omeo

Distance: 1.5km return

Duration: 45 minutes

Grade: Level 2

Start/finish: Picnic area, Oriental Claims Historic Area

LIVINGSTONE PARK TO ORIENTAL CLAIMS

This scenic walk follows the pretty Livingstone Creek to the historic gold mining reserve known as the Oriental Claims. Offering panoramic views over Omeo and the surrounding High Country, there are pleasant places to rest and wildlife spotting opportunities.

Distance: 3.4km return

Duration: 1 - 1.5 hours

Grade: Level 3

Start/finish: Livingstone Park picnic area

BRYCE GORGE CIRCUIT WALK

This bush walk takes in the stunning ravine, open plains, woodlands and waterfalls, with views for days. Take this beautiful walk and be rewarded with views of Victoria's most impressive ravine, plus the stunning Piemans and Conglomerate Waterfalls. Subject to seasonal road closures.

Location: Alpine National Park

Distance: 8km return

Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes

Grade: Level 3

Start/finish: Bryce Gorge car park

AUSTRALIAN ALPS WALKING TRACK

True adventure seekers can undertake the epic 655km Australian Alps Walking Track, which starts in Walhalla and passes through the Alpine National Park, Snowy River National Park and Kosciusko National Park to Canberra via some of the country's most remote alpine areas. Or perhaps just a section of it!

Distance: 655km

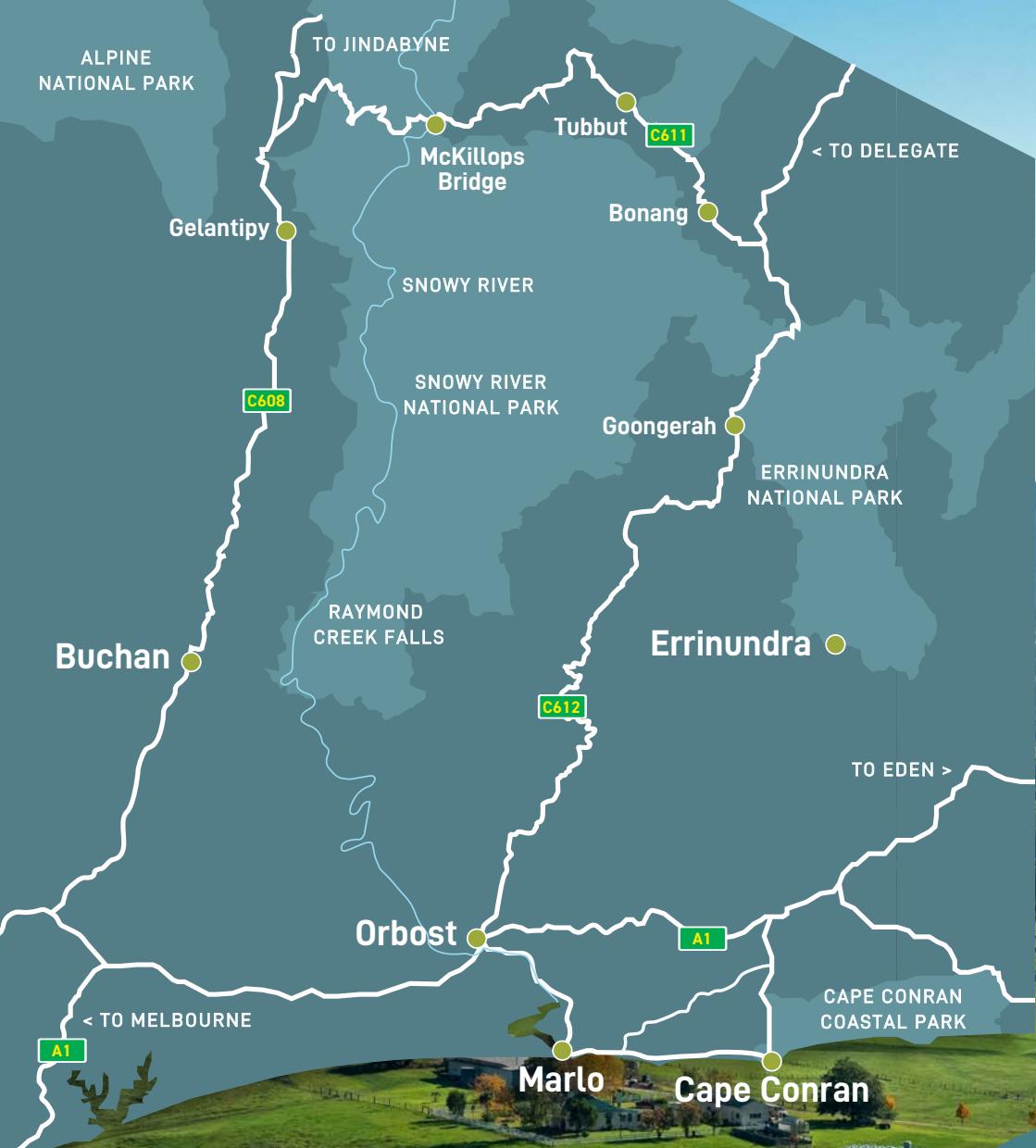
Duration: 5-8 weeks

Grade: Level 5

Start: Walhalla

Finish: Canberra

Snowy River **COUNTRY**



From the rugged countryside of the Snowy River National Park to the sparkling labyrinth of the Buchan Caves, and onto the world class coastal landscape of Marlo and Cape Conran Coastal Park – Snowy River Country has it all!

Take in the wild landscapes and spectacular views of the Snowy River National Park. Kayak through rocky gorges, hike rugged trails, or embark on an epic 4WD adventure, sleeping out under the stars.

 Buchan

Journey	Distance	Driving
Melbourne - Orbost	373km	4 hours 30 mins
Melbourne - Buchan	356km	4 hours 20 mins
Lakes Entrance - Buchan	56km	40 mins
Bairnsdale - Buchan	75km	55 mins

Plan your **SNOWY RIVER
COUNTRY EXPERIENCE**



Towns & VILLAGES

The townships of Buchan, Orbost and Marlo have all your food, fuel and accommodation bases covered, providing the ideal base for your next hiking, kayaking, 4WD or beach-loving break.



Buchan Township





📍 Royal Cave, Buchan Caves Reserve

Buchan and surrounds

Buchan, famous for its ancient limestone caves, is surrounded by rich farmland, rocky gorges, and the winding Snowy River. This area is significant to Gunaikurnai Traditional Custodians as an important gathering place between the Alps and the coast.

Explore Buchan's stunning landscapes and appreciate the rich cultural heritage that has shaped this remarkable region.

Journey back millions of years to the glittering underground wonderland of the Buchan Caves and discover the cultural trail located along the path to the Royal Cave between Fairy and Spring Creeks, offering a deep cultural understanding extending beyond the Buchan Caves Reserve.

While at the reserve, explore more short walks where you can spot plenty of kangaroos or take the beautiful descent to the base of Basin Creek Falls for stunning views of the Snowy River below. Don't forget to pack a picnic and head to the Bluff Reservoir or Balley Hooley for a relaxing riverside afternoon, enjoying the serene surroundings.

After working up an appetite you'll find local cafés and eateries offering up warm hospitality, fantastic coffee, and local produce. The local pub is famous for its country hospitality.



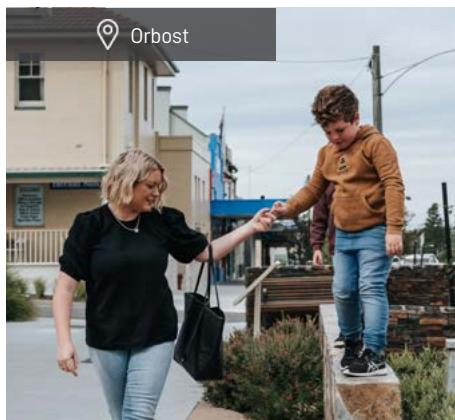
 Buchan Cave Reserve



 Buchan Township



Orbost



Orbost



Orbost

Surrounded by National Parks, Orbost is the perfect base for your next adventure. Explore the rugged wilderness of the Snowy River National Park to the north and the spectacular coastline of the Cape Conran Coastal Park, Corringle Slips and the Marlo Coastal Reserve to the south.

The East Gippsland Rail Trail concludes its 96km journey from Bairnsdale in Orbost – or is it just the beginning? Either way, you can get pedalling with a self-guided ride or book an organised tour with all the trimmings.

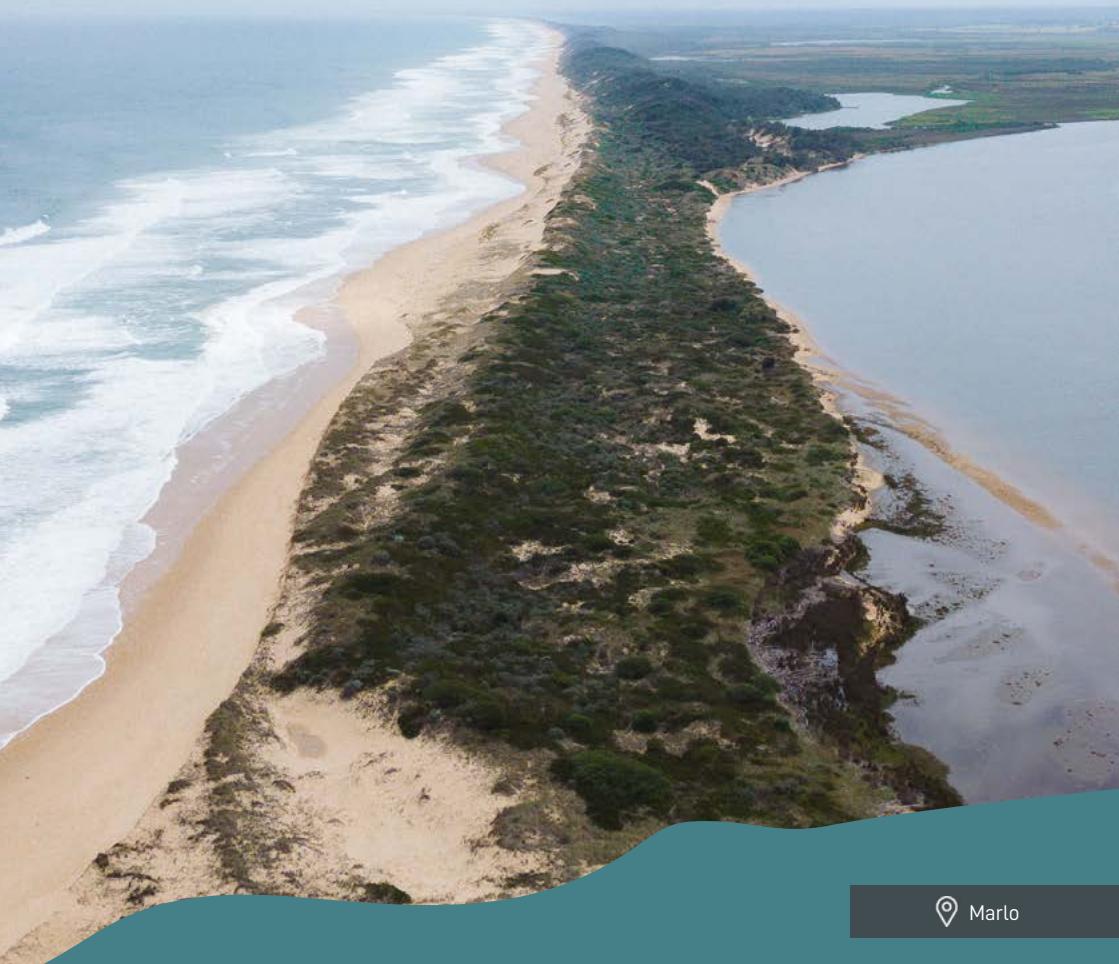
You won't go hungry in Orbost, with the local pub offering hearty meals or, for a feed on the go, Orbost has some fantastic cafés and takeaway options. You'll also find a highly sought-after craft brewer, local coffee roasters and freshly baked sourdough bread.

There are several comfortable motels and a caravan park to lay your weary head, the friendly team at the Orbost Visitor Information Centre, in Forest Park's historic Slab Hut, have a wealth of information and recommendations.

Marlo

The gateway to Victoria's wilderness coast in Far East Gippsland, Marlo is a tranquil seaside town at the mouth of the Snowy River. The region boasts some of the most beautiful and unspoilt waterways and beaches in Victoria. The sheltered waters of the estuary at Marlo allow fishing all year around and the waters produce some of the best perch and bream fishing in Australia. Marlo is a haven for bushwalking, bird-watching, remote beaches and water-based activities.

Keen anglers can cast a line in the estuary or from platforms along the Snowy River. The General Store has all a keen angler would need from bait to ice-creams. If you have no luck, stop into the local pub. Their seafood-leaning menu is best enjoyed from their extensive deck, one of the best sunset viewing points in the region.



📍 Marlo

Snowy River COUNTRY TRAIL

Take a couple of days and drive the 290km loop trail from Orbost or Buchan through the little towns of Goongerah, Bonang, Tubbut and Gelantipy, taking in the spectacular sites of the Snowy River National Park and historic McKillops Bridge.



📍 Wulgulmerang/Little River Falls

Snowy River NATIONAL PARK

Wild landscapes put on a spectacular show in the Snowy River National Park, where you can kayak through rocky gorges, hike through dramatic landscapes, or turn up the adrenaline on an epic 4WD adventure.

Highlights include the Tulloch Ard Lookout Walk, for its jaw dropping views, or the spectacular cascade of Raymond Creek Falls, plunging 20 metres into a deep, clear pool below.

Little by name, but certainly not by nature! The Little River Gorge is Victoria's deepest at 600 metres deep - check it out on the short but steep Little River Gorge Walk.

McKillops Bridge

A popular scenic route from Buchan through McKillops Bridge to Orbost forms an adventurous loop. This drive offers travelers stunning views of rugged landscapes, river crossings, and untouched wilderness.

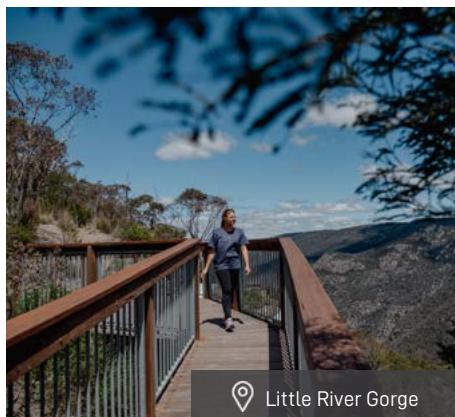
The 255m long heritage-listed McKillops Bridge was built in the 1930s to allow vehicles – and more importantly livestock – to cross the Snowy River on their passage between Victoria and NSW. The bridge spans a spectacular, deep gorge of the upper Snowy River, near its junction with Deddick River and makes a great swimming spot, complete with wide sandy beaches with shallow rock pools.

It is one of the few places in the Snowy River National Park with access to the Snowy River by conventional vehicle, making it a popular launching place for experienced canoeists to explore downstream.

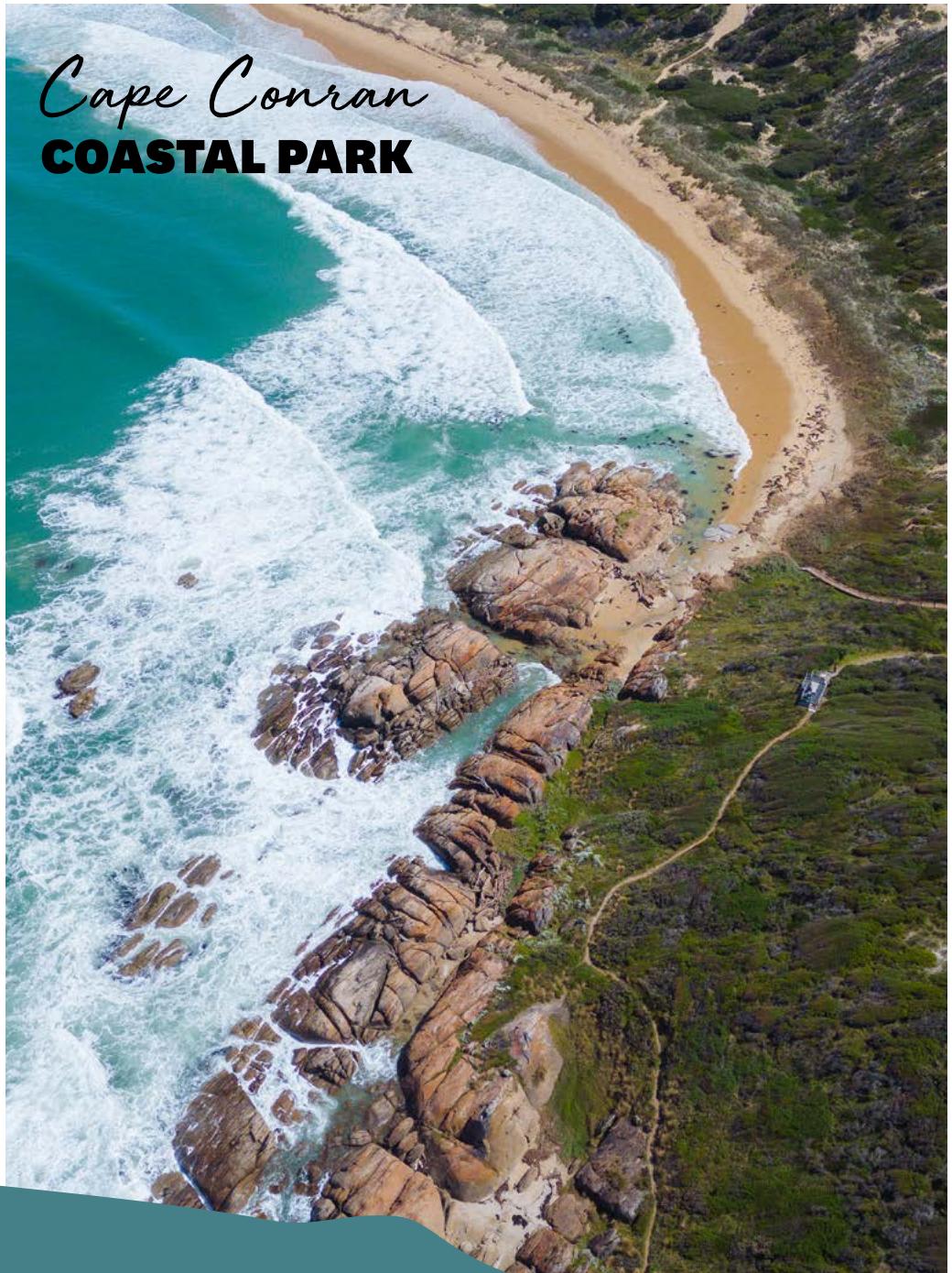
Errinundra NATIONAL PARK & SURROUNDS

At a whopping 1000m above sea level Errinundra National Park is often - quite literally - a walk through the clouds. Here you can explore ancient old growth forests, dipping through pockets of mist-shrouded rainforest by foot or four-wheel-drive.

Due to high rainfall taking its toll on unsealed roads, the park is generally only accessible in drier months, so be sure to check the Parks Victoria website before you go: www.parks.vic.gov.au.



Cape Conran **COASTAL PARK**



 Cape Conran Coastal Park



CAPE CONRAN COASTAL PARK

Offering up a winning combination of ocean beaches, banksia woodland and an abundance of rock pools, Cape Conran is a coastal paradise.

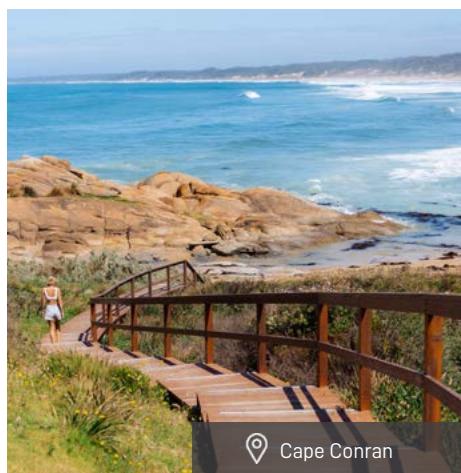
Surfers flock to West Cape for big swells, while Pearl Point turns it up a notch and is only recommended for experienced surfers. Families and swimmers can head to the calmer, shallower waters of East Cape.

Cape Conran Coastal Park boasts numerous walks through banksia woodlands and heathland. Try the Estuary View Walk to the lower reaches of the Yeerung River or Yeerung Gorge Walk, where the trail winds through deep, dark rock pools fed by the river.

Wild Pearl Point and Binn Beach are fabulous locations for surf fishing, or for river fishing head to the Yeerung River.

For a different adventure explore the Beware Reef a diver's paradise, just five kilometres south-east of Cape Conran. The tip of the reef rises above the surface, creating a favourite resting spot for passing fur seals.

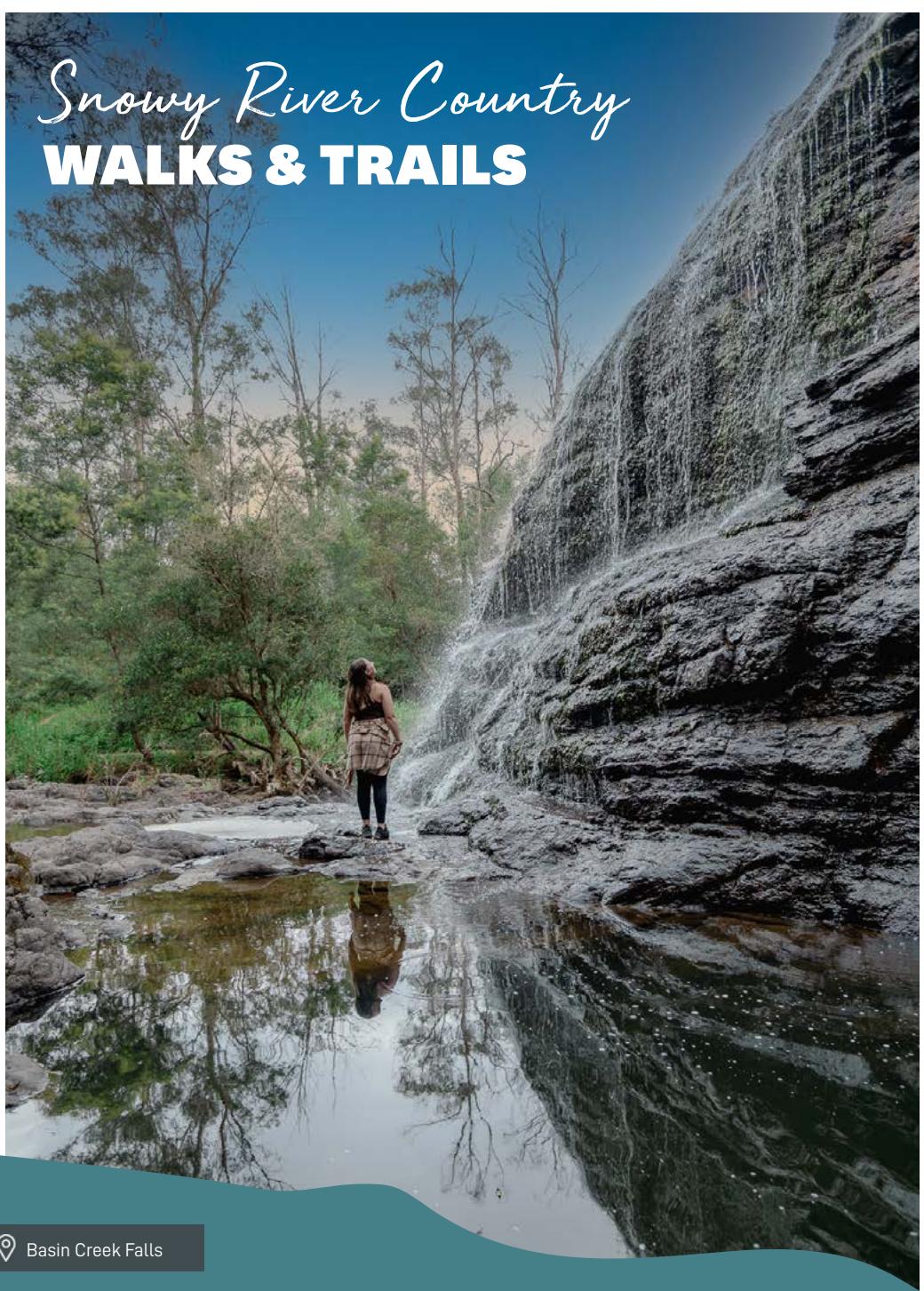
There are a number of relaxed bush campsites around the park. The main campground is Banksia Bluff which has fireplaces, shelter, bush showers and toilets.



📍 Cape Conran

Snowy River Country

WALKS & TRAILS



 Basin Creek Falls



CAPE CONRAN NATURE TRAIL AND EAST CAPE BOARDWALK

Wander wide sandy beaches, rock pools, boardwalks, banksia woodlands and lookouts. The East Cape Boardwalk protects sacred ancient meeting places of the Gunaikurnai people, providing a rare glimpse into the significance of this coastal environment for Aboriginal people.

Location: Cape Conran Coastal Park

Distance: 3.2km one way, 6.4km return

Duration: 1.5 - 2 hours return

Grade: Level 2-3 with some rocky sections. Dogs on lead welcome.

Start: East Cape Beach by Sailors Grave car park

Finish: Salmon Rocks

SNOWY RIVER ESTUARY WALK

Breathe in the unique landscape of the lower reaches of the Snowy River on the Snowy River Estuary Walk, a 5km gentle amble from Marlo's town centre to the dramatic coast of Mots Beach.

Location: Marlo Coastal Reserve

Distance: 5.1km one way

Duration: 1 hour 40 minutes

Grade: Level 1 - Marlo to Mots Beach; Level 2 - Mots Beach steps to Ocean Beach

Start: Corner of Marlo Rd and Jorgensen St, Marlo

Finish: Frenches Narrows car park

BASIN CREEK FALLS WALK

This out-and-back walk follows a steep track to the base of Basin Creek Falls, where you'll find a stream of water cascading down to the Snowy River. A walk to get the heart pumping.

Location: Southern section of Snowy River National Park, near Buchan

Distance: 2.6km return

Duration: 1 hour

Grade: Level 3-4, very steep sections on a narrow and rocky trail.

Start/finish: Basin Creek Falls Carpark, Old Basin Rd, Buchan

LITTLE RIVER GORGE WALK

At 600 metres deep, Little River Gorge is Victoria's deepest gorge. This short but steep walk affords an epic view of the not-so-little river which has sculpted its way through the volcanic rock to form the gorge.

Location: Snowy River National Park

Distance: 800m return

Duration: 30 minutes

Grade: Level 2-3, short but steep path

Start/finish: At the end of an 800 metre drive off the Bonang-Gelantipy Rd

TULLOCH ARD LOOKOUT WALK

This track descends from tall mountain grey gum forest through the steadily changing vegetation of the Snowy River National Park. The walk finishes at a nerve-wracking viewing platform, overlooking the wild Snowy River.

Location: Snowy River National Park

Distance: 3.2km return

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

Grade: Level 3

Start/finish: Tulloch Ard Car Park

RAYMOND CREEK FALLS WALK

Wander through magnificent forest and remote wilderness to the spectacular Raymond Creek Falls, where cascading water plummets 20 metres onto jagged rocks below and then flows into a calm pool.

Location: Snowy River National Park

Distance: 1km return. To get another perspective from the halfway point, continue a further 300m to the bottom of the falls.

Duration: 1 hour

Grade: Level 2-3 with some steep steps

Start/finish: Raymond Creek Falls picnic area

ERRINUNDRA OLD GROWTH WALK

Lose yourself in the majesty of ancient growth forest in Errinundra National Park. Breathe in the fresh, rich scent of the wet eucalypt forest as you walk beneath the oldest giant shining gums known to exist. This walk is a highlight of the park, following early Aboriginal ridgeline routes.

Location: Gap Road Scenic Reserve, Errinundra National Park

Distance: 5km return

Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes

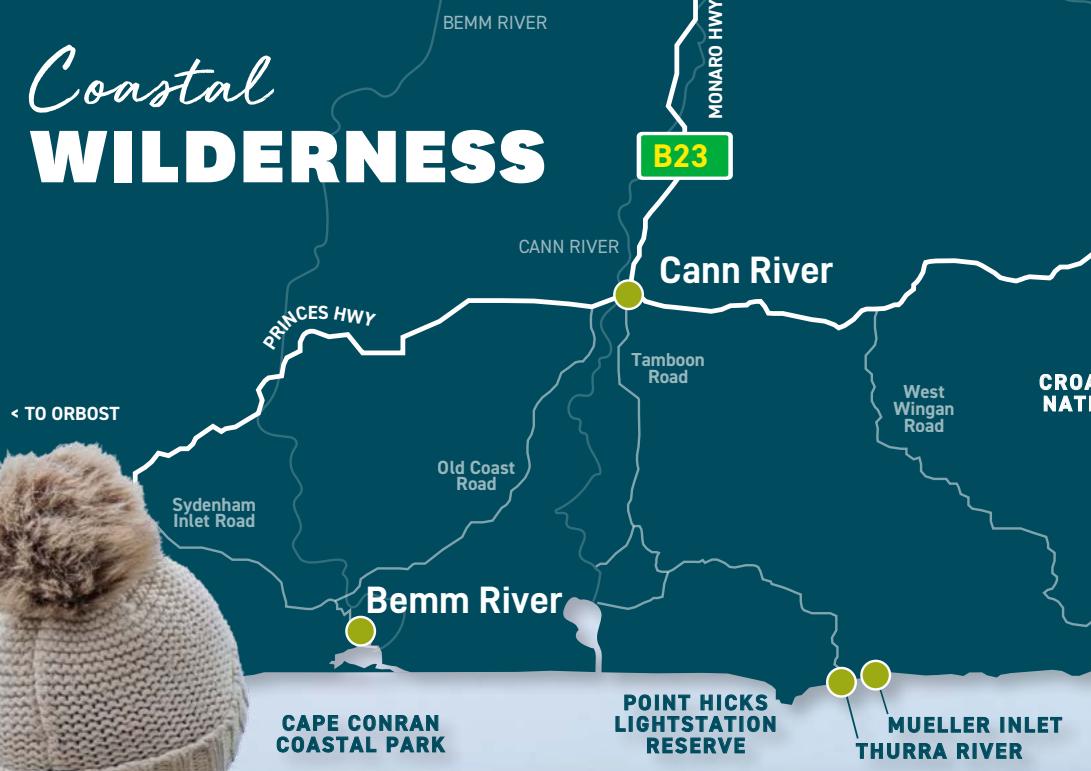
Grade: Level 2-3

Start/finish: The Gap Scenic Reserve car park



Tulloch Ard Lookout

Coastal WILDERNESS



Journey	Distance	Driving
Cann River - Mallacoota	70 km	55 mins
Bairnsdale - Mallacoota	235km	2 hours 55 mins
Merimbula - Mallacoota	110km	1 hour 25 mins
Melbourne – Mallacoota	515km	6 hours 20 mins



Mallacoota

Occupying a stretch of largely untouched coastline spanning over 100km from Bemm River to the New South Wales border, the Coastal Wilderness region is best known for the Croajingolong National Park, recognised as a haven for flora and fauna.

Just as the park is immense, so too are its main attractions, such as the Thurra Sand Dunes which rise a whopping 100m above sea level, and the epic multi-day expedition of the Wilderness Coast Walk that stretches along the coast.

Within the Croajingolong National Park, lie the small townships of Bemm River, Cann River and Mallacoota, whose relatively bustling streets offer up a place to restock for your next adventure or a base from which to explore.

Plan your **COASTAL
WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE**



Towns & VILLAGES



All surrounded by Croajingolong National Park, the villages of Bemm River, Cann River and Mallacoota offer up a place for weary adventurers to lay up their boots, a base for keen anglers, or a holiday destination in their own right.

 Thurra River Mouth



📍 Croajingolong National Park

Bemm River

A mecca for anglers, Bemm River sits at the meeting point of two spectacular parks - Cape Conran Coastal Park and Croajingolong National Park. The town is perched on the waterfront where the Bemm River flows into Sydenham Inlet and on to Bass Strait... so expect incredible waterfront views and plenty of fishing!

The town itself is tiny, home to just 70 lucky locals, who'll welcome you in for a hearty meal at the local pub. You can hire a boat, pick up fresh bait and tackle, park your caravan or settle in at one of the many comfy holiday homes.

As for beaches, nearby Pearl Point and Py-Yoot Bay are hidden gems of golden sand, clear blue waves and plenty of rock pools.



📍 Bemm River

HOT TIP

Ensure you fuel up your car and boat before heading into Bemm River as no fuel is available locally.



📍 Cann River

Cann River

Cann River is the king of all road-trip stopovers, ideally located on the Melbourne to Sydney Coastal Drive between Orbost and Mallacoota, it's also the turn-off for the Snowy-Monaro Highway to Canberra.

More than just a stopover though, Cann River makes a fantastic base for adventures in the wilderness. The town is wedged between four spectacular National Parks – Croajingolong to the south, Coopracambra to the north, Lind to the west and the Alfred National Park to the east. So, your convenient Cann River accommodation is just a hop, skip and jump away from bushwalking through ancient rainforests to gorges and waterfalls, sleeping out in one of the many remote campsites, or fishing in nearby creeks, rivers and inlets.

However you choose to stop, you'll find everything you need in Cann River with accommodation, a choice of cafés, an historic pub, fuel and an extensive playground, including a skate park and picnic tables.



📍 Cann River Township



📍 Cann River

Gipsy Point

Tucked away in an idyllic location at the head of the Mallacoota Inlet at the junction of the Genoa and Wallagaraugh rivers, this hidden paradise offers nature in spades and the best way to take it in is from the water, kayaks are available for hire or you can tag along with a river cruise for some top-notch birdwatching.

Gipsy Point is a haven for local wildlife, spot white-bellied sea eagles, lyrebirds, azure kingfishers, goannas and colourful Gippsland water dragons, some growing to a boastful one-metre long.

There are a handful of beautiful places to stay and even a restaurant where you can dine overlooking the bush.

Genoa

Genoa is a hidden gem that offers a perfect blend of natural beauty and outdoor adventure. Surrounded by lush forests and the tranquil waters of the Genoa River, this charming town is an ideal escape for nature lovers and families alike.

A highlight is the fantastic free camping ground along the river, tucked away in a serene setting, perfect for those looking to immerse themselves in nature. Enjoy activities such as fishing, kayaking, and bushwalking in the nearby Croajingolong National Park.

HOT TIP

Visit Genoa Falls for a truly picturesque picnic spot, you might even see a bearded dragon basking in the sun.

Gabo Island

Just off the coast of Mallacoota, Gabo Island is remote, wild and rugged offering a spectacular day trip. Rich in history, the second tallest lighthouse in Australia sits high on the pink granite cliffs of the island.

Explore the radar station, old ruins and rockpools. Keep your eyes peeled for dolphins, seals and in the winter months, migrating whales. If you stay overnight in the historic assistant lighthouse keeper's residence, be sure to watch for little penguins making their way ashore on dusk.

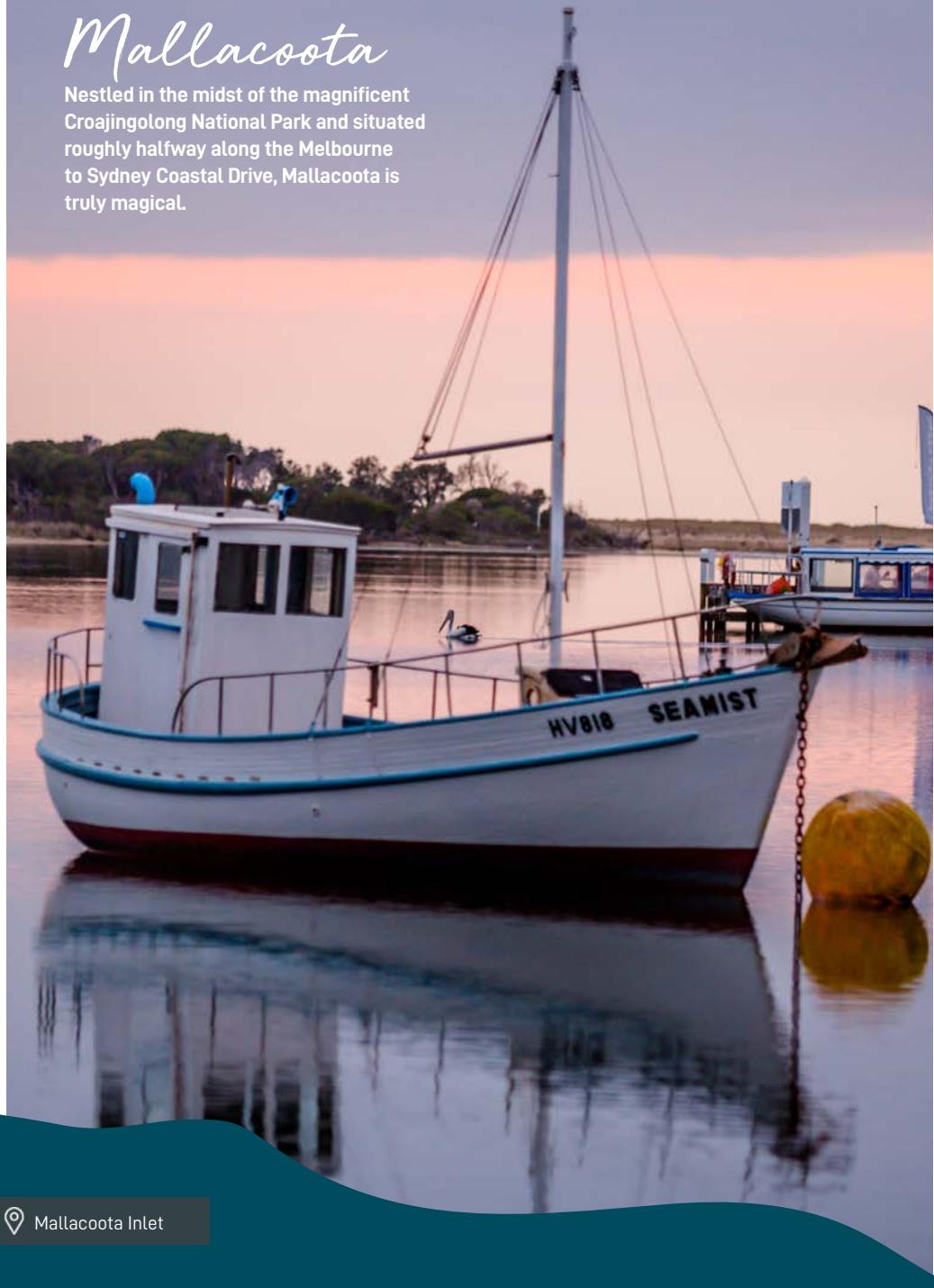
Access to and from Gabo Island is weather dependent, by boat from Mallacoota or with a licensed commercial aircraft from Merimbula. A handful of charter boat businesses operate out of Mallacoota offering day trips and transfers for overnight guests.



Gabo Island

Mallacoota

Nestled in the midst of the magnificent Croajingolong National Park and situated roughly halfway along the Melbourne to Sydney Coastal Drive, Mallacoota is truly magical.



Mallacoota Inlet

Wildlife is in abundance here, with regular sightings of kookaburras, kangaroos and sleepy koalas. Spend your days golfing with kangaroos, walking the trails, or simply enjoying the beaches.

The laid-back coastal holiday town of your dreams, Mallacoota has all the necessities with two supermarkets, pharmacy, butcher and bakery. The cafés and restaurants strike that perfect balance of relaxed, authentic quality with the finest local produce and barista made coffee.

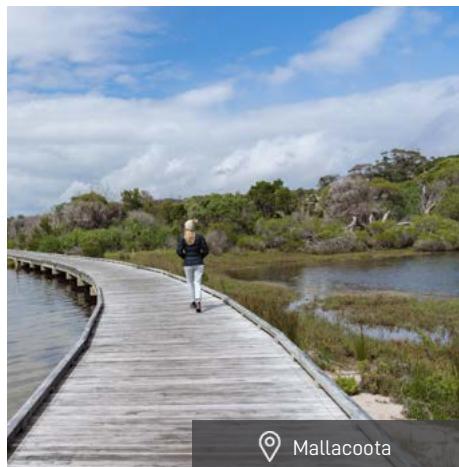
A water-lovers paradise, Mallacoota is the place to indulge your love of boating, swimming, surfing, kayaking, stand up paddleboarding and more.

At its heart, Mallacoota is a commercial fishing town. As such, it attracts anglers, recreational fishers, boating enthusiasts and abalone divers for miles around. There's an abundance of boat ramps and jetties, boat hire and fishing charters – so there's no excuse for not catching a fish in Mallacoota!

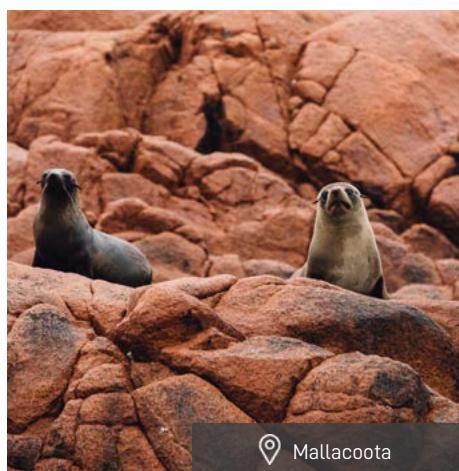
No boat? No problem! You can hire boats, kayaks or stand up paddles from the local hire boat companies; or book a cruise to take in the stunning scenery while someone else does all the driving.

Mallacoota's beaches are as beautiful as they are remote. Several are linked by the Mallacoota Coastal Walk, a 9.5km (one-way) walk, or series of shorter walks with stunning ocean views.

Bastion Point is Mallacoota's main swimming beach, patrolled during the summer holidays. Betka Beach and inlet is a popular family swimming spot. Quarry Beach is a visual feast of jagged rock formations, while Secret Beach comes complete with rock pools and even a sea cave.



 Mallacoota



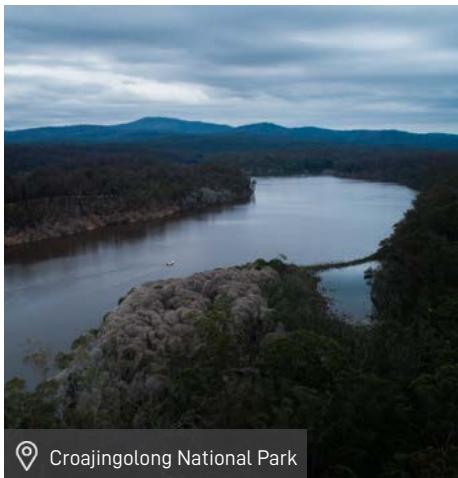
 Mallacoota



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 Croajingolong National Park



 Croajingolong National Park



Croajingolong **NATIONAL PARK**

The Croajingolong National Park stretches along the far eastern coast of Victoria, encompassing approximately 87,500 hectares of diverse ecosystems. Its landscapes range from rugged coastal cliffs and sandy beaches to dense forests, heathlands, and wetlands, providing habitats for a wide variety of plant and animal species.

The national park is a haven for nature lovers, outdoor enthusiasts, and anyone seeking to immerse themselves in the beauty of Victoria's coastal wilderness. Whether you're hiking along rugged cliffs, paddling through tranquil waters, or simply relaxing on a secluded beach, the park offers unforgettable experiences in nature.

Its diverse habitats support a wealth of wildlife, including eastern grey kangaroos, wallabies, echidnas, and koalas. Birdwatchers will delight in spotting a variety of species, including sea eagles, pelicans, colorful parrots, and plenty of other bird species.

Anglers can try their luck fishing for bream, flathead, and other species in the park's rivers, estuaries, and coastal waters.

During the winter and spring months, Croajingolong's coastline becomes a prime location for whale watching. Keep a lookout for southern right whales and humpback whales as they migrate along the coast, breaching and spouting offshore.



Dunes, Croajingolong National Park

Coastal Wilderness

WALKS & TRAILS

Lace up your boots and hit the trails! Whether it's a couple of hours or a couple of days, the Coastal Wilderness region has some wild and wonderful trails to immerse you in this natural paradise.



Croajingolong National Park

WILDERNESS COAST WALK

Tackle this epic multi-day walk with a pack of camping equipment and supplies or break it down into single-day walks that you can enjoy by driving to different points along the journey.

This coastal walk is mostly flat, with ever-changing scenery of wide-open beaches, bushland, coves, rocky headlands and even a shipwreck. Keep your eyes peeled for marine life as dolphins, seals and even whales love to play off this coastline.

Full distance: 100km one way (dependent on route and extent)

Duration: 3-4 days

Grade: Level 4

Start: Bemm River

Finish: Mallacoota

WINGAN INLET TO FLY COVE

Wander along the boardwalks through the tranquil paperbark forests to the idyllic Fly Cove Beach, from here you can see The Skerries - three small granite outcrops 100 metres offshore, which are home to Australian and New Zealand fur seal colonies.

Distance: 3km return

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

Grade: Level 2

Start/finish: Wingan Inlet camping area

GENOA PEAK WALK

This walk is for adventurous folk who don't mind scaling heights. With some challenging terrain, rock sections and vertical ladders to climb, reaching the summit is an achievement. You are rewarded with views to Gabo Island, the Mallacoota Lakes and the stunning coastline of the Croajingolong National Park's wilderness.

Distance: 1.5km return

Duration: 2 hours

Grade: Level 3

Start/finish: Genoa Peak car park

THE NARROWS WALK

Mallacoota sits on two distinct lakes, the Top Lake and the Bottom Lake. This short and sweet walk takes the journey along The Narrows, a waterway connecting the two.

Location: Mallacoota

Distance: 3km one way

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

Grade: Level 2

Start: Buckland's Jetty

Finish: Captain Creek Jetty

East Gippsland RAIL TRAIL

BAIRNSDALE - ORBOST | 96KM ONE WAY

The East Gippsland Rail Trail rolls all the way from Bairnsdale to Orbost, through towering forests and vast floodplains, past the Gippsland Lakes, to the momentous Snowy River.



📍 Bruthen



Stretching for almost 100km, the trail is perfect for an epic multi-day tour or several shorter day trips – the evolving landscape is interspersed with warm country villages along the trail offering a hearty meal and comfy beds along the trail.

BAIRNSDALE - NICHOLSON | 8KM

This fully sealed section of the trail offers up lake and bushland views, one highlight being the historic bridge across the Nicholson River. Plan to stop for lunch at Nicholson, the general store offers hot food and supplies.

Check out Under the Surface, peppered along the rail trail from Bairnsdale to Orbost. This curated public art project features local and internationally renowned artists' works led by the story of the Gunaikurnai Community.

NICHOLSON - BRUTHEN | 20KM

Ride this gravel section of the trail alongside pastured paddocks and through tree-lined stretches, before emerging at the beautiful Bruthen flats and village. Browse gift shops and vintage haunts, sample fresh local honey and refreshing craft beer with sweeping riverside views.

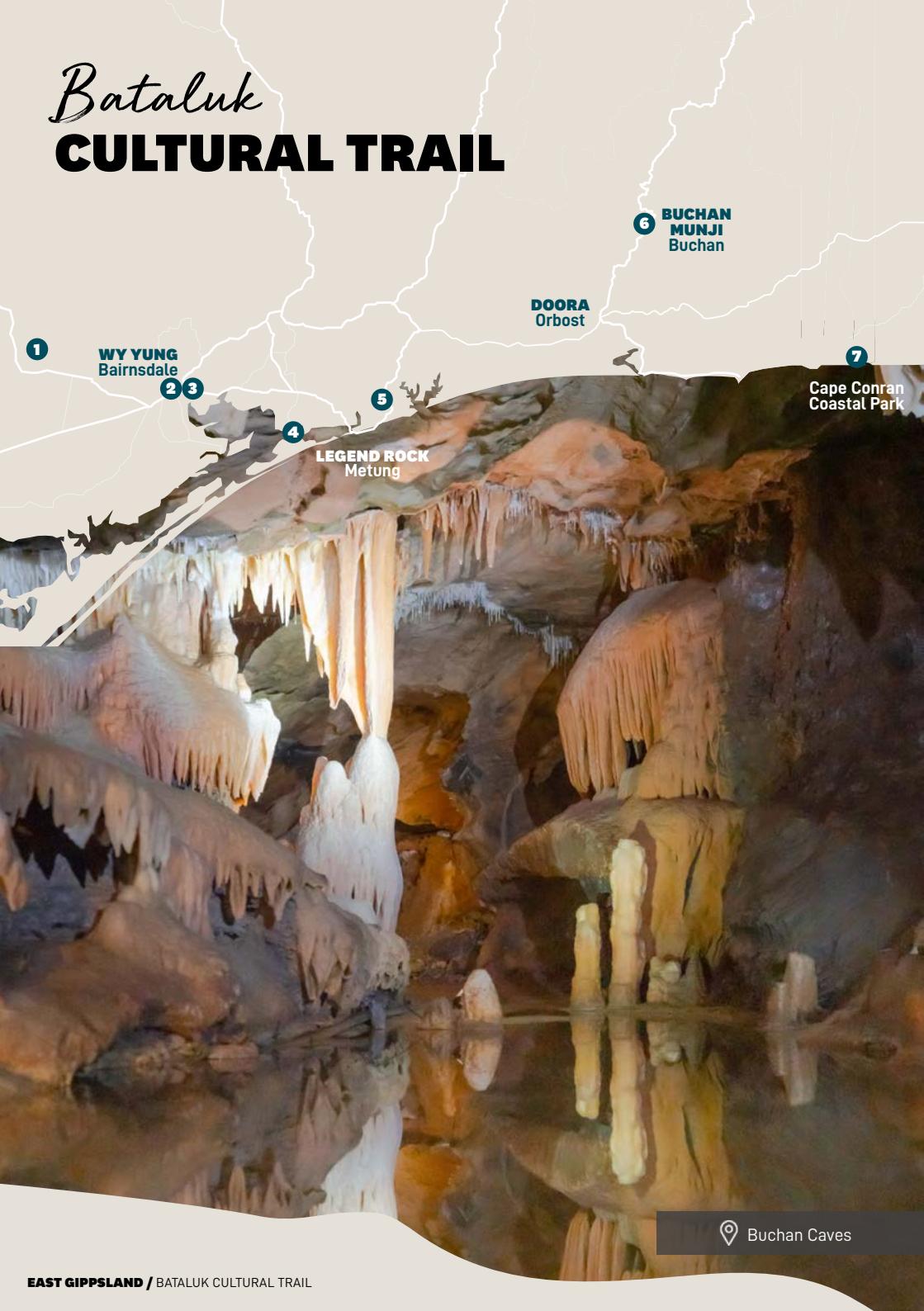
BRUTHEN - NOWA NOWA | 30KM

The smooth gravel surface climbs steadily to the Colquhoun Forest, from here the Gippsland Lakes Discovery Trail provides a connection to Lakes Entrance, suitable for mountain bikes only. Continuing on, you'll meander along a forested path to the magnificent 276m long, 19m high Stony Creek Trestle Bridge, just before you arrive into the small village of Nowa Nowa.

NOWA NOWA TO ORBOST | 38KM

This cool, shaded section of the trail passes several impressive historic trestle bridges at Boggy Creek, Ironstone Creek, Wairewa Road and Snowy River flood plains. Pass old townships and station grounds at Tostaree and Waygara. Enjoy views over the Snowy River as the trail officially ends at Newmerella, but continues 2km to Orbost via a shared pathway.

Bataluk CULTURAL TRAIL



Buchan Caves

The Gunaikurnai people, as Traditional Custodians of much of Gippsland, welcome you to explore the Bataluk Cultural Trail. Following ancient pathways, the trail weaves through sites of immense significance, sharing stories from the Dreaming, through times of great upheaval, and celebrating the strength of one of the oldest living cultures on the planet.

1. DEN OF NARGUN

LOCATION: MITCHELL RIVER NATIONAL PARK

Deep within the Mitchell River National Park lies the Den of Nargun. The Nargun—part human, part stone—dwelt within the sacred cave, taking young children who wandered too far from their camp. As a significant women's place, Gunaikurnai men do not enter the area, and visitors are asked to show respect by not entering the cave nor the surrounding waters.

2. KROWATHUNKOOLONG KEEPING PLACE

LOCATION: BAIRNSDALE | WY YUNG ("SPOON BILLED DUCK")

Discover a rich collection of Gunaikurnai craftsmanship, from intricate baskets, canoes, and tools to striking contemporary art. Guided tours offer deeper insights into the Gunaikurnai people's enduring connection to Country and Culture.

3. HOWITT PARK

LOCATION: BAIRNSDALE | WY YUNG ("SPOON BILLED DUCK")

Howitt Park is a great spot to stretch the legs but it's also a site of deep traditional significance. Don't miss the impressive canoe tree, notable for the size of its scar.

4. LEGEND ROCK

LOCATION: METUNG

As you stroll along the Metung Boardwalk, you can't miss Legend Rock, steeped in Gunaikurnai mythology. According to the story, greedy fishermen who took more than their fill were turned to stone. While only one rock remains today, it serves as a quiet reminder of the consequences of greed.

5. BURNT BRIDGE RESERVE

LOCATION: LAKE TYERS STATE PARK

Once a thriving 'bush pantry,' this area provided an abundance of food, medicinal plants, and materials for crafting tools and weapons. Today, visitors can enjoy the serene beauty and peaceful surroundings.

6. BUCHAN CAVES

LOCATION: BUCHAN | BUCHAN MUNJI

In a scenic valley, the Buchan Caves reveal breathtaking limestone formations and a rich cultural history. For over 18,000 years, this area has been a significant meeting place for Gunaikurnai people. Evidence of Mulla-mullung, medicine men and women, add a mystical layer to the allure of the area. Today, the valley remains an important site where cultural stories endure.

7. SALMON ROCK & EAST CAPE BOARDWALK

LOCATION: CAPE CONRAN COASTAL PARK

Discover stunning views and ancient shell middens made from the remnants of marine life and tools used by one of the world's oldest living cultures. For generations, Gunaikurnai people took only what they needed, preserving the balance of Country. Visitors are asked to respect this tradition and help protect this fragile landscape for future generations.

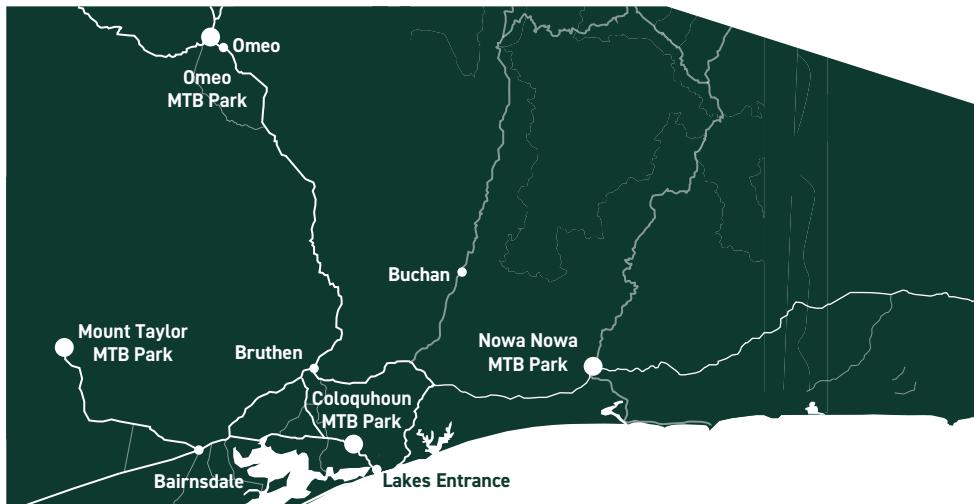
Mountain Biking **EAST GIPPSLAND**



East Gippsland is fast gaining momentum as a mountain biking destination, with four MTB parks catering from beginners through to experienced riders. With more trails being built by the day, East Gippsland is one to watch.



Omeo Pump And Skills Track



NOWA NOWA MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

Nestled in native bushland, Nowa Nowa Mountain Bike Park has 35km of smooth single-track trails. Built on a hill, the natural slope of these trails leans the rider into sweeping switchbacks and log roll overs, plus earth and log jumps.

Location: Nowa Nowa - Old Buchan Rd, Nowa Nowa (1km north of town)

Distance: 35km of trails, 20km MTB trails and 15km dual-purpose

MT TAYLOR MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

Mt Taylor boasts 30km of trails ranging from intermediate to extreme, plus cross-country tracks, including a 5km ascending track to the summit. The Skills Park includes a junior's pump track, beginners flow trail, balance zone, jumps lines and a drop zone. Or for the daring, there's a double black diamond downhill track.

Location: Lookout Rd, Mount Taylor

Distance: 30km of trails

COLQUHOUN MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

A popular park not far from Lakes Entrance, this fun single-track network of trails is happily devoid of big climbs, instead you can expect flowing gully runs, winding trails and log jumps galore. Create a loop with the Gippsland Lakes Discovery Trail or ride the 15.5km Scalectric Loop, a well-developed cross-country track with log jumps, bermed corners and timber bridges.

Location: 9 Bruce Road, Kalimna West

Distance: 30km of trails

OMEO MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

There are approximately 22km of Omeo MTB Park trails open near the Oriental Claims and Livingstone Creek, with more than 100 kilometres of trail in the pipeline – this is one to watch! Omeo's Pump and Skills Track is a great place to brush up your skills over rock sections, log crossings, jump ups and jump downs.

Location: Livingstone Park, Omeo

Distance: 22km of trails, more being built

INCLUSIVE JOURNEYS

Accessible Travel Itineraries

By **Bianca Bassett**, Disability Inclusion Consultant

"Creating positive change for disability inclusion"



📍 Slipway, Lakes Entrance

INCLUSIVE JOURNEY:

A 2-Day Accessible Trip through Bairnsdale and Bruthen

DAY 1: BAIRNSDALE

MORNING: ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND

Start your day at the All Abilities Playground in Bairnsdale. This inclusive space offers a variety of sensory and interactive equipment, perfect for children and families. Enjoy the accessible amenities, including parking, bathrooms, and a wheelchair-accessible swing. Spend the morning playing, exploring, and having a picnic in the spacious BBQ area.

LUNCH: MAIN STREET BAIRNSDALE

Head over to Main Street for a delightful lunch. Choose from one of the beautiful cafés, where you can enjoy a meal in a welcoming environment. Afterward, take some time to explore the shops, with wide sidewalks and step-free entrances making it easy for everyone to navigate.

AFTERNOON: SUN CINEMA

In the afternoon, treat yourself to a cozy movie experience at Sun Cinema. With full wheelchair access and accessible bathrooms, everyone can enjoy the latest films in comfort. Don't forget to grab your favourite cinema snacks!

EVENING: FORGE THEATRE

Conclude your day with an evening performance at the Forge Theatre. Whether it's a theatrical production, live music, or a community event, the venue ensures accessibility for all guests, offering wheelchair-accessible seating and bathrooms. Relax and enjoy the show in this vibrant cultural hub.

DAY 2: BRUTHEN

MORNING: EAST GIPPSLAND RAIL TRAIL

Begin your day with a peaceful walk, wheel, or ride along the East Gippsland Rail Trail in Bruthen. The smooth, compacted surfaces make it ideal for wheelchairs, prams, and cyclists. Take in the natural beauty and make use of the accessible picnic areas and rest spots along the way.

LUNCH: TAMBO VALLEY HONEY

After your morning on the trail, visit Tambo Valley Honey for a sweet treat. Explore the step-free shop, enjoy a honey tasting, and learn about beekeeping. Take a seat in their café and relish the scenic view with a coffee and a honey-flavoured snack.

AFTERNOON: MAIN STREET BRUTHEN

Spend some time strolling along Bruthen's charming Main Street. The accessible pathways and public bathrooms make it easy to explore the quaint shops and enjoy the picturesque countryside setting. Consider picking up a local souvenir or simply relax in one of the picnic areas.

INCLUSIVE JOURNEY:

A 3-Day Accessible Trip through Lakes Entrance and Orbost

DAY 1: LAKES ENTRANCE

MORNING: KRAUATUNGALUNG WALK

Start your day with a leisurely stroll across the historic Lakes Entrance Footbridge. The wheelchair-accessible pathways make it easy for everyone to enjoy the scenic walk. Immerse yourself in the cultural experience by admiring the beautiful sculptures that tell the dreamtime stories of Gunaikurnai creation.

LUNCH: THE ESPLANADE

After your walk, treat yourself to some lunch from one of the many cafés along the Esplanade. Stop into Wonkadoo Lounge for a sweet treat while taking in the picturesque views of Lakes Entrance.

AFTERNOON: MINI GOLF

Spend your afternoon playing mini golf at one of the four courses in Lakes Entrance. Each course offers a unique experience with varying levels of accessibility. Make it a fun family tournament to see who can master the most holes.

EVENING: DINNER AND RELAXATION

Choose a local restaurant for dinner, many offering accessible seating and a variety of dining options.

DAY 2: LAKES ENTRANCE

MORNING: BIG BEARS DONUTS

Start your day with a visit to Big Bears Donuts. Grab a coffee and indulge in one of their famous donuts or go all out with the 'Lakes Entrance Briefcase', which includes

six different varieties. The seating is designed to accommodate everyone, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable experience.

A short stroll west and you'll come to Float Slipway, where you can get a beautiful view of the lake, and view the many treasures made by local artists

LATE MORNING: PEELS CRUISES*

After your sweet treat, head to Peels Cruises for a memorable cruise on the Gippsland Lakes. The Thunderbird boat offers wheelchair accessibility, allowing everyone to enjoy the scenic journey. Keep an eye out for wildlife like seals, dolphins, and sea eagles, while your expert Skipper shares fascinating insights about the region's history and wildlife.

LUNCH: ONBOARD OR LAKES ENTRANCE

Enjoy lunch onboard the cruise or head back to Lakes Entrance to dine at a waterfront restaurant or café.

AFTERNOON: LAKES ENTRANCE AQUADOME

Spend your afternoon at the Lakes Entrance Aquadome. This accessible facility offers everything you need for a fun and inclusive swim, including a 25m indoor pool, hydraulic hoists, and an aquatic wheelchair. Relax and enjoy the water, knowing that all your needs are catered to.

EVENING: FISH & CHIPS ON THE ESPLANADE

Cap off your day with a delicious meal of local fish and chips on the Esplanade, enjoying the sunset taking in the beautiful views.

**Note: Other tour operators in Lakes Entrance offer accessible tour options.*



📍 Lakes Entrance

DAY 3: ORBOST

MORNING: ORBOST ARTS CENTRE

Start your day with a visit to the Orbost Arts Centre. This accessible venue showcases an impressive collection of wood design, visual arts, and performing arts. Friendly volunteers are on hand to enhance your experience, making this a highlight of your visit to Orbost.

LUNCH: LOCAL CAFÉ

Enjoy lunch at one of Orbost's cafés, where you can sample local cuisine in a friendly, inclusive setting.

AFTERNOON: SAILORS GRAVE BREWERY

After lunch visit Dunetown, Sailors Grave new home near Marlo. With step-free access and designated accessible parking, everyone can comfortably explore the venue and enjoy a range of locally inspired craft beers in a welcoming environment.

EVENING: LAKE TYERS

After enjoying a day in Orbost, head back to Lake Tyers for dinner at the Waterwheel Beach Tavern. You'll be treated to a beautiful meal and some of the best views in East Gippsland.

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- Buchan
- Marlo
- Cann River
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- Omeo
- Dargo
- Orbost
- Lake Tyers
- Point Hicks
- Loch Sport



EXPLORE THE *Night Sky*

For the Gunaikurnai people, the Traditional Custodians of much of East Gippsland, stars are so much more than giant balls of hot gas... they tell stories of the past and tell us about the season. The time for hunting, the time for eating and the time for moving on.

MOTHER'S NIGHT SKY

The importance of the night sky to Gunaikurnai culture is beautifully depicted in Gunaikurnai artist, Alfred Hudson's artwork, Mother's Night Sky (pictured right).

In this painting, the Milky Way represents the rich river systems, shown with a strip of blue, covered by thousands of stars.

There are several Bogong moths, a seasonal food for Gunaikurnai people, coming down from Mt Hotham. There's also an owl hidden within the artwork, representing wisdom and the Elders.

To truly understand this artwork, you need to understand this Gunaikurnai story from along the Mitchell River at Eagle Point. This story has been handed down through generations.

A long time ago, different tribes were meeting to trade near Eagle Point. A young boy was camping with his family when he spotted a group of Elders standing on the bluff. He crept up there and stole their spears.

Later, the boy spied an emu and decided to spear it, but the shots missed and his spears landed in the river. It was getting dark, the wind was picking up and rain was starting to fall. When the boy went to retrieve the spears from the river, he got stuck under a branch and could not get out of the river.

The emu saw the boy in trouble and stuck her neck out to help the boy. She held her head under the water, while the boy climbed up her neck and onto her body to get out of the river. The boy was saved... but the emu had drowned, the ultimate sacrifice.



The boy ran to let the Elders know what he'd done, and the Elders told him that it was ok. They told him that his totem would be the emu, and it would be his job to respect, understand and protect the emu. While the Elders were talking to the boy, the spirit of the emu rose to the sky and became the Southern Cross.

In the artwork, you see the emu with its head on one side of the Milky Way (the river) and its body on the other. Its head is under the river, representing the emu who drowned. This is the way the Southern Cross and the Milky Way appear in the Gippsland sky together during winter.

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Essential Services AND CONTACTS

Explore East Gippsland confidently with our essential services like healthcare, emergency response, and transportation readily available to ensure your safety and comfort throughout your visit.

MEDICAL CENTRES AND HOSPITALS

Bairnsdale	Maclead Street Medical Centre, 93 Maclead St, Bairnsdale Service Street Medical Centre, 8 Pearson St, Bairnsdale Capstone Medical Centre, shop 12/30 Howitt Ave, Eastwood Bairnsdale Regional Health Services, 122 Day St, Bairnsdale Bairnsdale Medical Centre, 438 Main St, Bairnsdale	03 5152 5145 03 5141 0811 03 5152 7135 03 5150 3333 03 5152 3123
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Lakes Entrance	Cunningham Arm Medical Centre, 8 Whiters St, Lakes Entrance Gippsland Lakes Complete Health, 18 -28 Jemmeson St, Lakes Entrance	03 5155 2300 03 5155 8300
Paynesville	Medical Centre, 2/55 Esplanade, Paynesville	03 5156 7243
Mallacoota	Medical Centre, 21 – 23 Maurice Ave, Mallacoota	03 5158 0777
Omeo	Omeo District Health, 12 Easton St, Omeo	03 5159 0100
Orbost	Orbost Regional Health, 104 Boundary Rd, Orbost	03 5154 6666

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency Services: Police, Fire, Ambulance	000
Police (Non-Emergency)	131 444
Fire Services (Non-Urgent Inquiries)	1800 240 667
Poison Control Centre	13 11 26
SES (State Emergency Service): For Flood, Storm, and Rescue Emergencies	132 500

TAXI SERVICES

Bairnsdale	Bairnsdale 13CABS Bairnsdale City Taxis	03 5152 6161 131 008
Lakes Entrance	Lakes Taxi Service	03 5155 2555



 Mallacoota

PATROLLED BEACHES

Lakes Entrance Main Beach	Patrolled during peak summer season by Surf Life Saving Lakes Entrance (located at the end of footbridge)	03 5155 1333
Bastion Point Mallacoota	Patrolled during summer school holidays	03 5158 0909

AQUATIC CENTRES & POOLS

Bairnsdale	Bairnsdale Aquatic & Recreation Centre 80 McKean St., Bairnsdale Bairnsdale Outdoor Swimming Pool 49 Turnbull Street, Bairnsdale (summer only)	03 5152 5710 03 5152 4909
Lakes Entrance	Lakes Entrance Aquadome 3 Palmers Road, Lakes Entrance	03 5155 3333
Orbost	Orbost Outdoor Pool, 6 Sylvia Street, Orbost (summer only)	03 5154 1504

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Bairnsdale Library	22 Service Street, Bairnsdale	03 5152 4225
Lakes Entrance Service Centre	18 Mechanics Street, Lakes Entrance	03 5153 9500
Mallacoota Service Centre	70 Maurice Avenue, Mallacoota	03 5153 9500
Omeo Service Centre	179 Day Avenue, Omeo	03 5153 9500
Orbost Service Centre	1 Ruskin Street, Orbost	03 5153 9500
Paynesville Service Centre	55 The Esplanade, Paynesville	03 5153 9500

Visitor INFORMATION

Discover East Gippsland like a true local with the help of our friendly Visitor Information Centres. Our expert team is here to provide you with up-to-date information on everything from road closures to local events, ensuring your visit is smooth and hassle-free. Whether you're seeking hidden gems, insider tips on lesser-known attractions, or the best places to eat and explore, we've got the insights you need. Plus, our centres showcase a fantastic selection of locally made artisan crafts and products, perfect for taking a piece of East Gippsland home with you. Your adventure starts with us!



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MARKET TYPE	DAY OF MONTH	TOWN/LOCATION	TIME
East Gippsland Farmers Market	1st Saturday	Bairnsdale Secondary College Oval 90 McKean St, Bairnsdale	8:00am to 12:00pm
Lakes Entrance Surf Club Market	1st Sunday	Foreshore Rotunda Esplanade, Lakes Entrance	9:00am to 3:00pm
Metung Farmers Market	2nd Saturday	Village Green 50 Metung Rd, Metung	8:30am to 12:30pm
Paynesville Lions Club Community Market	2nd Sunday	Gilsenan Reserve Raymond St, Paynesville	8:30am to 1:30pm
Uniting Church Car Boot Sale	3rd Saturday	Bairnsdale Uniting Church Great Alpine Rd & Lanes Rd, Lucknow	8:30am to 11:30pm
Lindenow Community Market	3rd Sunday	Lindenow Hall & Car Park Main St, Lindenow	9:00am to 1:00pm
Paynesville Farmers -Market	4th Saturday	Foreshore Reserve Esplanade, Paynesville	8:00am to 12:00pm
Bairnsdale Sunrise Rotary Market	4th Sunday	Howitt Park Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale	9:00am to 1:00pm

Please note, events are subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

OMEO MTB PARK

Visit the Omeo Mountain Bike Park, East Gippsland's exciting new destination for mountain biking. Downhill thrills await across 100kms of state-of-the-art mountain biking trails with more than 20 runs ranging from beginner level to advanced. Further development will bring the runs to a total of 100kms.

It all starts just 200m from the town centre at Livingstone Park, where the gravity-descent trails lead you (almost) right back to the main street.

The Livingstone Park amenities block includes four accessible toilet cubicles, changing rooms and showers - ideal for a rejuvenating post-ride scrub before a well-earned beer, BBQ or bite at one of the many nearby pubs and eateries.

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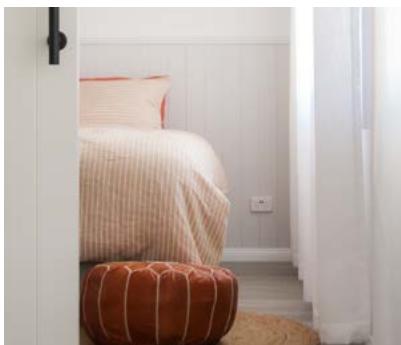


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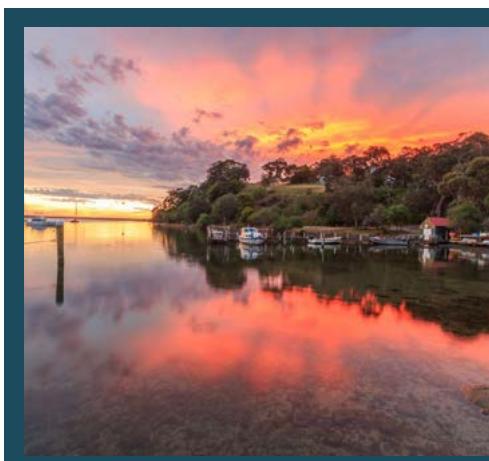


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eastgippslandhistoricalsociety.com

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Nestled between Lakes Entrance and Metung on the Gippsland Lakes, our cabins are surrounded by rolling hills, native bushland and breathtaking waterfront views. Our 2 bedroom self-contained cabins (with private jetty) are perfect for couples, families, groups or solo travelers seeking a peaceful retreat away from holiday crowds.

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THE FORGE





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lakesaquadome.com.au / 03 5155 3333

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paynesvilleholidaypark.com

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