

“Nature doesn't whisper.
it speaks in waves, wind and the rustle
of ancient forest leaves. Here, the wild
feels close, and peace even closer.”



Karbeethong and Narrows Drive / Walk

Enjoy a peaceful drive with panoramic views, jetty stops, and a taste of local bushland and lakefront beauty. This loop is ideal for a leisurely afternoon around Mallacoota's Bottom Lake.

Route Overview

Start your journey on Lakeside Drive, heading toward Mirrabooka Road. Follow Mirrabooka through quiet surrounds to reach the South Gateway - an entrance point to the wider Croajingolong landscape.

Turn right at the Telstra Tower into Martin Street, and slow down as this section offers some of the most breathtaking views over Bottom Lake, the Howe Range, and the distant outline of Gabo Island. It's a great spot to stop and snap a photo or simply take in the serenity.

Martin Street flows into Broome Street, which loops back to Lakeside Drive. Turn left here and continue hugging the lake until you reach a distinctive three-way intersection - your access point to lakeside trails and jetties.

Jetty Stops & Walking Trail

From the intersection, take the lower road past the historic Karbeethong Jetty, and continue to Buckland's Jetty, a peaceful spot often overlooked by visitors.

Here you'll find a small car park and access to The Narrows Walk - a scenic and easy shoreline trail offering lovely views across the lake, opportunities for birdwatching, and peaceful moments by the water.

Scenic Return

Once you've soaked up the views, return to the three-way intersection and take the upper road, Karbeethong Avenue, for a more elevated perspective. This stretch offers stunning late-afternoon light, with views across the water framed by eucalyptus and tea-tree.

The road gently winds through tranquil forest, eventually reconnecting with Genoa Road. Turn left here to return to Mallacoota township refreshed and relaxed.

Highlights:

- **Panoramic lookouts over Bottom Lake, Howe Range & Gabo Island**
- **Two historic jetties: Karbeethong and Buckland's**
- **Access to The Narrows Walk, a peaceful lakeside walking track**
- **Varied scenery: from lakeshore to forest**



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"Explore the roads less traveled, where every turn in Mallacoota reveals a new slice of paradise. Each hidden path leads to breathtaking views, perfect for your next great photo!"

Captain Stevenson's Point and The Entrance Viewing Deck

From the Information Shed -

Proceed 0.5 km along the foreshore to a parking bay at the top of the point. This location offers excellent views of:

- The islands at the eastern end of Bottom Lake.
- The sand dunes that separate the lake system from the Tasman Sea.

Here, a plaque marks the campsite established in 1909 by author E.J. Brady, frequently visited by his friend, Henry Lawson.

Continue a further 0.5 km to reach "The Entrance" Viewing Platform, which provides stunning views of:

- Captain Stevenson's Point.

The Entrance Viewing Deck, where the lake meets the sea.

Bastion Point Lookouts

To the Bastion Point Lookouts -

Proceed along Maurice Avenue to the roundabout, then continue along Betka Road to Bastion Point Road. Turn left and follow the road to the lookouts.

From these vantage points, enjoy panoramic views of:

The Entrance, Bastion Point, Gabo Island, Big Beach, Tullaberga Island, and The Howe Range.

Access points:

- The first lookout offers access to the supervised swimming beach (open during Summer School Holidays).
- The second lookout provides access to the Bastion Point rock pools.

Beyond the point lies a long stretch of beach that continues all the way to Betka Beach.

Betka Beach

Return to Betka Road and turn left. Follow the road as it crosses the Betka River, leading to a well-equipped picnic area adjacent to the swimming beach. This is where the Betka River meets the ocean, offering a unique opportunity to enjoy estuary swimming in a calm and scenic setting. It features easy access to both sea and estuary beaches, and is ideal for families, with a grassed area and barbecue facilities with toilets nearby.

WWII Bunker Museum

Step back in time at the WWII Bunker Museum, proudly operated by the Mallacoota and District Historical Society. Housed in a restored wartime facility, this heritage-listed building offers a unique glimpse into the region's role during the Second World War.

Opening Hours: Every Tuesday 9:30AM with last entry at 11:30AM

Group visits: Available by arrangement

Enquiries & Group Bookings: 0423 406 052

Quarry Beach

Follow Betka Road past the Mallacoota airfield. Note: The road becomes gravel and may have potholes so please drive with care. Just before the steel bridge, look for the signed turnoff to Quarry Beach. At the parking area, enjoy coastal views, but the true highlight is just 70m left along the beach, an impressive outcrop of colourful, folded rock strata. This striking geological formation offers a fascinating glimpse into the region's ancient forces at work, making Quarry Beach a must-see for nature lovers, photographers, and geology enthusiasts.

Secret Beach

From Quarry Beach, return to the Old Coast Road and turn left, crossing the steel and concrete bridge. Continue along the road until you reach the parking area for Secret Beach. A path and stairway lead down to this secluded and scenic spot. Enjoy beautiful seascapes from the beach itself. At the northern end, discover a sea cave, which may be accessible at low tide. This peaceful and lesser-known beach offers a sense of discovery and quiet beauty, perfect for adventurous visitors.

Pebbly Beach

Pebbly Beach: From Secret Beach car park, turn left and follow the road for a short distance to the turn-off to Pebbly Beach. From the parking bay a path leads down to another pleasant beach with its attractive seascapes and rock formations. Towards the western end of the beach are a number of rock-pools containing interesting pool habitats for inter-tidal marine communities of algae, mollusks, sea anemones, sea urchins, small fish & crabs.

Shipwreck Creek

Shipwreck Creek (via Old Coast Rd)

From Pebbly Beach, turn left onto Old Coast Rd and follow signs to Shipwreck Creek via Centre Track (approx. 8 km). The route winds through scenic eucalypt forests, with chances to spot wildflowers, wallabies, and goannas. At Shipwreck Creek, you'll find a campground (book through Parks Victoria during holidays), picnic facilities, toilets, walking tracks, and a unique beach to explore.

Forest, Lake and River Drive (4x4 recommended)

Looking for a relaxing day surrounded by nature? This scenic drive offers the perfect mix of forest, lake, and river landscapes, with plenty of spots to stop, picnic, and take in the beautiful East Gippsland environment.

Pack a picnic or some BBQ supplies, load up the car, and enjoy a peaceful adventure through some of the region's most serene locations.

Route Overview:

Start by taking Lakeside Drive to Karbeethong Road

- Travel through dry sclerophyll forest (characterized by hard, leathery-leaved trees).

At the Genoa Road, turn right and continue for ~5km to the turnoff for Sandy Point Track (on the right).

- A pleasant drive leads to the Sandy Point Picnic Ground.
- Nearby, enjoy the scenic views from Sandy Point.

Return to Genoa Road, turn right, and travel ~2km to Sou' West Arm Track.

- Follow this to the Sou' West Arm Picnic Ground.
- A short walk leads to the jetty.
- An extension of the track provides access to another scenic lookout.

Return again to Genoa Road, turn right, and travel ~3km to the Genoa Fire Trail.

- A 4WD track leads to a short path to a picnic ground and jetty on the Genoa River.

Return to Genoa Road, turn right, and follow to Gipsy Point Road.

- Continue to the tranquil Gipsy Point, which is a great spot for birdwatching and river views.

For another vantage point, explore the end of View Street for views of the Genoa River.

Highlights:

- **Picnic spots at Sandy Point, Sou' West Arm, and Genoa River.**
- **Variety of landscapes: dry forest, lake foreshore, riverbanks.**
- **Wildlife spotting, including birds and aquatic life.**
- **Ideal for families, nature lovers, and photographers.**

