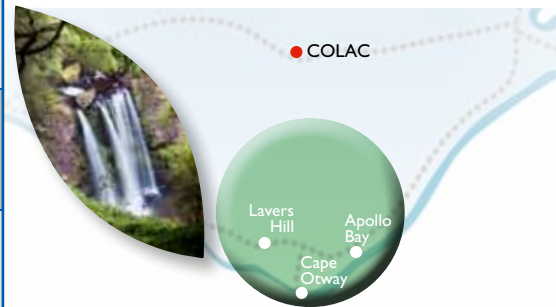




# Discover and breathe easy

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

Whether you go inland or hug the rugged coast, the Otways is filled with natural beauty and history.



## Walks & Waterfalls

This stunning loop drive takes in Apollo Bay, Cape Otway, Lavers Hill, and Beech Forest. Possible stops include the Cape Otway Lightstation, Great Otway National Park, Otway Fly Treetop Adventures, waterfalls, rainforest walks and galleries. Refer to the table detailing walks overleaf.

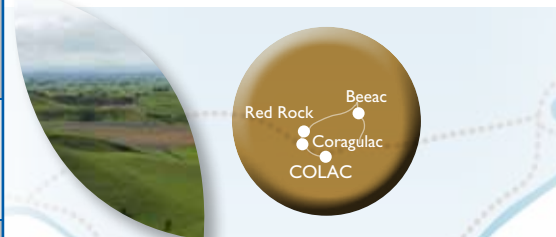


## Food & Wine Lovers

Stretching across the Otways and Surf Coast, enjoy the culinary experiences of the Otway Harvest Trail.

Allow a full day or more to explore if possible.

Visit: [www.otwayharvesttrail.org.au](http://www.otwayharvesttrail.org.au) for opening times and an update of seasonal produce.

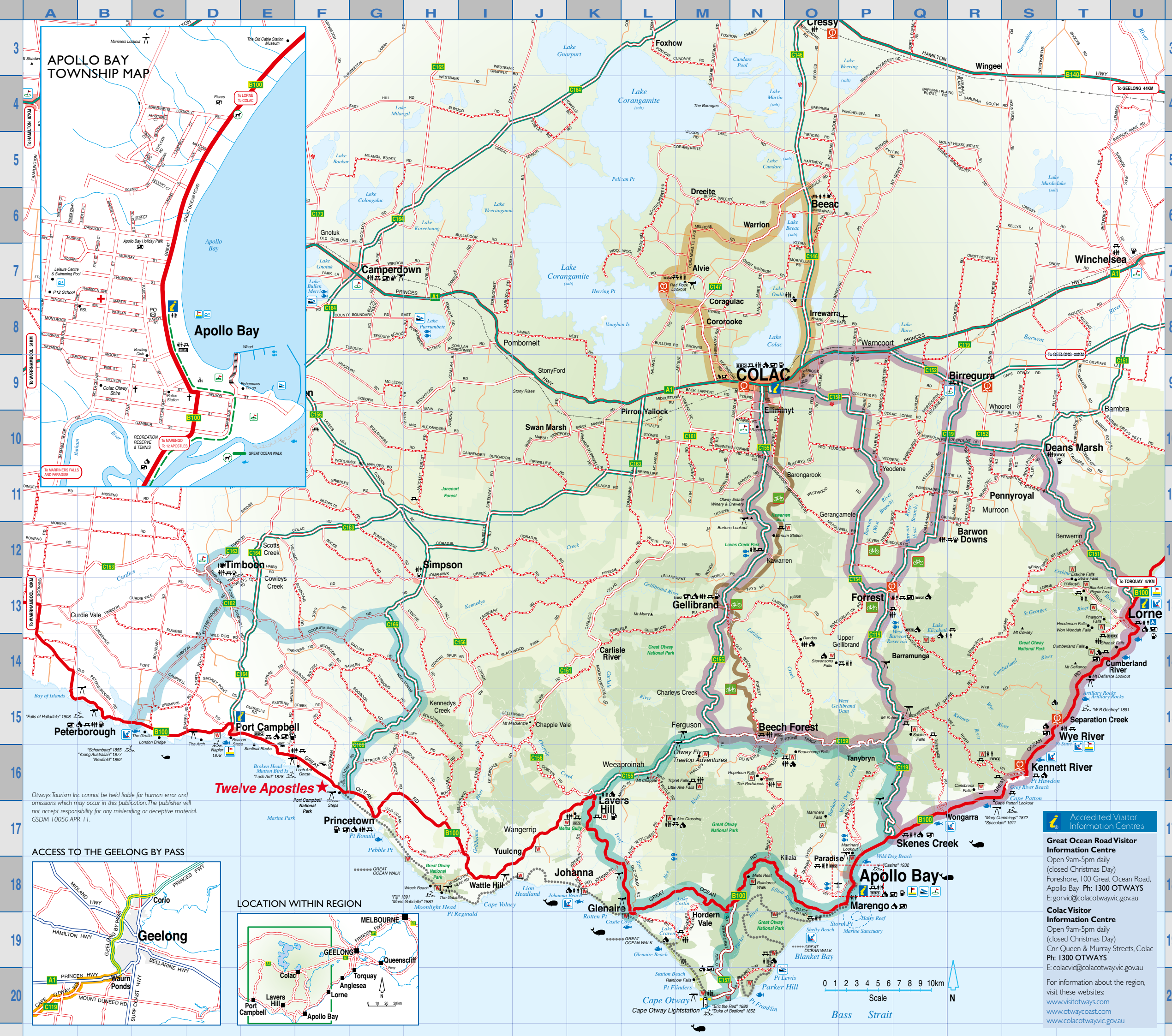


## Volcanic Plains

The area north of Colac is famous for its volcanic past. Visit both east and western lookouts at Red Rock to view the vast volcanic plains, dormant craters and crater lakes of Kanawinka world listed Geopark.

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












































































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# Walks & Waterfalls

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NAME	DESCRIPTION	FEATURES & FACILITIES	RATING	TIME / DIST.	START POINT	MAP REF.	DISTANCE FROM APOLLO BAY
Great Ocean Walk	Short walks, day hikes and overnight treks 'hop-on hop-off' For more information visit: <a href="http://www.greatoceanwalk.com">www.greatoceanwalk.com</a>	  	-		Apollo Bay - Twelve Apostles	F16-P18	70km
APOLLO BAY							
Apollo Bay Foreshore Walk	Gravel footpath stretches from Marengo through to Wild Dog Beach taking in the interesting wooden sculpture trail along the Apollo Bay Foreshore. Brochure available from the Visitor Information Centre.	   	Easy	2 hrs / 5.5km	Marengo Car Park	P18	3km
Marriners Lookout	Short but steep walk to lookout for spectacular views. No dogs, buses, caravans/campervans or camping. Please respect this private property.		Easy/ Moderate	20 mins / 1km	Top of Marriners Lookout Road	P17	2km
Marriners Falls	Cross the creek via large stepping stones, pass by tree ferns, lichen and mosses to the waterfall at the end. <b>Note:Track subject to flooding after heavy rain.</b>	  	Moderate	1 hr / 3.4km	Marriners Falls Carpark, Barham River Road	O17	12km
Shelly Beach	Start at the Elliot River Picnic Ground (via Elliot River Rd), follow the track down to Shelly Beach, return via the same track. At low tide an alternate loop walk is accessed 400m west via rock platforms and a track on east side of river mouth.		Moderate/ Difficult	35 mins / 1.5km	Elliot River Picnic Ground	O19	9km
Maits Rest	A looped boardwalk for all groups. Stop at the magnificent 300 year old National Trust registered Myrtle Beech tree.		Easy	30 mins / 1km	Maits Rest Carpark	N18	16km
BARRAMUNGA							
Stevensons Falls	A 1.5 hr return walk from campground, or 30min return walk from day carpark accessed via second bridge, across the ford (dry conditions only).	   	Easy	1.5 hrs / 1km	Stevensons Campground, Colac – Skenes Creek Rd	O14	34km
BEECH FOREST							
California Redwoods	See a spectacular forest of giant Californian Redwoods (Sequoia trees), planted in 1939.	  	Easy	10 mins	Aire Valley Picnic Ground (near Hoptoun Falls turnoff)	N16	37km
Beauchamp Falls	Walk passes through softwood plantation forest, along a river discover magnificent Mountain Ash, Myrtle Beech, Blackwoods and lush ferns.	   	Difficult	1hr	Beauchamp Picnic Area, Via Aire Valley Road	O16	37km
Hoptoun Falls	Walk to the viewing platform 20 metres from the carpark, or walk down stairs through glades of tree ferns to the falls.		Moderate	30 mins	Hoptoun Falls Reserve, Aire Valley Road	N16	37km
Old Beechy Rail Trail	Experience scenic forests, rich farmland, rolling hills & birdlife along the original path of the historic narrow gauge railway “The Beechy”. For more information <a href="http://www.railtrails.org.au">www.railtrails.org.au</a>	  	Moderate	45km	-	N9-N15	-
Otway Fly Tree-top Adventures	Open daily (closed Christmas Day) 9am-5pm. Fees apply. A unique and spectacular walk amongst the giants of the rainforest. The platform walk rises 25m above groundlevel and to 47m at the lookout tower.		Easy/ Moderate	2.5km / 1.5 hr	Adjacent Visitor information / Café	M16	37km
Triplet Falls	Walk along raised platforms through ancient rainforest to view the awesome triple cascades thundering over rock ledges. This walk also passes by an original sawmill site	 	Moderate	1 hr	Triplet Falls Carpark, Phillips Track	M16	37km
Little Aire Falls	An undulating return walk through amazing fern gullies & mountain ash forest, highlighted by an elevated viewing platform above the canopy – arguably one of the most spectacular falls in the Otway Ranges.	 	Moderate	2 hrs	Triplet Falls Carpark, Phillips Track	M16	37km
BIRREGURRA, COLAC, CRESSY							
Birregurra Heritage Walk	Discover historic churches and buildings in the scenic Birregurra township. Other highlights include the towns timber industry & sporting historical connections.	  	Easy	1.5 hrs	Birregurra Public Carpark	R9	63km
Colac Heritage Walk	Stroll the streets of Colac to view historic buildings with architecture from days gone by. Ensure not to miss the picturesque botanic gardens overlooking Lake Colac.	   	Easy	1.5 hrs	Colac Visitor Information Centre	N9	70km
Colac Botanic Gardens	A leisurely stroll through 12 hectares of one ofVictoria's most unique regional gardens, with stunning views of Lake Colac.	   	Easy	15 mins / 1.2km	Main Entrance, Gellibrand Street	N9	70km
Cressy Discovery Trail	A traditional country town. Wander through this historical farming town settled in the 1830's with quaint churches and strong links to the old Victorian Railways.	   	Easy	1 hr	Community Hall, Cressy	O3	102km
Lake Colac Foreshore	One ofVictoria's largest fresh water lakes, this walk includes shared & informal paths taking in the Lake Colac Bird reserve along the southern foreshore of Lake Colac.	    	Easy	1.5 hrs / 6km	Lake Colac Bird Reserve, Church Street	N9	70km
Red Rock Scenic Lookout	A ground-level viewing platform or a short stair climb to the top of a dormant volcanic crater complex, on a clear day you can see Lake Corangamite - Australia's largest permanent saline lake.	  	Moderate	15 mins	Red Rock Volcanic Scenic Lookout	M7	85km
CAPE OTWAY							
Blanket Bay to Parker Hill	A diverse walk through coastal forests and grass trees, in and out of gullies before descending to beautiful Parker Inlet. Two lookouts along the way provide wonderful ocean and estuary views.	  	Moderate	30 mins / 1.5km	Blanket Bay Campground	N19	30km
Cape Otway Lightstation	Open daily (closed Christmas Day), 9am-4.45pm. Fees apply. From the deck of the 1848 lighthouse experience the heart pounding thrill and awe-inspiring views 80m above the Southern Ocean.		Easy	45 mins / 1km	Lighthouse precinct	M20	30km
Cape Otway Lightstation Cemetery and Lookout	From the lightstation car park, head west on a gravel path for about 10mins before climbing Paynters Hill for views over the lightstation grounds. Descend the other side, turn right and follow the sandy track for approx. 10 mins to a junction, continue past junction to explore the cemetery.	 	Easy	40 mins / 2.8km	Cape Otway Lightstation Carpark	M20	30km
Aire River Escarpment Lookout	From the Aire River bridge, follow the sandy track up the dune through tunnels of coastal scrub to the Aire River Escarpment Lookout, which provides spectacular views to the mouth of the river and back over the extensive wetland system of this heritage river.	  	Medium	2 hrs / 4.2km	Aire River bridge	L19	28km
FORREST							
Forrest Heritage Walk	This Hinterland township enjoys a rich history of the timber and agriculture industries. The walk is lined with 27 interpretative plaques dotted around the town.	  	Moderate	1 hr / 2km	Forrest Township	P13	38km
Lake Elizabeth	The one hour return walk ambles alongside the river and a billabong to the lake or an extended two hour walk loops the entire lake. A colony of platypus resides here, tread lightly and you may see some.	   	Easy/ Moderate	1 hr - 2 hrs 2 - 4km	Lake Elizabeth Carpark	Q14	38km
West Barwon Reservoir	Take a cool climate rainforest walk or take the path from the picnic area and explore the waterways. Excellent views from the dam wall over the reservoir.	    	Easy	20 mins / 400m	West Barwon Reservoir	Q13	38km
KENNETT & WYE RIVER							
Kennett River Koala Walk	Kennett River has a large koala poulation and the best way to spot them is to take a leisurely stroll along the Grey River Road. The walk winds through Manna Gum forest - the koalas preferred diet – and is a great way to connect with nature.			45 mins / 1km	Grey River Road	S16	22km
Kennett River Glow Worm Walk	Take your torch and explore the beauty of glow worms by night at the Grey River picnic reserve			1 hr / 1km	Grey River Picnic Area (via Grey River Rd)	S16	22km
Wye River Heritage Walk	Discover the historic township ofWye River and it's fascinating timber-milling heritage. Also learn about the local indigenous people and the life they lived on the land.			90 mins	Wye River Foreshore Picnic Area	T15	28km
LAVERS HILL							
Melba Gully	A stunning loop walk through dense rainforest of Myrtle Beech, Blackwood and tree ferns alongside a bubbling creek. Some of the best Glow Worm night viewing in the area.	  	Easy	35 mins / 1.2km	Melba Gully Carpark	K17	58km
The Gables Lookout	This great short walk travels through coastal heath, woodland and thick Casuarina forest before arriving at a lookout with spectacular views of some of Australia's highest sea cliffs.		Easy	20 mins / 800m	The Gables Carpark	H18	63km
Wreck Beach	Descending over 350 steps from carpark area, turn right once on the beach. This walk takes you to the anchors of the shipwrecks Marie Gabrielle and Fiji.		Difficult	90 mins / 2km	Moonlight Head	H18	63km
WONGARRA							
Carisbrook Falls	Walking track leaves the carpark and heads upwards along the eastern side of the gorge with views over Carisbrook Creek, leading to a viewing area giving excellent views of the falls. Best seen after heavy rain.		Easy/ Moderate	20 mins	Carrisbrook Falls Carpark	R16	12km
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## Driving Distances / Times\*

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\* Drive times are estimates intended to be used as a guide only. Drive on left in Australia.

## Mountain Bike Trails



**The Forrest Mountain Bike Trails** consist of more than 50 kilometres of purpose built trails through the beautiful Otway Ranges. The trails vary and offer a range of experience for beginners through to hardcore dirt fanatics. For a copy of the trail visit: [www.rideforrest.com.au](http://www.rideforrest.com.au) or [www.visitotways.com](http://www.visitotways.com)



**The Old Beechy Rail Trail** stretches 45km from Colac to Beech Forest. The trail takes you through a variety of scenic natural landscapes, including rainforest, creeks, open farmland in the rich Gellibrand valley and the old train line. Gellibrand is the lowest point with Beech Forest one of the highest. For a copy of the trail visit: [www.visitotways.com](http://www.visitotways.com)

## Safety & information

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