

Great Otway National Park and Otway Forest Park

East Otways - Torquay to Kennett River



Angahook Visitor Guide

Rugged coastlines, dramatic cliff faces, sandy beaches and rock platforms, steep forested ridges and deep valleys of tall forest and fern clad gullies embracing spectacular waterfalls all feature here. *Angahook* comes from the language of the Wauthaurung people, whose ancestors lived for thousands of years off the lands in the eastern areas of the Otway Ranges. Wauthaurung people continue their spiritual and physical connection here today.



Wedge-tailed Eagle

These parks provide vital homes, food and shelter for eagles and a huge variety of other species, including 43 species found nowhere else in the world!

Enjoying the parks

Visitors to the parks can enjoy a range of activities such as camping, fishing, horse riding, touring, bushwalking, mountain bike riding, or four wheel driving.



Picnicking and camping

There are many beautiful places to picnic so plan your visit to get the most out of your day. Ideal picnic areas include Blanket Leaf, Sheoak, Distillery Creek, Grey River and Moggs Creek.

The parks offer excellent camping opportunities whether you are looking for a family friendly place to park your caravan or a solitary night under the stars. Please refer to the camping guide overleaf for further information.



Exploring on foot

There are a range of walks which cater for all abilities. Brochures are available from Visitor Information Centres.

1. Lower Kalimna Falls 6km, 2.5 hours

This gentle walk follows the route of an old timber tramway with interpretative signs that help bring the history of the trail back to life.

2. Ocean View 4.5km, 2 hours

A pleasant forest walk offering spectacular coastal views and kangaroo sightings.

3. Cora Lynn Cascades 4.5km, 2 hours

A gentle walk through lush fern gullies to stunning cascades framed amongst a backdrop of native ferns and mosses.



Waterfalls

Many spectacular waterfalls are accessible by a short stroll. They include Erskine, Phantom, Kalimna and Sheoak Falls.



Mountain bike riding

The Forrest area caters for all levels of mountain bike riders with over 60km of formed tracks and a 12km mountain bike loop linking Forrest, West Barwon Reservoir and Lake Elizabeth.



Horse riding

Experience and enjoy the natural environment on horse back.

Park staff can assist you with planning your riding visit and will advise if a permit is necessary. Many open formed roads and tracks provide ideal trails that do not require a permit.

Marreeyn Visitor Guide

Be sure to use the Great Otway National Park and Otway Forest Park Marreeyn Visitor Guide to assist with your visit to the west end of the parks.

Be fire ready and stay safe

Many parks and forests are located in high fire risk areas. On days of forecast Code Red Fire Danger this park will be closed for public safety.

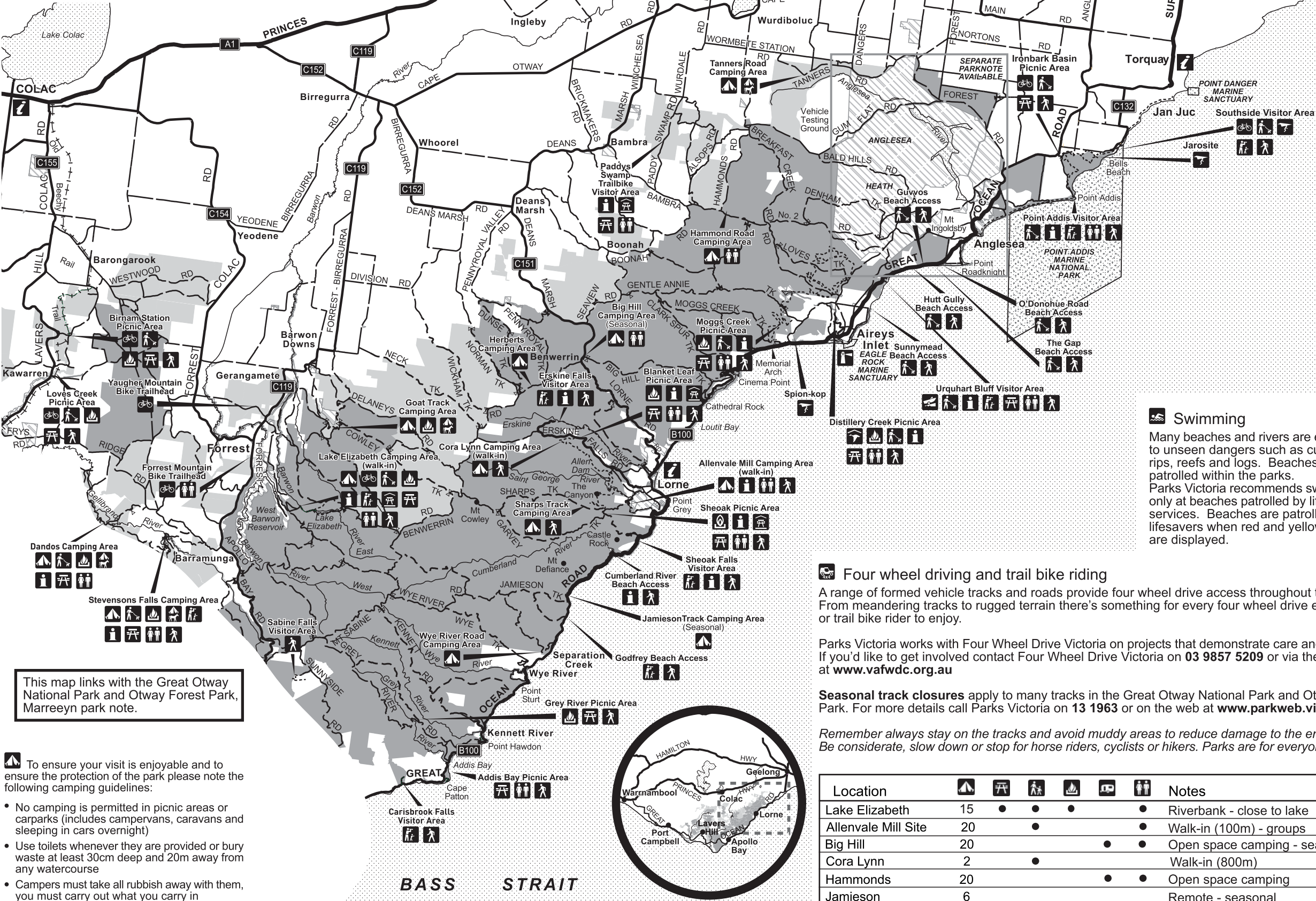
If you are already in the park you should leave the night before or early in the morning for your own safety.

Closure signs will be erected and rangers will patrol when possible, however you may not receive a personal warning that the park is closed so check the latest conditions by calling 13 1963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au

For up to date information on fires in Victoria or general fire safety advice call the **Victorian Bushfire Information Line** on **1800 240 667**.



Where can I take my dog?
Otway Forest Park - Dogs must be on a lead and under direct control at all times at Stevensons Falls Camping Area, and Paddy's Swamp Trail Bike Visitor Area. Dogs are allowed off-lead outside these areas.
Great Otway National Park - Dogs are only allowed on a lead, in designated companion dog areas within the Great Otway National Park. Dogs are allowed off-lead during certain times at Urquhart Bluff Beach and Sunnymead Beach for a trial period.
 For further information on where you can take your dog call in to the local Visitor Information Centre or call Parks Victoria on 13 1963.



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- Highway
- Sealed road
- Unsealed road
- Vehicle track
- Walking track
- Old Beechy Rail Trail
- Seasonally Closed Gate
- Management Vehicle Gate
- Great Otway National Park
- Otway Forest Park
- Marine National Park / Marine Sanctuary
- Other Reserves
- Water body

- Recreational Facilities**
- Bird hide
 - Boat launching
 - Barbecue-Gas
 - Fireplace/ Barbecue-Wood
 - Camping
 - Horse camping
 - Hang-/paraglider launching
 - Lighthouse
 - Lookout
 - Park Information
 - Picnic shelter
 - Picnic table
 - Toilets
 - Tourist information
 - Cycling or shared use track
 - Walking track/Beach access
 - Dogs on lead

Swimming
 Many beaches and rivers are exposed to unseen dangers such as currents, rips, reefs and logs. Beaches are not patrolled within the parks. Parks Victoria recommends swimming only at beaches patrolled by lifesaving services. Beaches are patrolled by lifesavers when red and yellow flags are displayed.

Four wheel driving and trail bike riding
 A range of formed vehicle tracks and roads provide four wheel drive access throughout the parks. From meandering tracks to rugged terrain there's something for every four wheel drive enthusiast or trail bike rider to enjoy.

Parks Victoria works with Four Wheel Drive Victoria on projects that demonstrate care and good will. If you'd like to get involved contact Four Wheel Drive Victoria on **03 9857 5209** or via their web site at www.vafwdc.org.au

Seasonal track closures apply to many tracks in the Great Otway National Park and Otway Forest Park. For more details call Parks Victoria on **13 1963** or on the web at www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

Remember always stay on the tracks and avoid muddy areas to reduce damage to the environment. Be considerate, slow down or stop for horse riders, cyclists or hikers. Parks are for everyone to enjoy.



This map links with the Great Otway National Park and Otway Forest Park, Marreyn park note.

To ensure your visit is enjoyable and to ensure the protection of the park please note the following camping guidelines:

- No camping is permitted in picnic areas or carparks (includes campervans, caravans and sleeping in cars overnight)
- Use toilets whenever they are provided or bury waste at least 30cm deep and 20m away from any watercourse
- Campers must take all rubbish away with them, you must carry out what you carry in
- No fires are permitted in camping areas within the park due to the risk of wildfire. Penalties apply.



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Location						Notes
Lake Elizabeth	15	•	•	•	•	Riverbank - close to lake
Allenvale Mill Site	20	•	•	•	•	Walk-in (100m) - groups
Big Hill	20	•	•	•	•	Open space camping - seasonal
Cora Lynn	2	•	•	•	•	Walk-in (800m)
Hammonds	20	•	•	•	•	Open space camping
Jamieson	6	•	•	•	•	Remote - seasonal
Sharps	8	•	•	•	•	Close to walks
Wye River	12	•	•	•	•	Near township

For further information

Parks Victoria
Information Centre
Call **13 1963**

or visit the
Parks Victoria website
www.parks.vic.gov.au

Visitor Information
Centres

Torquay

C/O Surfworld Museum
Beach Road, Torquay 3280
Tel: (03) 5261 4219

Lorne

15 Mountjoy Pde
Lorne Vic 3232
Tel: (03) 5289 1152

Apollo Bay

Great Ocean Road
Apollo Bay Vic 3233
Tel: (03) 5237 6529

Colac

Cnr Murray & Queen Sts
(Princes Hwy), Colac 3250
Tel: (03) 5231 3730

Caring for the environment

Take rubbish away with you
for recycling and disposal

Fire

Fires may only be lit in
fireplaces provided.

No fires/flames,
(including gas or fuel
stoves/lanterns in tents)
may be lit on days of

Total Fire Ban.

This area of the Great
Otway National Park and
Otway Forest Park is in
the **South West and
Central Total Fire Ban
Districts.**

**It is your responsibility
to know if it is a day of
Total Fire Ban.**

If in doubt call the
**Victorian Bushfire
Information Line:
1800 240 667.**

Park closures

Be prepared to leave early
as **extreme weather may
cause the closure of some
park areas** for public safety.

Mobile Phones

CAUTION: You may not be
in network range in some
areas of the park

Healthy Parks Healthy People

Visiting a park can improve
your health, mind, body and
soul. So, with over four million
hectares of parkland available
to Victorians, why not escape
to a park today!



Car touring

There are a range of opportunities to visit the parks in your car, although some roads in the Great Otway National Park and Otway Forest Park do not provide for all-weather two wheel drive access.

The following drive features the spectacular coastal scenery of the Great Ocean Road, waterfalls, picnic areas, tall mountain forests and short walks suitable for the family.

Take a drive from Lorne along the Great Ocean Road towards Kennett River and turn right along Grey River Road (keep a lookout for koalas here). Drive to the Benwerrin - Mt Sabine Road (20km), turn right and continue to Erskine Falls Road (20km) then return to Lorne. (Allow 3 hours).

Delaney's Road, near Barwon Downs, provides access to the top of the main ridge of the Otways.

Comprehensive tour maps are available from accredited Visitor Information Centres along the coast from Geelong to Nelson.



Wildlife watching

There is a wide range of wildlife habitat across the parks giving visitors many opportunities to see wildlife in their natural surroundings.

Listen out for the grunts of the koala, or watch for a majestic King Parrot as it flies through the forest valley. If you visit the park after dark keep your eyes and ears open for possums and gliders.

*Use the beach
carefully as the shy
and rare Hooded
Plovers share the
beach with you!*



Fishing and hunting

The coastline, as well as a number of streams and rivers which flow through the parks, provide great opportunities for keen anglers.

Fishing is not permitted in marine national parks and sanctuaries. Check separate marine park notes for activity/boundary guidelines.

Adults generally require a Victorian Amateur Fishing Licence, available from the Department of Primary Industries at www.dpi.vic.gov.au, or your local fishing and sports store.

Recreational hunting of game species in the Otway Forest Park requires a game licence issued by the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and is only permitted during officially notified seasons. Recreational hunting of pest animals in the Otway Forest Park does not require a permit.

Hunters must be aware of restrictions.

Contact DSE on 136 186 for the Victorian Hunting Guide.

Firearms or ammunition are not permitted in the Great Otway National Park.



Lake Elizabeth

Explore Lake Elizabeth and enjoy the beautiful forest surrounds. This lake was created in 1952 when one of the heaviest rains on record resulted in a massive landslide that dammed the East Barwon River and turned a remote forested valley into a lake.

Caring for Country

The spiritual and physical connections of the four traditional language groups, Wathaurung, Gulidjan, Gadubanud, and Kirrae Whurrong people are still celebrated today.

Through their rich and diverse culture, Aboriginal people have been connected to Country for tens of thousands of years. People, stories, sites, shell middens, oven mounds and artefacts are all indicators of a healthy and diverse lifestyle.

Parks Victoria recognises this connection and acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Communities of these areas.

A proud logging history

The Otway forests have a long logging history and have been a timber source for more than 150 years. Timber production peaked in 1961 and ceased in 2008.

Using forest timber

While the Great Otway National Park has been established for the protection and preservation of the natural values of the area, the Otway Forest Park allows for broader activities.

Timber and other forest resources such as seeds, foliage, firewood, posts, and decorative products can be collected under a permit in designated areas of the Otway Forest Park.

Contact the Department of Sustainability and Environment on 136 186 for further information, relevant maps, permits and resources.



Visitor Information Centres

To fully enjoy your park experience be sure to visit local Visitor Information Centres and plan ahead. Accredited centres are located at Lorne, Colac, Apollo Bay, Port Campbell or Geelong (Little River) or visit www.visitotways.com and www.visitsurfcoast.com.

How to get there

The Great Otway National Park and Otway Forest Park are south of Melbourne via Geelong or Colac. From the west, approach via Port Campbell along the Great Ocean Road.

A daily bus service between Geelong, Lorne and Apollo Bay connects with train services to Melbourne. For timetable details call **V/Line Country Information on 13 2232.**

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