Coast through living landscapes

Offering natural beauty and easy access, the 44km Surf Coast Walk lets you relax and enjoy a world-class walking destination at your own pace. Explore inspiring landscapes on foot or bike beyond the edge of Victoria’s beautiful Great Ocean Road. Relish the rich oches of the Bells Beach cliffs, the deep blue of Bass Strait and the leafy green of eucalypt forests. Discover traditional Wathaurung country, fascinating surf culture and abundant wildlife as the Walk connects you with the coastal town centres of Torquay, Anglesea and Aireys Inlet. Whether you’re a nature lover or a fun lover, whether you take a hour, a day or a week, the Surf Coast Walk puts a stunning and unique coastal environment within easy reach.

Towns along the way

TORQUAY
The official start of the Great Ocean Road and Home of Australian Surfing. It is the longest town along the walk with many cafes and restaurants close to the coast providing an ideal meeting point for your Surf Coast Walk adventures. The walk starts at Point Impossible, five kilometres northeast of Torquay and takes you through windswept clifftops to the Torquay promenade and its many creature comforts.

ANGLESEA
This point on the Surf Coast Walk has the best beach and surf. Surrounded by the Great Otway National Park, Anglesea is home to some of the best surf in Torquay. The promenade, cafes and access to the Otways provide a perfect environment for a relaxing visit to Anglesea.

AIREYS INLET
The Split Point Lighthouse guides visitors to the western end of the Surf Coast Walk and Aireys Inlet, a world-class village with a very special place in the heart of Torquay.

Features of the Walk

LODGINGS

The many vantage points along the Walk make it an ideal surfing capital. Expect a perfect escape for surfing and Autumn, escape the heat in dipping pools, all the new inspiring power of nature in Winter. Some of the world’s best surf can be found along the way and you won’t regret it. Rent a Deck, Rent a Field, Rent a Cabin, Anglesea and Aireys Inlet.

WILDLIFE

From wild orchids to flowering shrubs, native grasses and flowering trees, visitors can see the diversity of life on the Surf Coast Walk. Between June and October each year look out for whales along the eastern cliffs and at the Aireys Inlet. Caravan Parks, B&B’s and cafés line the Anglesea River and Aireys Inlet Holiday Park is the perfect meeting point for your Surf Coast Walk adventure.

Surf Coast Cabins, set in a peaceful native bushland, located just metres from the walking trail. Enjoy a night spent gazing out over the picturesque Torquay surf beach. For more information or bookings please contact Surf Coast Cabins on (03) 5264 3333.

The View on Grossmans 200m from the Surf Coast Walk, Blackman’s Brewery tours run from 4pm. A must see while in Torquay.

Plan your trip

The Surf Coast Walk starts near Torquay 30km southeast of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Travel tips via car is only 30 minutes from Melbourne to Torquay via the Geelong Ring Road.

V/Line train services operate daily from Melbourne to Geelong.

V/Line coaches operate daily from Geelong to Torquay, Anglesea, Aireys Inlet, Port Campbell and Treadsure from the Melbourne Buses Information Line: 1300000246.

Emergency: call 000 or your nearest operator.

Care for the coast

Coastal vegetation is fragile. Keep to tracks and beach areas. Picking native wildflowers is illegal.

Be clean. Take your rubbish with you and reduce your impact on the coast.

Leave dogs alone. Give beach a run and enjoy the beach areas outside

Learn everything you need to know for future visits to enjoy.

Befriend the Walk

Love the walk! The Friends of the Surf Coast Walk group is the official caretaker of the track. From monitoring to maintenance and environmental protection work, there are many volunteer roles to play depending on your abilities and availability.

For more information call the Great Ocean Road Coast Care Contact Centre on (03) 5264 3333 or visit coastcare@surfcoast.vic.gov.au

Annual Events

Three week events to coincide with some of the great events taking place along the Surf Coast Walk.

Month Event

January Rhythm and Vines in Jan

February Torquay Food and Wine Festival in Feb

March Geelong Great Ocean Road Rower in March

April Great Ocean & Otway Classic Ride in Torquay

May Torquay Trail Week in May

June Surf Coast Trail Marathon in Torquay

July Great Ocean Road Classic Bike Ride in Torquay

August & September Torquay Beach Bike Fest in Torquay

October Split Point Lighthouse Tours in Aireys Inlet

November Anglesea Twilight Twilight in Anglesea

December Anytime in December

Making the most of your stay

The Surf Coast Visitor Centres are the best place to start planning your journey. Our trained staff and volunteers will provide delighted visitor information, maps, accommodation and advice to ensure you get the most out of your Surf Coast adventure.

Tourist Information Centre, Torquay

416 Beach Road, Torquay

Open Mon to Sat: 9am to 5pm, Sun: 10am to 4pm

Tourist Information Centre, Anglesea

7 Mountjoy Parade, Anglesea

Open Mon to Sat: 9am to 5pm, Sun: 10am to 4pm

Tourist Information Centre, Aireys Inlet

15 Mountjoy Parade, Aireys Inlet

Open Mon to Sat: 9am to 5pm, Sun: 10am to 4pm

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**Lighthouse Discovery**

Point Roadknight - Angelsea Point Roadknight

From the convenience of the Angelsea township, rise up to the staff set back clifftop at Point Roadknight Beach. Panoramic views across the township, river and ocean make the climb worth your effort. Angelsea, at the mid-point of the Surf Coast Walk, is an ideal overnight stay.

**Angelsea Heath Point Addis - Angelsea**

This rugged trail takes in all the colours of the coast – vivid ocean cliffs, brilliant blue ocean and deep blue rainforests. See kangaroos, wallabies and spring wildflowers amongst low wind-stunted forest.

**Beach Combikng Point Roadknight - Urquhart Bluff**

Relax, slip off your shoes and get some sand between your toes on this long, uncreased beach walk. Keep an eye out for beach nesting birds and curiosities washed up on the sand by relentless waves.

**Angelsea Riverbanks Angelsea Visitor Centre**

This easy and accessible riverside stroll leads you to the much praised riverside visitor centre. BBQs and calculus options. It’s a great way to access Angelsea’s paddocks, canoes and public art.

**The Bells Track Bird Rock - Bells Beach**

Tread the track that daring surfers carved through coastal scrub to reach the famous waves of Bells Beach. Walk or cycle high along cliff tops where pictured falcons glide. At every touch a stunning panorama, the “golden mile” of surfing with its reef breaks and brilliant surf effortlessly rolling in.

**Ironback Basin Bells Beach - Point Addis**

Venture to the inland sheltered forest of the Ironback Basin in the Great Otway National Park. Transverse past rainforests and search for hidden treasures like rare orchids, echidnas and reptiles. Discover more about traditional Aboriginal lifestyle and behold spectacular views from one of three Point Addis lookouts.

**Surf Coasting Point Danger - Bird Rock**

Explore surfing evolution and surf culture origins on this walk or cycle past Torquay and Jan Juc surf beaches; the ‘Vineyard’ for the next generation of surfer. Peer from rocky Point Cock the many surf breaks, sheltered bays and wild headlands that gave the Surf Coast its name.

**Wathaurung Country**

Point Impossible - Yellow Bluff

Explore traditional Wathaurung Aboriginal country, wind swept sand dunes, and coastal vegetation on this easy walk near Torquay Trail where the Wathaurung people camped each season for thousands of years, leaving behind clues to their culture and lifestyle.

**Alleys Cliffs**

Sunnymead - Alleys Lighthouse

This easy walk, on a well marked track, is a ROCOF of locals. Trout yourself to stunning headland views as you transition between beach, bush and the transition between beach, bush and the coastal scrubland. Marsupials as they scurry, look for tiny Rufous Bristlebirds and see what’s happened on your Surf Coast Walk adventure. Share, enjoy and reflect on your Surf Coast Walk through social media. Keep up-to-date with track information, photos, signposts and other local events, through a dedicated Facebook page. Connect with us today on www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au Surf Coast Walk.

**Lighthouse Discovery**

Alleys Lighthouse - Fairhaven

A stroll from the Split Point Lighthouse and lookouts, past wildlife spotting, through traditional Wathaurung country. Cross an ancient tribal boundary to the western reach of the Wathaurung country. Windswept sand are carefully blown across the townsite, rise up to the bluff and back to the township. Contrast the creature comforts of Torquay with the wilderness of townships, headlands and surf beaches. Peer out from Rocky Point over the many surf breaks, sheltered bays and wild headlands that gave the Surf Coast its name.