



# surf coast walk

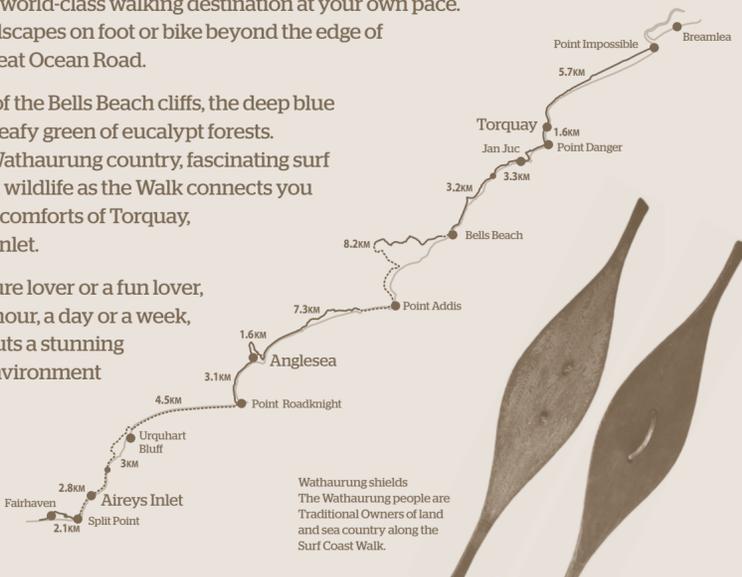


## Coast through living landscapes

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 ochre 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 comforts of Torquay, Anglesea and Aireys Inlet.

Whether you're a nature lover or a fun lover, whether you take an 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 largest town along the walk with many cafés and restaurants close to the coast providing an ideal meeting point for your Surf Coast Walk adventure. The walk starts at Point Impossible, five kilometres northeast of Torquay and takes you through windswept dunes to the Torquay promenade and its many creature comforts.

**ANGLESEA**  
This mid point of the Surf Coast Walk has the best of beach and bush. Surrounded by the Great Otway National Park, Anglesea heath and high coastal cliffs with great views. Caravan Parks, B&Bs and cafés line the Anglesea River overlooking many an opportunity for adventure.

**AIREYS INLET**  
The Split Point Lighthouse guides visitors to the western end of the Walk past Aireys Inlet, a small coastal village with soul. The pub and local eateries have great views of the local terrain and the western end of the Walk at Fairhaven.



**Blackmans Brewery**  
200m from the Surf Coast Walk, Blackman's Brewery offers locally crafted beer and cider brewed on site and an all-day food menu - paired perfectly with the beers. There's a great beer garden out back and daily brewery tours run from 4pm. A must see while in Torquay!

26 Bell Street TORQUAY VIC 3228 T (03) 5261 5310

**The View on Grossmans**  
Tranquil environment with rural and distant ocean views. The View on Grossman's offers studio rooms and a self contained cottage, pool, tennis, BBQ facilities on 2 acres. Native birdlife in abundance from private balcony. Spot Kangaroos at dawn and dusk. Transport to and from walk available.

135 Grossmans Road TORQUAY VIC 3228 T (03) 5261 7088

**Surf Coast Cabins**  
Surf Coast Cabins, set in a peaceful native garden, are the perfect destination to rest and rejuvenate. These self-contained cottages are comfortable and fully equipped. Breakfast can be arranged, if needed, and we'd be happy to pick up weary travellers from the walking trail, in our local area. Groups welcome.

42 Hopkins Street AIREYS INLET VIC 3228 T (03) 5289 6066

**Peppers The Sands Resort, Torquay**  
Located 1.8km from the start of the Surf Coast Walk is where you will find Peppers The Sands Resort - a place to wind down and relax. Offering beautiful accommodation including a championship golf course, heated indoor lap pool, health club, gym. Bring in this map for 15% off 12-6pm. Hammers Restaurant & Bar.

2 Sands Boulevard TORQUAY VIC 3228 T (03) 5264 3333

**Ocean Inlet**  
Three different accommodation styles with sweeping ocean vistas, an ocean view spa bath and just a short hop from the Surf Coast Walk. Close to Aireys Inlet, Anglesea and Lorne with V-line bus service past the door, this property is designed for couples.

34 Wybellena Drive FAIRHAVEN 3231 www.oceaninlet.com T (03) 5289 7313 | 0416 080 617

**Aireys Inlet Holiday Park**  
Our boutique park is near the western end of the Surf Coast Walk. Fully self contained one, two and three bedroom cabins are available - budget to luxury. Ensuite, powered and unpowered sites. Free BBQs, camp kitchen, laundry, solar heated pool and heated spa. Wireless/internet.

19-25 Great Ocean Road AIREYS INLET 3231 T (03) 5289 6230

**Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park**  
After discovering the beauty of the Surf Coast Walk, enjoy a night spent gazing out over the picturesque Torquay surf beach from your very own self contained Seaview Cabin. Located just metres from the walking track, you can enjoy a bbq from the your very own private deck and reward your weary feet.

35 Bell Street TORQUAY 3228 T (03) 5289 1382 or 1300 736 533

**Front Beach Tapouse & Restaurant**  
Frontbeach café overlooks the breathtaking magnificence of Torquay beach. Enjoy the magical water views while dining indoor or al fresco.

Frontbeach is Torquay's first craft beer venue offering nine taps and over fifty bottled beers and ciders. It also has an exciting wine list, great coffee and is open 7 days a week.

16 The Esplanade TORQUAY VIC 3228 T (03) 5261 9752

**Aireys Inlet Getaway Holiday Resort Great Ocean Road**  
Luxury accommodation located on the beach side of the world famous and spectacular Great Ocean Road, in the beautiful, picturesque, coastal hamlet of Aireys Inlet. Situated only 200 metres from the Surf Coast Walk trail, relax in our heated spa after a long day of walking.

2-4 Barton Court AIREYS INLET 3231 T (03) 5289 7021

**Anglesea Family Caravan Park**  
Join the walk directly from our park via beach or river. Stay with us in a cabin, caravan or camping site and we'll reward your walk with a free token to relax in our heated indoor spa and two complimentary coffees. Present this map when checking in to receive your rewards.

35 Cameron Road ANGLESEA 3230 T 1800 040 455

**Split Point Lighthouse Tours**  
Join us for a 30-40 minute guided tour, including a spectacular bird's-eye view from the balcony over the Surf Coast Walk. Easily accessed from the Great Ocean Road at Aireys Inlet, a lighthouse tour is perfect for everyone, including Round the Twist fans. Tours on the hour starting 11am. Last tour 2pm. Extended tour hours in January & Easter (10am until last tour at 4pm).

T 1800 174 045

**Australian Skydive**  
Located 5-10 minutes From Torquay at the start of the Great Ocean Road, we offer an Adrenalin fuelled experience with unbelievable views of the Torquay Coastline. Tandem skydive from 14,000 feet, freefalling at 220kmh for about 30 seconds then floating under canopy for about 4 1/2 minutes before landing safely back at the dropzone.

T 1800 557 101

**Great Ocean Road Surf Tours**  
Our multi award winning, ecotourism certified surf school offers packages, lessons and hire to suit all ages and budgets. From surfboard and wetsuit hire to full day learn to surf tours along the Great Ocean Road with our fully qualified, enthusiastic (and often funny) surf coaches. Learn Australia's best cultures in Australia's surfing capital of Torquay. Visit our shop at 106 Surf Coast Highway, Torquay

T 1800 SURF LESSONS (1800 787 353)

## Annual Events

Time your walk experience to coincide with some of the great events taking place along the Surf Coast Walk.

Month	Event
January	Bells Bash Cliff Run (Jan Juc)
	Danger 1000 Ocean Swim (Torquay)
	Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race (Torquay)
April	Great Ocean & Otway Classic Ride (Torquay)
	Kids Adventure Outdoors (Anglesea)
	Rip Curl Pro, Bells Beach (Torquay)
	Surf Coast Trek (Torquay/Anglesea/Aireys Inlet)
June	Surf Coast Trail Marathon (Torquay/Fairhaven)
September	Surf Coast Century (Anglesea)
November	Afterglow Twilight Trail Run (Torquay/Anglesea)
December	Roo Fun Run & Gromet Gallop (Anglesea)
	Rock2Ramp Ocean Swim (Anglesea)

## 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 detailed visitor information, maps, accommodation and tour advice to ensure you get the most out of your Surf Coast adventure.

**Torquay Visitor Centre**  
Surf City Plaza,  
Beach Road, Torquay  
Phone 1300 614 219  
Open 9am - 5pm, 7 days a week

**Lorne Visitor Centre**  
15 Mountjoy Parade,  
Lorne  
Phone 1300 891 152

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## Plan your trip

The Surf Coast Walk starts near Torquay, 100km southwest of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

- Travel time via car is only 75 minutes from Melbourne to Torquay via the Geelong Ring Road.
- VLine train services operate daily from Melbourne to Geelong.
- VLine coaches operate daily from Geelong to Torquay, Anglesea, Aireys Inlet, Fairhaven and further down the Great Ocean Road. McHarrys Local Bus Service operates daily between Geelong and Torquay.
- Airport transfers are available to Torquay, Anglesea, Aireys Inlet from Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine) and Avalon Airport.

**Walking the walk.** Numerous easily accessible walk trailheads can be accessed by car as shown on the map. Sections of the walk can be combined with a low tide shoreline walk to make a loop. For longer self guided walks, consider a pre-arranged car shuttle, Vline coach or taxi. Tour operators can provide a professional, guided walk experience.

**Shared Use.** Over half the walk is open to cyclists. See map for details. There are several sections suitable for wheelchair access.

**Accommodation** is available in each of the towns, ranging from budget to boutique. Sleeping in vehicles and camping in public places is prohibited. Contact the Torquay or Lorne Visitor Centre for advice.

**What to carry.** Always take a mobile phone. Coverage may vary, check with your provider. Carry snacks and drinks.

**Dogs are welcome** along most sections of the walk, but must be on a leash, check signs for details. Take a bag to pick up after your dog.

**Track standards vary.** Check maps and signs for details.

**Accessibility:** Only concrete paths in central Torquay and Anglesea meet wheelchair standards, but most Grade 2 tracks are flat, smooth and step free. An All Terrain Wheelchair is available for hire. (See reverse for details).



## Features of the Walk

**LOOKOUTS**  
The many vantage points along the Walk excite the senses any time of the year. Capture a perfect sunrise in Spring and Autumn, escape the heat in dappled shade, thrill at the awe inspiring power of nature in Winter. Some of the best lookouts found along the way are Point Danger, Bird Rock, Point Addis, Anglesea cliffs and at the Aireys lighthouse.

**WILDFLOWERS**  
From wild orchids to flowering shrubs, native grasses and forest species, our coast is a plant-lover's delight. Springtime, in particular, brings an abundance of wildflowers to the coast offering up a spectacular show.

**BELLS BEACH**  
Follow the walk along the original track daring surfing pioneers carved to Bells Beach, an internationally recognised destination for surfers. A status that has been created through surfing culture and folklore as well as the hosting of an annual international surfing event every Easter.

**NATIONAL & MARINE PARKS**  
The Great Otway National Park covers 103,000 hectares and represents all that is special about the region: the sandy beaches, rock platforms and windswept heathland fringed by rugged coastline.

Three significant Marine Parks and Sanctuaries feature along the Walk including Point Danger Marine Sanctuary, Point Addis Marine National Park and Eagle Rock Marine Sanctuary.



Hooded Plovers nest on the upper beach in summer. Look out for them and give them space.

**WILDLIFE**  
Discover the array of lovely locals that call the Surf Coast Walk home. Spot the vulnerable Hooded Plover or near threatened Rufous Bristlebird or meet one of our more common natives, including Echidnas and Kangaroos. Marvel at the marine life nearby on the seashore. From the fascinating Decorator Crab to Victoria's marine emblem, the Weedy Seadragon, there's a huge array of wildlife living just off the track.

**WHALES**  
Winter brings one of the world's most majestic creatures to the Surf Coast. Between June and October each year look out for Southern Right Whales as they migrate from sub-Antarctic waters to breed. View these magnificent mammals from one of the walk's many perfect viewing vantage points as they cruise within 100m of the coast.

**MEET THE LOCALS**  
Wildlife collector cards of birds and animals show the diversity of life on the Walk. Painted by local artist Mark Tringham, the SCPIN Wildlife Card series are available from the Torquay Visitor Centre and Swell Foods.

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**Sunnymead  
Urquhart Bluff - Sunnymead**

Take a walk on the wild side through rugged coastal bushland in Great Otway National Park. Rediscover remnants of the original Great Ocean Road and find yourself in a secluded cove at Sunnymead.

3KM

**GRADE 4**  
ROUGH TRACK / RUGGED STEPS / BEACH SAND

**8**

**Point Roadknight  
Anglesea - Point Roadknight**

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

3.1KM

**GRADE 2**  
WELL FORMED TRACK / NO STEPS

**6**

**Anglesea Heath  
Point Addis - Anglesea**

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

7.3KM

**GRADE 3**  
BEACH WALKING & FORMED TRACK / SHORT STEEP HILLS / RUGGED STEPS

**11**

**Aireys Clifftops  
Sunnymead - Aireys Lighthouse**

This easy walk, on a well-made track, is a favourite of locals. Treat yourself to stunning land's edge views as you transition between beach, bush and the Aireys Inlet township. Listen for the song of Rufous Bristlebirds and look for tiny marsupials as they scurry in the low coastal scrubland.

2.8KM

**GRADE 2**  
WELL FORMED / NARROW TRACK / GENTLE HILLS / NO STEPS

**9**

**Beach Combing  
Point Roadknight - Urquhart Bluff**

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

4.5KM

**GRADE 3**  
BEACH WALKING / BEST AT LOW TIDE

**7**

**Anglesea Riverbanks  
Anglesea Visitor Centre**

This easy and accessible riverside stroll keeps you handy to the Anglesea Visitor Centre, BBQs and café/dining options. It's a great way to access Anglesea's paddleboats, canoes and public art.

1.6KM

**GRADE 1**  
FLAT / EASY PATHS / NO STEPS

**12**

**Lighthouse Discovery  
Aireys Lighthouse - Fairhaven**

Discovery stroll from the Split Point Lighthouse and lookouts, past whale sighting spots, through traditional Wathaurung country. Cross an ancient tribal boundary to the western reach of the Surf Coast Walk. Learn as you go with the insights of the Lighthouse Discovery Trail and several well-signed viewing platforms.

2.1KM

**GRADE 2**  
WELL FORMED TRACK / FEW STEPS / GENTLE HILLS

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**Explanation of Symbols**

Parking	Torquay Visitor Centre
Caravan Park	Anglesea Visitor Centre
Toilets	Town Centre
Picnic Area	Information Shelter
Bus Stop	Scenic Lookout
BBQ Facility	Lighthouse
Café	Eastern & Western End
Accommodation	Shared Track
Licensed Venue	Walkers only
Gallery	Airfield

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Walking is a social pursuit, and we'd love to hear, share 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, upgrades and other local events, through a dedicated Facebook page. Connect with us today on [www.facebook.com/SurfCoastWalk](http://www.facebook.com/SurfCoastWalk)

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**1**

**Wathaurung Country  
Point Impossible - Yellow Bluff**

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

5.7KM

**GRADE 2**  
MOSTLY FLAT / NO STEPS / WELL FORMED PATH

**TRAILRIDER ALL-TERRAIN  
WHEELCHAIR**

Available from Surf Coast Shire Sport & Recreation Centre  
77 Beach Road, Torquay Vic 3228  
Ph: 03 5261 4606  
[www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au)

**4**

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

Tread the track that daring pioneer surfers carved through coastal scrub to reach the fearsome waves of Bells Beach. Walk or cycle high along clifftops where peregrine falcons glide. At every lookout a stunning panorama: the "golden mile" of surfing with its reef breaks and brilliant surf relentlessly rolling in.

3.2KM

**GRADE 2**  
GENTLE HILLS / NO STEPS / WELL FORMED TRACK

**2**

**Torquay Promenade  
Yellow Bluff - Point Danger**

Enjoy the perfect Torquay promenade on this flat, kid-friendly, easy shared path. Contrast the creature comforts of Torquay with the wildness of treacherous offshore reefs and the ships' graveyard off Point Danger. Connect to the history of this vibrant holiday town via the Torquay Historical Walk.

1.6KM

**GRADE 1**  
FLAT / NO STEPS / CONCRETE PATH

**5**

**Ironbark Basin  
Bells Beach - Point Addis**

Venture to the inland sheltered forest of the Ironbark Basin in the Great Otway National Park. Tramp past grasstrees 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.

8.2KM

**GRADE 3**  
WELL FORMED TRACK / SHORT STEEP HILLS / STEPS / SAND

**3**

**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 "classroom" for the next generation of surfers. Peer out from Rocky Point over the many surf breaks, sheltered bays and wild headlands that gave the Surf Coast its name.

3.3KM

**GRADE 2**  
MOSTLY FLAT / SOME STEPS / WELL FORMED TRACK / SOME SAND

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| <b>10</b> <b>Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park</b><br>35 Bell Street TORQUAY     | <b>18</b> <b>Aireys Inlet Getaway Resort</b><br>2-4 Barton Court AIREYS INLET, T 03 5289 7021 | <b>26</b> <b>Aireys Inlet Holiday Park</b><br>19-25 Great Ocean Road AIREYS INLET, T 03 5289 6230 |
| <b>11</b> <b>Swell Foods</b><br>use Stuart Ave JAN JUC                        | <b>19</b> <b>Eco Logic / Split Point Lighthouse Tours</b><br>3 Camp Rd ANGLESEA               | <b>20</b> <b>Eagles Nest Gallery</b><br>50 Great Ocean Road AIREYS INLET                          |
| <b>12</b> <b>The Beach Hotel</b><br>3-9 Stuart Ave JAN JUC                    | <b>21</b> <b>Surf Coast Cabins</b><br>42 Hopkins Street AIREYS INLET                          | <b>22</b> <b>The Aireys Pub</b><br>45 Great Ocean Road AIREYS INLET, T 03 5289 6804               |
| <b>13</b> <b>The View on Grossmans</b><br>135 Grossmans Road TORQUAY          | <b>23</b> <b>Ocean Inlet</b><br>34 Wybelenna Drive FAIRHAVEN, T 03 5289 7313                  | <b>24</b> <b>Ocean Inlet</b><br>34 Wybelenna Drive FAIRHAVEN, T 03 5289 7313                      |
| <b>14</b> <b>Bowside Café</b><br>557 Great Ocean Road BELLBRAE                | <b>15</b> <b>Anglesea Family Caravan Park</b><br>35 Cameron Road ANGLESEA                     | <b>16</b> <b>Ocean Corner Café</b><br>143A Great Ocean Road ANGLESEA, T 03 5263 3413              |
| <b>17</b> <b>Anglesea Backpackers</b><br>40 Noble St ANGLESEA, T 03 5263 2664 |   |   |

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| <b>1</b> <b>Australian Skydive</b><br>325 Blackgate Road TORQUAY                  | <b>2</b> <b>Peppers The Sands Resort</b><br>2 Sands Blvd TORQUAY                    | <b>3</b> <b>Wyndham Torquay</b><br>100 The Esplanade TORQUAY         |
| <b>4</b> <b>Great Ocean Road Surf Tours</b><br>106B Surf Coast Hwy TORQUAY        | <b>5</b> <b>Whytes on The Esplanade</b><br>40 The Esplanade TORQUAY, T 03 5261 5060 | <b>6</b> <b>Growlers</b><br>23 The Esplanade TORQUAY                 |
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