



## THINGS TO SEE & DO

**> Barwon River**  
Near the hotel is a three-span bluestone arch bridge (1867) over the Barwon River which is considered one of the most impressive stone structures in Victoria. There are a number of picnic spots beside the river. A platypus has frequently been spotted on early mornings close to the bridge.

**> Otway Harvest Trail**  
Rich soils, clean and green farming practices, a favourable cool climate and friendly people in the Otway hinterland produce distinctive and exceptional flavours of produce. You'll see cellar doors, fresh markets, olive groves, berry gardens, creative restaurants using local produce and spectacular scenery that change and evolve with the four seasons.

[www.otwayharvesttrail.org.au](http://www.otwayharvesttrail.org.au)

**> Winchelsea Heritage Walk**  
An intriguing insight into the town's rich history and its people. The trail commences at the Winchelsea Visitor Centre and includes features such as the Globe Theatre, Barwon Park Mansion, the Barwon River and heritage listed triple arched bluestone bridge to name a few historic sites.

**> Marjorie Lawrence Drive**  
Take a drive around the historic Marjorie Lawrence Trail. It is a great way to explore the life of one of the world's most adored dramatic sopranos from the 1900s. Copies of the Marjorie Lawrence Trail map can be obtained from the Winchelsea Visitor Information Centre.

## NEARBY TOWNS

**> Deans Marsh** has a general store, a groovy little café which hosts some live music, a nursery and gift store, a petrol station and bric-a-brac store, and free BBQ and picnic facilities. In the last weekend of April, the town hosts a Pioneer festival.

Deans Marsh lies in the foothills of the Otways and is a great starting point for journeys throughout the Otway Ranges and the Great Ocean Road. There are two aspects to Deans Marsh. Its agricultural history gives this small town a timelessness that is pleasantly removed from the bustle of the coastal resort towns. It is surrounded by undulating fields, creeks, small farms and thin country roads.

Nearby, to the southeast and southwest, there are rich forests of Mountain Ash, Otway Messmate and Ironbark. The valleys south of Deans Marsh show this forest beauty to perfection.

In the last 10 years, farm cottage and B&B accommodation has boomed in the area with an extra 50 beds added in Deans Marsh and 200 in Pennyroyal Valley.

**> Pennyroyal Valley** has berry farms flush with raspberries, strawberries, blueberries and blackberries and are open for easy pickings between November and April. Wild apples and cherry plums still flower and fruit by the roads and streams. There is also a year-round food and wine presence emerging with three local wineries and an olive grove providing excellent local fare.

**> Bamba** itself is on one of the lower rises at the edge of the Otways. It is surrounded by extremely fertile land, watered by numerous small streams that flow into the Barwon. Pine plantations have replaced cleared native forest on many of the hills but there is low eucalyptus bush all around the town. Bamba is on the cusp of the wetter Otway Ranges and the drier rain shelter to the east. There is superb fishing on the inland lakes just northeast of town.

## SURF COAST TOWNS

- > Torquay**  
Official start of the Great Ocean Road.
- > Anglesea**  
A haven for native animals and plantlife.
- > Aireys Inlet**  
Home of the Split Point Lighthouse.
- > Lorne**  
Fine restaurants, cafés, boutiques and galleries.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

**> Rail & Bus**  
Rail service daily from Melbourne and Geelong, via Winchelsea to Warrnambool  
Ph V/Line: 1800 800 007

[www.vline.com.au](http://www.vline.com.au)

**> Avalon Airport Transfer**  
Ph: 03 5278 8788

**> Melbourne Airport Transfer (Gull)**  
Ph: 03 5222 4966

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- > 000:** Police, fire, ambulance
- > Bushfire Information Line & Total Fire Ban**  
Ph: 1800 240 667

## PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS

**> Winchelsea Community House**  
28 Hesse Street  
Ph: 03 5267 2028

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Playgrounds are located in Dwyer Street and on the Winchelsea Riverbank, Barwon Terrace.

There is a skatepark behind the Winchelsea Tea Rooms.

**> Winchelsea Swimming Pool**  
Open December to March each year.

**> Winchelsea Historical Society**  
Winch House, Hesse Street.  
Open every Wednesday between 1.30pm and 5pm or at other times by appointment.  
Ph: 03 5267 2494



## MARJORIE LAWRENCE TRAIL

- 1 Globe Theatre**  
- Built by William Lawrence.
- 2 St Thomas Anglican Church**  
- Barwon Terrace.
- 3 Inverleigh Road**  
- Opposite Barwon Park.
- 4 Winchelsea**  
- Deans Marsh Road, named Marjorie Lawrence Drive.
- 5 Pennyroyal**  
- Farming area where family moved to from Modewarre.
- 6 St Paul's Church of England**  
- Deans Marsh.
- 7 Lawrence Cottage - Birregurra Rd**  
- Birthplace of Marjorie Lawrence.
- 8 Bamba Cemetery**  
- Marjorie's parents and grandparents are buried here.
- 9 Modewarre**  
- Corner of Considine and Batson Roads. Original home of grandfather and grandmother Henry and Julia Lawrence.

Was this map useful?  
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## EVENTS

**January**

- Pier to Pub (Lorne)
- Cadell Evans Great Ocean Road Race

**March**

- Country Dahlias Flower Festival
- Winchelsea Horticultural Garden Club Autumn Show
- Winchelsea Uniting Church Auction
- Deans Marsh Festival

**April**

- Gallipoli Before and Beyond
- Rip Curl Pro (Bells Beach)
- Great Ocean and Otway Classic Ride
- Anzac Day Dawn Service

**May**

- Great Ocean Road Marathon (Lorne)

**August**

- Winchelsea Spring Flower and Craft Show
- Surf Coast Arts Trail

**September**

- Festival of Performing Arts (Lorne)
- Amy's Gran Fondo (Lorne)
- Surf Coast Century - trail running series (Anglesea)

**October**

- Anglesea Music Festival
- Southern Exposure Surf Coast Mountain Bike Festival (Anglesea)

**November**

- Toast to the Coast (various wineries across the Surf Coast)
- Winchelsea Trick or Treat Festival
- Winchelsea Uniting Church Art and Photography Show & Open Town Studio
- Deans Marsh Sheep Dog Trials

**December**

- Torquay Festival
- Carols By Candlelight

Further events and information go to [www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/My\\_community/Arts\\_Culture\\_Events](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/My_community/Arts_Culture_Events)

**Refer to Market brochure for all market information.**





## WINCHELSEA, HISTORY LIVES

Winchelsea is an attractive rural town by the banks of the picturesque Barwon River, steeped in the rich history of Victoria's Western District including Barwon Park Mansion and eight other national trust listed properties in the area.

The Barwon River is framed by historic churches and a series of reserves, picnic and BBQ areas as it flows through the centre of Winchelsea. A heritage trail takes in the town's older buildings and points of interest.

[www.visitwinchelsea.org](http://www.visitwinchelsea.org)

## NAME ORIGINS

Winchelsea was originally called Austin's Ford and then, "The Barwon". Despite its inland location, the town was eventually named after the old English port of Winchelsea on the southeast coast of England. The first Europeans to reside in the area were squatters who established grazing runs here in 1837. The town developed around the Barwon Hotel and a general store, both of which were established in 1842 on the coaching route between Geelong and Warrnambool.

## WINCHELSEA FESTIVAL

The Winchelsea Festival provides family fun and entertainment, country skills, regional food, wine and produce, animal nursery, arts and crafts, and much more - all in aid of Winchelsea's Eastern Reserve Sports and Recreation Community Hub. See live music, the Ferret Cup, woodchopping, sheep shearing, a ute show and sheepdog demonstrations. One day only in November each year.

## THINGS TO SEE & DO

### > Barwon Park Mansion

This majestic 42-room bluestone National Trust mansion and stables is largely in its original condition, resonating with the glory of Victoria's pastoral heritage.

The mansion was built for Thomas and Elizabeth Austin (founder of the Austin Hospital) who had lived in the Western District at Barwon Park since their marriage in 1845. Barwon Park at Winchelsea, when completed in 1869, was the finest and most celebrated mansion house in western Victoria and, having established the reputation of architects, Davidson and Henderson, survives as perhaps the most notable homestead designed by this prolific practice. At Barwon Park, Thomas Austin, royal host, public figure, eminent pastoralist and leader of the Acclimatisation Society, was the first to introduce rabbits to Australia, an achievement now universally condemned.

Barwon Park is 3km north of town on the Inverleigh Road and is signposted off the Princes Highway.

Open 11am to 4pm, Wednesdays and Sundays. Ph: 03 5267 2209

### > Winchelsea Tea Rooms

Situated in a fine bluestone building (1908) in the heart of Winchelsea, it originally served as the shire hall.

### Explanation Of Symbols

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|--|--|--|-----------------|
|  | Visitor information                              |  | CFA / SES       |
|  | Activity   |  | Police          |
|  | Public toilets                                   |  | Fuel            |
|  | Accessible toilet                                |  | Car parking     |
|  | Playground                                       |  | Barbeque        |
|  | Caravan park                                     |  | Shops / Hotel   |
|  | Picnic area                                      |  | Post office     |
|  | Dog off-leash area                               |  | Hospital        |
|  | Park / Reserve                                   |  | V-Line bus stop |
|  | Walking track                                    |  | Winery          |
|  | Neighbourhood Safer Place / Place of Last Resort |  |                 |



## Winchelsea Street Index

Alsop Dr.	H3
Anderson St.	H4
Armistead St.	L2
Armytage St.	H3
Austin St.	J2, K3
Barkly St.	J2
Barwon Park Rd.	H2
Barwon Toe.	K4
Batson St.	J4
Beal Ct.	K1
Bennett St.	K2
Browns La.	J4
Buhrmanns La.	K5
Collins St.	L3
Cooper St.	I1
Cossar St.	J3
Cressy Rd.	H2
Daintree Dr.	J2
Dicksons Rd.	K5
Dwyer St.	H4
Gladman St.	L3
Gosney St.	H3
Gullian La.	K2
Harding St.	J2
Heath Dr.	K1
Hesse St.	I2
Hopkins St.	J2
Inverleigh-Winchelsea Rd.	L1
Jackson St.	J2
Jordyn Ct.	L1
Lauders La.	I5
Lennox St.	K2
Main St.	I3
McConachy St.	L3
McDonald Dr.	I2
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Mousley Rd.	H3
Murrell St.	H3
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Newman Pl.	K3
Olney St.	J1
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Reynolds St.	J3
Richert Ct.	H5
Richmond La.	J5
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Smith St.	J4
Stephenson St.	J3
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Trebeck Ct.	K1
Warner St.	I4
Wells St.	L4
Willis St.	J2
Winchelsea-Deans Marsh Rd.	H5
Witcombe St.	K2
Worland St.	L1

## Winchelsea Heritage Trail

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|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Old Public Library - Winchelsea Visitor Centre.....J2 | <b>3</b> Globe Theatre.....J2              | <b>7</b> Barwon Park Mansion.....K1         | <b>11</b> First Bank Building.....I3 |
| <b>2</b> Winchelsea's First Church.....J3                      | <b>4</b> Bluestone Shop - Austin St.....J2 | <b>8</b> Barwon River Bridge.....I3         | <b>12</b> Barwon Hotel.....J3        |
|  | <b>5</b> Eastern Reserve Grandstand.....K2 | <b>9</b> Shire Offices.....I3               | <b>13</b> Vicarage.....I4            |
|  | <b>6</b> 300 Year-Old Tree.....L1          | <b>10</b> Winchelsea Railway Station.....H2 | <b>14</b> Golf Course.....I4         |

## Distance and travel times from Winchelsea

Town	Km	Time	Colac	38	30mins	Avalon Airport	60	1hr 6mins
Torquay	43	35mins	Deans Marsh	23	20mins	Queenscliff	66	1hrs 14mins
Anglesea	51	46mins	Geelong	40	36mins	Twelve Apostles	120*	1hr 45mins
Aireys Inlet	67	57mins	Lorne	46	41mins	Warrnambool	150	2hrs 6mins
Apollo Bay	84	1hr 15mins	Melbourne	111	1 hr 40mins			

Travel times are a guide only and may vary due to the scenic and winding nature of roads and different weather conditions. Expect travel times to be longer during peak season.  
\* Via Colac



Further information on the Surf Coast and Great Ocean Road region including downloadable maps, accommodation, restaurants and activities can be found at [www.visitwinchelsea.org](http://www.visitwinchelsea.org)

Winchelsea Visitor Centre located in the old historic library building is run by friendly volunteers who provide local information and travelling advice. Accredited Visitor Information Centres are located at Torquay and Lorne and are open daily from 9am to 5pm. For more information contact the Torquay Visitor Centre. Ph: 1300 614 219

Access Township Maps are available from Surf Coast Visitor Centres.