**THINGS TO SEE & DO**

> **Barwon River**
> The River 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, farm 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

> **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 brc-a-brac store, and free BBQ and picnic facilities. In the last week 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 historical 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 M Emmet and Ironbark. The valleys south of Deans Marsh show this forest beauty to perfection.

> **Angelsea**
> A haven for native animals and plantlife.

> **Airyes Inlet**
> Home of the Split Point Lighthouse.

> **Lorne**
> Fine restaurants, cafés, boutiques and galleries.

> **Pennroyal 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.

> **Bambara**
> 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. Bambara is on the cusps of the wetter Otway Ranges and the drier rain shelter to the east. There is superb fishing on the Barwon, but there are many creeks, small farms and thin country roads.

> **��ur CoasT TOWNS**
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> **Winchelsea**
> **Spring Festival**
> • Carols By Candlelight
> • Torquay Festival
> • Deans Marsh Sheep Show
> • Winchelsea Horticultural Garden Club Autumn Show
> • Winchelsea Uniting Church Auction
> • Deans Marsh Festival

> **April**
> • Phillip Island Baby Racing and Beyond Race Cup Pro (Bells Beach)
> • Great Ocean and Otway Classic Ride
> • Arnez Day Dawn Service

> **May**
> • Great Ocean Road Marathon (Lorne)

> **August**
> • Winchelsea Spring Flower and Craft Show
> • Surf Coast Arts Trail

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

> **Rail & Bus**
> Rail service daily from Melbourne and Geelong via Winchelsea to Warrnambool. Ph V/Line: 1800 000 007 www.vline.com.au

> **Avalon Airport Transfer**
> Ph: 03 5276 8788

> **Melbourne Airport Transfer (Call)**
> 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 skateboard 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

> **Globe Theatre**
> - Built by William Lawrence.

> **St Thomas Anglican Church**
> - Barwon Terrace.

> **Inverleigh Road**
> - Opposite Barwon Park.

> **Winchelsea**
> - Deans Marsh Road, named Marjorie Lawrence Drive.

> **Pennroyal**
> - Farming area where family moved to from Modewarre.

> **St Paul’s Church of England**
> - Deans Marsh.

> **Lawrence Cottage - Birregurra Road**
> - Birthplace of Marjorie Lawrence.

> **Bambara Cemetery**
> - Marjorie’s parents and grandparents are buried here.

> **Modewarre**
> - Corner of Considine and Batho Roads. Original home of greatgrandfather and grandmother Henry and Julia Lawrence.

> **For further events and information go to www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/ourcommunity/arts_CultureEvents**

> **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

**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 inland road to 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, wood carving, sheep shearing, a uke show and sheepdog demonstrations. One day only in November each year.

**Winchelsea Teas Rooms**

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

**Winchelsea Street Index**

Further information on the Surf Coast and Great Ocean Road right including downloadable maps, accommodation, restaurants and activities can be found at www.visitsurfcoast.com

Winchelsea Visitor Centre located in the old historic library building is run by friendly volunteers who provide local information and travelling advice.

Accommodated visitor information centres are located at Torquay and Lorne and are open daily from 10am to 5pm. For more information contact the Torquay Visitor Centre.

Ph: 1300 614 219

Access Township Maps are available from Surf Coast Visitor Centres.

**Winchelsea Heritage Trail**

| 1 | Old Public Library - Winchelsea Visitor Centre | J2 |
| 2 | Winchelsea’s First Church | J3 |
| 3 | 300-Year-Old Tree | L1 |
| 4 | Globe Theatre | J2 |
| 5 | Bluestone Shop - Austin St | J2 |
| 6 | Barwon Park Mansion | K1 |
| 7 | Barwon River Bridge | J3 |
| 8 | Barwon Hotel | J3 |
| 9 | First Bank Building | I3 |
| 10 | Vicarage | J3 |
| 11 | Golf Course | I4 |
| 12 | V-Line bus stop | L4 |
| 13 | Ashton House | L2 |
| 14 | Bluestone Shop - Austin St | K3 |
| 15 | Post Office | J4 |
| 16 | Woolshed | J4 |
| 17 | Old Public Library | I3 |
| 18 | Barwon River Bridge | L3 |
| 19 | Barwon Park | J1 |
| 20 | Barwon Hotel | L3 |
| 21 | First Bank Building | L3 |
| 22 | Victoria Hotel | J1 |
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| 25 | Barwon River Bridge | L3 |

**Distance and travel times from Winchelsea**

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

* VIA Colac