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ACCESSIBILITY GUIDE



12 Apostles and Surrounds

Port Campbell · Peterborough Princetown · Timboon · Camperdown





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Visit Port Campbell

Welcoming Business Program





Port Campbell Jetty and Foreshore

An attraction in its own right! Port Campbell's weathered jetty juts defiantly into the bay, dwarfed by limestone cliffs and frequently by waves on the offshore reef.

The ramp to the pier has a medium gradient; the upper level of the pier is generally accessible for prams and wheelchairs. The designated accessible parking space at the Port Campbell foreshore is large and flat.

A ramp gives alternative beach access to the stairs, although it is quite steep.

Accessible toilets are available near the Surf Life Saving Club.

Port Campbell Discovery Walk

This walk is accessible from the Two Mile Bay car park. There is no designated accessible car park space).

The track is unsealed and too narrow in places for good accessibility.



A 'Welcoming Business' is a business endorsed by Corangamite Shire's Rural Access Program.

When you see this logo in our guide, or around our area, you can be confident that that business has satisfied a set of minimum standards relating to physical access, communication and customer

Welcoming Businesses are committed to providing an accessible and inclusive environment for all.



For more information and for a list of all the Welcoming Businesses in our area, www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/files/Welcoming-Businesses-Corangamite-2011.pdf



Accessible Accommodation



Staying in our region allows you to see the National Park in its best light; dawn and dusk! All of the following accommodation options have rooms with accessible features. Please contact them for more details on how they can accommodate you.

Port Campbell

Great Ocean Road Motor Inn 10 Great Ocean Road

(03) 5598 6522

Motel

Portside Motel

62 Lord Street (03) 5598 6084

Motel

Daysy Hill Country Cottages

Cobden-Port Campbell Road (03) 5598 6226

Self Contained

Waves Restaurant and Apartments

29 Lord Street

(03) 5598 6111

Motel

Motel

Hostel

Self Contained

Port Campbell Parkview Motel and Apartments

4 Desailly Street (03) 5598 6445

50 0440

Port Campbell Hostel

18 Tregea Street (03) 5598 6305

Sherbrook Lodge

Sherbrook Lodge Road (03) 5598 3050

Princetown

Kangaroobie

Old Ocean Road (03) 5598 8151 www.kangaroobie.com Group accommodation

<u>Cooriemungle</u>

Camp Cooriemungle 30 Bornong Road (03) 5598 7254 Group accommodation

Peterborough

Great Ocean Road Tourist Park

Great Ocean Road (Cnr Irvine Street) 1800 200 478 Camping

Camperdown

Manifold Motor Inn 295 Manifold Street (03) 5593 2666 *Motel*

Port Campbell Visitor Information Centre

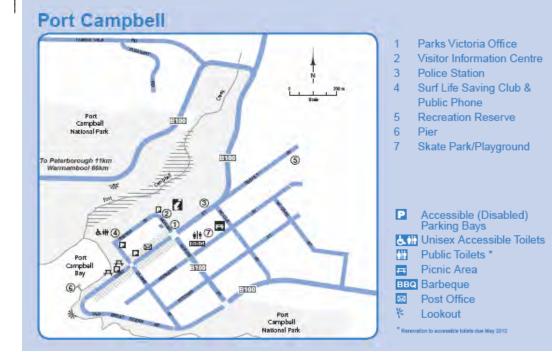


The yellow and blue sign is your passport to quality information and friendly service along the entire Great Ocean Road! Come and see us at the 12 Apostles Visitor Information Centre - Port Campbell for tips, maps and advice on how to make the most of your stay.

The Port Campbell Visitor Information Centre is generally accessible, although there are no access-enhancing design features.

There is a slight lip at the doorway. A designated accessible parking space is provided in the car park area.

The Centre contains a comprehensive display of shipwreck artefacts that will help bring to life the shipwreck history that is woven into the fabric of the places you will visit.



Heading East



Loch Ard Gorge

Let the others rush be sure to take your time at Loch Ard Gorge. It is impossible to walk these trails and not be moved by the powers of nature and the shipwreck history that defines the area!

The Loch Ard precinct is linked by 3 car parks and four main trails.

The designated accessible car parking space at Loch Ard Gorge allows for good access to the Geology and Loch Ard lookout trails. Car parks at Mutton Bird Island are spacious but not designated accessible car parking. There are no toilets on the site.

Geology walk: Level crushed rock and bitumen surface 900m return loop trail including The Razorback and Island Arch.

Loch Ard Wreck Lookout: Undulating bitumen access from the main car park to the lookout is 400m return. This walk forms part of the 1.4km Wreck of the Loch Ard trail.

Wreck of the Loch Ard: 1.4km slight inclines on bitumen and crushed rock, narrow in places near the cemetery.

Thunder Cave: A 1.1km sealed path that forms part of the 3.2km living on the edge trail.

Living on the Edge: 3.2 km with inclines on bitumen and crushed rock.

Mutton Bird Island Lookout: 100m level on crushed rock to the upper deck of the viewing platform there are steps down to the lower viewing platform.



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See the view from Mount Leura

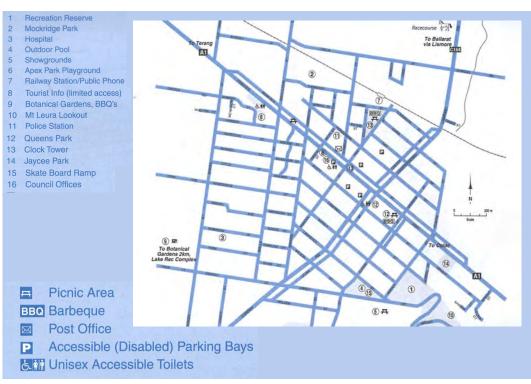
The scenic lookout from Mount Leura offers spectacular views of the lakes and craters country, down to the Otways and across to the Grampians. Drive to the summit and enjoy all this beauty from the comfort of the car.

Fish or relax at Lake Bullen Merri

Experience a unique view of Lake Bullen Merri from the South Beach Reserve.

South Beach reserve has an accessible fishing platform for those wanting to cast a line. Fully accessible toilets are located at the reserve.

Take a ride out to **Pombo Mart** on the Princess Highway towards Colac to browse the unique collectables and antiques for sale.







Visit Camperdown





Located in the heart of the Kanawinka Geopark, Camperdown's rich history is told through its grand picturesque streetscapes. Surrounded by the magnificent lakes and craters of dormant volcanoes, Camperdown offers a delicious range of eateries, coffee shops and shops along its elm lined avenue.

Explore Manifold Street



Manifold Street is the heritage heart of Camperdown. Take in the impressive view of the Gothic clocktower which stands proud in the town centre.

Fully accessible toilets are located next to the Council offices and on Leura Road. Designated accessible car parking spaces are located around town and marked on the map.

Grab a coffee, cake, gelato or meal at **The Loaf and Lounge,** Manifold Street. Watch the world go by through their windows and enjoy the charm of historic Camperdown.



Twelve Apostles



It is the sheer scale of the offshore stacks that are most breathtaking at this point. Many of you will have seen countless photos and images; nothing will prepare you for the grandeur of this iconic site in the flesh!

The Twelve Apostles is a high profile tourist site. There is a large sealed car park with designated accessible parking spaces.

300m of sealed paths take visitors to viewing areas by passing through or around the Visitor Centre. Prams and wheelchairs can access the lower viewing platform by following signs at the main lookout.

There is a 200m extension to the eastern viewing platform which is steep in its final section and unsuitable for those with impaired mobility.

Wheelchair accessible toilet open 24 hours at the Centre. Four wheelchairs are available upon request between 9:00am and 11:30am and 12:30 and 4:00pm by presenting to kiosk staff.

Gibson Steps

Has a designated accessible parking space.

The western viewing platform is accessible and the access to the descent can be negotiated for a short distance.



Heading West



The Arch

This site is often spectacular in the afternoon when the formations to the east are bathed in a warm golden light.

There is no designated accessible car parking space at The Arch.

The walking track to the viewing platforms is sealed (concrete) but the fairly steep gradient from the first viewing platform to the second makes it difficult for mobility impaired people to access.

London Bridge

For many people the publicity surrounding the collapse of London Bridge frames a point in time. Many visitors remind us and recount of a loved one that was there a day before or a week after the January 15th 1990 collapse!

There is one designated accessible car parking space; the slope of the car park can make it difficult for wheelchairs. Good sealed pram and wheelchair access from the car park to the upper viewing platform 150m return. The 300m return path to the lower viewing platform is steep and uneven and is unsuitable for prams and wheelchairs and those with mobility impairment.



1 For the first stop follow the signs for Timboon Farmhouse Cheese to visit **L'artisan Cheese and Mouse Trap Café** for tastings. *The entrance is flat. The door is accessible.*

2 Top off that cheese with a stop at Timboon Railway Shed Distillery & Timboon Fine Ice Cream!

Wheelchair access to all parts of distillery and accessible toilets.

- During the season (closed between March and November) head to **Berry World** to pick some tasty berries! The entrance is accessible. Off street parking is available. All access toilets are also available.
- Return to the Port Campbell Road by the C162. Follow signs to Simpson via the Cooriemungle Road to arrive at our next stop; Newton's Ridge Estate Winery. (closed Easter to October). Accessible toilets available. Tasting bench is high for those unable to stand.
- 5 Turn right back onto the Princetown road (C166) for Apostle Whey Cheese. Sample the award winning produce overlooking the lovely gardens. *Flat entrance, fully accessible. Accessible toilets.*

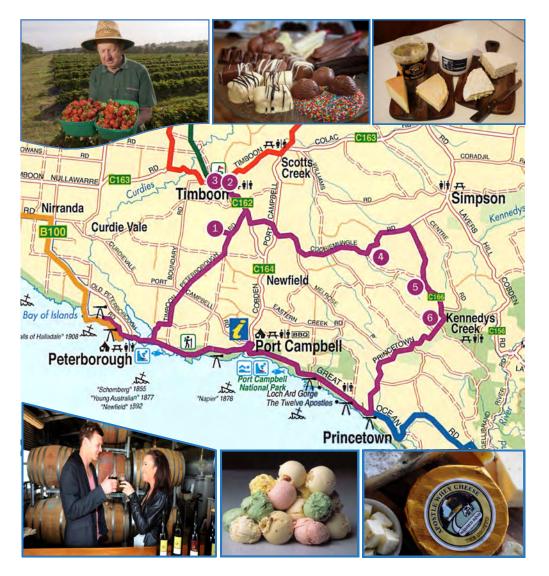
6 Continue south on the Princetown Road (C166) for G.O.R.G.E Chocolates. Pick up a G.O.R.G.E hot chocolate before heading back to the Great Ocean Road for more fantastic coastal scenery!

Gravel car park, slight decline to the entrance.

12 Apostles Gourmet Trail



Take a half or full day loop around this 85km trail to stock up for that perfect picnic; whether it be a fireside treat or a gourmet sunset!



The Grotto

Many a visitor holds a special memory of their visit to the Grotto. Spray from waves can cast a fine mist over the low viewing area. The sunshine does the rest, filling the air with rainbow delights.

There are two designated accessible car parking spaces. The track to the first viewing platform is suitable for prams and wheelchairs on a mixture of boardwalk and compacted gravel. There is a steep gradient and steps beyond the first viewing platform.



Bay of Islands

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The pale limestone of this section of coast reflects a different quality of light and offers superior photographic opportunity in overcast conditions. Highly underrated!

One designated accessible car parking space. Viewing platforms are accessible although there is a slight uphill gradient to the eastern platform and the platform itself has a 3cm lip. The short walking track, to the western viewing platform, is too narrow for a wheelchair.

Bay of Martyrs

One designated accessible car parking space.

Viewing platform is accessible from the car park and from the car park there are fantastic views. The walking track is too narrow in places for a wheelchair.

Visit Peterborough

Visit Timboon

Peterborough Foreshore

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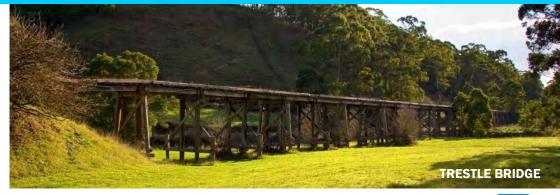
The car park to the south of town offers views looking east across the wreck sites of the Schomberg and the Newfield. Interpretive signs bring to life the stories of local shipwrecks and the stories surrounding them.

Dolphins can often be observed herding salmon in the inshore gutters at the eastern end of the beach and are a good indicator of when fishing conditions are right!

Unobstructed views from the car and good access to amenities.

Best access to the beach for those with mobility impairment is from the sandy boat ramp south of the main pedestrian access

There are two designated accessible car parking spaces in front of the main viewing platform. A unisex accessible public toilet and shower is also now completed at Irvine Street.



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A wooded valley and a winding river are the perfect rural setting for one of our tastiest towns. 17km from the coast, Timboon is a big hitter in our 12 Apostles Gourmet Trail and is sure to tempt your tastebuds.

Timboon has four designated accessible car parking spaces in the town centre. These are marked on the map below. Accessible public toilets are now completed. Accessibility equipment is available for rent at **Timboon** and **District Health Care** - ph: (03) 55586000.



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