



**The Anglesea Perimeter Walk (APW) is a moderately easy walk that showcases the windblown heathlands and heathy woodlands of the Great Otway National Park surrounding Anglesea. Late winter and early spring are the main flowering seasons. Maximum elevation on the walk is at Mt Ingolsby at 121 meters.**

Starting at the Anglesea Information Centre, the whole of the walk requires 6-7 hours. Each of the half walk loops require 3-4 hours. The walk can be accessed at many points and shorter loops are possible.

The well signed walk uses existing gravel paths, fire breaks, bush tracks and 4WD tracks, some quite deeply rutted. Great Ocean Road crossings are at Noble St, Ellimatta Rd and O'Donohue Rd. Traffic can be heavy. In several places clay surfaces are slippery when wet.

Walkers are asked to respect the land by not walking off track and by taking all rubbish home. The area is extremely environmentally sensitive. To prevent the spread of pathogens, footwear must be clean and ideally sprayed with a mixture of methylated spirits and water before walking.

### Eastern Loop (11km approximately).

From the Anglesea Visitor Information Centre, the Anglesea Perimeter Walk (APW) crosses the Anglesea River at the bridge. A path runs along the river back towards the sea then turns left along the seaward boundary of the Anglesea campground. The walk continues into the Great Otway National Park along the

Clifftop Walk which is also part of the Surf Coast Walk. It then turns left where sign posted, away from the coast onto a fire break track. On reaching a T-intersection, the walk turns right then left following a sign to an unmade road that meets Hurst Drive (scout camp road). The entry to the Eumeralla Scout Camp is on the right, but the walk keeps left in the direction of the Great Ocean Road.

The walk turns left off Hurst Drive (scout camp road) onto Don's Track at the APW signpost. Don's track has several good lookouts including seating overlooking the sports fields and the coast. This track emerges from the bush at the Anglesea Cricket Club pavilion car park. The walk continues right along Ellimatta Rd and crosses the Great Ocean Road onto Betleigh St.

About 25 meters along Betleigh St, signs on the right indicate the path onto Ixodia Track. The signs along Ixodia Track indicate a merge onto Black Wattle Track which turns sharply to the left then sharply to the right before reaching the firebreak that is Powerline Track (see map). Access onto Powerline Track can be tricky and this 4WD road is rutted. The clay here can be slippery and sticky when wet. On reaching Camp Rd, the walk turns left at the concrete works and follows Camp Rd for a short distance. A sign on the right marks a bush path through riparian forest to the continuation of Bingley Pde. It then turns left through the gate and follows the track south until Bingley Pde itself is reached.

The walk turns right off Bingley Pde to cross a chain of pedestrian bridges in Coogoorah Park. Picnic facilities



and toilets are available once across the river. Coogoorah Park has another series of foot bridges and board walks that allows exploration of the wetlands and islands (see the inset on the map). This is an excellent bird watching area.

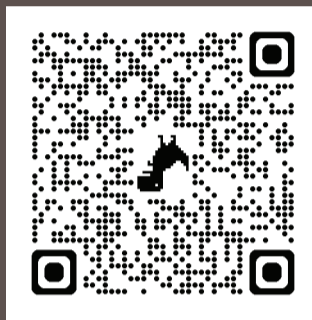
The walk heads towards the coast via River Reserve Rd, crosses Noble St and returns to the Anglesea Visitor Information Centre via the Great Ocean Road.

### Western Loop (11km approximately).

The western loop of the Anglesea Perimeter Walk (APW) starts at the Anglesea Visitor Information Centre. The Great Ocean Road can be crossed at one of the pedestrian refuges. The walk then crosses Noble St and runs beside River Reserve Rd to Coogoorah Park. If the full walk is being completed walkers are already at Coogoorah Park. Either way, from the playground in Coogoorah Park, the walk heads up the short embankment west of the ship shaped play equipment. From here markers point to a track parallel to a road that runs behind the houses.

This bush track continues west through the Alcoa Reserve, to Coalmine Rd. The walk then heads left towards the coast on a track parallel to the road. After about 800m, Coalmine Rd meets Messmate Track on the left. Messmate Track climbs steadily to Mt Ingolsby (elevation 121m). The top is a good spot for a break looking back over the hills and the Alcoa mine rehabilitation area.

**Acknowledgement of Country**  
The Anglesea (Kuaraka Doria) Perimeter Walk is on the Traditional Lands of the Wadawurrung People. We acknowledge their continuing care for the land, rivers and seas of Kuaraka Doria and pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.



From here the walk turns left at Harvey St and follows it for a short distance. A sign on the right indicates the start of the track through an area of high biodiversity value. In spring many species of ground orchids flower here. The walk is beside and behind houses for some distance until it meets a track to the right marked with the Anglesea Perimeter Walk sign (or W1 on an orange arrow) that points to a right turn downhill parallel to O'Donohue Rd. At the bottom of the hill, the walk crosses the Great Ocean Road. From here, the walk turns left towards Point Roadknicht either along Melba Pde or along the beach. The beach is reached via several points if the access at the end of O'Donohue Rd is inaccessible. This section of the walk is also part of the Surf Coast Walk. From the beach, Point Roadknicht is reached using the steps up at the W96 yellow marker. From the carpark behind the Motor Yacht Club building, the walk takes the cliff top track to return to the Anglesea Visitor Information Centre.

### Safety

- Check the weather forecast before leaving home.
  - Wear (or carry) sturdy non-slip footwear – even beach walking may involve an unplanned rock scramble. Bring a walking pole. Rocks are slippery when wet.
  - Carry plenty of drinking water.
  - Cliffs can be unstable, be careful walking near the edge or base of cliffs, it can be dangerous.
  - Snakes can be present in late spring and summer – keep an eye out. If you see one, wait quietly until it has moved on.
  - On Total Fire Ban days, no fire can be lit outdoors. Bushfires can pose a serious threat. Be cautious on days of extreme fire conditions.
  - Download the VicEmergency app
- Police, Ambulance, Fire**
- 000 for any emergency. All mobile users, including international, can be connected to Police, Fire or Ambulance by calling 112.



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TOTAL DISTANCE: 22km or 2 X 11km loops

