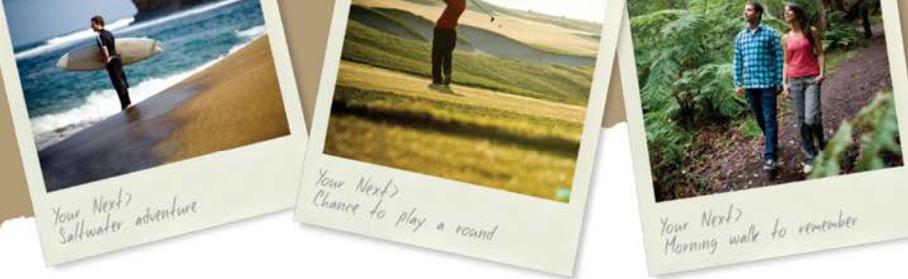


SURF COAST WALKS AROUND TORQUAY



Surf Coast walks cover a great variety of distances and environments. There are more than 70 bush and coastal walks in the Surf Coast region. Some are only short but, in 10 minutes or so, they can take you to a spectacular coastal lookout, waterfall or forest. There are also walks of several hours along windswept beaches, through heathland and forest.

The Surf Coast Walks fact sheets are arranged in groups around the nearest towns and there is a separate brochure for each town:

- Walks Around Torquay
- Walks Around Anglesea
- Walks Around Aireys Inlet
- Walks Around Lorne

Walks around Torquay included in this fact sheet are:

- Breamlea to Pt Impossible
- Pt Impossible to Pt Danger
- Pt Danger to Jan Juc
- Jan Juc to Bells Beach (Surf Coast Walk)
- Bells Beach to Pt Addis (Surf Coast Walk)
- Southside
- Ironbark Track
- Pt Addis Koorie Cultural Walk

They range from short, easy walks such as the stroll down to Southside Beach to longer, strenuous walks such as the return walk on the Ironbark Track. There are long beach walks with rock scrambles, and clifftop walks with stunning coastal views. They take you through coastal heathlands and through messmate and ironbark forests.

Surf Coast Walk Track Changes (2009 – 2011)

The iconic Surf Coast Walk currently starts at Jan Juc and runs through to Moggs Creek. Over the next two years it will be redeveloped between Pt Impossible and the Fairhaven Surf Life Saving Club. There may be construction on some parts of these tracks and some track alignments will change. Many sections of the Surf Coast Walk are described separately as short walks in this 'Surf Coast Walks' fact sheet series. Included in this fact sheet are 'Jan Juc to Bells Beach' and 'Bells Beach to Point Addis'. The Anglesea fact sheet covers 'Point Addis to Anglesea' and 'Anglesea to Aireys Inlet'. 'Aireys Inlet to Moggs Creek' is included in the Aireys Inlet fact sheet.

Duration

The duration of the walks is based on an average walking speed of three km per hour. Fit walkers will do most of the walks in less time. If you stop to enjoy the environment, you will take longer.

Difficulty

- Easy – formed tracks, level or undulating terrain, boardwalks and footbridges, and a minimum of steps
- Moderate – some climbing over rocks, river crossings on stones, soft sand, uphill or downhill sections
- Strenuous – rough terrain, clambering over rocks, and extended uphill or downhill sections.

Safety

- Wear (or carry) sturdy non-slip footwear – even beach walking may involve an unplanned rock scramble
- Carry plenty of drinking water
- Carry a well-charged mobile phone, although reception is not guaranteed
- Walking near the edge or base of cliffs can be dangerous. Be careful
- Beware of snakes in late spring and summer. If you meet one, wait quietly until it has moved on
- Bushfires can pose a serious threat. On days of extreme fire conditions some walks are closed to the public. Seek info from Visitor Information Centres or the Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667. Tune your radio to ABC 774AM for updates
- On Total Fire Ban days, no fire can be lit outdoors. This includes gas BBQs. Check with the Country Fire Authority (CFA) for advice if unsure. If outdoor fires are allowed, be extremely careful:
 - Gas BBQs or fuel stoves are recommended.
 - Use existing fireplaces
 - Bring your own firewood
 - Clear all flammable material for 3 metres around the fireplace
 - Ensure fires are never left unattended and are completely extinguished before you leave.

Useful Phone Numbers

- Parks Victoria Information 13 19 63
- Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667
- Police, Ambulance, Fire 000 for any emergency. All mobile users, including international, can be connected to Police, Fire or Ambulance by calling 112.

More Information



The 'Surf Coast Walks – Around Torquay' fact sheet can be used in conjunction with the 'Surf Coast Touring Map'. A map reference is included for each of the start points. Copies are available from Torquay or Lorne Visitor Centres or online at www.visitsurfcoast.com.



For more detailed information, track notes and maps about the walks covered in this fact sheet, see "The Complete Guide to the Great Ocean Road" by Richard Everist, BestShot 2009. They are available for purchase for \$49.95 at Torquay or Lorne Visitor Centres.

SURF COAST WALKS AROUND TORQUAY



Breamlea to Pt Impossible

This walk takes you along beautiful and little-used beaches and coves. Thompson Creek can be impassable during high tides or heavy seas, or when the river is flooding after rain.

Start: Carpark, Bancoora Surf Life Saving Club (SC Map ref Y10)
Finish: Pt Impossible Carpark
Type: Shuttle
Distance: 3½ km Time: 1½ hrs
Difficulty: Easy at low tides, moderate at higher tides

Pt Impossible to Pt Danger

This is a beautiful wind-blown beach walk between the popular surfing spot and nudist beach at Pt Impossible into the heart of Torquay. If Deep Creek is flooding, you can cross the bridge on The Esplanade.

Start: Pt Impossible carpark (SC Map ref X10)
Finish: Pt Danger carpark
Type: Shuttle
Distance: 6½ km Time: 2½ hrs
Difficulty: Easy at low tides, moderate at higher tides

Pt Danger to Jan Juc

This can either be a low tide beach walk, or a clifftop walk, or a combination of the two. At low tide you can follow the beach all the way, with a rock scramble around Rocky Point. At high tide there are inland paths.

Start: Pt Danger carpark (SC Map Torquay inset ref F7)
Finish: Multi-tiered carpark, Carnarvon Ave, Jan Juc
Type: Shuttle
Distance: 2½ km Time: 1 hr
Difficulty: Easy on the inland path, moderate if you follow the beach. Rocky Point is impassable at high tides.

Jan Juc to Bells Beach (Surf Coast Walk)

The clifftop walk follows a well-formed track past lookouts with spectacular coastal views back over Rocky Point and beyond to Port Phillip Heads. You'll also pass many of the popular surfing spots including Bird Rock and Bells Beach. As with many of the walks, this can be turned into a loop if it's low tide – but there are some rocky scrambles and be sure check the tide times.

Start: Multi-tiered carpark, Carnarvon Ave, Jan Juc (SC Map Torquay inset ref B9)
Finish: Bells Beach carpark
Type: Shuttle
Distance: 4 km Time: 1 hr
Difficulty: Easy (suitable for prams, except for the steps at Jan Juc carpark)

Bells Beach to Pt Addis (Surf Coast Walk)

This walk includes spectacular coastal views – red cliffs, sandy bays, coastal heathlands, ironbark and messmate forests, mine ruins and the Pt Addis Koorie Cultural Walk. It's one the best coastal walks, anywhere in the world. Depending on tides it is possible to turn this into a circuit by walking one way along the beautiful curve of Addiscott Beach – but make sure you know what the tides are doing because there are parts where you may not get past on a higher tide. See separate notes on Southside, Ironbark Track and Pt Addis Koorie Cultural Walks following.

Start: Bells Beach carpark (SC Map ref U12)
Finish: Pt Addis carpark
Type: Shuttle
Distance: 7 km Time: 3 hrs
Difficulty: Strenuous. It is not currently well signposted or well maintained, but it's worth persevering if you're a moderately confident walker.

Southside

This walk includes spectacular coastal views and coastal heathlands. From the Southside carpark it is an easy walk down a steep cement path to Southside Beach, a popular swimming beach and surf spot

Start/Finish: Southside carpark (SC Map ref U12)
Type: Return
Distance: 600m Time: ½ hr
Difficulty: Easy

Ironbark Track

This walk takes you down through the forest of the Ironbark Basin to spectacular views from the cliffs above Addiscott Beach. The cliffs are among the highest and most spectacular in Australia. The walk forms part of the Surf Coast Walk and there are connecting nearby walks, including the Pt Addis Koorie Cultural Walk.

Start/Finish: Ironbark Basin carpark, Pt Addis Rd, about one km from the Great Ocean Road (SC Map ref T12)
Type: Return
Distance: 7 km Time: 3 hrs
Difficulty: Strenuous

Pt Addis Koorie Cultural Walk

This walk is a clearly marked interpretive trail with signs describing different aspects of the Aboriginal (Koori) way of life. The walk forms part of the Surf Coast Walk and connects to the Ironbark Track.

Start/Finish: 100m north of Addiscott Lookout on beach access track (SC Map ref T12)
Type: Return
Distance: 1.6 km Time: 1 hr
Difficulty: Moderate





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