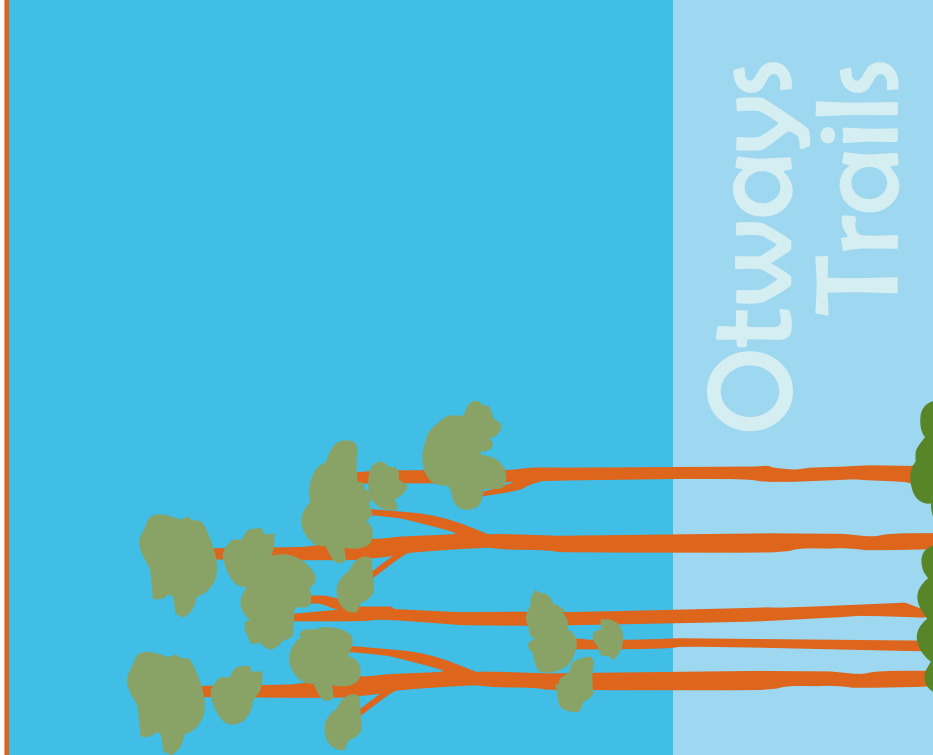




Wye River & Kennett River Walks & Drives



Otway Trails

Look for the other Trail Notes in the series. Copies of these notes are downloadable from the following websites: www.visitotways.com www.visitapollobay.com www.otwaycoast.com

Look for the Otways trails symbol:



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Discover your wild side while in our region, soak up the views, enjoy the bush and observe the myriad of native animals, bird life and sea creatures. BUT, don't forget to sit back relax and enjoy the peaceful ambience. Just remember, please do not litter.

When walking in the Otways make sure you follow these simple tips:

Sudden and extreme weather changes are common in the Otways, so carry practical all-weather clothing and remember that your mobile phone may be out of range. Always carry water, food, matches and a torch in case of emergency. Take note of signs and landmarks. Advise someone of your intended location and estimated time of return.

Respect the environment and stay on marked paths. Do not damage vegetation or disturb wildlife. All native animals and plants are protected. No fires, including barbecues, can be lit on a day of total fire ban.



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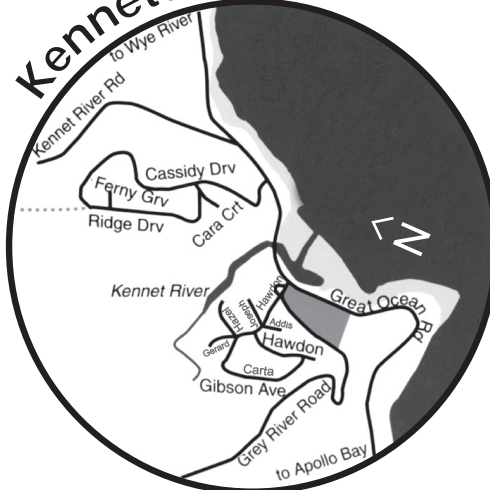
LOCAL NATIVE FAUNA

Mainly echidnas, wallabies, koalas, kangaroos, possums, bats, glow worms, whales (in winter), dolphins and seals. The best way to see these animals is to keep your eyes open, be patient and be as quiet as possible.

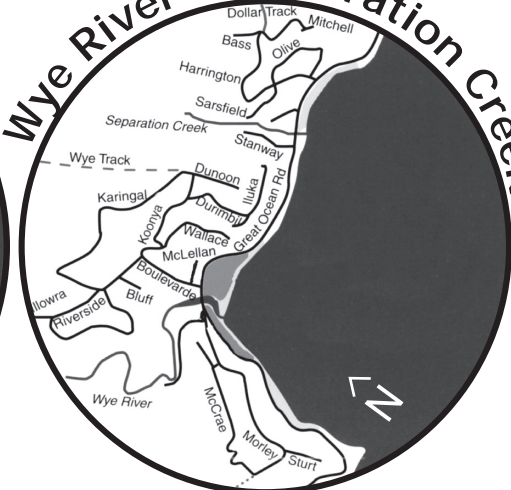
BIRDS

Many varieties including King parrots, Gang Gang cockatoos, rosellas, currawongs, wattle birds, magpies, grey shrike thrushes, blue fairy wrens, yellow and red robins, fire tail finches, yellow rumped thorn bills, bower birds, bristle birds including the rare rufous, kookaburras, sacred king fishers, goshawks, black shoulder kites, pardalotes, New Holland honeyeaters, eastern spine bills, tree martins, sulphur-crested and black cockatoos, many sea and water birds, mainly pacific gulls and white-faced herons.

Kennett River



Wye River & Separation Creek



TAKE A HIKE

Always carry water, check fire danger, beware of snakes and tell a friend where you're going. Time & distances are approximate only.

Beach walks

IMPORTANT: Check tides before beach walks.

Wye to Kennett coast walk - 2 hours
one way along the beach and rocks

Short walks along beach and rocks each way from Wye River & Separation Creek. Enjoy beautiful rock pools with star fish and crabs.

Kennett River Beach - 20 mins on sand
Walk along beach from Pt Howden towards Wye River.

Easy inland walks

Paddy's Path - 20 mins one way
Start next to Wye CFA, finish at Stanway Drive, Separation Creek. Path follows old timber tramway.

Wye River walk - 30 mins one way
Start in playground next to general store. Follow river bank upstream. Please keep within 2mt of bank only. No dogs.

Wye River Heritage walk - 90 mins
View all historic sights including Paddy's Path (detailed brochure available at general store, pub and information centres in Lorne & Apollo Bay)

Kennett River walk - 25 mins one way
At wetlands near the shop, follow river upstream.

Grey River Lookout walk - 30 mins one way
Drive 6kms up Grey River Rd, at Kennett River, looking for koalas to Grey River Reserve - beautiful unspoilt fern walk in almost pristine forest.

Carisbrook Falls - 15 mins one way
View part of the tallest waterfall in the OTways.

Medium level inland walks

Wye River Circuit - 2.5 hours circular
Follow Morley Ave up behind Wye Pub. Just after it becomes unsealed, go through DSE gates and follow Kennett Wye Track UP several steep ridges. Stay on this well defined track until 'Y' intersection. Turn south towards ocean (Birds Track), after approx 8min spectacular coastal views of Pt Hawdon & Kennett Beach clearly visible. Stay on this well defined track as it descends through the bush until Green Ocean Rd. Return along road or take a small track to beach and return on beach and rocks.

Separation Creek to Wye River Rd round trip 1.5 hours. At Separation Creek, walk up Harrington St, turn into Dollar Track, when track meets Wye River Rd, turn right to Great Ocean Rd, then right for beach walk back to town. Beach access is just past first bend.

Jamieson River Track - 4kms walking through beautiful bush with great views. Drive 7km up Wye River Road (seasonal closures) to the signed Jamieson Track on your right. Walk through beautiful Great Otway National Park to Jamieson River, or take Godfrey Track (20 min walk in from Wye Rd) to Great Ocean Road. Great if you car shuttle or wish all day walk.

PACK A PICNIC

Free electric BBQs are in the playground next to Wye River General Store and near the public toilets at the south end of Wye Beach.

Harrington Park Wye River - great place to sit, picnic, stroll and enjoy the wildlife and views.

A family picnic area is on the banks of the Kennett River wetlands over the bridge. Toilets are in the caravan park.

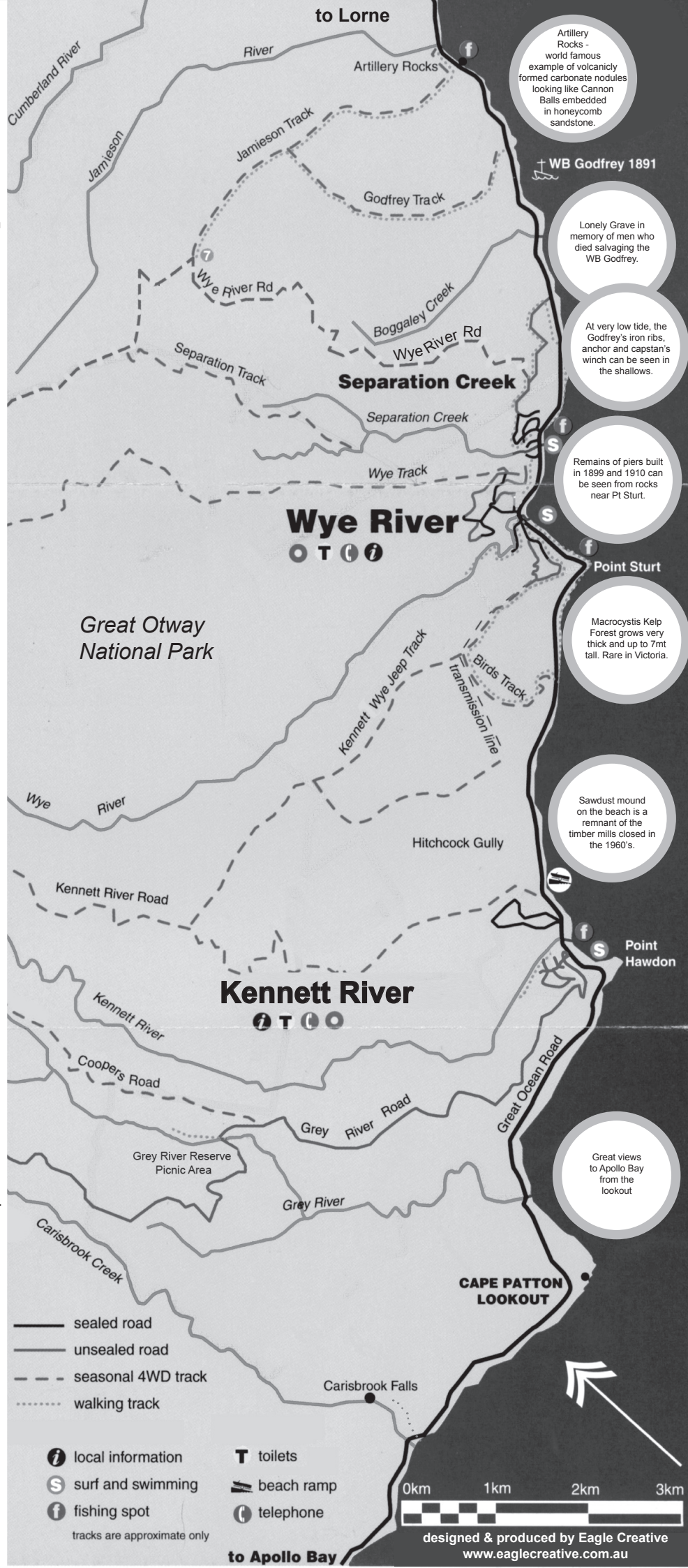
Picnic spot at Grey River Reserve. 6kms up Grey River Rd from Great Ocean Road. Tables and fire places available.

TAKE A DRIVE

Most dirt roads from Great Ocean Road join the Benwerrin-Mt Sabine Rd creating wonderful circular drives. These roads are often seasonally closed so take note. (Grey River Rd is open all year). All easily followed with aid of OTWAYS TOURING MAP.

Great Ocean Road is a breathtaking coastal drive. It was constructed with no machinery, drilled by hand & pick axes, dynamited with the rubble removed by horse and drag. The road was built as a memorial to Victorian soldiers who fought in WW1. It also provided work for returned soldiers, then for unemployed during the Great Depression of 1930s. Lorne to Wye River was the last section to be completed (1932).

Lookouts at Mt Defiance (towards Lorne) and at Cape Patton (towards Apollo Bay) are both individually spectacular and well worth stopping.



Artillery Rocks - world famous example of volcanically formed carbonate nodules looking like Cannon Balls embedded in honeycomb sandstone.

WB Godfrey 1891

Lonely Grave in memory of men who died salvaging the WB Godfrey.

At very low tide, the Godfrey's iron ribs, anchor and capstan's winch can be seen in the shallows.

Remains of piers built in 1899 and 1910 can be seen from rocks near Pt Sturt.

Macrocystis Kelp Forest grows very thick and up to 7mt tall. Rare in Victoria.

Sawdust mound on the beach is a remnant of the timber mills closed in the 1960's.

Great views to Apollo Bay from the lookout

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