



Accessibility Guide

12 Apostles and Hinterland



Port Campbell Peterborough Princetown Timboon
Cobden Camperdown Terang Skipton



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Welcome to the 12 Apostles Region!

Come and visit us at the Port Campbell Visitor Information Centre for tips, maps and advice on how to make the most of your stay!

Port Campbell Visitor Information Centre

The yellow and blue 'i' sign is your passport to quality information and friendly service along the Great Ocean Road. All Visitor Information Centres are accessible.

Our friendly and helpful staff have a wealth of knowledge, *committed to ensuring your visit to the region is memorable.

The centre also houses a comprehensive display of shipwreck artifacts that will help bring to life the shipwreck history that is woven into the fabric of our coastline.

The Port Campbell Visitor Information Centre is generally accessible, although there are no access enhancing design features. There is a designated accessible car parking space. The nearest accessible toilets are located at the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club on Port Campbell Foreshore.



Welcoming Business Program

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 the business displaying the logo has satisfied a set of minimum standards relating to physical access, communication and customer service. Welcoming Businesses are committed to providing an accessible and inclusive environment for all.



Welcoming Businesses

For more information and for a list of all of the Welcoming Businesses in our area, please see the website:

www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/index.php/access



Wild weather big smiles!

Don't let bad weather ruin your visit. Talk to our staff about the best viewing areas to witness the power of the ocean.

Bay of Martyrs and Peterborough lookout both offer great views from the comfort of your car.





Twelve Apostles

The Twelve Apostles are undoubtedly the most recognised feature on this spectacular coast. Peak viewing times are between 2.30 and 4.30pm when you can expect walkways and facilities to be very busy.

The main viewing area is 300m from the car park and underpasses the Great Ocean Road via a 2.8m sealed pathway. Grab rails are present where there is a gradient but do not extend along its length. The main designated viewing area of the Twelve Apostles has a stairway leading from the path down to a lower viewing platform. Wheelchairs and strollers can access the lower viewing platform by following signs to an alternate

entrance 80m beyond this point. The main viewing platform has a timber floor surface with timber and wire railings. The platform is very long and approximately 2.1 metres wide. The timber railings, with their upper steel rail, may partly obstruct the view for some visitors in low wheelchairs.

A wheelchair accessible toilet is open 24 hours a day at the Twelve Apostles Visitor Facility.

Designated accessible parking is available.

Four wheelchairs are available on request from the 12 Apostles Visitor Facility during opening hours 10 - 5pm daily.





The 12 Apostles will impress at any time of day but are most impressive at dusk and dawn when the reflected light changes the colour of the vertical cliff face and offshore rock stacks.

Wheelchair loan is available from the kiosk at the Twelve Apostles visitor facility during kiosk opening hours from 10.00am – 5.00pm daily. Ask staff at the kiosk for assistance.

Gibson Steps

Gibson Steps car park can be very busy at most times of the year and only has one accessible car park. The steps to the beach are not accessible for wheelchairs or strollers.

The viewing platform which offers views of two rock stacks to the east is accessible via a sealed 30m path. The timber railing may partially obstruct the view for visitors in low wheelchairs or strollers.



Prepare for take off! 12 Apostles Helicopters



The 12 Apostles Helicopters facility is fully accessible.

The passenger terminal and aircraft can be easily accessed without steps and steep inclines on hard sealed surfaces from the main 12 Apostles car park.





Port Campbell

Port Campbell Jetty

Port Campbell is an attraction in its own right! The weathered jetty juts defiantly into the bay, dwarfed by limestone cliffs and frequently by waves on the offshore reef. Spend some time to explore the township. Car parks in Cairns Street and Morris Street offer good viewing of the pier.

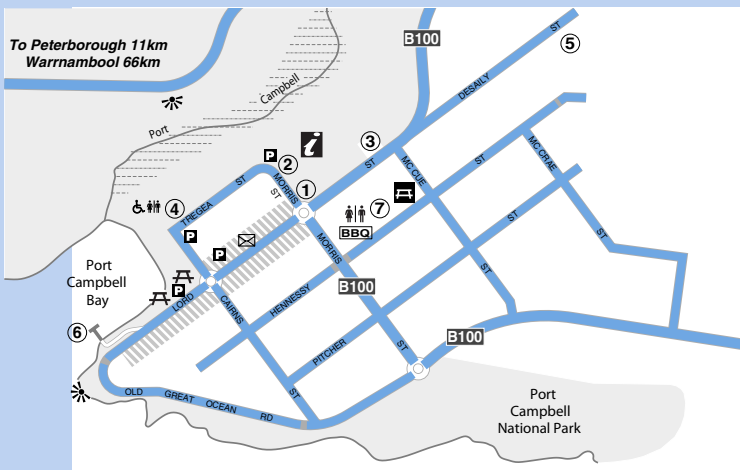
The ramp to the pier has a medium gradient. The upper level of the jetty is generally accessible for prams and wheelchairs.

Port Campbell Lookout

The Lookout is accessible from the car park 2km west of town on a 20m compact gravel path.

Accessible toilets are located nearby at the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club.

Designated accessible parking is available at the Port Campbell foreshore.



1. Parks Victoria Office
2. Visitor Information Centre
3. Police Station
4. Surf Life Saving Club & Public Phone
5. Recreation Reserve
6. Pier
7. Skate Park/Playground

- Accessible (Disabled)
- Public Toilets
- Unisex Accessible Toilets
- Picnic Area
- Post Office
- Lookout



A taste of the region

12 Apostles Gourmet Trail

Timboon Cheesery - [Accessible entrance.](#)

Timboon Railway Shed Distillery & Timboon Fine Ice Cream-



[Wheelchair access to all parts of distillery and accessible toilets](#)

Berry World (closed between March & November) - [Accessible entrance, accessible toilets.](#)

Newtons Ridge Winery- [Tasting bench is high for those unable to stand, accessible toilets](#)

Apostle Whey Cheese- [Fully accessible, accessible toilets](#)

G.O.R.G.E Chocolates - [Gravel car park, slight decline to the entrance, accessible toilets.](#)

Port Campbell

Karoa Cafe (03) 5598 6550
Frying Nemo (03) 5598 6411
Port Campbell Takeaway (03) 5598 6237



Timboon

Timboon Railway Shed Distillery (03) 5598 3555
Timboon Takeaway (03) 5598 3354



Cobden

Cobden Bakery (03) 5595 1212
Cobden Country Gifts and Sweets (03) 5595 2101
Oasis Cafe (03) 5595 1896



Camperdown

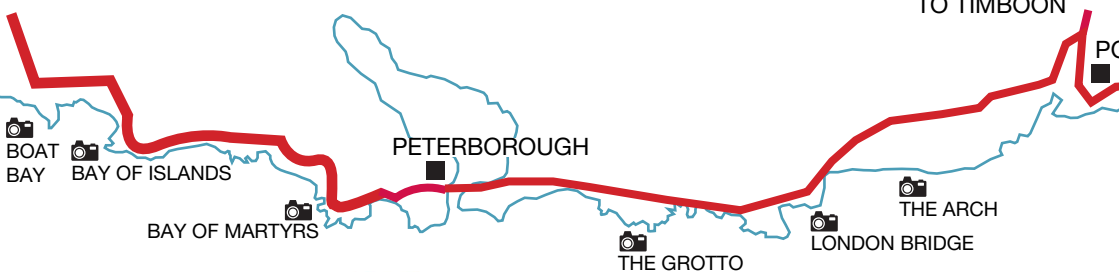
The Loaf and Lounge (03) 5593 1521
Bucks Bakery (03) 5593 2607
Caltex 24 Hour Roadhouse (03) 5593 1716



Terang

Wheatsheaf Hotel (03) 5592 2420
Latt'e on High (03) 5592 1020





Loch Ard Gorge



The first viewing area at Loch Ard Gorge is approximately 20 metres from the designated accessible car park. This path is sealed 1.7m wide and leads to a small viewing area overlooking the Gorge. The path beyond this lookout leads to steps and does not offer good viewing opportunities.

Loch Ard Wreck Lookout – An undulating 1.7m wide sealed bitumen path leads from the main car park to a viewpoint overlooking Loch Ard Gorge and the site of the Loch Ard Wreck. Distance 400m return.

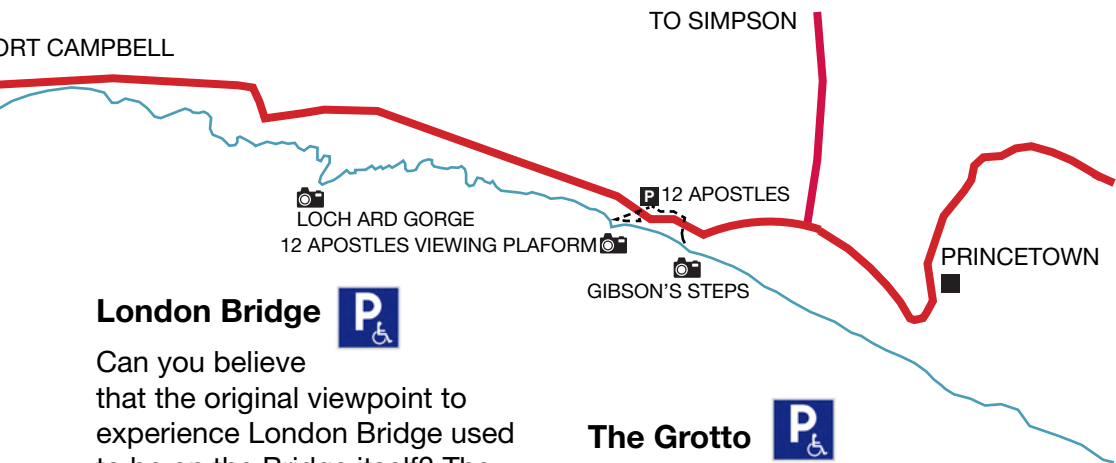
Geology Walk – A 2.7m wide sealed bitumen path leads to the Island Arch Lookout. Distance 450m return. The trail extends 200m further on bitumen then crushed rock to the Razorback lookout.

Mutton Bird Island Lookout - A 1.1m wide crushed rock trail leads from the Muttonbird Island car park to the upper viewing platform, there are steps to the lower viewing platform. Distance 250m return.

Thunder Cave – Living on the Edge - An undulating 2m wide sealed bitumen path from Thunder Cave car park leads to the Thunder Cave lookout. Distance 1.1km return. Pleasant views over Broken Head and Sherbrooke River are possible just beyond Thunder Cave.

Visitors should note that there are no toilets for anybody at Loch Ard Gorge. The closest accessible toilets are available at the 12 Apostles 4km east and in Port Campbell 8km west.





London Bridge



Can you believe that the original viewpoint to experience London Bridge used to be on the Bridge itself? The span connecting the bridge to the mainland collapsed in January 1990.

The current mainland viewing point offers exceptional viewing, particularly in the late afternoon with full sun on the remaining arch.

London Bridge Lookout -

The most accessible path to the viewing area at London Bridge can be found between the main car park and the long vehicle park. To get to the beginning of this path you will need to cross the car park and service road. Look for an access symbol at the start of the path.

This sealed bitumen path is 1.70m wide and leads from the car park branching off to three platforms. The middle viewing platform is the most accessible. Distance 170m return.

The Grotto



There is a path that leads from the carpark to the Grotto. The first 80 m of the path has timber decking with timber edging. Some of the timber decking has gaps of up to two centimetres wide, which may be hazardous for some walking frames.

After the first 80 metres the path changes to a surface of compacted small to medium crushed rock.

The first designated viewing area for The Grotto is approximately 300 metres from the car park. This section of the path is relatively level, except for a small section with a gradient of about 1:14. The viewing area consists of a timber deck and has horizontal timber safety railings.

The path beyond this point is not suitable for visitors in wheelchairs, strollers or those with limited mobility.

Peterborough

Peterborough foreshore



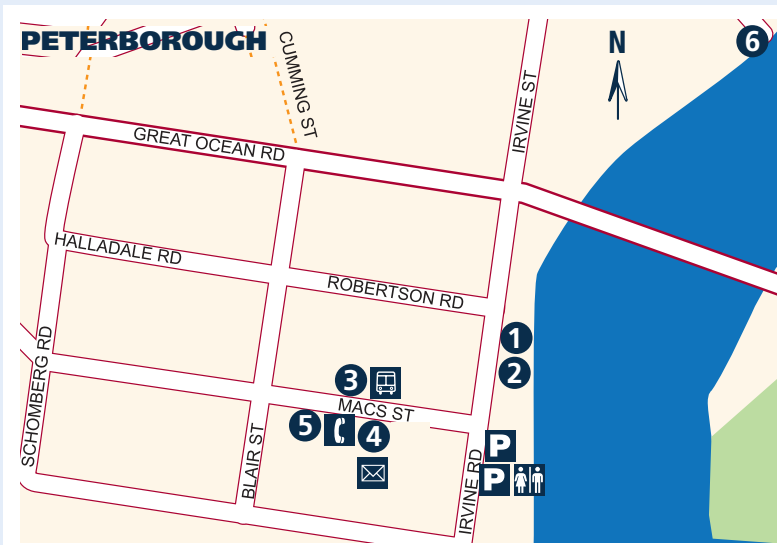
The car park to the south of town overlooking the beach offers views across the wreck sites of the Schomberg and the Newfield.

Visitors can enjoy unobstructed views from the car. If the weather is wild you can watch waves crash over the offshore rocks with a hot drink or fish and chips to keep you warm.

Interpretive signs bring to life the stories of local shipwrecks.

The car park has two designated accessible spaces and access to an accessible toilet and shower.

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



1. Playground
 2. Covered BBQ area
 3. Grocery Store (accessible)
 4. Post Office/ Newsagent/ Takeaway
 5. Mobile Library Stop
 6. Accessible Fishing Platform
- ✉ Post Office
 - ♿ Unisex Accessible Toilets
 - ♿ Accessible (Disabled) Parking



Bay of Martyrs



The designated viewing area of the Bay of Martyrs is approximately 10 metres from the designated disabled parking bay. The path is sealed and has a small descending slope of approximately 1:16.

The viewing area has adequate space for manoeuvrability and has a safety barrier similar in design to a swimming pool fence.

The walking track that leaves from the south of the car park and extends east back into Peterborough is too narrow in places for a wheelchair or a wide stroller.



Bay of Islands



The light colored limestone of the Bay of Islands reflects light differently than the honey colored limestone of Loch Ard Gorge and provides better viewing in overcast conditions.

A 2.1m wide crushed rock path with a gradual 1:16 gradient leads from the Bay of Islands car park to the eastern and western viewing platforms.

The western viewing platform is accessed via a 25m long secondary path and is 120m from the car park. The horizontal railings may impact on views for those in a seated position.

The eastern viewing platform is also accessed via a secondary path with a slight gradient before it reaches the platform 140m from the car park. The top rail may impact on the quality of the view for those in a seated position.



Camperdown

Camperdown is located in the heart of a spectacular volcanic lakes and craters landscape. It's rich history is told through its grand streetscapes and stately architecture and gardens. Camperdown offers a delicious range of eateries, cafes and shops along its elm lined avenue and is presided over by an impressive gothic clocktower.

Mount Leura

Follow signs through town to the scenic lookout atop Mount Leura. From the top you can take in views over volcanic lakes and peaks South East to the Otways and North West across to the Grampians. Viewing is possible from the comfort of your car.

Lake Bullen Merri

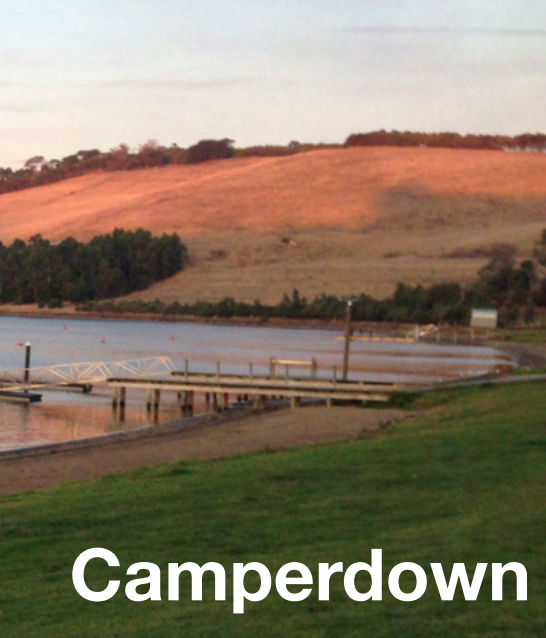


South Beach at Lake Bullen Merri is very popular for anglers and water skiers. Enjoy views over the clover shaped lake from the car. The fishing platforms are generally accessible but their floating nature makes them unsuitable for those who are unsteady on their feet.

Botanic Gardens Lookout

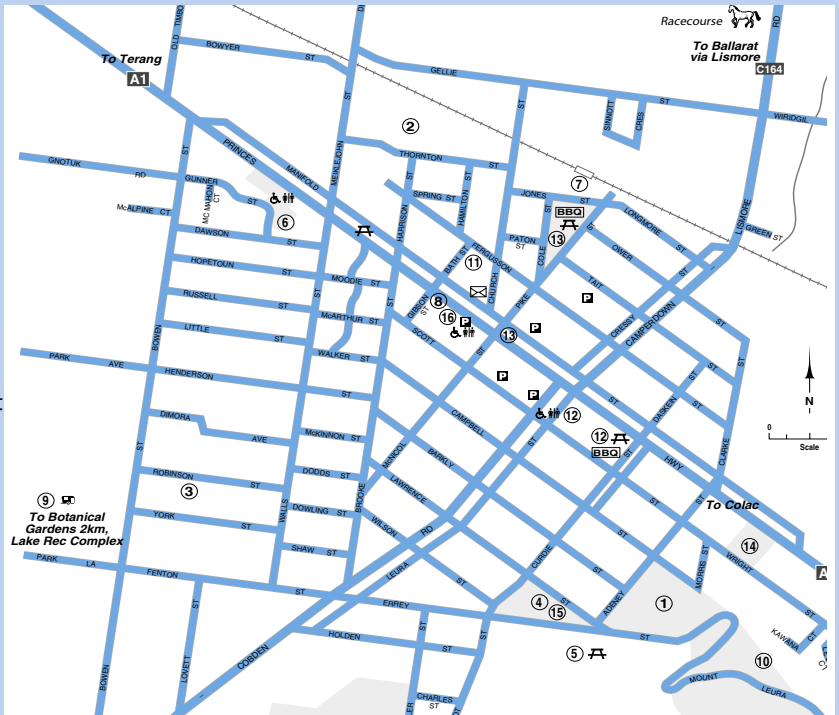
Camperdown Botanic Gardens feature wide, compacted gravel pathways with mild gradients. Drive to the left of the Botanic Gardens to a lookout which offers unobstructed views over Lake Bullen Merri and Lake Gnotuk.

The Botanic Gardens are accessed by driving through Lakes and Craters Holiday Park.



Camperdown

1. Recreation Reserve
2. Mockridge Park
3. Hospital
4. Outdoor Pool
5. Showgrounds
6. Apex Park Playground
7. Railway Station/ Public Phone
8. Tourist Info (limited access)
9. Botanical Gardens, BBQ's
10. Mt Leura Lookout
11. Police Station
12. Queens Park
13. Clock Tower
14. Jaycee Park
15. Skatepark
16. Council Offices



- Picnic Area
- Barbeque
- Post Office
- Accessible (Disabled) Parking Bays
- Unisex Accessible Toilets



Timboon

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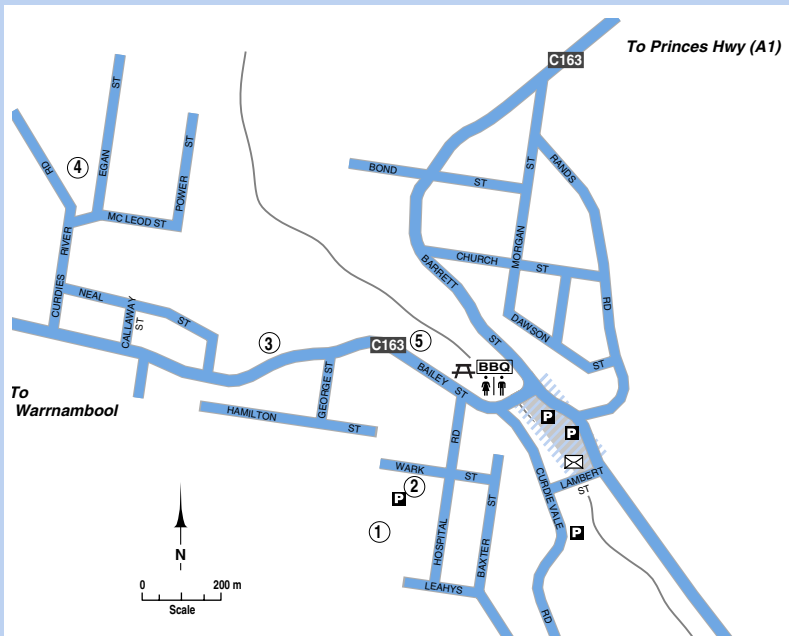
A wooded valley and a winding creek provide a picture perfect setting for one of our tastiest towns.

At just 17km from the coast and at the heart of the 12 Apostles gourmet trail, Timboon is sure to tempt your tastebuds and charm you with its warm country hospitality.



The Timboon Railway Shed Distillery provides good access for all visitors and showcases many regional products that don't have their own cellar door.

Timboon has four designated accessible car parking spaces in the town centre. These are marked on the map below.

Access equipment is available for rent at Timboon and District Health Care - ph: (03) 5558 6000.



1. Hospital
2. Ambulance
3. Police
4. Recreation Reserve
5. Skate Park & Accessible Playground

-  Unisex Accessible Toilets
-  Picnic Area
-  Barbeque Area
-  Post Office
-  Accessible (Disabled) Parking Bays



Accessible Accommodation

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 *S/Contained*

Waves Restaurant and Apartments

29 Lord Street
(03) 5598 6111 *Motel*

Port Campbell Parkview Motel and Apartments

4 Desailly Street
(03) 5598 6445 *Motel*

Port Campbell Hostel

18 Tregea Street
(03) 5598 6305 *Hostel*

Peterborough

Great Ocean Road Tourist Park

Great Ocean Road (Cnr Irvine St)
1800 200 478 *Camping*

Princetown

Southern Anchorage Retreat

50 Parkers Access Track
(03) 5237 5289 *S/Contained*

Kangaroobie

Old Ocean Road
(03) 5598 8151 *Group accommodation*

Cooriemungle

Camp Cooriemungle

30 Bornong Road
(03) 5598 7254 *Group accommodation*

Camperdown

Manifold Motor Inn

295 Manifold Street
(03) 5593 2666 *Motel*

Lakes & Craters Holiday Park

220 Park Road
(03) 5593 1253 *Camping*

This list groups properties that have rooms and facilities with accessible features; please contact the property directly to ensure that facilities and services meet your individual requirements.



TrailRider all-terrain wheelchair available in Apollo Bay. Ph 1300 689 297. Photo supplied by Flynn Hart.

