

## TIMBOON

**1 Timboon Township:** Journey to a small hidden hinterland township with towering gum trees, fresh local produce award winning, cheese, whisky and wine. There is a bike pick-up and drop-off station for trail users at the Information Centre with maps, bike hire and shuttle bus depot. Timboon township offers shops, cafes selling artisan chocolate, fresh locally made luxury ice cream, yoghurt, strawberries, a pub with cold beer on tap and the iconic Timboon Railway Shed Distillery. Pristine parklands provide family picnic facilities including BBQ, picnic tables, a skate park, playground and public toilets. Ride downhill all the way to Port Campbell in just over 2 hours.

**2 Power Creek Reserve Walk:** This existing walking trail forms part of a popular circuit walk from Timboon through natural bushland along Power Creek flora and fauna reserve. Timber bridges provide connections to a walking link on the other side of the creek providing a beautiful and peaceful walking or cycling experience.

**3 Mouse Trap Café L'Artisan Cheese:** Take a 200m detour from the Twelve Apostles Trail to indulge in the Mouse Trap Café, set in an attractive garden. Enjoy cheese tastings, light lunch, coffee and homemade scones only 30 minutes ride from Timboon.

**4 Parratte Recreation Reserve:** Pack a picnic and stop for lunch at the scenic Parratte Recreation Reserve. Surrounded by majestic old Pine trees, the site offers picnic facilities and public toilets, which are ideally situated halfway between Timboon and Port Campbell. Visitors can hire a key from Port Campbell or Timboon for access to the on-site storage with tennis rackets and balls for a true country game of tennis on the existing courts.

**5 Rural Vista / Landscape Experience:** The section of the Twelve Apostles Trail from Timboon to Port Campbell provides a unique rural trail experience where visitors can effortlessly ride downhill through the farming landscape. Visitors can witness the roar of farm tractors, breathe in the fresh clean country air, view hay baling in action, hear dairy cows mooing and farm dogs barking.

**6 Dairy Farms & Cattle Crossings:** Be immersed in the surrounding local dairy farming industry and get up close to beautiful prize winning cattle. The trail passes three cattle underpass crossings and if you time your ride right, you will be lucky enough to experience the passing crush of the cattle as they head home to be milked. Cows are milked twice daily 365 days of the year.

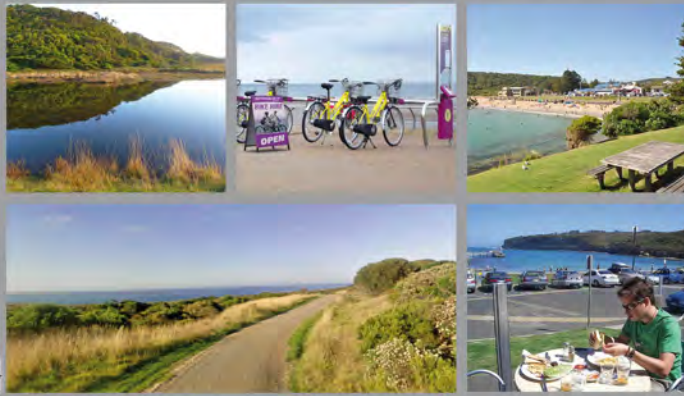


## PORT CAMPBELL

**7 Great Ocean Road Views:** On approach to Port Campbell the trail winds along the Great Ocean Road with spectacular elevated views from the cliff top escarpment boardwalk across the Port Campbell township and estuary below. This section of trail completes a walking loop with the spectacular coastal Port Campbell Discovery Walk.

**8 Campbell Creek Bridge Crossing:** The trail will cross Campbell's Creek on south of the existing bridge, adjacent to the historic Port Campbell Cemetery where you can find tombstones dating back to the late 1800's.

**9 Port Campbell:** Discover the charm and majestic natural beauty of Port Campbell, nestled amongst some of the most spectacular coastline scenery in the world. Indulge in fresh seafood, crunchy chips or local ice creams on the calm sandy beach of Port Campbell Foreshore. The heart of Port Campbell offers a bike pick-up and drop-off station for trail users with information maps, bike hire, secure bike lockers and a shuttle bus depot. Park your bike and explore the beach and range of dining cafes, restaurants and shops. There is accommodation to suit a range of styles and comfort levels from camping, backpacking to B&B and self-contained apartments. Port Campbell is a must stop, stay and enjoy destination with numerous scenic local walking loops to also explore.



## Twelve Apostles Trail

The Twelve Apostles Trail provides a safe and accessible way for visitors to leave the car and bus behind and find their own way through one of the most famous coastal and hinterland landscapes in the world.

Suitable for all ages and abilities, the trail provides for both short walks and easy rides of less than 1 hour to full day tours.

Hire a bike and explore this amazing region further with the option to catch the return shuttle from various points.

## LOCH ARD GORGE

**10 Port Campbell National Park:** The trail departs Port Campbell and winds along an existing fire break track within the Port Campbell National Park. Remnant coastal vegetation and scattered She-oaks provide shelter from the gusty coastal winds and openings in the vegetation offer magnificent rural vistas.

**Great Ocean Road:** The trail alignment travels adjacent to the mighty Great Ocean Road located close to the cliffs, providing breathtaking views across one of the most significant landscapes in Australia. The Twelve Apostles Trail provides you with the opportunity to experience this amazing coastal landscape on foot or by bike to be truly immersed in the experience of the Great Ocean Road at a personal and memorable scale.

**11 Rutledge Creek Bridge Crossing:** The trail follows the historic Old Coach Road alignment and utilises the former crossing point of Rutledge Creek. Old timber posts and remnants of the bridge are still visible on the banks of the creek. An elevated boardwalk structure provides access across the creek with key interpretive signage highlighting the Aboriginal and European history of this area.

**12 Sherbrooke River Bridge Crossing:** A new bridge spans across clear blue waters of the Sherbrooke River north of the Great Ocean Road, allowing visitors to find shelter in the tranquil bushland section of the river.

**13 Loch Ard Gorge:** A breathtaking and iconic stop along the trail where interaction with the landscape is best experienced at human scale. Park your bike and journey on foot out to explore the gorge and Sherbrooke River Beach with the smell of salt in the air and sea wind in your hair. Future development of the Loch Ard Gorge Precinct will include a pick-up and drop-off station for trail users with information maps, bike hire and shuttle bus depot allowing one-way return trips to Port Campbell and Twelve Apostles Visitor Centre.



## TWELVE APOSTLES

**14 Twelve Apostles:** The must-see destination experience along the trail. The sealed trail will effortlessly bring you to the Twelve Apostles Visitor Centre (Open 10am - 4:30pm, seven days a week). Lock your bike at one of the secure bike parking stations and take the world-famous walk (600m-1km return walk, 45mins) to explore the world famous offshore wave sculptured rocks and dramatic coastal cliff line.

Dusk and dawn provide the best viewing with opportunities to view penguins from the cliff top viewing area (about 15-20 minutes after sunset). Take a free ranger walk and talk during December and January to find out more about this inspirational seascape.

Shuttle buses run to and from the 12 Apostles Trail pick-up and drop-off bike stations, allowing visitors the flexibility and choice to walk or ride one-way or only part of the trail depending on weather conditions and fitness levels, with the confidence to take the shuttle bus return at any stage.

**15 Gibson Steps:** An incredible location to descend from the cliff tops to the wild beach below. The narrow stairs can prove to be a challenge on the climb but this site is truly breathtaking!

Walk or ride to visit the beach via the narrow cliffhanging steps. This area provides good fishing but is not safe for swimming. The two offshore stacks may be viewed from both the viewing platform and (tide and sea permitting) from beach level (known locally as Gog and Magog).

**16 Glenample Homestead:** Take a small detour from the trail to discover the historic Glenample Homestead. The original sheep and cattle grazing property in the area which was built around 1869, allows you to explore the historic farm houses, buildings and farm lifestyle.



## PRINCETOWN

**17 Clifton Beach:** Travel east from the Twelve Apostles Visitor Centre along an unsealed, gently graded section of trail to the spectacular hidden treasure of Clifton Beach. Clifton Beach has an old historic farm house ruin and is a popular local fishing spot. A bike pick-up and drop-off station at the Clifton Beach carpark will allow visitors to ride along the trail to Clifton Beach, leave their bikes and return to the Twelve Apostles on foot via one of the most scenic sections of the Great Ocean Walk. This walk provides a spectacular coastal cliff journey with memorable photo opportunities and local connection to the landscape. Less than 2 hours return from the Twelve Apostles Visitor Centre.

**18 Old Coach Road:** The trail continues along Old Coach Road with scattered hay bales, white woolly sheep and long scenic pastoral views. Sections of the trail are shared with Great Ocean Walkers and occasionally slow local vehicles heading to popular fishing spots.

**19 Prinetown Township:** Prinetown is a small and quiet sea side town for those looking for a more remote and secluded atmosphere. Key township facilities include a pub which doubles as a general store, a post office and accommodation. Other local key attractions are The Great Ocean Road Wildlife Park, which offers a unique experience for those who seek an up-close encounter with Australian Wildlife and Prinetown Beach where the meandering course of the Gellibrand River meets the sea.

**Prinetown Boardwalk:** provides a walking link from the trail across the marshy wetlands full of birdlife to the Prinetown township.

**20 Gellibrand River Bridge Crossing:** The trail will utilise the existing road bridge crossing to cross the broad Gellibrand River and enter Prinetown Recreation Reserve. Adjacent to the bridge crossing is a picturesque timber jetty which is the perfect location for a spot of fishing.

**Prinetown Recreation Reserve:** The final key destination of the Twelve Apostles trail with public toilets, a playground and camping areas. Shuttle buses run from the Prinetown Recreation Reserve back to the Twelve Apostles and to Port Campbell. A bike pick-up and drop-off station allows visitors to ride the full extent of the coastal length of trail or stay in Prinetown for a well-deserved rest.

