Prom Country

Korumburra • Leongatha • Mirboo North • Foster
Wilson’s Promontory National Park

OFFICIAL TOURING MAP
The Prom, as it is fondly called, is one of Victoria’s best-known attractions, located at the southernmost point of mainland Australia. Comprising 50,000 hectares of National Park, the Prom boasts fantastic beaches, spectacular rock formations, panoramic views and cool fern gullies. Emus, kangaroos and wombats roam the park and can often be seen.

Accommodation at Wilsons Promontory is in the form of cabins, lodges, units, wilderness retreats or camping. Cabin accommodation is extremely popular and can be booked up to 12 months in advance. Campsites are mostly unpowered although there are a small number of powered sites that are in high demand. Campsites can be booked in advance and such bookings are recommended. Advance bookings are essential for peak periods such as long weekends and minimum stays apply. A ballot system is used to allocate cabins and camping over the Christmas/january period.

The Tidal River store stocks fresh food and a range of other consumables. Take-away meals are also available. For more information phone: 13 19 63

WILSONS PROMONTORY NATIONAL PARK

VISIT WILSONS PROMONTORY

Wilsons Prom features more than 30 walks covering 130 km of tracks which vary in length and difficulty. Many tracks interlink and hikers can camp at sites along the way.

A few sample short/day walks are outlined below.

SQUEAKY BEACH TRACK
300 METRES FROM CAR PARK (ONE WAY) - EASY
An iconic Wilsons Promontory location, Squeaky Beach has rounded quartz sand that ‘squeaks’ when you walk on it.

LILLY PILLY GULLY NATURE WALK
2.6 KM, 1 HOUR (ONE WAY) - EASY
Starting at the Lilly Pilly Gully car park, this walk provides a glimpse into the Prom’s forested interior. Walk through dense eucalypt trees and warm temperate rainforest. This walk is suitable for prams.

MOUNT BISHOP TRACK
3.7 KM, 1 HOUR (ONE WAY) - MODERATE
The rocky summit of Mount Bishop offers magnificent views of the Prom’s west coast and offshore islands. The walk starts at the Lilly Pilly Gully car park.

MILLERS LANDING NATURE WALK
2 KM, 40 MINUTES (ONE WAY) - EASY
Starting at the Five Mile car park, this walk meanders gently downhill through open banksia and stringy woodbark to Millers Landing.

HOW TO GET HERE – by car
From Melbourne, the journey begins on the M1 which can be easily accessed via CityLink, a tollway that connects three of Victoria’s freeways, including the Tullamarine Freeway that runs from the airport to the city. The quickest way to get to Prom Country by car is south-east along the Monash Freeway (M1), which turns into the South Gippsland Highway (M420).

• Once on the M1, take the Cranbourne & Phillip Island exit (M420). This will get you on to the South Gippsland Highway.
• Continue on the M420 for approximately 34 km then take the Korumburra and Leongatha exit, Route A440.

By the time you reach the township of Loch you have begun to experience the beauty of the rolling green hills of the Prom Country Region.

HOW TO GET HERE – public transport
V/Line bus services operate between Melbourne and South Gippsland and run several times daily. For a bus timetable and associated information, please phone 1800 800 007 or go to www.vline.com.au

ACCOMMODATION
Prom Country offers a wide variety of accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets. Bed & Breakfasts, guesthouses, self-contained cottages, farm stays and cabins can be found nestled amongst rolling hills or close to the pristine coastline. For assistance finding accommodation contact the Prom Country Visitor Information Centres on 1800 630 704 or www.visitpromcountry.com.au

The Prom is the southernmost point of mainland Australia and the region is renowned for spectacular scenery, unspoilt beaches, lush rainforests and farm fresh produce. Be Inspired by Gippsland and discover Prom Country, simply beautiful... naturally!
VISIT PROM COUNTRY ATTRACTIONS

1. Explore the sweeping beaches of Sandy Point and Waratah Bay
2. Download the FREE Prom Country Road Rally app
3. Ride the Great Southern Rail Trail or the Grand Ridge Rail Trail
4. Visit our local markets
5. View native wetland birdlife at the Toora Bird Hide
7. Picnic at Korumburra Botanic Park and discover Olsen's Walk
8. Take a scenic flight and experience a bird's eye view of Prom Country
9. View the works of talented artists at one of many local galleries or step back in time at a historical or maritime museum
10. Visit Agnes Falls, the highest single span waterfall in Victoria – located near Toora
11. Discover our scenic drives 15 have been mapped out on the Prom Country app
12. Visit the remnants of the Walkerville Lime Kilns
13. Explore the picturesque grounds of Coal Creek in Korumburra
14. Visit Bald Hills Wetlands Reserve and walk along the scenic boardwalks
15. Discover the historic Cape Liptrap Lighthouse near Walkerville

Find out more at www.visitpromcountry.com.au

VISIT WALKING AND CYCLING TRACKS

The variety of walks in Prom Country is endless. Whatever your level of fitness or area of interest there is a walk that is right for you.

BASS COAST RAIL TRAIL

The Bass Coast Rail Trail stretches 16 km from Wonthaggi to Anderson and is Victoria's only coastal rail trail. Suitable for walkers and cyclists, it highlights the area’s rich coal mining history and offers spectacular views.

GRAND RIDGE RAIL TRAIL

The Grand Ridge Rail Trail, winds its way between the picturesque townships of Mirboo North and Boolarra in the Strzelecki Ranges. The Rail Trail is rich in historical significance, natural beauty and native wildlife. Approximately 13 km long, the trail is suitable for walking, cycling or horse riding.

GREAT SOUTHERN RAIL TRAIL

The Great Southern Rail Trail is suitable for the energetic and not so energetic outdoor enthusiast. Stretching 72 km, the trail features many access points and is suitable for walking, riding or cycling.

LYREBIRD FOREST WALK

The Lyrebird Forest Walk is a 4.8 km bushwalk through tall eucalypts and lush fern gullies. A shorter alternative is also available. Located only minutes from Mirboo North township, the walk is suitable for a range of fitness levels. Watch for the elusive lyrebird, which is sometimes seen hiding in the forest scrub.

POINT SMYTHE NATURE TRAIL

The Point Smythe Nature Trail is 6 km in length and remains sheltered even on windy days. Taking approximately 2 hours to complete (return journey) the Point Smythe Walk takes you through masses of coastal vegetation and onto the beach at Point Smythe.

VISIT PROM COUNTRY EVENTS

JANUARY
- Stony Pony Fun Day – Stony Creek
- Swap Meet – Korumburra
- Port Welshpool Sea Days

FEBRUARY
- South Gippsland Golf Classic – Various
- Mirboo North Italian Festa
- Meeniyen Garlic Festival
- Korumburra Agricultural Show
- Foster & District Agricultural Show

MARCH
- Inverloch Jazz Festival
- Stony Creek Cup
- Welshpool Autumn Flower Show
- Pear Party – Toora

APRIL
- Easter Egg Hunt (Coal Creek) – Korumburra
- Sandy Point Art Show

MAY
- Mirboo North Arty Gras & Art Show
- Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival
- Creative Gippsland – Various

JUNE
- Loch Village Food & Wine Festival
- Southern Lights Festival – Korumburra

JULY
- Gamers Day

AUGUST
- Heritage Craft Day

SEPTEMBER
- Leongatha Daffodil Festival
- Loch Village Antiques Fair

OCTOBER
- Prom Country Art Show – Leongatha
- Literary Festival (Coal Creek) – Korumburra
- Halloween (Coal Creek) – Korumburra
- Welshpool Spring Flower Show

NOVEMBER
- Loch Village Garden Festival
- Leongatha Rose Spectacular

DECEMBER
- Christmas Racing at Stony Creek
- Carols at the Creek (Coal Creek)
- Christmas in the Boo

Stony Creek Racing Club holds regular horse racing meets from December to April. Note: Markets occur regularly throughout the year.

For further information on events go to www.visitpromcountry.com.au or call the Prom Country Visitor Information Centres on 1800 630 704.
From Phillip Island take the B460 to Wonthaggi. Here the route takes a scenic detour along the C435 towards Cape Paterson and the start of the majestic Bunurong Coastal Drive. This unique stretch of coastal road provides views of Bass Strait and allows access to secluded beaches exuding character.

At the coastal resort of Inverloch take the C442 towards Tarwin Lower. When you reach Tarwin Lower consider a detour to explore the sweeping beaches of Venus Bay. Follow the Tarwin Lower–Walkerville Road until Walkerville, home of the historic Lime Kilns and nearby Cape Liptrap lighthouse. From Walkerville follow the Fish Creek–Walkerville Rd to Fish Creek. You will know you have arrived when you catch a glimpse of the giant mullet sitting atop the Fishy Pub. From Fish Creek take a detour to Waratah Bay or Sandy Point or just follow the C444 into Wilsons Promontory National Park.

The Grand Ridge Road is a 132 km drive along the ridge of the Strzelecki Ranges. Unsealed for 50% of its length, the Grand Ridge Road winds its way through rolling hills, tall mountain ash trees and steep fern gullies. From Mt Worth in the west, through the main street of Mirboo North and onwards to Tarra Bulga National Park, the road covers the whole panorama of the Strzelecki wilderness.
TOURING ROUTE 3: DROUIN TO INVERLOCH

Travel to Prom Country via the Princes Freeway (M1) and discover rural villages nestled in the rolling green hills of South Gippsland. From Warragul take the C425 to Korumburra or explore more of the countryside by following the C432 from Drouin. This route requires a left hand turn past the Drouin South Primary School which then winds its way to Poowong, a small rural township in the heart of dairy country. In Poowong, visit the historic chapel, hewn from the timber of a single tree or take in magnificent views from the Sculpture Park.

From Poowong take the Bass Valley Road to Bena or take the Lang Lang-Poowong Road to Nyora. A must see is Loch, a quaint period village dotted with boutique shops and conveniently located between the four townships. Upon arrival at Korumburra take the C437 to Inverloch and watch as the coast appears on the horizon.

TOURING ROUTE 4: AGNES FALLS DRIVE

Enjoy a short 15 minute (one-way) drive to Victoria’s highest single span waterfall. The drive to Agnes Falls departs Toora and offers lovely views of lush farmland, towering wind turbines and the distant coastline.
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