

Loch Ard Gorge Walks



Port Campbell National Park

Enjoy the three easy walks offered here and discover the area's natural treasures. Loch Ard Gorge was named after the clipper Loch Ard, wrecked here in 1878. The Gorge is one of the many special places in the Port Campbell National Park.



Three self-guided walks

Interpretive signs along these walks reveal the fascinating stories about the area's history, geology and natural features.

Allow two to three hours to make the most of your visit and *stay on designated walking tracks*.

Geology

900m return - 40 minutes

Discover the secrets of the forces that shape the coastline on this easy self-guided walk.

The Wreck of the Loch Ard

1.4km - 50 mins

This easy walk follows the tragic story of the Loch Ard shipwreck site to the cemetery. For more details about this amazing story of courage and survival visit the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village in Warrnambool.

Living on the Edge

3.2km return - 90 mins

Discover life on the edge of the sheer cliffs. This easy walk encompasses the Muttonbird Island viewing platform, Thunder Cave and Broken Head.

Wildlife watching

Be patient and you will be rewarded. Penguins, terns and dotterels use the narrow protected beaches. Australasian Gannets, Wandering Albatrosses and Muttonbirds fly huge distances out to sea hunting for food, but return to nest in the area. Watch from the Muttonbird Island viewing platform as these remarkable birds fly ashore each evening from October to April. Look skyward for Peregrine Falcons, sometimes seen swooping above the cliff tops.

By adapting to survive, coastal plants protect the animals and soils of this coast, making it possible for them to live here.

Birds like Singing Honeyeaters and the rare Rufous Bristlebird make their homes in the stunted growth. Southern Brown Bandicoots, Short-beaked Echidnas, Swamp Wallabies and other mammal's shelter in the dense vegetation, moving about, mostly at night, to feed.

Camping & accommodation

There are many camping and caravan options available in Port Campbell, Peterborough, and Princetown townships. **There is no camping within Port Campbell National Park and Bay of Islands Coastal Park.**

Sleeping overnight in vehicles in the park or carparks is not permitted.

Nearby attractions

Twelve Apostles Kiosk

The kiosk sells a basic range of take away refreshments, including tea and coffee, cold drinks, confectionery and snacks.

Twelve Apostles

After visiting the Twelve Apostles Centre for information on the local areas, take the short walk (500m) through the tunnel, under the Great Ocean Road to various lookouts offering breathtaking views of the famous rock stacks and imposing limestone cliffs.

Twelve Apostles Marine National Park

Spectacular above and breathtakingly beautiful below, the park has some of the most unique underwater scenery in the world. Enjoy a wide range of recreation activities from diving, snorkelling and swimming to nature study in rock pools along the shore. Check separate marine note for more information.

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To fully enjoy the park visit the Port Campbell Visitor Information Centre, drop in or call (03) 5598 6089.

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LOCH ARD GORGE

There is a thin line between life and death for the plants and animals that this park shelters – caught between land and sea.

Welcome to Loch Ard Gorge – one of the special places in Port Campbell National Park and Bay of Islands Coastal Park. A separate parknote is available for these two parks.

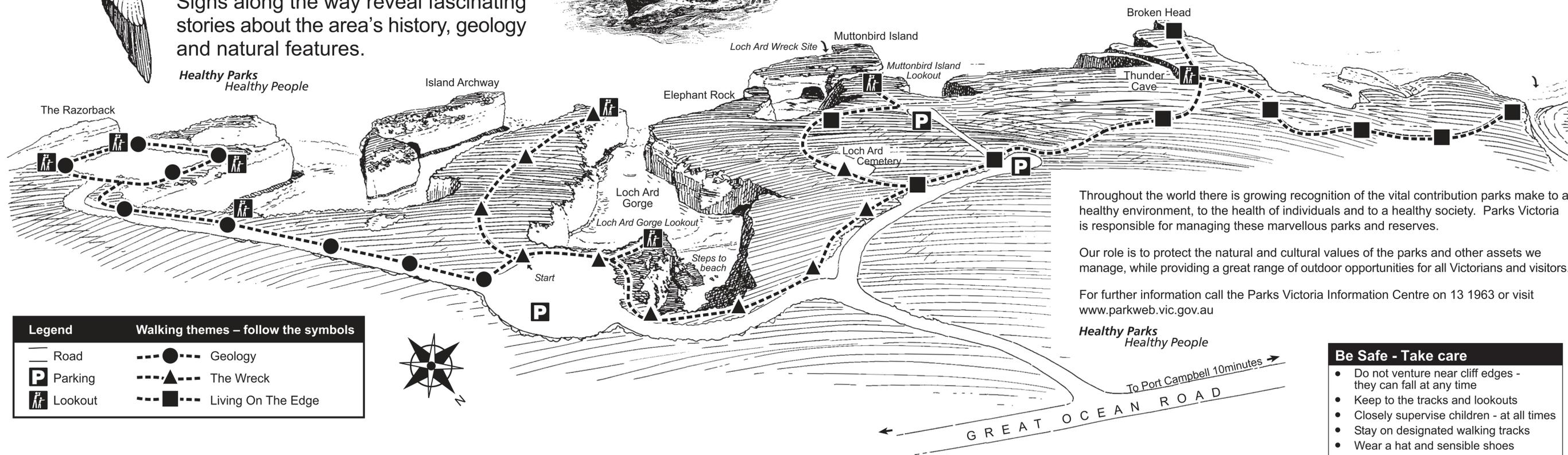
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Healthy People

Three easy walks: take the time to discover some of these areas' natural treasures.

Loch Ard Gorge was named after the clipper *Loch Ard*, wrecked here in 1878. The area has since become famous for its coastal scenery.

Allow 2-3 hours to walk them all, or one hour for each.



Legend		Walking themes – follow the symbols	
	Road		Geology
	Parking		The Wreck
	Lookout		Living On The Edge

GEOLOGY

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Allow 40 minutes.

THE WRECK OF THE LOCH ARD

Follow the tragic story of the Loch Ard shipwreck site to the cemetery
Distance: 1.4km return
Allow 50 minutes.

LIVING ON THE EDGE

Discover Thunder Cave and Broken Head
Distance: 3.2km return
Allow 1 hour 30 minutes

Throughout the world there is growing recognition of the vital contribution parks make to a healthy environment, to the health of individuals and to a healthy society. Parks Victoria is responsible for managing these marvellous parks and reserves.

Our role is to protect the natural and cultural values of the parks and other assets we manage, while providing a great range of outdoor opportunities for all Victorians and visitors.

For further information call the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 or visit www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

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Be Safe - Take care

- Do not venture near cliff edges - they can fall at any time
- Keep to the tracks and lookouts
- Closely supervise children - at all times
- Stay on designated walking tracks
- Wear a hat and sensible shoes
- Lock your car and carry valuable items with you
- Please do not feed or handle wildlife
- Report sick or injured wildlife - Call 0500 540 000 24 hours

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- Police
- Ambulance