

COLAC & SURROUNDS

Colac Information Centre – Cnr Queen & Murray Sts

Free gas BBQ's, picnic tables, toilets inside Centre and dogs on lead. Ample off-street parking for cars, caravans and buses.

↘ Picnic Tables ↘ Toilets ↘ BBQ
↘ Accessible ↘ Dogs on Lead

Colac Memorial Square - Murray St, Colac

Memorial Square fronting Murray Street is within the heart of Colac's CBD. This block of parkland has been dedicated to those who served in the First World War and features a striking stone memorial.

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Lake Colac/Colac Botanic Gardens - Fyans Street, Colac

With a surface area of 2,778 hectares and a circumference of 33 kilometres, Lake Colac is the largest natural freshwater lake in Victoria. The lake has an average maximum depth of 2.5 metres, however in recent years the level has been much lower than this. Lake Colac is a popular location for fishing, water activities and other recreation along its shoreline. The area surrounding the lake includes the Colac Botanic Gardens, Bird Reserve, Yacht Club, Rowing Club, Fishing Club, and Meredith Park. Amenities by the lake in Colac include parking, BBQs, picnic tables, a playground, and public toilets, all located at the eastern end of the foreshore below the Botanic Gardens.

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↘ Accessible

Elliminyt Memorial Park - Main Street, Elliminyt

A regional playground that offers a large playground, picnic and BBQ facilities and open space areas suitable for all ages.

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↘ Accessible ↘ Dogs on Lead

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Red Rock – Corangamite Lake Road, Alvie

Located approx. 12km north of Colac experience a cluster of dormant volcanoes. View numerous craters many of which are now lakes including Lake Corangamite – Australia's largest permanent saline lake. Facilities include free electric BBQs, picnic tables and toilets. An amazing array of Australian birdlife can be spotted in the surrounding lakes.

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Meredith Park - 175 Meredith Park Rd, Ondit

Comprises 6 hectares of Lake Colac shoreline, located 12km north of Colac. The park has a free campsite, including a picnic area, toilets and fireplaces. This site is also a popular fishing spot, where red fin and carp are commonly caught. Meredith Park contains habitat for the endangered Corangamite Water Skink, and as such camping at the site is restricted to certain areas.

↘ Toilets ↘ BBQ ↘ Dogs on Lead

BIRREGURRA

Birregurra Park - Cnr Strachan St & Birregurra Rd

A district playground that offers a great range and diversity of play experiences for a range of age groups. Birregurra Sunday Market is held at Birregurra Park every 3rd Sunday of the month (November to April).

↘ Picnic Tables ↘ Toilets ↘ BBQ ↘ Playground
↘ Accessible ↘ Dogs on Lead

GELLIBRAND

Rex Norman Park - Lavers Hill Road, Gellibrand

Located in the Rex Norman Park & on the [Old Beechy Rail Trail](#) walk/bike path with gas BBQ, playground, shelter and historic display.

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Apollo Bay Foreshore - Great Ocean Rd, Apollo Bay

Sheltered gas BBQ's (coin-operated) on lawn area with playground and skate park adjacent to the beach and shops.

↘ Picnic Tables ↘ Toilets ↘ BBQ ↘ Playground
↘ Accessible ↘ Dogs on Lead

Apollo Bay Breakwater - Breakwater Road, Apollo Bay

Two picnic benches overlooking boat ramp and Harbour Precinct.

↘ Picnic Tables ↘ Toilets ↘ Dogs on Lead

Paradise Picnic Reserve - Barham River Rd, Apollo Bay

Located approx 7km from Apollo Bay on the Barham River Road. This site includes a picnic area and toilets on the west side of the road, and on the east side there is another beautiful picnic area on the river bank under a canopy of ancient tree ferns.

↘ Picnic Tables ↘ Toilets ↘ Accessible
↘ Dogs on Lead

Skenes Creek Foreshore - Great Ocean Rd, Skenes Crk

6km east of Apollo Bay. Picnic tables look out over beach adjacent to creek.

↘ Picnic Tables ↘ Toilets ↘ Dogs on Lead

WYE & KENNETT RIVER

Grey River Reserve - Grey River Road, Kennett River

Turn left into Grey River Road located behind the caravan park in Kennett River. Follow for approx 5km to the picnic reserve. Lovely bush setting with fireplaces. Access a short forest walk adjacent to bridge. Watch out for koalas which inhabit this area. Glow worm viewing by night. No dogs. Be aware of general rough conditions over wetter months.

↘ Picnic Tables ↘ Toilets ↘ Wood BBQs

Wye River

Two picnic areas - one located on the beach side and another next to the Wye General. Free electric BBQs.

↘ Picnic Tables ↘ Toilets ↘ BBQ ↘ Playground

↘ Accessible ↘ Dogs on Lead

LAVERS HILL & BEECH FOREST

Lavers Hill - Great Ocean Road, Lavers Hill

Undercover electric BBQs located at the Laver Hill Community Hall, approx. 500m from the Lavers Hill intersection on the Great Ocean. Picnic ground is at the rear of the hall.

↘ Picnic Tables ↘ Toilets ↘ BBQ

↘ Accessible ↘ Dogs on Lead

Melba Gully - Melba Gully Rd, Lavers Hill

Located in the Great Otway National Park. From the Lavers Hill intersection, continue on Great Ocean Rd until the signposted Melba Gully turnoff. Turn left & follow road to Melba Gully carpark. Free gas BBQs. A beautiful 30min return rainforest walk is a must do while you're there. Glow worm viewing at night. No dogs

↘ Picnic Tables ↘ Toilets ↘ BBQ ↘ Accessible

LAVERS HILL & BEECH FOREST...continued

Triple Falls - Phillips Track, Beech Forest

Between Lavers Hill and Beech Forest off the Colac-Lavers Hill Rd - turn at Phillips Track and follow the signs to the end. A one hour return boardwalk takes you to the falls. No dogs.

↘ Picnic Tables ↘ Toilets

Beauchamp Falls - Binns Road, Beech Forest

Located off the Colac-Lavers Hill Rd at Beech Forest, turn down Binns Road and follow the signs. There is a beautiful moderate to hard one hour return walk to the stunning falls. Wood fireplaces.

↘ Picnic Tables ↘ Toilets ↘ Dogs on Lead

Beech Forest - Main Road, Beech Forest

A large covered area with free electric BBQ's located in the main street of Beech Forest at the [Old Beechy Rail Trail](#) head which is a walking/cycling track between Colac and Ferguson.

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The Redwoods - Binns Road, Beech Forest

This 85 year old plantation of Californian Redwoods has become a favorite local picnic area, the muffled sound and lack of undergrowth provides an interesting contrast to the native wet forest that adorns the opposite bank of the Aire River. Be aware of general rough conditions and log trucks at certain times of the year.

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CAPE OTWAY

Shelly Beach - Elliot River Road, Cape Otway

Approximately 8km from Apollo Bay at the Great Otway National Park sign, turn down Elliott River Rd & drive to the end to find the picnic ground and walks. No dogs.

↘ Picnic Tables ↘ Toilets

Blanket Bay - Blanket Bay Road, Cape Otway

Turn left down the Cape Otway Lighthouse Rd. Follow this road for approx. 11kms and turn left onto Blanket Bay Rd. Follow this gravel road for approx. 9kms until you come to the picnic ground for day visitors. No dogs.

↘ Picnic Tables ↘ Toilets

FORREST & SURROUNDS

West Barwon Reservoir - Forrest-Apollo Bay Rd, Forrest

Electric BBQ's, shelter & access to short walks, mountain bike trails and fishing. West Barwon Catchment is all ramp accessible, but the toilet block doesn't have disability access.

↘ Picnic Tables ↘ Toilets ↘ BBQ

↘ Accessible ↘ Dogs on Lead

Forrest - Station Street, Forrest (off Main St)

Undercover free gas BBQ, picnic tables, public septic toilets located in Caravan Park next to picnic ground, dogs on lead, playground, skate ramp, tennis courts & tank water.

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↘ Accessible ↘ Dogs on Lead

Lake Elizabeth - Kaangland Road, Forrest

Picnic tables & fireplaces in campground, composting toilets & dogs on lead. Enjoy a walk to or an extended loop walk around Lake Elizabeth. The lake was formed after a landslide formed a natural dam wall in 1951.

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