



About Aire Valley Restaurant and Guest House

The Aire Valley Restaurant and Guest House was the original farm house for the east side of the Aire River just outside Hordern Vale. It was extended and renovated in keeping with the original style of the house in 1999.

The restaurant has its own orchards, vegetable gardens and green house. It is the only restaurant and accommodation along the Great Ocean Road that supplies all its vegetables fresh from the garden to the plate.

All rooms are ensuite opening out onto the verandah. A log fire warms the lounge and dining room in the afternoon and evening. Guests are able to wander around the gardens and enjoy the views over the lakes and the Aire River Wildlife Reserve.



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6 Day Walk - Day 1 - 7.9kms - 3 hours 15 minutes

1. Apollo Bay to Marengo - Distance: 2.9kms, Time: 1 hour, 15 mins , Rating: Easy.

The walk runs along a footpath next to the Great Ocean Road. The best way is to walk on the beach. Marengo is a beautiful beach and you may meet the odd fisherman or surfer. An easy start to the Great Ocean Walk.

2. Marengo to Shelly Beach - Distance: 5kms, Time: 2 hours, Rating: Medium/Hard.

The Great Ocean Walk here follows the coast and has a mix of beach, coastal forests and farmland. There are 2 decision points along this stretch where depending on the tide, a decision needs to be taken as to whether the inland or the coastal walk should be taken.

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6 Day Walk - Day 2 – 20.6kms – 6 hours, 30 minutes

3. Shelly Beach to Blanket Bay - Distance: 16.1kms, Time: 5 hours, Rating: Medium/Hard.

Tall forests dominate this section. Black wallabies will often be sighted along this section.

4. Blanket Bay to Parker River Inlet - Distance: 4.5kms, Time: 1 hour 30 minutes, Rating: Easy.

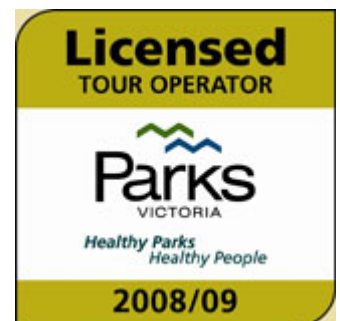
Dry coastal forests along this section with echidnas and King Parrots. Great views over Parker Inlet.

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6 Day Walk - Day 3 – 17.5kms – 7 hours, 45 minutes

5. Parker River to Cape Otway - Distance: 6.0kms, Time: 1 hour, 30 mins , Rating: Medium.

The Great Ocean Walk at this section is along cliff tops, Manna Gums where koalas can be spotted and then along farmland as you near the Cape Otway Lightstation.

6. Cape Otway Lightstation - Distance: 0kms, Time: 1 hour, 30 mins

Take a walk around the Light station, and see the history of the Cape Otway Coast. There are several outbuildings to explore and also a cafe is onsite.

7. Cape Otway to Aire River (side trip - Rainbow Falls) - Distance: 11.6kms, Time: 4 hours, Rating: Medium.

There is a wind swept track along cliff tops above Station Beach. Rainbow Falls is spring fed and falls down to rocky platforms below.

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6 Day Walk - Day 4 – 23.5kms – 9 hours, 15 minutes

8. Aire River to Castle Cove - Distance: 6.5kms, Time: 2.5 hours, Rating: Medium.

Aire River is one of the oldest rivers in Australia. Start at the bridge and a path climbs up to the cliff tops giving stunning coastal views. Watch amazing waves pound onto the rocks below..

9. Castle Cove to Johanna Beach - Distance: 8kms, Time: 2 hour, 45 mins , Rating: Medium.

This is one of the most diverse sections of the Great Ocean Walk. Heathland, an amazing section of grass trees just like a fairly garden before a magnificent descent onto Johanna Beach. The hardest part is the last beach on the sand of the deserted Johanna Beach. If Bells Beach near Torquay is flat, the Rip Curl surf competition comes here. From the Great Ocean Walk you have the best vantage point to see the fantastic waves.

10. Johanna Beach to Milanesia Gate - Distance: 8kms, Time: 3.5 hours, Rating: Medium.

Valley views over farmland in this section of the Great Ocean Walk before arriving at the spectacular Milanesia Beach.

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6 Day Walk - Day 5 – 17.1kms – 7 hours

11. Milanesia Gate to Moonlight Head - Distance: 8.4kms, Time: 5 hours, Rating: Hard.

One of the most difficult sections of the walk but unforgettable views from the cliff-tops. The view takes in the coast all the way back to Cape Otway Light Station. This section of the walk is rated difficult due to the undulated terrain.

12. Moonlight Head to the Gables Lookout - Distance: 6.7kms, Time: 2 hours , Rating: Easy.

The Great Ocean Walk heads inland along country roads through blue-gums and farmland but finishes with the breathtaking Gables look out.

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6 Day Walk - Day 6 – 17.8kms – 6 hours, 15 minutes

13. Gables Lookout to Devil's Kitchen- Distance: 4kms, Time: 1.5 hours, Rating: Medium.

The Great Ocean Walk passes through heath to the fantastic Wreck Beach where the anchors from the wreck of the Marie Gabrielle (1869) and Fiji (1891) lie. The Wreck Beach section can only be walked at during low tide. Beware of big sea swells.

14. Devil's Kitchen to Princetown - Distance: 7.8 kms, Time: 2.5 hours , Rating: Easy.

The Great ocean Walk follows the Old Coach Road 4WD track through heathland, coastal scrub and farmland..

15. Princetown to Glenample Homestead - Distance: 6.0km, Time: 2 hours, 15 minutes, Rating: Easy

The Great ocean Walk continues along the 4WD track along cliff tops with a grand finale of views of the 12 Apostles. Glenample Homestead is now closed so walk along the track to the 12 Apostles board walk.

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