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The diversity of walking opportunities around Cape Conran can take you through white sandy beaches, rocky ridges, heathland, and banksia woodlands.



**Grade 2 walks -** Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Short steep sections, a rough surface, and many steps.



**Grade 3 walks** - Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Short steep sections, a rough surface, and many steps.



**Grade 4 walks** - Bushwalking experience recommended. Long, rough, very steep, and directional signage limited.

#### Be prepared and stay safe.

Conditions, weather, and fauna can be unpredictable. BYO water and be aware mobile phone coverage is limited or not available.















#### West Cape and East Cape Day Visitor Area Walks

**Cape Conran Nature Trail** - **Grade 3** – 2.3km, 2 hrs return. Short steep sections and uneven surfaces.

Begin at Sailors Grave at the East Cape Day Visitor Area and continue across to West Cape to uncover the special nature of the coastal environment. Return via the same route or head towards Joiners Channel. Follow the beach to the Cape Conran Boat Ramp, where you can take another trail along the beach to Salmon Rocks Beach.

**East Cape Boardwalk - Grade 3** – 400m, 15 minutes one way. Raised boardwalk with steps and rocky, uneven sections.

Beginning at Sailors Grave at the East Cape Day Visitor Area, follow the boardwalk around East Cape to Cowrie Bay and enjoy spectacular views of the ocean along the way. From Cowrie Bay, you can either continue to West Cape and Salmon Rocks or take optional walking track links to the Cape Conran Nature Trail, and loop back to East Cape Day Visitor Area.

#### **Banksia Bluff Campground Walks**

**Heathland Walk** - **Grade 2** - 3km, 1 hour loop return. Flat surface with some uneven sections. Can become wet and slippery. Start at the walk entry along Banksia Bluff Road – between the Parks Victoria office and Loop A of the campground.

The heathland is full of surprises. Look out for birds feeding on nectar-rich plants, the threatened Ground Parrot, and the striking spike of grass trees, which provide a feeding post for rosellas when in flower. Lizards and Lace Monitors are also common on this trail.

Swampy Creek Walk - Grade 2 - 3.2km, 1 hr return. Flat surface with some uneven sections and steps. Can become wet and slippery. Start at the walk entry along Banksia Bluff Road - between the Parks Victoria office and Loop A of the campground. This walk takes you through coastal woodland to the beach, where Swampy Creek flows into the sea. Return the same way or via beach.

#### **Yeerung Walks**

**Yeerung Estuary View Walk** - **Grade 3** – 3km, 1 hr return. Steep sections, steps and uneven surfaces.

This walk offers a unique view of the Yeerung River Estuary. Look out for the rich diversity of flora and fauna in the river's lower reaches. The best times to visit are when the birds are active at sunset and sunrise. This track also allows access to the coastline east of the river when the river entrance is open.

**Yeerung Gorge Walk** - **Grade 3** – 1km, 30 mins return. Short steep section with steps at the gorge entrance.

Yeerung Gorge is home to some unusual vegetation and contains several deep, dark rock pools that are fed by the Yeerung River. Notice how the gorge is deeply incised into the coastal plain.

#### **Dock Inlet and Pearl Point Day Walks**



**Dock Inlet Walk** - **Grade 4** – 17km, 5 hours return. Sandy uneven track. Can become wet and boggy after rain.

Dock Inlet is a unique expanse of fresh water isolated from the coast by a coastal dune. The inlet tannin-colours water provides a home for waterfowl. Keep an eye out for White-bellied Sea Eagles.

**Pearl Point Walk** - **Grade 4** - 25km, 7 hours return. Sandy uneven track. Can become wet and boggy after rain.

This walk begins at Yeerung River Bridge and continues to Pearl Point, where you'll see spectacular sedimentary rock formats, rolling sand dunes, seabirds and sea life. You'll need to be fit for this active an energetic walk.

#### **Emergencies**

#### For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000).

This park is in the East Gippsland Fire District. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at emergency.vic.gov.au on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

On Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating days this park is closed for public safety.

Do not enter the park. If you are already in the park, leave the night before or as early as possible in the morning. Do not expect a personal warning. Check for park, facility and road closures and the latest conditions at **parks.vic.gov.au** or by calling **13 1963**.

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