East Gippsland
Bairnsdale | Metung | Paynesville | Lakes Entrance | Bemm River
Bruthen | Buchan | Lindenow | Omeo | Orbost | Mallacoota
Enjoy a fire safe summer

In the summer months there’s no better place to be than down the coast or in some of our stunning bush or grassland areas. Wind down and enjoy a fun and relaxing summer break knowing you’ve taken a few simple steps to stay fire safe.

Away from home checklist
Five things to do every time you’re out and about.
1. Save the Victorian Bushfire Information Line (1800 240 667) into your mobile.
2. Know the most up-to-date Fire Danger Rating for the area you are travelling to.
3. Find out if a Total Fire Ban has been declared.
4. Listen to ABC local radio (or other emergency broadcaster).
5. Check or download the FireReady app on your smartphone.

Monitor Fire Danger Ratings to stay safe
On days where the Fire Danger Rating is Severe, Extreme or Code Red, it’s better to stay in town centres. Visitors to parks and forests should expect them to be closed on Code Red days.

Bans and Ratings: what’s the difference?
Total Fire Bans are legal restrictions on open fires, equipment and BBQs that prevent fires from starting.

Fire Danger Ratings help you to know when the local conditions are dangerous enough to enact your bushfire plan.

That might mean leaving the area early, well before there are any signs of fire – once a fire has started, the chances are it will be too late to leave.

Total Fire Bans and your BBQ
Which types of BBQ are banned on a Total Fire Ban?
• Solid fuel BBQs (e.g. wood, charcoal and briquettes).
• Liquid fuel BBQs.
• You also can’t use camp ovens, wood-fired pizza ovens or kettle-type appliances.

Campfires, bonfires or any kind of outdoor fires are strictly banned on a Total Fire Ban day.

Which BBQs are OK?
• Fixed gas or electric BBQs built into a permanent structure of brick, stone or concrete.
• Portable gas or electric BBQs are OK if they are designed exclusively for meal preparation.

For any kind of gas or electric barbecue, you must have:
• A 3-metre area around the BBQ cleared of flammable material.
• A hose connected to a water supply or vessel with at least 10 litres of water.
• An adult present at all times who has the means and capacity to extinguish the fire.

Did you know?
Code Red days are rare – when forecast they are extremely serious.

Have you checked your gas BBQ?
Don’t let a faulty Gas BBQ ruin your holiday. Especially if it’s been a while between uses, check the LP gas cylinder, hose and connections carefully.

Spray the hose and regulator connections with soapy water – if bubbles start forming, you'll know that gas is escaping and it’s time to contact a licensed gasfitter.

To find out more, visit cfa.vic.gov.au or call 1800 240 667.
Do as little or as much as you like during your holiday in East Gippsland. Our helpful Visitor Information Centres have all the information you need, so choosing how to spend your time may be the toughest decision you make. But if you can’t get everything done, you can always return. Our magical piece of paradise will still be here.

Anything is possible in East Gippsland. Fish a mountain stream or bait up on a lakeside jetty. Steer your boat across pristine waters of the lakes or water-ski behind it. The watersports, hiking, biking, snow skiing or caving will keep you entertained for days. Ride a horse across the High Country or watch horses in Campdrafts or Rodeos. No other region of Victoria can offer such great coastal and mountain pursuits.
Satisfy your wanderlust in East Gippsland. There are so many roads to travel, so many boating adventures to take, so many delicious flavours to discover.

Whether it is a sailing adventure or fishing charter on the lakes or offshore, a horseback trail ride, winery or a cycling trip, there is plenty to see and do.

Charter a yacht or a motorboat to explore the rivers and the Gippsland Lakes or join an organised cruise.

Enjoy a fishing adventure with an experienced local fisherman and fish for snapper, bream, flathead, mulloway, salmon, luderick and trevally or head underground with an experienced guide to explore the world famous Buchan Caves.

Discover the history of our traditional owners by taking a self-guided tour of important indigenous sites or pedal your way through forests and farmland along the East Gippsland Rail Trail and Lakes Discovery Trail.

Learn about our traditional Indigenous art and heritage at the Krowathunkooloong Keeping Place in Bairnsdale.

For guaranteed wildlife spotting, take the ferry to Raymond Island and follow the koala trail or enjoy a hit of golf amongst the resident Kangaroos at the Mallacoota Golf Course. Explore an Art Trail or, why not experience the soul of East Gippsland through a cultural or regional event.

Source freshly caught seafood at local fish shops or directly from trawlers. Take the Twin Rivers farmgate tour and enjoy micro-brewed ale, fresh berries and mouthwatering stone fruits.

Look for the ‘Eat, Drink, Local’ symbol on our restaurants, cafes and retailers to enjoy locally sourced produce.
Talk about being spoilt for choice! In East Gippsland, eleven world-class, easily accessible National, Coastal and Marine Parks and Reserves are here for you to explore.

From the remote wilderness of the UNESCO-recognised Croajingolong National Park in the east, to the rugged beauty of the Snowy River and Alpine National Parks and the vast expanse of the Lakes National Park fringed by lakes and dunes, East Gippsland is rich in natural attractions.

Alpine National Park
Covering over 6000 sq km’s of Victoria’s high country, this is East Gippsland’s highest and largest National Park. It showcases pristine mountain environments and rivers, lush bush and eucalypts and spectacular scenery.

Croajingolong National Park
As part of Australia’s Wilderness Coast, the Croajingolong National Park follows the far-eastern coastline of Victoria for 100 kilometres and covers 87,500 hectares. The Park is a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve that cocoons and protects remote beaches, tall forests, heathland, rainforest, estuaries and granite peaks.

Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park
A water based environment set on a narrow coastal reserve, stretching from Seaspray to Lakes Entrance along the Ninety Mile Beach. With the eastern parts accessible only by boat, unique opportunities exist to experience bird and marine life at close proximity.

Snowy River National Park
Synonymous with adventure and nature, the remote wilderness area is a must to explore. It features some magnificent river scenery, spectacular deep gorges, eucalypt forests and rain shadow woodlands. You can reach this park via Buchan or Orbost.


Adventure
East Gippsland has world-class mountain bike trails, endless kayaking and canoeing opportunities and spectacular trail runs, all designed for the adventure athlete.

Look out for regular adventure events including the Australian Adventure Festival (adventurefestival.com) or take a guided tour in and around the Gippsland Lakes, or on one of our many rivers.
The Gippsland Lakes

Australia’s largest inland waterway, the Gippsland Lakes, are a network of lakes, marshes and lagoons covering 400sq km, and are separated from the ocean with coastal dunes known as Ninety Mile Beach. Bird and marine life thrive here, with the Burrunan dolphins and pelicans frequenting many locations.

The Mitchell River Silt Jetties are a geographical highlight now claimed as the longest in the world. Drive along the silt jetty out into Lake King with the Mitchell River on one side and lake on the other.

The Lakes are best seen from the water, but can be visited from the shore, using one of four lakeside villages as a base. Hire a boat here, or bring your own, these incredible waterways offer so much, with 40 casual jetties and top amenities on offer. Three coastal parks stand between the lakes and the ocean. This magnificent coastline is just 10 minutes by fast boat from any lakeside village.

While most people visit for the boating and fishing, you can sail, swim, canoe, kayak or relax and take in the energy from the picturesque lakeside towns of Lakes Entrance, Metung, Raymond Island and Paynesville. The region’s commercial centre, Bairnsdale, is known as the ‘gateway to the lakes’, Lindenow is home to the regional food bowl; while the ‘Twin Rivers’ area comprises the towns of Nicholson, Johnsonville and Swan Reach.

Fish, golf, tour or simply slow down – the Gippsland Lakes will captivate you.
Explore our towns & villages

Bairnsdale
A thriving provincial centre, Bairnsdale is the commercial hub of East Gippsland and gateway to the natural beauties of our region. The town’s rich heritage can be found throughout the town including the Mitchell River walking trail, the All Abilities Playground and the spectacular frescoes and architecture of St Mary’s Church.

Bruthen
Oozing country charm and historical character, this village is a perfect place from which to set off on the Twin Rivers Farm Food and Wine Trail or enjoy the outdoors on the East Gippsland Rail Trail.

Metung
The tranquil village of Metung has long been a favourite for holiday-makers. While the main activities involve boating and fishing, Metung is also known for its scenic walks, great local food, monthly farmers’ market and unique galleries with a coastal flair.

Lakes Entrance
A premier holiday destination, Lakes Entrance is loved for its beaches, foreshore carnival over summer, waterfront cafes and fleet of colourful fishing boats. Join a guided boat tour, admire the view from Kalimna Lookout or stroll across the footbridge from the foreshore to see the vast expanse of Ninety Mile Beach.

Lake Tyers Beach
Lake Tyers Beach is a great place to relax or enjoy the outdoors. Surf at the region’s most renowned surfing spot, Red Bluff, catch your share of the plentiful supplies of prawns, crabs, flathead and bream or dine at the Waterwheel Beach Tavern.

Lindenow
Bordering the Mitchell River National Park, and overlooking some of the most productive agricultural land in Victoria, Lindenow is a quaint village, offering the best in country hospitality and deliciously fresh local produce.

Paynesville & Raymond Island
Known as the boating capital of Victoria, Paynesville is a great place for those just looking for a getaway by the water or to enjoy activities on and around the foreshore. Explore the lakes and canals or take the short ferry trip to Raymond Island to see koalas.
### 10 Great Reasons to Explore The Gippsland Lakes

| **01** | Dine at one of our many restaurants or enjoy a top-notch drop from an award-winning winery. |
| **02** | Look for fur seals and dolphins frolicking in the surf from one of the longest stretches of sand in the Ninety Mile Beach. |
| **03** | Regular Farmers’ markets, entertainment and more mean something is always happening. |
| **04** | East Gippsland boasts an exciting range of cycling activities including the historic Rail Trail and Mountain Bike Parks. |
| **05** | Pitch a tent on the tranquil Bunga Arm or at one of the many caravan and campsites around the Gippsland Lakes. |
| **06** | The Bataluk Cultural Trail will give you a new perspective on the landscapes of East Gippsland. |
| **07** | Be guided by boat, hire your own or take to the water in a kayak, canoe or paddle board to explore the Gippsland Lakes and rivers. |
| **08** | Make it all about the kids with mini-golf, archery, bike hire, paddle boats, an aquarium and locally produced ice cream among the many attractions. |
| **09** | Visit the Mitchell River Silt Jetties, now claimed as the longest in the world. |
| **10** | Take a leisurely walk around the old Nyerimilang homestead and enjoy a picnic lunch in the picturesque gardens. |

For more inspiration, contact our Visitor Information Centre on 1800 637 060 or visit [www.visiteastgippsland.com.au/regions/gippsland-lakes](http://www.visiteastgippsland.com.au/regions/gippsland-lakes) or call one of our Visitor Information Centres on 1800 637 060

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**Nicholson, Johnsonville & Swan Reach**

Located in the beautiful Twin Rivers district, Nicholson boasts a spectacular historical railway bridge and access to the renowned Rail Trail. Hire a boat in Johnsonville or fish for your dinner. Enjoy the picturesque scenery of Swan Reach or choose from a selection of dining and cuisine options overlooking the rivers.

To find out more about our unique towns and villages, visit us at [www.visiteastgippsland.com.au/regions/gippsland-lakes](http://www.visiteastgippsland.com.au/regions/gippsland-lakes) or call one of our Visitor Information Centres on 1800 637 060.

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Looking for koalas, Raymond Island
Immerse yourself in a relaxed atmosphere at 5 Knots Resort in tranquil Metung. Boasting eight contemporary 1, 2 & 3 bedroom apartments designed with attention to detail, our apartments and location is a true escape from everyday life. The superb suites and spacious apartments are the perfect waterfront address, set on the shores of Metung, and centrally located close to shops and the iconic Metung Hotel. Highlights at this family-friendly property include free self parking, and in-room kitchens and free WiFi. Enjoy TVs with DVD players and all apartments feature balconies or patios, living rooms, and coffee/tea makers. Relaxation is compulsory. Total comfort. You’ll never want to leave.

Shaving Point, 42 Metung Road, Metung VIC 3904
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E: info@5knots.com.au
www.5knots.com.au

**BAIRNSDALE HOLIDAY PARK**

139 Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale VIC 3875
T: 03 5152 4066 or Toll Free 1800 062 885
E: b4bdale@bigpond.net.au
www.bairnsdaleholidaypark.com

Set among 15 acres of landscaped gardens 2km east of Bairnsdale. Close to major East Gippsland tourist attractions. Fishing, boating and bushwalking facilities nearby or take a leisurely ride along the East Gippsland Rail Trail.

Accommodation to suit all tastes: Holiday units, powered caravan slab sites, ensuite caravan sites, powered and unpowered tent sites. Sites are also suitable for large vans and motor homes.

Sorry NO Pets are allowed.
Sites: $30 - $50, Accommodation: $98 - $140

**BAIRNSDALE RSL**

2 Forge Creek Road, Bairnsdale VIC 3875
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Located in the heart of the famous holiday town of Lakes Entrance, Bellevue on the Lakes offers many styles of accommodation to cater for that romantic getaway or family vacation.

Enjoy our modern facilities and comfortable accommodation.

Choose from our two bedroom fully self contained apartments with North Arm Lake views, our Boathouse Studio Apartments, the luxurious Boathouse Spa Suites or our Guest Rooms.

Highlights include an on-site restaurant, an indoor and outdoor swimming pool plus added amenities include free WiFi for all guests. There’s also the convenience of free self parking.
Captains Cove Resort is Paynesville's premier waterfront accommodation. Set within peaceful surroundings of the Paynesville canals on the picturesque and protected part of the Gippsland Lakes, the resort offers spacious fully self-contained apartments, a heated indoor swimming pool, tennis court, private jetties, free Wi-Fi, private BBQ on each deck and water activities.

Captains Cove caters to a broad range of guests including holiday makers, boaties, corporate guests, fishing groups, golfers and couples. All apartments are 3 bedroom / 2 bathroom and rates are made more affordable as they are based on 1, 2 or 3 bedrooms.

Only a short walk to Raymond Island Ferry and the Esplanade where you will find an array of cafes and shops.

Explore one of the many walking / bike riding tracks or cruise the lakes by boat to see all that the beautiful region has to offer.

19 Mitchell Street, Paynesville VIC 3880
T: 03 5156 7223
E: info@captainscove.com.au
www.captainscove.com.au

Experience a "below ground" stay in this unique and secluded earth-sheltered accommodation, centrally located 10 minutes from Bairnsdale. Two beautifully appointed units feature bespoke furniture crafted from recycled timber. Explore the 130 acre property and take in the most stunning views. Continental breakfast and free WiFi are provided.

164 Mulhollands Road, Sarsfield VIC 3875
T: 0411 163 683
E: enquiries@downtoearthfarmretreat.com.au
www.downtoearthfarmretreat.com.au

Eagle Point Caravan Park is ideally located next to a nature reserve in the Gippsland Lakes, where you can peacefully sit back and enjoy the magnificent lake and bush surrounds. Facilities include a General store and licensed bottle shop, fully equipped campers’ kitchen, BBQs and Children’s play area with Games room.

40 School Road Eagle Point VIC 3878
T: 03 5156 1183
E: eaglepointcp@egipps.vic.gov.au

Multi-award winning self-contained accommodation hidden in a peaceful lakeside hamlet, minutes from Lakes Entrance and Metung. Four 2-bedroom retreats ideal for couples or families offering waterfront views, outdoor dining, complimentary kayaks, BBQ, laundry and private jetty. Direct access to the Gippsland Lakes without the crowds.

230 Nungurner Jetty Road, Nungurner VIC 3909
T: 03 5156 3224
E: enquiries@jettyroadretreat.com.au
www.jettyroadretreat.com.au
Holiday Park with steps to the 90 Mile Beach in secluded bush setting. Stay in magnificent Shelly Beach Villas, great cabins or large powered caravan and bush-camping sites. Fantastic resort pool, BBQs, playground, kid’s club, games room, volleyball, outdoor chess, communal fireplaces, kiosk and more for the perfect beachfront holiday.

430 Lake Tyers Rd, Lake Tyers Beach VIC 3909
T: 03 5156 5582 or 1300 1parks
E: lakesbeachfront@holidayretreats.com.au
www.lakesbeachfront.com.au

Nestled amongst 30 acres of towering gum trees. Self-contained cabins (with air con.) sleep up to 6. Spacious, private, plenty of boat parking. Hand feed parrots, kookaburras, possums from your covered balcony with BBQ. Enjoy your own campfire (per CFA advice). 3 minutes drive to town centre, golf, beaches, heated pools.

161 Ostlers Road, Lakes Entrance VIC 3909
T: 03 5155 2319
E: info@lakesentrancelogcabins.com.au
www.lakesentrancelogcabins.com.au

Feast on freshly caught seafood and enjoy Gippsland wines on the verandah of our stylish, FSC 1 and 2 bedroom spa cottages. Nestled among native gardens, guest facilities include woodfires, BBQs, heated hydrotherapy spa and outdoor pool. We offer a tranquil retreat for couples and families, close to Lakes Entrance.

205 Palmers Road, Lakes Entrance VIC 3909
T: 03 5155 1257
E: enquiries@waverleyhousecottages.com.au
www.waverleyhousecottages.com.au

Cnr Rowe & Bulmer Street, Lakes Entrance VIC 3909
T: 03 5155 3578
E: enquiries@lakesbowls.com.au
www.lakesbowls.com.au

The Lakes Entrance Bowls Club is situated on the majestic ninety mile beach at the entrance to the beautiful Gippsland lakes and is renowned as one of the regions premier Clubs.

The Club provides first class facilities, entertainment and services for all its members and guests to enjoy.

Open from 9am the Club has full TAB facilities, Keno, Café, Bistro, indoor play room, raffle nights, bowls, sports bar with big screen, tourist park accommodation and much more.

Great special days such as Monday schnitzel night, Friday night seafood and carvery smorgasbord and our Sunday roast smorgasbord are hugely popular with members and visitors alike.

Recently refurbished the Lakes Entrance Bowls Club is arguably one of the most popular venues to meet with friends, relax and dine in East Gippsland.

It’s time you discovered this great Club for yourself!
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A family-friendly stay in Metung awaits you at McMillans of Metung Resort. Located on the edge of the Metung waterfront, we provide the perfect balance between tranquil retreat and coastal living. All our villas and cottages are self-contained including linen, fully-equipped kitchens, comfortable living areas with TV/DVD, laundry, and private balconies with garden or water views. Highlights at our property include a full-service spa, an outdoor swimming pool, and in-room kitchens. A day of pampering at Illuka Day Spa can include hot stone massages and body wraps.

Enjoy the outdoor tennis court and kids' swimming pool as well as access to a playground. With the luxury of a resort and the comforts of home, McMillans of Metung offers it's guests an unforgettable experience.

155 Metung Road, Metung VIC 3904
T: 03 5156 2283
E: info@mcmillansofmetung.com.au
www.mcmillansofmetung.com.au

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For your next getaway to the Gippsland Lakes stay in one of our 1, 2 or 3 bedroom villas set in amongst beautiful trees and terraced gardens. All villas are self-contained and air conditioned. Shaded playground and heated swimming pool. Easy 10 minute walk to town centre.

15 Roadknight St, Lakes Entrance VIC 3909
T: 03 5155 2323
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www.sandpiperapartments.com

SANDPIPER HOLIDAY APARTMENTS

Relax, unwind in one of our comfortable air-conditioned apartments. Centrally located, short stroll to beach, shops and restaurants. Studios for couples also 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments for families. Free wi-fi, linen supplied, DVD players, flatscreen TV, solar heated pool, BBQ and heated spa room.
Nestled in the quaint township of Nicholson, we are perfectly located between all the gems of East Gippsland. Visit Lakes Entrance, Metung, Paynesville, all within a 20 minute drive.

The Nicholson River Holiday Park offers a wide range of amenities, such as self-contained units, an in-ground pool, kitchen with full cooking facilities and large powered campsites in close proximity to the river.

If you are looking for pet friendly caravan parks, we allow pets on our camping grounds. So you can finally enjoy your holiday without having to leave anyone behind!

With a riverside bistro next door; adjacent to the Nicholson boat ramp and playground; and a newly opened kiosk on site, we have it all!

Surrounded by fun activities for all the family, the Rail Trail, archery, mini golf, wineries and some of Victoria’s most beautiful wonders - such as the Silt Jetties, why not come and enjoy a peaceful holiday in Nicholson with us.

NICHOLSON RIVER HOLIDAY PARK
915 Princes Hwy, Nicholson, VIC 3882
T: 03 5156 8348
E: info@nicholsonriver.com.au
www.nicholsonriver.com.au

Nicholson River Winery
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www.nicholsonriverwinery.com.au

Ken and Juliet Eckersley bring you the distinctive flavours of East Gippsland. Our wines are grown, handpicked, made and bottled here on the family Estate. Do relax with a glass of wine and a local cheese or antipasto platter whilst looking at the picturesque Nicholson River. You can choose from Sparkling, dry reds and whites and a port. We grow Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Viognier, Pinot Noir, Syrah (Shiraz), Cabernet, Merlot and Sangiovese. Open holidays and weekends 10am to 5pm, but otherwise 10am to 4pm. Phone if possible in the colder months. Groups by arrangement. Signposted from Princes Hwy at Nicholson and from the Great Alpine Road at Sarsfield. Established in 1978.

TAMBO RIVER TOURIST PARK
2040 Princes Hwy, Swan Reach VIC 3903
T: 03 5156 4314
E: tamborivertouristpark@yahoo.com.au
www.tamborivertouristpark.com

A great place for a relaxing holiday, or a convenient stopover for travellers. Centrally located for exploring the Rivers, Lakes, Beaches and Forests. Small quiet Park with grassy powered sites, comfortable ensuite cabins, campers kitchen and undercover barbeque area. Pets welcome in offpeak season.
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We only cruise the Gippsland Lakes from end of January through to mid March, each year.

THE ABBEY CONFERENCE & ACCOMMODATION CENTRE

Raymond Island VIC
T: 03 5156 6580
E: info@theabbey.org.au
www.theabbey.org.au

Wrapped in native bushland; home to amazing wildlife, the Abbey is an ideal venue for community retreats, family holidays or get-aways. Facilities include a large commercial kitchen, common dining and meeting rooms as well as a self-contained cottage, 8 motel units and a number of dormitories.

THE ESPLANADE RESORT & SPA

1 Esplanade, Lakes Entrance, VIC 3909
T: 03 5155 3533
E: holiday@esplanaderesort.com.au
www.esplanaderesort.com.au

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It’s time to visit Lakes Entrance’s most luxurious 4.5 star resort - The Esplanade Resort & Spa.

Perfectly located between two pristine stretches of water forming the eastern end of the Gippsland lakes at Lakes Entrance, The Esplanade Resort offers the perfect accommodation for couples and families alike. Excellent facilities are also provided for the corporate traveler.

Comprising of 134 rooms including modern hotel rooms, fully self-contained 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments plus the very popular Penthouse Apartments, we have the perfect night’s stay for your stay in Lakes Entrance.

Facilities include a large lagoon pool, indoor heated pool and spa, floodlit tennis court, BBQ areas, on-site restaurant with alfresco dining and bar and Illuka Day Spa - specialising in hydrotherapy for a blissful spa experience.

There is something for everyone at The Esplanade Resort & Spa, Lakes Entrance.
The Riversleigh is centrally located in an iconic, century-old building in Bairnsdale. The Riversleigh is at your service. A beautiful and poised exterior leads to the restored interior, reflecting the heritage feel; classic meets contemporary with an elegant twist. The 21 guest rooms, with ensuites, offer the seasoned traveller luxury and comfort with all the amenities required and personal, attentive service. Complimentary continental breakfast is sourced from local produce. Lunch is served in the sunlit bistro Monday-Friday with coffee, cake and the bar open 7 days a week. Choose a relaxing sleepover between Sydney and Melbourne or stay a while and explore the naturally magic region of East Gippsland. Modern amenities. Historic Elegance. Relaxed Luxury. Unbeatable Location. The Riversleigh, a place like no other.
**THE GIPPSLAND LAKES**

**Things to See & Do**

**BAIRNSDALE ARCHERY, MINI GOLF PARK & GAMES PARK**

459 Princes Hwy, Lucknow VIC 3875  
T: 03 5156 8655  
E: enquiries@bairnsdalefunpark.com.au  
www.bairnsdalefunpark.com.au

East Gippsland’s only theme park. Free entry – affordable family fun for all ages. NEW virtual reality, karaoke, racing sim and crazy carts. Activities include archery, mini golf, golf driving range, bungee trampoline, laser tag, combat archery, batting cage, space ball, merry go round, go karts, jumping castle and many more.

**EAST GIPPSLAND ART GALLERY**

2 Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale VIC 3875  
T: 03 5153 1988  
E: info@eastgippslandartgallery.org.au  
www.eastgippslandartgallery.org.au

East Gippsland Art Gallery celebrates the artistic spirit of the region through a vibrant and dynamic visual arts program. The Gallery Shop stocks a variety of fine arts and crafts produced by local artists. Entry is free.

**KROWATHUNKOOLOONG KEEPING PLACE**

37-53 Dalmahoy Street, Bairnsdale VIC 3875  
T: 03 5150 0737  
E: rhudson@gegac.org.au  
www.batalukculturaltrail.com.au

A museum housing art, craft and a variety of cultural displays with traditional artefacts from the Gunai/Kurnai people of Gippsland. Providing an insight into the aboriginal history and culture of the region it is a highlight of any East Gippsland visit. Open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, or by appointment. Closed weekends and public holidays.

**RIVIERA NAUTIC**

185 Metung Road, Metung VIC 3904  
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www.rivieranautic.com.au  
www.rivierascenic.com.au

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www.schoolworkssupplies.com.au

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The High Country

Set high in the Great Dividing Range, the Omeo Region is one of Victoria's best kept secrets; beautiful vistas, high country hospitality, adventure activities and a region rich in history and heritage.

Discover the National Parks, the Australian Alps walking track, crystal clear rivers, historic huts, camping spots, horse riding, fly fishing, galleries, wineries and golf courses.

The spectacular Great Alpine Road is Australia's highest sealed road, with year-round access. It takes you from the top of Victoria's High Country, down to the magnificent lakes and coastal country of East Gippsland.

There are many touring routes and 4WD adventures off the Great Alpine Road in the Australian Alps to ensure you feel invigorated and far away from the hustle and bustle. Meander through the historic towns within the region, and enjoy good high country food at the cafes and pubs.

Take your time, enjoy some of the local produce and make sure that you stay a while to experience the High Country difference.

To find out more about our unique towns and villages, visit us at www.visiteastgippsland.com.au/regions/alpine-high-country or call one of our Visitor Information Centres on 1800 637 060

Explore our Towns & Villages

Benambra
Victoria’s first cattle station and now a village offering access to the Three Brothers and the Sisters, part of the Bowen mountain range and (seasonal) Lake Omeo.

Cassilis
Once a thriving mining community and home to the early goldfields, the mines are ideal for walking and exploring, with occasional relics of the gold mining era.

Omeo
As well as its high country plains, fresh air and bush landscape, Omeo offers landmarks that reflect its gold-mining heritage. Visit the Oriental Claims, the log gaol, or go white water rafting or trout fishing on the Mitta Mitta.

Swift’s Creek and Ensay
Take the scenic route around these towns in the beautiful Tambo Valley and take in the incredible high country scenery or sample the local grape offerings at high altitude wineries.
10 Great Reasons to Explore the High Country

01 Drive the iconic Great Alpine Road, unparalleled for its stunning views and driving experience.

02 The Alpine National Park is a bush walkers’ paradise, immerse yourself in the amazing flora and fauna.

03 See the High Country as the pioneers did: from horseback.

04 Re-visit the heady days of the gold rush when you take in the beautiful architecture and heritage listed buildings of Omeo.

05 Whether it’s a peaceful paddle or an adrenalin-pumping adventure, white water rafting is a unique way to enjoy the High Country.

06 Take your pick of some of the most tranquil and isolated camping areas in Victoria.

07 See some of the most stunning wilderness in the world from vantage points in the High Country.

08 Enjoy estate-grown and made wines and nibbles or choose a boutique beer to suit your tastes.

09 From cruisy cross-country mountain bike tours to high-altitude adventure, see the High Country from another perspective.

10 Explore the High Country at your own pace on one of the many 4WD and touring routes that traverse the region.

For more inspiration, contact our Visitor Information Centre on 1800 637 060 or visit www.visiteastgippsland.com.au/things-to-see-a-do

Places to Stay, Wine & Dine

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Things to See & Do

THE GREAT ALPINE GALLERY

The Great Alpine Gallery features work from local artists: painting, sculpture, photography, fibre arts, printmaking, woodwork and much more.

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Wednesday to Sunday
10.30am - 3.30pm

OMEO REGION

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Set high in the Great Dividing Range, the Omeo Region is one of Victoria’s best keep secrets where you can lose yourself in the experience.

Whether it’s the history of the high country and gold rush era, the promise of adventure, the wide open spaces and big sky, the magic of nature or the wonders of a white winter that attracts you, the Omeo Region has it all.

Feast your eyes on beautiful spellbinding vistas, fish or swim the crystal clear rivers and high country streams swirling from the mountain crevices, or merely laze away the day on the riverbank with a picnic of local produce.

Have a beer with the locals by the open fire at a local pub or meander around one of the many galleries, bookshops or wineries.

Enjoy some old fashioned high country hospitality with good food and great coffee or stop by the country horse racing to back a winner.
A major river in south-eastern Australia, the mighty Snowy River begins in Kosciuszko National Park and winds 352 kilometres south until it reaches the sea at Marlo, in East Gippsland.

Snowy River Country spans from the forests to the sea, including the rugged high country around McKillops Bridge, the honeycomb labyrinth of the Buchan Caves to the majestic stands of remnant coastal rainforest near Marlo and Cape Conran Coastal Park. Discover the adventure, legend and romance of the Snowy River in the towns of Buchan, Marlo and Orbost, or the high country settlements of Goongerah, Bonang, Bendoc and Tubbut.

Take a day or two to explore Snowy River Country on the Snowy River Country Trail, a 285 kilometre drive through the region’s magnificent natural and heritage attractions. The trail is suitable for cars all year round but not for caravans or trailers as some roads may be unsealed, narrow or windy in parts.

You can choose to raft it, walk it, 4WD it, or just take photos of it – the Snowy is all about adventure. This region has much to offer - Buchan Caves, Snowy River and Alpine National Parks, and towns that are brimming with country hospitality.

To find out more about our unique towns and villages, visit us at www.visiteastgippsland.com.au/regions/snowy-river-country or call one of our Visitor Information Centres on 1800 637 060.
Explore our Towns & Villages

Buchan
Situated in a picturesque valley, Buchan is renowned for its limestone caves, cliffs and the Buchan River. There is plenty more for visitors to see and do including horse riding, bush walking and relaxing.

Bendoc/Bonang/Goongerah/Tubbut
Four small hamlets on the Snowy River Country Trail, these towns sit in one of the most beautiful corners of Victoria. Take in the spectacular sights of the Snowy River National Park and historic McKillops Bridge - said to be one of the longest arc-welded steel truss road bridges in the world.

Marlo
Where the ‘Snowy meets the Sea’, Marlo is a tranquil seaside town at the mouth of the Snowy River. Enjoy some of the best perch and bream fishing in Australia, go bush walking or bird-watching and visit remote beaches.

Nowa Nowa
History, art and nature converge in the small village of Nowa Nowa. Once a stronghold of the local timber industry, it is now an art and fishing paradise. Discover the abundance of birds and other wildlife on one of the many sign-posted walks.

Orbost
Surrounded by coastal rainforests and hinterland, Orbost has a rich history of riverboats and steamers, farmers, gold and timber mills. Experience high plateaus and ancient old-growth mountain forests, or simply pedal along the East Gippsland Rail Trail.

10 Great Reasons to Explore Snowy River Country

01 The Slab Hut Visitor Information Centre is an authentic early settler’s hut, home to a wealth of information and historic memorabilia.

02 Enjoy a beer in the revived Buchan Caves Hotel - Australia’s first crowd-funded hotel.

03 Experience plenty of fishing activity at Marlo’s Snowy River estuary.

04 Get pedalling... Whether a beginner or a professional in the saddle there is a ride to suit every level.

05 Visit Little River Falls, a beautiful waterfall plunging 20 metres into a deep, clear pool.

06 Buy a bag of fresh corn direct from the farmer, or explore the local cafes and grocers to enjoy the best in locally grown produce.

07 Marvel at the spectacular Stony Creek Bridge, the largest wooden trestle bridge in the Southern Hemisphere.

08 Explore the stunning Errinundra National Park - home to Victoria’s largest remaining cool temperate rainforest.

09 Choose from caving, horse riding, water adventure and exploring the wilderness, or combine them all into one action-packed adventure.

10 Enjoy elevated views of the estuary, river mouth and coastline from the Snowy River Estuary Walk.

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Located just forty-five minutes from Lakes Entrance lies a reserve of spectacular underground limestone caves. Open daily (except Christmas day), visitors can take a ranger led tour to explore the amazing formations in the Royal and Fairy Caves, that have developed over thousands of years.

Whatever the season, there are a range of walking trails to explore in the area - remember to keep an eye out for the variety of birds and native animals which visit the reserve every day.

For those wanting to stay overnight, camping sites and self-contained cabins are available.

Buchan Caves Reserve in Krautungalung Country is proudly joint managed by Parks Victoria and Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation www.gunaikurnai.org
The Coastal Wilderness

One of the most accessible and pristine coastal wilderness areas, midway between Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra is Croajingolong National Park and the Wilderness Coast.

100 kilometres of rugged and unspoilt coastline plus pristine eucalypt forest, rainforest and heathland combine to offer a rare glimpse of wilderness, wildlife and adventure including indigenous and endangered species in their native environment.

Mild winter and summer temperatures make it an ideal destination in any season for camping, bush walking or even day trips from nearby towns.

Plan a coastal walk, bird watching expedition or boat and fish with ease. View panoramic coastline from Genoa Peak, the giant sand dune grandeur at Thurra River or tour the historic light stations of Point Hicks and Gabo Island.

Embrace the essence of beauty in the Coastal Wilderness and its hinterland, and you will be sure to experience something unique.

To find out more about our unique towns and villages, visit us at www.visiteastgippsland.com.au/regions/coastal-wilderness or call one of our Visitor Information Centres on 1800 637 060

Explore our Towns & Villages

Mallacoota
A perfect place to relax or stay and explore the pristine coastal wilderness of East Gippsland. Mallacoota is a year-round destination to enjoy walking, fishing, boating, canoeing, cruising, golfing, surfing and bird watching or to explore the bush in your 4WD.

Bemm River
One of East Gippsland’s premier fishing destinations, Bemm River is a favourite with bird-watchers, bush walkers and eco tourists who appreciate its natural beauty and prevalent wildlife.

Cape Conran
Visit the Cape and experience wild ocean beaches and banksia woodlands, home to birds and wildlife, including seals. Pitch a tent and camp under the stars while you explore and unwind.

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Cann River

The ultimate crossroad, Cann River is a good place from which to explore Croajingolong National Park, Point Hicks lighthouse and the ancient rainforests of Victoria’s far east. It is also a popular roadside stop, a place to pick up supplies and rest awhile.

Croajingolong National Park

Following the far-eastern coastline of Victoria for 100 kilometres and covering 87,500 hectares, the Park is a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve that cocoons and protects remote beaches, tall forests, heathland, rainforest, estuaries and granite peaks.

10 Great Reasons to Explore The Coastal Wilderness

01 With bountiful fishing opportunities, cast a line, launch your kayak or head to one of the stunning surf beaches.

02 Climb to the top of Genoa Peak to enjoy 360 degree views over the Croajingolong wilderness coastline, Gabo Island and Mallacoota Inlet.

03 Be fascinated by the diverse, and beautiful, underwater marine life with popular dive sites including Beware Reef, Point Hicks and Gabo Island.

04 It’s not all wilderness there are places to stop and enjoy delicious food, historic sites and local art.

05 Follow the boardwalk on the Cape Conran Nature Trail and learn about the Indigenous significance of the area. Meander the Mallacoota Coastal walk and explore.

06 Go cycling and take in the sights of this beautiful piece of Australia. BYO or hire one in town.

07 Immerse yourself in the serenity of the wilderness and make the most of public camping spots in the National Park.

08 Cape Conran’s renowned Wilderness Retreats are a truly unique way to enjoy the stunning natural environment of the Cape.

09 Visit Point Hicks, where Captain Cook first saw Australia in 1770 and marvel at the majestic lighthouse and scenic beauty.

10 A must-see for the wildlife lover, Gipsy Point is home to 280 species of birds.

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Situated on pristine coastline, surrounded by Croajingalong National Park, Mallacoota provides visitors access to an amazing range of eco-tourism attractions and marine activities. Pockets of temperate rain forest are connected by a series of walking tracks and bike trails throughout the town. Beaches are close by, with surf and safe, calm spots. Blue water ocean access, off-shore islands and an extensive lake system hosts sea and bird life including whales, dolphins, seals, sea eagles, pelicans and little terns. Excellent fishing and boating facilities with free launching. You can hire boats, bikes, kayaks, go horse riding, and play golf, bowls and tennis. There are lake and river cruises and charter services available. You can discover the recently opened visitor information centre, arts and crafts building and the WWII Bunker Museum.

The town boasts a full range of retail shops including supermarkets, cafes, chemist, bakery, butcher, bait and tackle and hotel. All emergency services are also readily available.

For more information and bookings visit Mallacoota and District Business and Tourism Association’s web site visitmallacoota.com.au where enquiries are welcome.

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