



## ANGLESEA PERIMETER WALK

The Anglesea Perimeter Walk can be done as short sections (5.5kms) or as longer sections (12kms or 22Kms). The description is given as two anti-clockwise circuits, each with 2 sections to enable walkers to choose a short or long walk. At the end of each section it is possible to return easily to the Anglesea Information Centre. The tracks that make up the walk wind through diverse, high-quality remnant heathlands and woodlands. The various tracks are not difficult and they are all well sign posted with the track symbol.

### **Description: Demons Bluff Circuit (12KM). East of the Anglesea River**

#### Section 1

Demons Bluff Circuit is so called because the main lookout on the hill above the heath land was known historically as Demons Bluff by the locals.

This Eastern circuit starts at the Anglesea Information Centre and crosses the bridge to the other side of the river. It follows the Surf Coast Walk through the camp, and along the cliff tops to where the Great Otway National Park commences. It continues along the cliff tops until an Anglesea Perimeter Track sign indicates to turn away from the coast. From here the walk gradually rises through the National Park along several old, unused roads, turning first right, then left until it reaches a gate where it joins the road going into the Eumerella Scout Camp. The walk follows the gravel road, towards the Great Ocean Road, before turning towards Anglesea at another Anglesea Perimeter Walk sign. From here the walk is along a ridge with a number of lookouts over the coast and the town. It

comes down off the ridge and out of the Great Otway National Park behind the Anglesea Cricket Pavillion. This point is about half of the Demon's Bluff circuit. It is possible to walk to one of the many cafes in Anglesea from this point.

Section 2: The signs for the Anglesea Perimeter Walk indicate to cross the Great Ocean Road at Ellimatta Road and find Ixodia Track and then Black Wattle Track where the walk enters the protected woodlands of the Anglesea Heath. Black Wattle Track makes a distinct left hand turn and a distinct right hand turn as it climbs up to a high point. From here it is possible to see across to distant hills behind Anglesea, and to Mt Ingolsby. On a wet day the clay on the 4WD track under the power lines can be a bit sticky. At Camp Road, signs show where the track crosses the road and is picked up on the other side. Shortly past Camp Road the track turns back towards the town and then a short section is between the Anglesea River and houses on Bingley Pde, until it crosses the river using 3 small foot bridges leading into Coogoorah Park. There are picnic facilities and toilets here. This is the end of the first circuit and it is a short walk beside the river back into the town.

**Description:**  
**Mt Ingolsby Circuit (10km)**  
**West of the Anglesea River**

The Mt Ingolsby circuit is so called because, at 121 meters, it is the highest point on the walk.

Section 3: The walk leaves Coogoorah Park via a short incline behind the play ground. It goes behind the houses and then into a short section of high quality heathland. From here it is more or less straight ahead until it reaches a wide asset protection section at Messmate Track, which is designed to assist in bushfire control. Here the walk turns towards the coast on Messmate Track and climbs up onto the hill. From Mt Ingolsby, it follows Harvey Street for a short distance before re-entering the Great Otway National Park. It follows around behind the houses. At the end of the houses it is possible to return to the Anglesea township via Harvey Street.

Section 4: The walk continues where an Anglesea Perimeter Walk sign indicates which of the narrow tracks to take downhill parallel to O'Donohue Road, through some extraordinary heathy woodland crossing the Great Ocean Road to the beach. The track ends and the walk continues towards Pt Roadknight , and climbs some steps before the rocky headland and then it continues along Pt Roadknight Beach, up onto the car park at the Anglesea Motor Yacht Club and along the cliff tops to complete the walk at Anglesea Information Centre. Much of this last section of the Anglesea Perimeter Walk follows the Surf Coast Walk.

**Summary information:**

Length: 22km. It may be walked in loops of varying lengths in either direction.

Time: 7 hours for full walk. (22km)  
4 hours for each circuit (12km)  
2 hours for each section (5.5km)

Grade: Easy/medium. Made more difficult in hot, windy or wet conditions  
Best Seasons: Good all year. Late Winter and Spring have the most wild flowers.

Map: A walk map is available from Surf Coast Shire Information Centres.

Vicmap: Anglesea South 7721-3-S 2006, 1:25,000

**Safety:**

- Carry drinking water as none is available on the walk.
- Take care crossing the Great Ocean Road.
- Carry a mobile phone: Police, Ambulance, Fire phone 000 or 112
- Be aware that snakes may be in the area in Spring and Summer
- Avoid walking on days of Total Fire Ban

