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Great Ocean Road Virtual Tour  
Travel Notes

## Apollo Bay to Lavers Hill



**Distances on this section start from service station entering Apollo Bay and end at T intersection coming into Lavers Hill. The Great Ocean Road follows the coast at sea level for 2.8 km then climbs (past Marengo) rapidly away from the coast into the forests of the Otway Ranges.**

**In the winter months and early spring it is worth stopping at the car parks approximately 2 kilometres past Apollo Bay as Southern Right Whales can often be seen frolicking close to the coast here. There is a slow vehicle turn out 3.6 kilometres past Apollo Bay and viewing areas at 5.8, 7.1 and at 9.2 kilometres past Apollo Bay. Binns Track is on the right 13.6 kilometres past Apollo Bay. This track takes you up to the top of the Otway Ranges at Beach Forest and gives access to an excellent waterfall tour (see below on side trip). 16.8 kilometres past Apollo Bay an excellent short board walk through a section of rainforest is available at Mait's Rest. (Allow 45 minutes for the**

## **SIDE TRIPS**

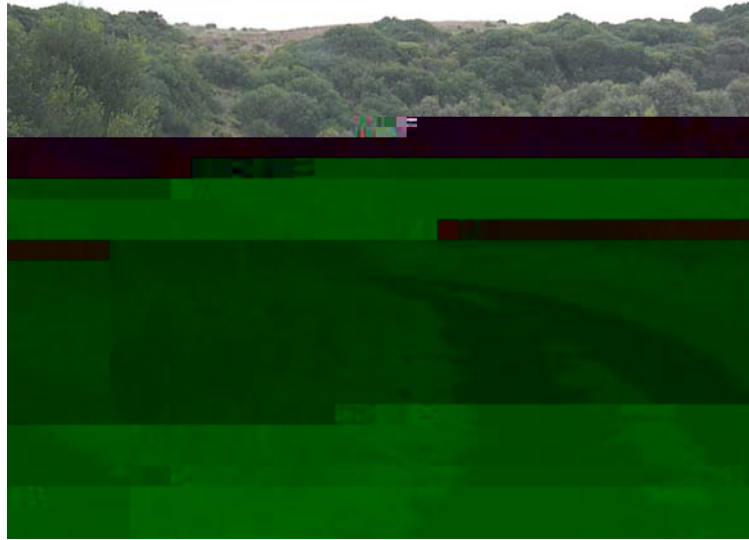
**Binns Track** (For full details see things to do and see Apollo Bay/Lavers Hill)

**Binns track gives you access to excellent waterfall tour but is a dirt road and can be a bit rough. This road is used by logging trucks so exercise care. It is only worth doing if you are staying overnight in the area as it will take a full day. It gives access to Hopetown Falls, Beachamp Falls, Triplet Falls and Little Aire Falls. It is 14.3 km to the turn off to Hopetown Falls and another 4.1 kilometres to Beachanp Falls turn off and another 1.5 kilometres to the small township of Beech Forest. The turn off to Triplet Falls is a further 4.8 kilometres past Beach Forest.**

## **Walking Times to Falls**

**Hopetown Falls**

**A further 300metres on you will come to a bridge that crosses the Aire river. (If you have a four wheel drive vehicle continue on straight ahead to drive to the mouth of the river. This is best done at low tide.) Cross the Aire River and follow the road. If you are a little adventurous you can rejoin the Great Ocean Road by taking the Sand Road to Castle Cove a distance of 5.2 kilometres from bridge. Generally travel at less than 40 kilometres per hour. This loop is a total distance of 10.8 kilometres from leaving the Great Ocean Road to rejoining it compared to 7.6 kilometres staying on the Great Ocean Road. The loop takes around 22 minutes to drive without stopping.**



Sand Road