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Great Ocean Road Virtual Tour
Travel Notes

Peterborough to Warnambool



<u>Distances (km)</u>	<u>Travel Times(minutes)</u>
Peterborough to Warnambool	50(45)
Peterborough to Bay of Matyrs	2.3 (2)
Peterborough to Bay of Islands	5.9 (7)
Peterborough to Boat Harbour	6.2 (8)
Peterborough to Childers Cove	26 (30)
Peterborough to Allansford	38.2(38)

Travel Distances start from bridge



After leaving Peterborough the Great Ocean Road passes some of the most interesting coastline along the whole trip. The Bay of Martyrs located 2.3 kilometres past Peterborough and The Bay of Islands 5.9 kilometres past Peterborough are arguable some of the best features along the Great Ocean Road. Combining this with Boat Harbour located 6.2 kilometres past Peterborough this is a must see section of the Great Ocean Road and it is well worth extending your trip past The Twelve Apostles to do so. Between Peterborough and Boat Harbour nearly every dirt track to the left is worth taking as they provide views of interesting features. Exercise care as some tracks are narrow and rough.

Past Boat Harbour the Great Ocean Road heads inland through farm land for around 40 kilometres before joining the Princes Highway(A1) near Allansford. There is not a lot to see along this section of the Great Ocean Road unless you take the side trips below.

8.3 kilometres past Peterborough the Great Ocean Road takes a left turn at a T intersection. At 15.7 kilometres past Peterborough the Great Ocean Road swings sharp left at another T intersection. At 19.8 kilometres the Great Ocean Road swings to the right at the Childers Cove intersection. We strongly recommend that you take the Childers Cove turn off. Childers Cove Road takes you to two interesting features Sandy Cove and Childers Cove and then swings back in a loop back to the Great Ocean road. This loop at 14.8 kilometres is only 1.6 kilometres longer than staying on the Great Ocean Road. (See full details below)

After rejoining the Great Ocean Road it is 5.4 kilometres to the Allansford Dairy processing plant and 1.4 kilometres to the official end of the Great Ocean Road at the Princes Highway (A1). It is 12.6 kilometres into Warnambool mostly along a divided highway. We suggest that you take the scenic route that begins 500 metres past Dairy factory. Turn left on Allansford Road and drive 2.9 kilometres and take a left turn to Logan Beach (well sign posted). Follow this road for a further 3.1 kilometres and turn right. A further 6.4 kilometres on you will come to Logan beach turn off. Logan beach has viewing platforms to observe the Southern Right Whale Nursery (May to September). At other times of the year it is worth a visit as it gives excellent views back towards Warnambool and the Harbour. Return the way you came and turn left and cross the Hopkins River bridge. 500 metres past the Logans beach turnoff, turn right and continue for a further 500 metres and turn left. Follow this road for 1 kilometre and you will rejoin the Princes Highway (A1) beside the Fletcher Jones factory water tower a prominent local landmark. It is a short drive to Warnambool. This scenic loop is 14.9 kilometres compared to 12 kilometres following the A1.

Childer Cove Loop

At 19.8 kilometres past Peterborough take the left turn to Childers Cove. At 3.6 kilometres from the Great Ocean Road you will see a shipwreck coast sign (see below) turn left and proceed. At 5.6 kilometres from the Great Ocean Road turn left and proceed for a further 600 metres to Sandy Cove. Childers Cove is a further 1.1 kilometres past Sandy Cove.

Return from Childers Cove for 1.5 kilometres and travel straight ahead at the intersection you turned left at to go to Childers Cove (see picture below). It is 6 kilometres back to the Great Ocean Road. Turn left onto Great Ocean Road and continue the tour.

Ship Wreck Coast tour sign

Proceed Straight ahead to Great Ocean Road

