

# ***Bass Coast Strollers Nov-Dec Trip***

## ***Apollo Bay and Surrounds Monday 30th Nov- Fri 4th Dec 2026*** ***Experience sections of the Great Ocean Walk track***

Andersons Roundabout to Apollo Bay via Great Ocean Road is 4-4.5 hours excluding stops. Please factor in rest breaks. Aim to be at RASCAL Lodge Marengo (4km beyond Apollo Bay) at 2.30pm. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

**RASCAL Lodge** (1<sup>st</sup> drive on the left, down Roberts Rd, Marengo): is our home base for socialisation and meeting. The grounds allow **camper vans and tents** with use of the Lodge's indoor communal toilets and showers. Cost is \$20/night per person (payable in advance). Numbers are limited. Other accommodation suggestions for you to explore:

**Motel Marengo:** 3.5 star <https://www.motelmarengo.com.au/> Great Ocean Rd Marengo.

**Marengo Family Caravan Park** <https://greateoceanroadparks.com.au/find-a-park/marengo> 15 Marengo Crescent, Marengo. Has Caravan, camper van & tent sites as well as cabins.

**Big 4 Apollo Bay** <https://big4apollobay.com.au> ; 311 Great Ocean Rd Apollo Bay (northern edge of town)

**Apollo Bay Motel & Apartments:** <https://apollobaymotel.com.au> 2 Moore St Apollo Bay (centre of town)

### **Day 1 Monday 30 Nov**

Arrive at Apollo Bay and if time permits, check into your accommodation

**2.30** meet at RASCAL – 1<sup>st</sup> driveway on left down Roberts Rd Marengo

Afternoon Walk – Maits Rest (approx. 15 mins from RASCAL) Easy undulating circuit through ferns and towering Mountain Ash. Suitable for our walking abilities. No toilets.

**4.30** Happy Hour at RASCAL (BYO drinks and nibbles)

**5.30** Dinner at RASCAL – Bring a plate of food to share

### **Day 2 Tuesday 1 Dec. CAPE OTWAY LIGHTHOUSE**

**9am – Meet Cape Otway Lighthouse Carpark** (approx. 30 km from Apollo Bay). **For a 9.15 walk.**  
Toilets at carpark

**Long distance Walkers** – Walk to Station Beach & return approx. 10 km  
Moderate – hard on track, beach, boardwalk. Some steps and undulations.  
BYO Morning tea & Lunch, plus plenty of water. Walking Pole/s suggested.  
Led by Mike & Barbara Robinson

**Slower Walkers** – Walk in the direction of Station beach to an open headland with panoramic coastal views. There are steps and an uneven track. Do-able at a slower pace. Distance is approx. 5km  
BYO Morning tea & water; poles suggested. Toilets almost back at the carpark.  
Led by Vicky & Denys Walkerden

Lunch is back at the Cape Otway Lighthouse (BYO or purchase at the café)

After the walks, we suggest you go into the lighthouse precinct and check out the displays, climb the lighthouse and try a scone. There is an entrance fee of \$22 for the lighthouse precinct. It is worth exploring.

**5pm** – Dinner at Rascal – BBQ & Leftovers from Monday. BYO food for the BBQ. There are commercial fridges at Rascal where your meat etc can stay.

Day 3 Wednesday 2 Dec

**Meet 9am for 9.15 walk** meet at Marengo Crescent Car Park adjacent to Marengo Family Caravan Park

**Long walkers – Walk Marengo to Shelley Beach (Great Ocean Walk trail)**

This walk has a couple of testing hills, beach and rock components.

Poles are needed. Moderate walk rating (hard if track is wet)

BYO morning tea and water.

Led by Mike Robinson

**Slower Walkers – Start along the Marengo to Shelley Beach trail** then turn back once the track becomes harder. We may head down onto the beach to extend the walk.  
Lead Christine C.

BYO Lunch at RASCAL

**All walkers:** After lunch we will see the Otways. Driving about 50 mins to a California Redwood Forest & Hopetoun Falls (another 200 steps down and back up). Then if time permits afternoon tea at Lavers Hill bakery, before heading back into Apollo Bay. We will then visit Mariners Lookout and have a beach walk before **fish and chips on the foreshore around 6pm.**

**Day 4 Thursday 3 Dec**

Meet 9 am for 9.15 walk at Blanket Bay (approx. 30km from Apollo Bay) Park at the Blanket Bay Campground

**Long Walkers:** details to come approx 9-10km walk

**Slower walkers:** 2.3km walk out & back (4.6Km) from the Blanket Bay carpark. The walk leads you to the Point Lewis Look out a perfect vantage point

**Approx 2.15** – walk from RASCAL to Wildlife Wonders for afternoon tea in a social enterprise café. Approx 2km & return.

**6pm Dinner at the Apollo Bay Hotel (corner of Moore St)**

**Day 5 Friday 4 Dec**

Homeward Bound

No walk is scheduled. This allows you to head off when you are ready. Drive home safely.

**OTHER THINGS TO REMEMBER**

- Walking shoes with a good grip are required (long and slow walkers)
- Poles are recommended for the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday walks
- Carry plenty of water and your first aid kit
- Mobile reception is sporadic when on the walks but good in Marengo & Apollo Bay
- The scenery is stunning!
- There are bakeries, an IGA and other shops in Apollo Bay
- There is a petrol station in Apollo Bay
- EV owners, please check the charging station options online yourself

Above all else – Have fun!!!!

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