**Point Addis Marine National Park**

**Enjoying the park**

Point Addis Marine National Park provides a multitude of activities for visitors to enjoy. Surf popular breaks, snorkel subtidal reefs, walk your dog on a leash along the sandy beaches and take in the scenery from lookouts around the park. Please take care to leave no trace of your visit to ensure these sections of our coast remain in a pristine and natural state.

**Point Addis**

Spectacular views can be enjoyed from the boardwalk lookout at Point Addis and this is a great place to spot whales between May and September. Addiscoast beach is a popular destination for families to swim and explore the rockpools. Please be aware that a section of the beach between Addiscoast and Southside beaches is set aside for nude bathing. Red Rocks beach is accessible from the end carpark at Point Addis. To help protect the vegetation, please keep off the fragile dune systems.

**Bells Beach**

The world famous surf beach marks the beginning of Point Addis Marine National Park. Every year at Bells Beach, thousands of people get together to enjoy watching the international surf competition here. Adjacent to Bells Beach is Winkle Reef - a popular surf break. The reef is home to many types of seaweed, sea stars, crabs and molluscs.

**Surfing**

Bells Beach is a sensational location for experienced surfers with powerful waves generated by storms far out in the Southern Ocean. Addiscoast beach often has smaller waves breaking, enabling local surf schools to visit Addiscoast Beach for lessons on suitable days.

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**Surfing**

In calm weather conditions there are many great places to explore and discover our unique local marine life. Near shore, snorkellers can enjoy Jarosite Reef, accessed via Southside or Addiscoast Beaches (see map). Offshore there are many reefs, including Ingridby Reef and The Olivics.

**Coastal walking**

Be inspired by the dramatic coastline as you explore nearby walking tracks from beaches. Learn about the Traditional Owners and their connection to Country as you explore the adjoining Great Otway National Park through the Koori Cultural Walk and Ironbank Basin circuit.

Be aware of the tides while exploring as some points of the park are not passable at high tide.

**Bird watching**

Cliff top lookouts provide excellent views across the rugged coastline for keen birdwatchers. Pacific Gulls, Fairy Terns, Albatross, Petrels, Shearwaters, Gannets, and Cormorants have all been sighted in the marine national park. Peregrine Falcons nest along the cliff tops and are seen regularly throughout the year.

**Caring for Country**

Through their cultural traditions, Aboriginal people maintain their connection to their ancestral lands and waters. Parks Victoria recognises this connection and acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Communities of these areas. How to get there

Point Addis Marine National Park is approximately 100km south of Melbourne via the M1 freeway and Great Ocean Road. From the west, approach via Anglesea. The closest boat ramps are located at Point Roadknight and Torquay. Pedestrian access to the park is at Bells Beach, Southside and Point Addis.
Rockpools at Point Addis

The intertidal limestone reefs here are some of the best rockpools along the Surf Coast. Over 75 species of invertebrates have been recorded at Point Addis. Elephant seals, crabs, acorn barnacles and many different types of crabs shelter here. Adjacent to the rockpools is a long sandy stretch that is very popular for families during summer.

The Olives

A popular SCUBA dive site, this area has large swim-throughs, perfect for exploring underwater. Most of the reef is less than 10 metres deep.

Deep water (up to 50 m)

At this depth soft sediments protect interesting marine animals such as sponges, bryozoans, ascidians and hydroids living in the soft sand and on reefs.

Rhodoliths

Deeper water holds large beds of an ancient group of unusual rounded stone marine algar known as rhodoliths. They were first discovered in Victoria in this park.

Marine Mammals

Bottlenose Dolphins, Australian Fur Seals and many types of Whales have been spotted in the park. Keep an eye out for Southern Right Whales in winter as they travel through the park on their annual migration route.

No fishing

No taking

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