

Personal Safety

Diving should only be undertaken by trained and experienced divers

Beware of sudden changes in weather, especially when boating on open water

Beware of strong current and undertows when snorkelling or at the beach

Wear shoes that grip well when walking on rock platforms

Watch where your hands are going at all times to avoid potentially dangerous creatures

Be aware of large unexpected waves when walking on shore, especially on rock platforms

There are no surf lifesaving patrols in Point Addis Marine National Park. The nearest patrolled beaches are in Torquay and Anglesea. It is recommended that swimming be contained within flagged areas patrolled by surf life saving clubs.

Caring for the marine environment

Discarded gear and rubbish can endanger birds and marine animals – please take your rubbish home

Always replace any organisms or rocks you may have turned over

Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Refer to 'Dogs in the Otways' Park Note for more information.

The intertidal zone in Victoria is protected – both inside and outside marine national parks and sanctuaries. Visit www.depi.vic.gov.au for more information.

See and leave our parks in safe hands, visit with a licensed tour operator.

www.parks.vic.gov.au for a list of operators who run activities in this park.

Victoria's unique coastline

The southern coastline of Australia has been isolated for millions of years from other continents due to ocean currents. This has resulted in our marine life evolving in many different ways. Ninety percent (90%) of all marine life here is found nowhere else. Home to over 12,000 species of plants and animals, it is considered one of the most biodiverse and unique marine ecosystems in the world. For this reason, this significant marine environment is protected for the future.



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Protected network

Point Addis Marine National Park is part of a system of 13 marine national parks and 11 marine sanctuaries in Victoria. By keeping these areas in a natural state we will protect this unique marine environment into the future.

The establishment of marine protected areas was based on scientific research. It followed ten years of community and industry consultation. An ongoing research and monitoring program forms part of Parks Victoria's management of these areas.

Victoria was the first jurisdiction in the world to create an entire system of fully protected marine national parks at the same time.

Parks Victoria is responsible for the day-to-day management of Victoria's marine national parks and marine sanctuaries.

Marine pests

Marine pests are non-native plants or animals that can have a detrimental impact on native marine ecosystems. They are a significant threat to the health of the marine environment. Marine pests can wipe out native species by preying upon or out-competing them.

Pests can arrive in new areas in a variety of ways, and preventing their spread is one way visitors can help protect the marine environment. Park users should wash down all equipment and dry it thoroughly before changing locations to minimise the risk of spreading these pests.

Please report any suspected marine pests to the Department of Sustainability and the Environment on 136 186. For more information on marine pests, visit www.depi.vic.gov.au/marinepests

Boating

Be sure to check conditions before heading out and adhere to the state's boating regulations. For information on boating around mammals, please see the Department of Environment and Primary Industries guide to boating and swimming around whales, dolphins and seals. www.depi.vic.gov.au

Education and research

The network of marine national parks and sanctuaries provides excellent sites for research and education opportunities. All research must be approved before commencing. Schools, researchers and other groups visiting Point Addis Marine National Park need to register their visit with local rangers on **13 1963**.

Restrictions

For the protection of the marine environment, a number of activities are prohibited within the boundaries of Victoria's marine national parks and marine sanctuaries.

Rangers and Fisheries Officers regularly patrol these areas and enforce regulations.



No fishing, netting, spearing, taking or killing of marine life. All methods of fishing, from the shore or at sea, are prohibited



No taking or damaging of animals, plants and objects (artefacts)

You may carry fin-fish on board your boat within park boundaries if you caught the fish outside the parks, and you may also carry (but not use) a fishing rod. Spear guns are not permitted within any of Victoria's marine protected areas, either in a boat or elsewhere.

You may also have abalone or rock lobster and associated equipment (securely stowed) on board the boat provided you are travelling straight through the park by the shortest practicable route.

There are strong penalties under the National Parks Act for fishing in marine national parks and marine sanctuaries. Parks Victoria is serious about compliance. Offenders will be caught.

To report a fishing offence call the Department of Environment and Primary Industries on **13FISH** (133 474).



Point Addis Marine National Park is home to many fascinating creatures, including sponges.

If you would like further information about Victoria's marine national parks and marine sanctuaries, contact the Parks Victoria Information Centre on **13 1963** or visit the Parks Victoria website at www.parks.vic.gov.au

PARKNOTES

Point Addis Marine National Park



Point Addis Marine National Park features spectacular scenery with wide sandy beaches, crumbling limestone and sandstone cliffs and rocky platforms. Fascinating marine life unique to our coastline can be found in the 4,600ha protected by the park. The world renowned surfing reserve, Bells Beach, is just one feature along the 9km of rugged coastline between Torquay and Anglesea exposed to intense wave action from the Southern Ocean.



Surfing

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.

Addiscot beach is a popular destination for families to swim and explore the rockpools. Please be aware that a section of the beach between Addiscot 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 system.

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 Winkipop Reef - a popular surf break. The reef is home to many types of seaweed, seastars, 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. Addiscot Beach often has smaller waves breaking, enabling local surf schools to visit Addiscot Beach for lessons on suitable days.



Snorkelling and diving

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



Coastal walking

Be inspired by the dramatic coastline as you explore nearby walking tracks and 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 Ironbark 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.

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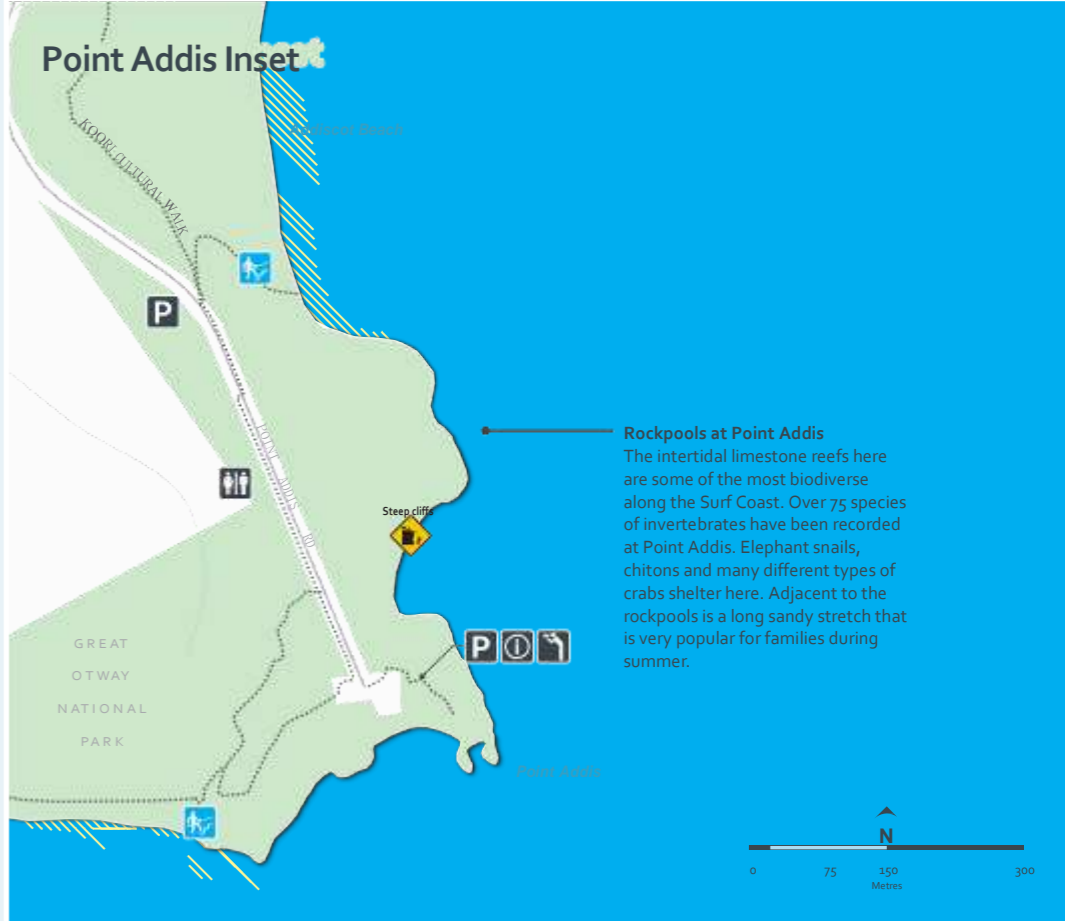
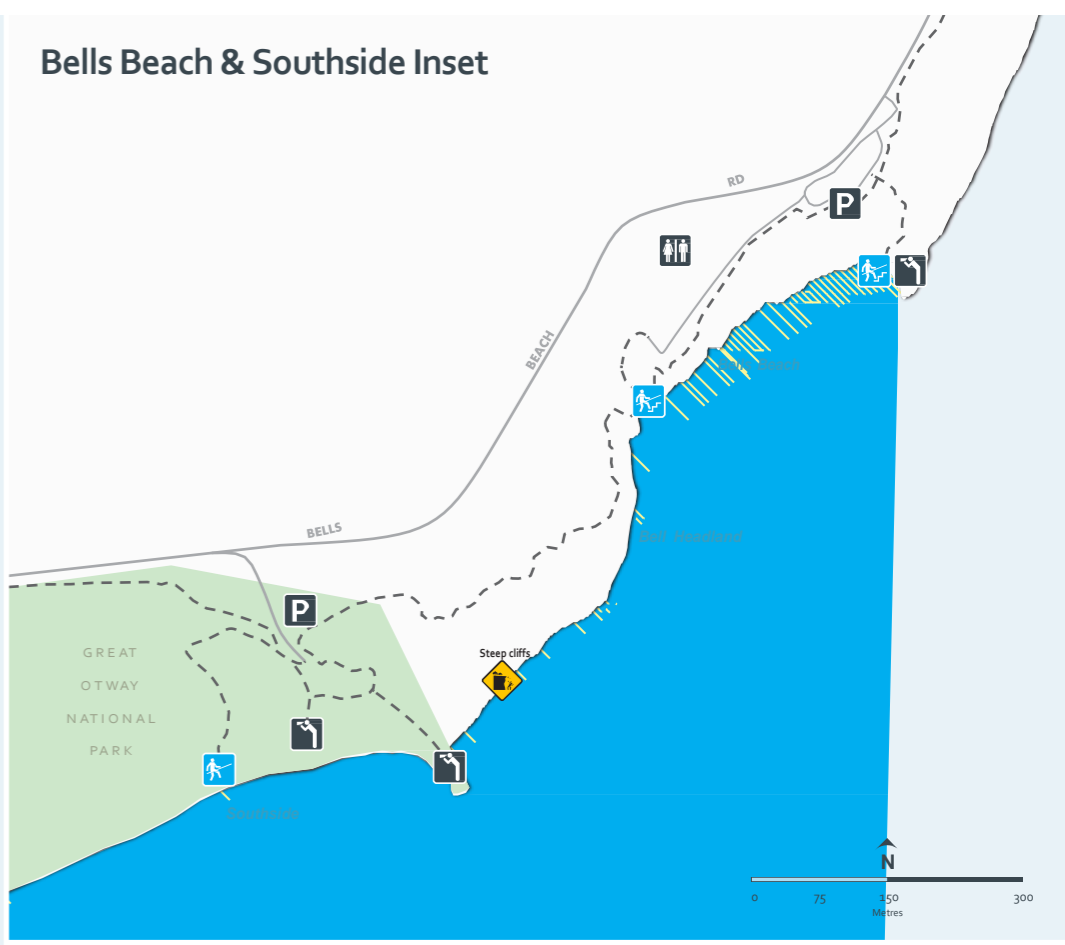
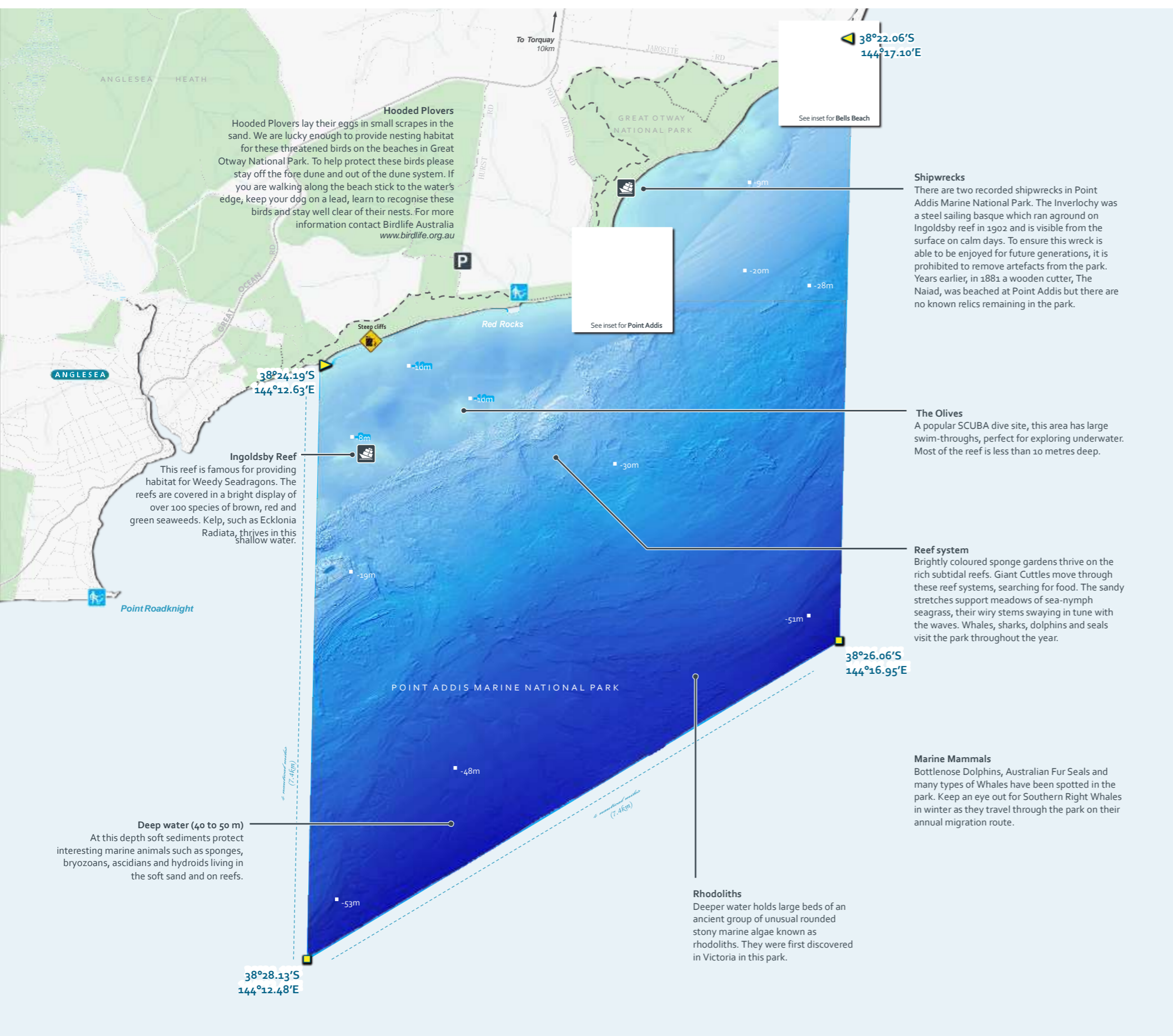
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Point Addis Marine National Park



Marine National Park boundaries
Point Addis Marine National Park extends along 6km of coastline east of Anglesea, around Point Addis to Bells Beach and offshore for approximately 3 nautical miles to the limit of Victorian waters.

No fishing **No taking**

P Parking
i Information
♿ Toilets
👤 Lookout

🚶 Shipwreck
🚶 Beach access (stairs)
🚶 Beach access (track)

📍 Onshore boundary marker
📍 Offshore boundary marker (unmarked in water)

— Main road
— Sealed road
--- Unsealed road
- - Walking track

— Major river
— Minor river

Bathymetry
-5 metres
-58 metres

🌿 Park/Reserv
🏖️ Beach

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Latitude and Longitude values are based on WGS84. GPS users must note that coordinates for boundaries are given in the format degrees : minutes : decimal minutes. Alternate formats are available on Parkweb, by calling 13 1963, or from Parks Victoria offices.

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