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**2024-2025
GUIDE
TO EXPLORING
THE PRODUCE OF
THE OTWAYS
VICTORIA**



THERE'S A UNIQUE FLAVOUR TO THE OTWAYS

VIEWS OVER OTWAY RANGES

Image courtesy of Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism

It's in the stillness of the ancient forests and the roar of the crystal-clear waterfalls, flowing down to the lush volcanic plains where food seems to grow before your eyes.

But it's the local makers and growers who harness this magic and bring the flavour of the Otways to life. Over the past 15 years, local producers have joined forces to literally put the region on the map.

It's called the Otway Harvest Trail, a locals' guide to eating, drinking, playing and staying in this unique corner of south-west Victoria just inland from the Great Ocean Road.

Our members are small-scale farmers, food and drink producers and like-minded neighbours in hospitality, accommodation and retail. We're united by our love for the Otways and have deep ties to the

community. We also reckon our region has some of the world's best food, drink, flowers and fibre. Our main goal on the Otway Harvest Trail is to welcome visitors with a warm dose of country hospitality, sharing knowledge to help them explore every corner of the region. Our members also pitch in and support other businesses on the trail, following a set of values to keep our businesses sustainable through economic, social and environmental lenses.

If you're into small-batch artisan food, you've found your people. Our trail is peppered with cheesemakers, bakers, pasta makers, chocolatiers and makers

of all sorts of delicacies, and there's always room for more.

We have farm gates, markets, wineries, breweries and distilleries, along with restaurants and cafes with menus chock full of local produce. Our farmers produce world-class dairy, beef and lamb, while fresh seafood is sourced from our coastal neighbours just down the road.

Our pick-your-own berries farms are legendary in the warmer months, and the sweet fruit is a perfect match for a bottle of local cider. Maybe you'd prefer a local wine or beer? There are plenty to choose from, along with local distilleries capturing the spirit of the region in every bottle of gin, vodka, brandy and whisky.

We love it when visitors take their time, stopping for a chat as they wind their way through the Otways. We're always happy to share local intel, like the best place for coffee, the prettiest fern gully, that cool restaurant down a back road, and that place where you can spot a platypus in the wild. All that's left to do is book a place to stay the night. Or three.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN:

-   Visit us in person
-  Contact us by phone
-  Find us online, or find us in local outlets
-  Food
-  Stay
-  Products
-  Wheelchair access
-  PYO berry
-  Dog friendly
-  Refreshments

SUMMER

Long, warm days roll into spectacular sunsets and deliciously mild evenings, as the green foothills slowly change to a golden brown. You'll see farmers cutting and bailing hay into the night, some of them transforming their harvest into festive sculptures to see in the holidays. Potato farmers are also busy in the warmer months planting crops for the autumn harvest.

The buzz returns to our villages and towns as beach crowds seek respite in cool valleys or a quick dip in one of the chilly waterfalls.

Pick-your-own berry farms are bursting with ripe fruit and there's nothing better than taste testing a perfect sun-kissed raspberry before filling your bucket.

Vineyards are also lush and green, as new season grapes ripen in the sunshine in preparation for autumn's vintage.

Outdoor tables at pubs, cafes and restaurants are prime real estate. Summer is a wonderful time to explore the Otways, as the spring mud dries out to allow regular cars back on the windy bush tracks.

Visit the makers and growers along the way and find a shady spot for a picnic.



SURFING AT LORNE BEACH

Image courtesy of Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism



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3 JARS FULL

Homemade jams, preserves, sauces & relishes. Quality products with real fruit & veggies.

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36 APOSTLE WHEY CHEESE

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0437 894 337

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www.apostleweycheese.com.au
9 Gallum Rd, Cooriemungle 3268
Open: 7 days Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat-Sun 10am-5pm
Closed: Christmas Day

39 BERRY WORLD & BERRY GOOD THAI

We offer seasonal strawberry & blackberry picking. Breakfast on weekends. Authentic Thai restaurant for lunch & dinner. Aussie cafe.



0417 475 885

info@berryworld.com.au
www.berryworld.com.au
26 Egan St, Timboon VIC 3268
Open: PYO 10am-5pm unless picked out. Restaurant Tues-Sun 10am-10pm, Sat-Sun from 8am. Closed Mon

18 BIRREGURRA GROCER

A vibrant new addition to Birregurra. Stocked with house-made fresh takeaway meals & sweet treats. Relax in our bistro for delicious brunch, sensational coffee, cheeky cocktails & seasonal dinners.



03 5236 2568

hello@birregrocer.com.au
www.birregrocer.com.au
43 Main St, Birregurra 3242
Open: Opening October 2024

➤ BOUNDARY ROAD BEEF

Hormone free, grass fed, free range beef. Pre-orders welcome. The way it used to be, the way it should be, the way we do it.

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johnberry3236@gmail.com
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16 BRAE

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03 5236 2226
enquire@braerestaurant.com
www.braerestaurant.com
4285 Cape Otway Rd, Birregurra 3242
Open: Dinner Wed-Thu. Lunch Fri-Sat



➤ BUUKAAR WAARUUNG BOUTIQUE APIARY & ARTISAN HONEY

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0418 577 267
beekeeper@buukaarwaaruung.com.au
buukaarwaaruung.com.au



➤ CAMPERDOWN CHOCOLATE COMPANY

We are a small family run business who have adopted a unique bean to bar chocolate making practise that offers dietary alternatives everyone can enjoy.

0400 915 276
campchocco@outlook.com
www.camperdownchocolateco.myshopify.com
See our website & socials for outlets



1 COMMON GROUND PROJECT

Common Ground Project is a regenerative farm, cafe & social enterprise on a mission to connect & empower the community through local food & farming.



03 5264 5082
hello@commongroundproject.com.au
www.commongroundproject.com.au
675 Anglesea Rd, Freshwater Creek 3217
Open: Wed-Sun 8am-3pm

26 DAR TETA

Ely serves Authentic Middle Eastern Dishes Just like Grandma did. The restaurant is warm & welcoming. The food is casual, colourful & fresh.



0431 276 764
alkurdelham@gmail.com
136 Murray St, Colac 3250
Open: Please check socials for opening hours

➤ DK POTATO CHIPS

Otway growers for over 45 years, we are passionate producers of quality potatoes including Midnight & Crimson Pearl varieties. Our purple chips & classic potato chips are here!

03 5236 6287
info@dkpotatoes.com.au
www.dkpotatoes.com.au
Please visit our website for stockists

47 EXCUSE ME KATIES

An organic biodynamic regenerative farming café which sees food as medicine & is all about creating a community & a tribe of like-minded people.



0439 564 566
hello.excuseme@outlook.com
243 Manifold St, Camperdown 3260
Open: 7 days – Mon-Fri 6.15am-4pm; Sat, Sun & public holidays 6.30am-2.30pm

29 FORREST BREWING COMPANY

A great little independent Australian Craft Brewery. Fantastic restaurant food & friendly service. Est. 2010 & still family owned. In the village of Forrest - the 'Heart of the Otways'.



03 5236 6170
info@forrestbrewing.com.au
www.forrestbrewing.com.au
26 Grant St, Forrest 3236
Open: Fri-Mon. Additional hours over holidays



25 FUSION RESTAURANT COLAC

Situated opposite Colac's memorial square, locals Duncan & Michelle Green operate a lovely well-appointed restaurant supplying visitors with wholesome hand produced lunches, takeaway meals & specialty dinners.



03 5232 2789
fusionrestaurantcolac@telstra.com
www.fusionrestaurantcolac.com
58 Murray St, Colac 3250
Open: Lunch Mon-Fri + specialty dinners



12 GENTLE ANNIE PENNYROYAL VALLEY

A stunning barn nestled on a beautiful farm in the Pennyroyal Valley. Serving a buffet of delicious, home-cooked food while you enjoy a drink in a relaxed, inviting atmosphere.



0412 621 952
hello@gentleannie.net.au
www.gentleannie.net.au
520 Pennyroyal Valley Rd, Pennyroyal
Check website & socials for seasonal hours



37 GORGE CHOCOLATES

Home of the Chocolate Alpaca. Handcrafted Belgium Chocolate. The Big Nut range. Alpaca products. Local products. Cafe. Groups welcome.



0438 705 277
sales@gorgechocolates.com.au
www.gorgechocolates.com.au
1432 Princetown Rd, Cooriemungle 3268
Open: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm.
Closed Christmas Day



47 HOMEBUSH PASTORAL

At Homebush Pastoral, we embrace a tradition of natural, holistic farming that dates back to 1952. Experience the taste of our high-quality beef at our regenerative café Excuse Me Katies.

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243 Manifold St, Camperdown 3260
Open: 7 days – Mon-Fri 6.15am-4pm; Sat, Sun & public holidays 6.30am-2.30pm

8 HOT CHILLI MAMA

Growers & artisan makers of delicious gourmet chilli products. Online store & farmshop.



0407 311 061
info@hotchillimama.com.au
www.hotchillimama.com.au
105 Parkers Rd, Deans Marsh VIC 3235
Check website for farm shop opening hours.

IRREWARRA SOURDOUGH

In 2000, two Melbourne lawyers downed suits & headed to the Otways – their artisan bakery now supplies stores throughout the region with handmade sourdough bread, granola, biscuits & festive treats.

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www.irrewarra.com.au



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24 LAKE VIEW CAFÉ COLAC

The cafe with the best view in town. Enjoy our freshly prepared menu, barista coffee & loose leaf tea, a sweet treat or a glass of bubbles on the deck.



03 4245 1121
lakeviewcafecolac@outlook.com.au
1 Fyans St, Colac 3250
Open: Mon-Fri 9am-3pm. Sun 10am-3pm. Seasonal hours or private functions may affect opening times. Please call ahead.

3 MOORPARK FARM

Fulsome & delicious eggs, pasture raised, where the Otways foothills meet the basalt plains. Hens range freely in sheep paddocks & roost in mobile sheds for nutrient rich food & fibre. Available in local stores & cafes.

0436 026 490
aldennis78@gmail.com

3 MORIAC GENERAL STORE

Established in 1925, the Moriac General Store is a licensed cafe, bottle shop & post office stocking a range of local produce & wines from the region.



03 5266 1229
generalstoremoriac@outlook.com
561 Cape Otway Rd, Moriac 3240
Open: Mon-Thur 7am-5pm. Fri 7am-7pm
Sat 7am-4pm. Sun 8.30am-3pm



35 MOUNT MORIAC BEEF

Mount Moriac Beef is 100% grass fed & finished Black Angus Beef, grown & raised on a family farm. Home delivery is available across Victoria.

eliza@mountmoriacbeef.com.au
www.mountmoriacbeef.com.au

35 OTWAY ARTISAN GLUTEN FREE

Small, gluten free bakehouse dedicated to the production of the finest handmade gluten free bread & pizza bases, panini's & locally roasted coffee in beautiful Birregurra.



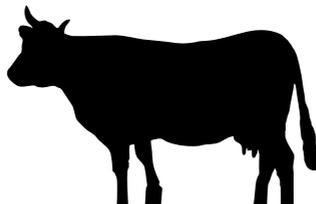
03 5236 2425 or 0410 800 077
www.otwayartisanglutenfree.com.au
77 Main St, Birregurra 3242
Please check website & socials for seasonal opening hours

31 OTWAY BLUEBERRIES

Pick-Your-Own blueberries. Delicious, pesticide free blueberries grown on a 6 hectare netted property surrounded by National Park.



03 5235 8185
otwayblueberries@gmail.com
www.otwayblueberries.com.au
155 Gellibrand-Carlisle Rd, Gellibrand 3239
Open: 7 days Dec 27 - Labour Day, 9am-5pm



30 OTWAY ESTATE

Enjoy a feast & let the kids run around on the grass. Offering pizzas, platters & chef specials to compliment your cellar door experiences & tastings. Catering for functions & events. Dog friendly.



03 5233 8400

info@otwaybrewinggroup.com.au

www.otwayestate.com.au

10 Hoveys Rd, Barongarook 3249

Open: 7 days (see website for seasonal variations)



31 SANDY CREEK OLIVES & MOUNTAIN PEPPER

Sustainably grown early harvest EV Olive Oil & native Mountain Pepperberry in the heart of the Otways.

0433 678 768

info@sandycreekolives.com.au

www.sandycreekolives.com.au

32 OTWAY PASTA COMPANY

Otway Pasta Company - small family owned pasta manufacturer located in Colac, Victoria.

03 5233 99 99

steve@otwaypasta.com.au

www.otwaypasta.com.au

5 Hurst Crt, Colac 3250



33 SCHULZ ORGANIC CREAMERY & CAFE

Our seasonal cafe celebrates the best of Schulz Organic Dairy products alongside hand-selected local produce. Relax in the garden on a corner of our thousand-acre farm.



0492 979 433

contact@schulzorganiccreamery.com.au

www.schulzorganiccreamery.com.au

23 Ford & Fells Rd, Timboon 3268

Open: 7 days 10am-4pm

34 PENNYROYAL CHEESE

A hand-made, small batch cheese producer of Camembert, Halloumi & a semi hard natural rind cheese from milk produced from the pastures on the Otway Ranges.

0421 602 260

pennyroyalcheese@gmail.com



35 SCHULZ ORGANIC DAIRY

We work hard to make real dairy products that are simple, pure & delicious, processing in small batches with great care & detail right here at our farmhouse factory in Timboon.

0490 876 509

info@schulzorganicdairy.com.au

www.schulzorganicdairy.com.au

23 Ford & Fells Rd, Timboon 3268

Open: Visit the Creamery & Cafe 7 days, 10am-4pm

36 RACH GIA KITCHEN

Authentic Vietnamese street food. We use beef from our farm (Boundary Road Beef) & where possible, home-grown vegetables & locally sourced produce.

0412 083 261

lieuh4705@gmail.com

Find us at local weekend markets



37 THE LITTLE ORGANIC PADDOCK

We sell Pick-Your-Own organic blueberries & strawberries. We also sell organic garlic, & ready picked berries can be arranged with notice.



0430 544 349

thelittleorganicpaddock@gmail.com

www.thelittleorganicpaddock.com.au

145 Gellibrand-Carlisle Rd, Gellibrand

Open: 7 days Dec-Mar, 9am-5pm

48 THE LOAF AND LOUNGE

Classic breads, cakes, pies & café food all made onsite from raw ingredients. Wholesome & delicious fresh food proudly showcasing Australian & local produce.



03 5593 1521

loafandlounge@bigpond.com

223-225 Manifold St, Camperdown 3260

Open: Baking bread 7 days a week. Mon-Fri 6am-4pm,
Sat 7am-4pm, Sun 8:30am-3pm. Closed: Public Holidays



40 TIMBOON RAILWAY SHED DISTILLERY

The Timboon Whisky Experience: a craft distillery offering whisky, gin & liqueur tastings & sales, lunch share plates & tours.



03 5598 3555

info@timboondistillery.com.au

www.timboondistillery.com.au

1 Bailey St, Timboon 3268

Open: 7 days 10am-4.30pm. Lunch served daily 11.30am-3pm.
Kitchen closed over winter. Closed some Public Holidays

THE OTWAY KITCHEN

The Otway Kitchen is a not-for-profit enterprise producing a range of traditional & gourmet jams, chutneys & relishes handmade in small batches to retain flavour & quality.

03 5231 5153 or 0417 541 548

sales@theotwaykitchen.com.au

www.theotwaykitchen.com.au



UNEARTHED PRODUCE

Unearthed Produce is a small family business that grows chemical & pesticide free garlic. Our garlic is then made into a beautiful, creamy garlic paste.

0412 734 423

info@unearthedproduce.com.au

www.unearthedproduce.com.au

10 THE STORE DEANS MARSH

Gorgeous country general store with more. A fabulous grab & go style cafe, bottle shop, groceries, extensive range of delicious take-home meals, preserves, homewares, giftware & toys.



03 5236 3305

thestoredeansmarsh@outlook.com

1419 Birregurra-Deans Marsh Rd, Deans Marsh 3235

Open: 7 days: Mon-Thur 8am-4pm, Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-4pm,
Sun 9am-3pm



4 WINCHELSEA WHOLEFOODS

Winchelsea Wholefoods is a bulk wholefoods grocery store showcasing the best products of our region, promoting non-toxic & low-impact living. Grab a takeaway coffee while you browse!



03 5267 2508

info@winchelseawholefoods.com.au

25 Main St, Winchelsea

Open: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-3pm, Sun 10am-1:30pm

42 TIMBOON ICE CREAMERY

At Timboon we've been making ice cream for over 25 years. Come & enjoy 24 farm fresh, deliciously creamy flavours to savour.



03 5501 9736

info@timboonfineicecream.com.au

www.timboonfineicecream.com.au

1a Barrett St, Timboon 3268

Open: 7 days 11am-5pm



23 YEOVIEW POTATOES

Family-run farm in the Otways, growing top-quality potatoes for the crisps industry, local businesses & community. Taste the difference family dedication makes.

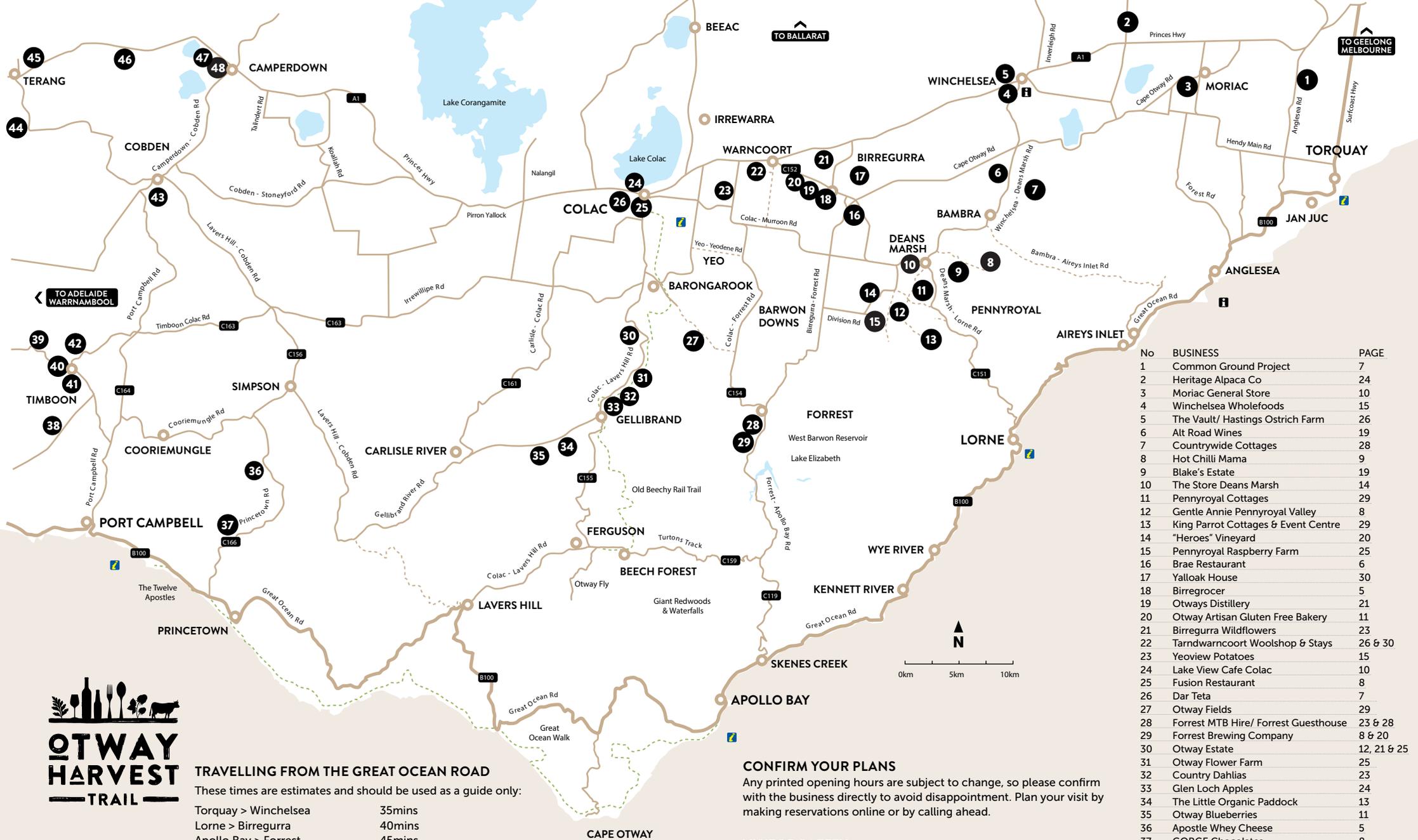
0428 510 480

yeoviewpotatoes@bigpond.com

www.yeoviewpotatoes.com.au

330 Trasks Rd, Warncoort VIC 3243

Open: Farm gate sales available Feb-Oct



TRAVELLING FROM THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD

These times are estimates and should be used as a guide only:

Torquay > Winchelsea	35mins
Lorne > Birregurra	40mins
Apollo Bay > Forrest	45mins
Lavers Hill > Colac	55mins
Port Campbell > Timboon	17mins

CHECK OUT OUR UP-TO-DATE MENU OF LINKS:

Website: www.otwayharvesttrail.org.au/
 App: guide.touchstay.com/guest/bvK92zTLjgfgp/
 Social Media: www.facebook.com/otwayharvesttrail www.instagram.com/otway.harvest.trail
 Events: www.otwayharvesttrail.org.au/events
 Stories & News: www.otwayharvesttrail.org.au/news



CONFIRM YOUR PLANS

Any printed opening hours are subject to change, so please confirm with the business directly to avoid disappointment. Plan your visit by making reservations online or by calling ahead.

VISITOR SAFETY

For the safety of visitors some businesses may choose not to operate on days of Very High, Severe, Extreme or Code Red fire alert days. Check emergency warnings at www.emergency.vic.gov.au

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

To discover more visit your nearest Visitor Information Centre:
 Lorne 1300 891 152
 Torquay 1300 614 219
 Apollo Bay & Colac 1300 689 297

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AUTUMN

It's harvest time, so these are busy months for the makers and growers of the Otways. Vineyards are a flurry of activity, as winemakers check the sugar levels of their grapes every day to achieve peak flavour.

Olives are also harvested and pressed into oil at this time of year to avoid the first frosts and heavy rains of winter. The grassy freshness of freshly pressed olive oil is nothing like older version on supermarket shelves.

For anyone growing fruit, it's a daily battle with cockatoos swooping in for a sweet treat. It's also the season for preserving the harvest in jams, chutneys, pickles and ferments. These jars and bottles and goodness are sold for the rest of the year at markets, shops and farms gates across the region.

Look out for wild apple trees on the side of the road – they're perfect for stewing. It's also flowering season for dahlias in March and April, and you can visit local farms with hundreds of varieties in bloom. Other farmers are busy harvesting potatoes and other root vegetables before the winter rains arrive. The volcanic dirt produces particularly delicious spuds.

For many Otway locals, autumn is a favourite time of year. There's still warmth in the sun, but the nights are crisp and cool. It's perfect weather for digging through second-hand shops and taking big walks in the bush.

SUNSET OVER COUNTRY DAHLIAS FARM



DRINK

6 ALT ROAD WINES

New faces on old grounds. A family run vineyard hand-crafting estate grown cool climate wines with minimal environmental impact. We make the wine so you make the moments.

0466 484 843

hello@altroad.com.au

www.altroad.com.au

880 Wichelsea-Deans Marsh Rd, Winchelsea South 3241

Open: Fri-Sun 12pm onwards

41 BABCHE WINES

Organic farmed single-vineyard wines made in the technique of past generations - by hand & unadulterated. Cellar Door opening Spring 2024. Tastings, wine by the glass & quality local produce.

0487 561 365

info@babchewines.com

www.babchewines.com

Shop 3/9 Main St, Timboon 3268

Open: Fri - Mon 11am - 5pm or by appointment

BABENOREK ESTATE

Vineyard & olive grove situated in the Pennyroyal Valley, producing Pinot Noir & Pinot Grigio wines, extra virgin olive oil & table olives. No cellar door.

0418 361 500

info@babenorek.com.au

www.babenorek.com.au

9 BLAKES ESTATE

Specialising in award winning Pinot Noir, Blanc de Noir & Pinot Grigio made exclusively from Estate grown fruit. Enjoy a glass of wine at the cellar door.



03 5236 3246

rogerblake4@bigpond.com.au

www.blakewines.com.au

80 Bambra Cemetery Rd, Deans Marsh 3235

Open: 12 midday-5pm: Nov-Apr Sat-Sun & public holidays;

7 days: 27 Dec-19 Jan. Other times by appointment.

Closed Christmas & Boxing Days

29 FORREST BREWING CO.

Independent family owned Craft Brewery, Est 2010. Come taste our 8+ beers, try our restaurant menu, relax in the beer garden, bring your family/dog. All beer made onsite in Forrest!



03 5236 6170
info@forrestbrewing.com.au
www.forrestbrewing.com.au
26 Grant St, Forrest 3236
Open: Fri-Mon. Additional hours over holiday seasons

14 "HEROES" VINEYARD

"Heroes" Vineyard produces premium, hand-crafted wines from Pinot Noir, Riesling, Chardonnay & Sauvignon Blanc. Also wines under the Anti-Hero label & Deeds Not Words sparkling.

0490 345 149
info@heroesvineyard.com
www.heroesvineyard.com
495 Murroon Rd, Murroon 3235
Open: Dec-Apr Sat & Sun 12-4pm

44 KEAYANG MAAR VINEYARD

Your volcanic winery experience. Enjoy tasting our wine in breathtaking surrounds. Cellar Door open for wine tasting, sales & food. Available for weddings, elopements & functions.

0492 423 856
keayangmaar@gmail.com
www.keayangmaar.com
182 Maguires Rd, Dixie 3265
Open: Wed-Sun 11am-5pm



19 OTWAYS DISTILLERY

Discover the essence of the Otways with our small-batch spirits, featuring local produce & botanicals. Visit our tasting room, where you can savor the true spirit of the Otways in every sip & relax with cocktails & delicious bar snacks.



0427 003 838
info@otwaysdistillery.com.au
www.otwaysdistillery.com.au
47 Main St, Birregurra 3242
Please check socials for hours open & events

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Handcrafted, locally produced beer, cider & spirits. Our Prickly Moses beers are made with fresh Otway rainwater. Try our Redwood Whisky & Rainforest Distillery Gin & Vodka.



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info@otwaybrewinggroup.com.au
www.otwayestate.com.au
10 Hoveys Rd, Barongarook 3249
Open: 7 days (see website for seasonal variations)

40 TIMBOON RAILWAY SHED DISTILLERY

Established in 2007, our distillery produces crafted single malt whisky, gin, vodka & liqueurs. Located right on the rail trail, the distillery has a real sense of place.



03 5598 3555
info@timboondistillery.com.au
www.timboondistillery.com.au
1 Bailey St, Timboon 3268
Open: 7 days 10am-4.30pm. Closed: Some public holidays

WINTER

As the days grow shorter, the smell of woodsmoke floats across the towns and villages as open fireplaces roar back to life. It might look quiet on the farms across the Otways, but makers and growers are busy preparing for the year ahead, ploughing winter crops and making repairs.

Locals running orchards and vineyards are barely recovered from their busy autumn harvest, but there's no time to rest when branches need pruning in readiness for new growth in spring. Winter is also a race against time at flower farms, where thousands of dahlia bulbs are dug up, divided and lovingly sold to flower lovers for replanting in summer.

It's hard to imagine endless fields of flowers in the thick of winter, but it's equally magical to wake to a sparkly frost or pea-soup fog. For most Otway locals, winter is a quieter, contemplative time for looking ahead. It's a perfect season to join a knitting class and turn locally grown yarn into a woolly masterpiece or buy your own warm coat from an alpaca farm.

Don't let the cold stop you from exploring. Don some gumboots and rug up for a walk in the bush. Fill your lungs with the crisp air. The earthy, eucalypt smell of the Otways in winter is truly intoxicating. And before you know it, the days are getting longer and there's a sniff of spring in the air.

MORNING FLOCK AT TARNDIE



EXPLORE

21 BIRREGURRA WILDFLOWERS

Growing & arranging unique wildflower blooms in the Otway hinterland. We are passionate about providing beautiful local, pesticide free flowers. Weddings, events, pre-order bunches & farm-gate flower stall.

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www.birregurrawildflowers.com.au
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Open: Check when open on socials

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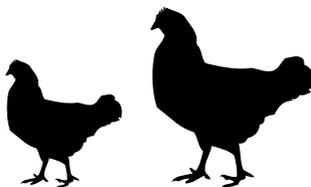
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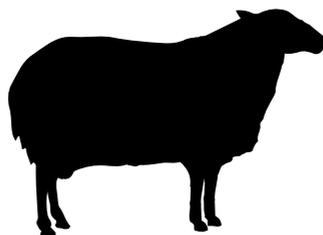
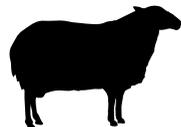
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Easter Market: 20 April 2025
Main St, Birregurra

CAMPERDOWN ROTARY MARKET

Held on the first Sunday of each month, 8am-1pm
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Twilight market & Christmas carols Nov 24. Markets at sheep dog trials & Festival. Check website for details.

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