



# Cape Conran Coastal Park

## Coastal Walks – West Cape to Pearl Point

The diversity of walking opportunities around Cape Conran can take you through white sandy beaches, rocky ridges, heathland and banksia woodlands.



**Grade 3 walks** - Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Tracks may have short steep sections, a rough surface and many steps. Walks up to 20km.



**Grade 4 walks** - Bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may be long, rough, very steep and directional signage limited.

### Be prepared and stay safe

Conditions, weather and fauna can be unpredictable. BYO water and be aware mobile phone coverage is limited or not available.



### West Cape and East Cape Day Visitor Area walks

**Cape Conran Nature Trail - Grade 3** - 2.3km, 1 hour one way. Start at East Cape Day Visitor Area, towards Sailors Grave.

Begin at East Cape and continue across to West Cape. This trail provides insight into the special nature of the coastal environment. Once you reach Joiners Channel, head towards the Cape Conran boat ramp to follow an optional trail along to Salmon Rocks Beach.

**East Cape boardwalk - Grade 3** - About 400metres, 15 minutes one way. Start at East Cape Day Visitor Area, Sailors Grave.

Cape Conran is rich in our cultural heritage, both Indigenous and post European. The boardwalk rounds East Cape to Cowrie Bay and boasts spectacular views. From Cowrie Bay an optional track links to the Cape Conran Nature Trail to loop back to the East Cape Day Visitor Area - or continues on to West Cape and Salmon Rocks.

### Banksia Bluff Campground walks

**Heathland walk - Grade 3** - About 3km, 1 hour loop return. Start at the walk entry along Banksia Bluff Road – between the Parks Victoria office and Loop A of the campground.

A heathland full of surprises, with many birds feeding on the nectar rich plants – look out for the threatened Ground Parrot. Whilst in flower the striking spikes of Grass Trees provide a post for the Rosellas to feed from. Lizards and Lace Monitors are common.

**Swampy Creek walk - Grade 3** - About 1.6km, 30 minutes one way. Start at the walk entry along Banksia Bluff Road – between the Parks Victoria office and Loop A of the campground.

Pass through coastal woodland before reaching Swampy Creek and the coastline. Fed by water runoff from a vast heathland to the north, the creek can at times have high flows but during dry conditions is reduced to wet depressions fringed by lush vegetation. Return the same way or walk back along the beach to Banksia Bluff Campground or East Cape Day Visitor Area.

### Yeerung walks

**Yeerung Estuary view walk - Grade 3** - About 1.5km, 30 mins 1 way. Start at the Yeerung Bridge.

Experience the rich diversity of flora and fauna found in the lower reaches of the Yeerung River. A different perspective to the river is especially noticeable at sunset and sunrise when the birds are at their most active and the water is often calm and reflections clear. The track also allows access to the coastline east of the river when the entrance is breached.

**Yeerung Gorge walk - Grade 3** - About 6.5km, 2 hours 1 way. Drive Cabbage Tree Conran Road, turn off to Old Coast Road and turn off to East Yeerung Track to park at the start of the trail to the Gorge.

This surprising landform harbours some unusual vegetation associations and contains several deep dark rock pools fed by the Yeerung River. The gorge is deeply incised into the coastal plain.

### Dock Inlet and Pearl Point day walks



**Dock Inlet walk - Grade 4** - About 20km, 5 hours return. Start at the Yeerung Bridge and follow Pearl Point Track to Dock Inlet.

This unique land locked expanse of fresh water is isolated from the coast by coastal dunes. The inlet is fed by branches of Dock Creek from a pristine catchment. The tannin-coloured waters support a diverse range of waterfowl. Keep an eye out for White-bellied Sea Eagles. Optionally return walk via the beach to Yeerung River.



**Pearl Point walk - Grade 4** - About 25km, 7 hours return. Start along East Cape Beach, towards Yeerung. Or start at the Yeerung Bridge and follow Pearl Point Track.

Recommended for the more energetic, the walk from East Cape to Pearl Point can be difficult due to the soft beach sand. Pearl Point features spectacular sedimentary rock formations, rolling sand dunes, an abundance of seabirds and sea life.

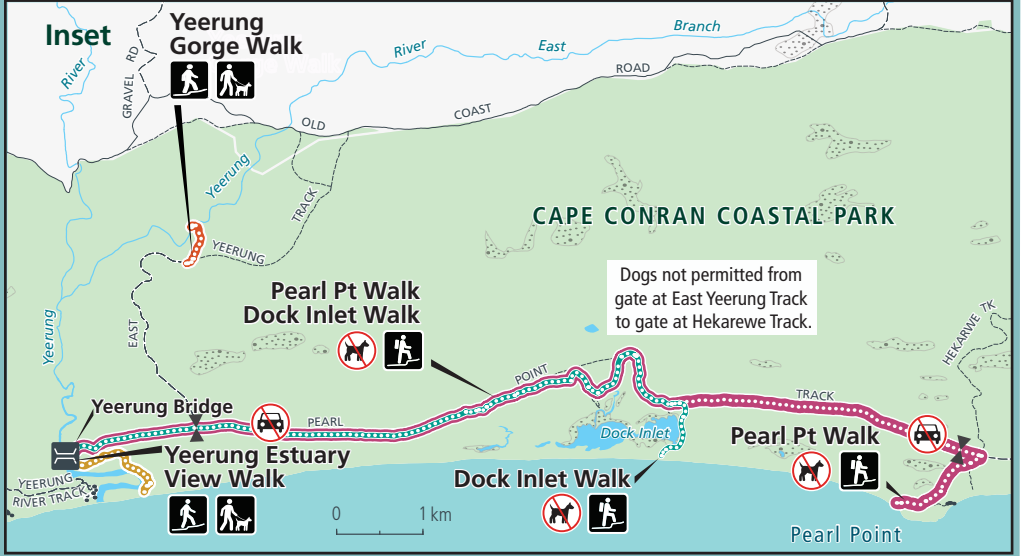
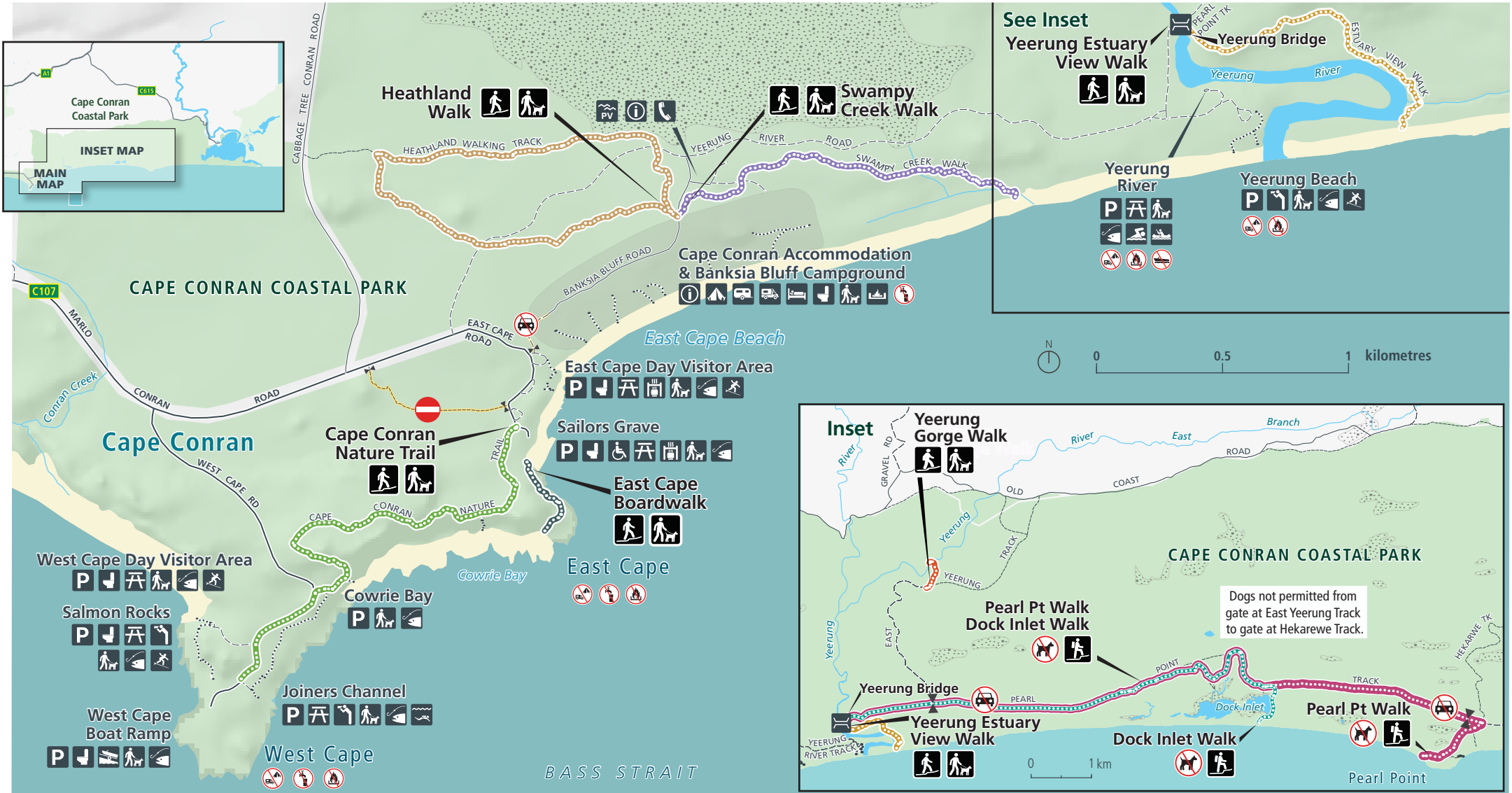
### Emergencies

**For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000).**

This park is in the East Gippsland Fire District. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at [emergency.vic.gov.au](http://emergency.vic.gov.au) on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. On Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating days this park is closed for public safety. Do not enter the park. If you are already in the park, leave the night before or as early as possible in the morning. Do not expect a personal warning. Check for park, facility and road closures and the latest conditions at [parks.vic.gov.au](http://parks.vic.gov.au) or by calling **13 1963**.

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| Grade 3 walk | Office             | Picnic table | Shower   | Bridge   | Surfing                | No drinking water | No vehicles        | Sealed road   |
| Grade 4 walk | Information        | Gas barbecue | Camping  | Fishing  | Dog walking on lead    | Fires prohibited  | Vessels prohibited | Unsealed road |
| Telephone    | Disabled access    | Lookout      | Diving   | Swimming | No camping or caravans | No entry          | 4WD                | Walking track |
| Parking      | All-gender toilets | Boat ramp    | Canoeing | No dogs  | Gate                   |                   |                    |               |