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Great Ocean Road Virtual Tour
Travel Notes

Kennett River to Apollo Bay



Distances (km) Travel Time(minutes)

Kennett River to Apollo Bay	22.5 (29)
Kennett River to Cape Paton	5.1 (9)
Kennett River to Carisbrook Falls	7(12)
Kennett River to Skennes Creek	17.1(24)
Kennett River to Urquharts Falls	18.2(26)

Distances from Surf Club



Along this section of the Great Ocean Road distance measurements start at the Kennett River Surf Life Saving club on the foreshore. The road generally hugs the coast with a small climb and descent at Cape Paton. A couple of hundred metres past the surf club there is a pull off point that gives a good view back along the coast towards Lorne. It is worth a 5-minute stop to take a few photos. 2.7 kilometres on you will cross the Grey River and swing past a small settlement of houses. There is access to the beach at the car park opposite these houses. 3.5 kilometres past Kennett River there is a slow vehicle turn out and car parks at Sausage Gully. Pull in to see Koalas in the tress beside the Great Ocean Road. Past Sausage Gully the road begins to climb up to the Cape Paton Lookout. At 3.9 kilometres you will see a track off to the left. This gives you access to the rock shelves below Cape Paton. The original Great Ocean Road went along these rock shelves rather than climbing over Cape Paton. Pull into the Cape Paton car park 4.6 kilometres past Kennett River. Allow 15 minutes to take in the scenery and make sure you look down to the rocks below Cape Paton and at the cliff face behind you. Past Cape Paton the Great Ocean Road descends back to sea level and follows the coast into Apollo Bay. 6.5 km past Kennett River take a right hand turn into the Carisbrook Falls car park. It is a short but steep 15 minute walk to the viewing platform where the Carisbrook River cascades down an approximately 100 metre high rock face, allow around 30 minutes for this side trip. Exercise care getting back onto the Great Ocean Road as cars come quite quickly round the bend and are difficult to see. A further 1 km on you will see an interesting local feature called Sugar Loaf which is a pyramid shaped sand dune covered with scrub. There is a rough-walking track up to the top at the back of the car park. 8.8 km past Kennett River there is another interesting feature at Onion Bay. There is a break in the rocks where there is a sandy beach. In the days of early settlement rowing boats used to come ashore to pick up locally grown onions to transport back to Melbourne. One of the transport ships was wrecked and the area

became known as Onion Bay by the locals. 10.9 km past Kennett River there is a bus car park at Sunnyside Road. This gives excellent views across the water to Apollo Bay. A further 1 km on a car park at Von Muller's creek has a steep access track down the cliffs to water. Skennes Creek beach is located 17.1 km passed Kennett River and generally has excellent surf.

18.4 km past Kennett River, Urquhart's Falls tumbles from the surrounding hills into the ocean. It is best viewed after heavy rain. The Great Ocean Road follows the coast for another 3.4 km to the outskirts of Apollo Bay. There are numerous car parks and beach access points along this stretch of the Great Ocean Road.