



Gippsland & Wilsons Promontory

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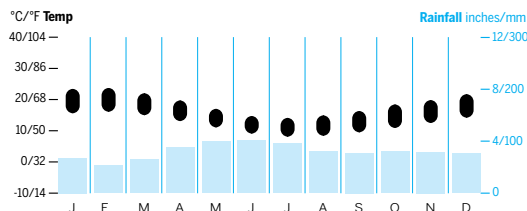
The Great Ocean Road may get the crowds, but Gippsland hides all the secrets. Gippsland is one region where it pays to avoid the cities – the towns along the Princes Hwy are barely worth a traveller's glance. Elsewhere are some of the most absorbing, unspoilt and beautiful wilderness areas and beaches in the state.

Along the coast there's Wilsons Promontory National Park, a fabulous destination for hikers and the less energetic alike. This is only the start when it comes to stirring beaches. Epic Ninety Mile Beach yields to the Cape Conran Coastal Park and Croajinglong National Park. Put them together and it's one of the wildest, most beautiful coastlines on earth.

Inland, Walhalla is an utterly beguiling village, while the national parks at Snowy River and Errinundra are as deeply forested, remote and pristine as any in the country.

When to Go

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Feb–Mar For toe-tapping jazz festivals at Inverloch and Paynesville.

Sep–Nov Spring is the time for wildflowers and wildlife, as well as bushwalking.

Dec–Jan It gets busy, but there's no better time to hit the oceans and lakes than summer!

The map illustrates the Gippsland region, highlighting the Great Dividing Range and the Yarra River. Key towns and locations include Melbourne (City), Dandenong, Tynong, Warragul, Moe, Traralgon, Sale, and Bairnsdale. The map also shows the Yarra River, Lake Thomson, Lake Glenmaggie, Lake Victoria, and Lake Wellington. National parks such as Bunyip State Park, Phillip Island, and Wilsons Promontory are marked. The map is color-coded with blue for water, green for land, and brown for mountains. A scale bar indicates distances up to 25 km.