Coastal Trailing

Canunda National Park - Millicent

COOLA OUTSTATION HISTORICAL HIKE
TIME: 3.5hr 8.5km return
The walking trail is located 20km south-west of Millicent.
Two Wheel drive access is available off Causeway Road. Travel south-west for 6km.
The trail starts at the car park with the first feature Coola Lookout, that gives good views of the lake, dunes and farmland. Across a boardwalk is an area of dryland tea-tree known as the 'Singing Forest' where picnic tables and seats have been installed.
Examples of early farm machinery lie along the trail from the lookout to the ruins.
The trail then passes Coola Outstation which was part of the Benara sheep station and was occupied until the mid 1950’s. Continuing south past the remains of a boat owned by a local businessman, the trail crosses Beggs Swamp, named after Peter Beggs, who owned land north of Coola. Reaching Sandy Bar the expanse of Lake Bonney opens to a view with its coloured waters a legacy of early industrial pollution.
From Sandy Bar the trail passes through swales covered in sedges and grasses with scattered shrubs, over consolidated dunes supporting Coastal Wattle, Sheoak and Beard-Heath and across a swamp via boardwalk.

Walk Safely

- Wear sturdy shoes, hat and sunscreen
- Carry sufficient drinking water
- Keep to the defined walking trail and follow the markers
- Inform a responsible person of your proposed route and expected time of return
- Weather conditions can change quickly. Ensure your have appropriate wet weather clothing

Trails offer visitors an opportunity to delight in the many wonders of the natural world.

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BEACHPORT CENTENNIAL PARK & LAGOON
TIME: 30min GRADE: Easy
Located in the centre of town, the lagoon has been developed by Council and offers a pleasant walk, playground and BBQ’s. Spur Winged Plover, Teal Duck, Silver Gull, Cormorant, White Faced Herron and Black Duck visit the lagoon. In 2013 a range of sculptures representing local wildlife located in and around the lagoon.

WENDY’S WALK
TIME: 45min GRADE: Moderate
Access located from Foster Street, climb halfway up the stairs and turn right at post number 2. All markers are pine posts with a patch, number and arrow. The track winds through the natural bushland with views over the township and bay then crosses the scenic drive to follow the walkway to the road. Cross the road and return via the back of the Southern Ocean Tourist Park or follow the road back to post number 5 and re-trace your steps back to Foster Street.

LIGHTHOUSE WALK & LOOKOUT
TIME: 5min GRADE: Easy
A short walk through the dunes passing the Cape Martin Lighthouse and overlooking the boatyard, home to the local rock lobster boats during winter. The Penguin Island Lighthouse was built in 1878 and the ruins are visible from the lookout. Penguin Island is a sanctuary and home to Fairy Penguins and other sea birds. The Cape Martin lighthouse was established on the mainland in 1960.

CAPE BUFFON WALK
TIME: 45min GRADE: Easy
This loop walk highlights how the forces of wind and waves have shaped the limestone cliffs, sea stacks, reef platforms, and vegetation along the coast. Cape Buffon shows the effects of wind and water on layers of soft rock under harder rock with undercut cliffs and eroding edges.

SEAVIEW HIKE
TIME: 3.5hr GRADE: Moderate
The Seaview Hike showcases coastal features such as spectacular rock formations, sandy beaches, seabirds and a myriad of plants, while offering stunning scenic views of the coastal environment. The blue-green Coastal Daisy Bush Olearia Axillaris features commonly along the walk. Evidence of Wombats and Enchidnas in the form of burrows and scratching are often visible.

WILLICHUM LOOKOUT HIKE
TIME: 45min GRADE: Moderate
Willichum is the Buandik Aboriginal word for the ‘southern end’ of Rivoli Bay. Splendid panoramic views of the bay, the national park and rocky cliffs reward walkers who reach the viewing platform. The dune on which the lookout is situated was once drifting sand pushed up by relentless, south-easterly winds. Plant life has stabilised the area and formed a layer of soil.

JACK & HILDA MCArTHUR WALK
TIME: 45min GRADE: Easy
This picturesque walk in the Beachport Conservation Park takes you under a canopy of trees around the shores of Woolley Lake. The short detour to the lookout offers rewarding panoramic views of Beachport, Lake George, the Southern Ocean, the Woakwine Ranges and Rivoli Bay.

CHAMBERS WALK
TIME: 30min GRADE: Easy
Take a stroll along the beach front, walk from the jetty to the outlet and experience the ever changing moods of Rivoli Bay.

LANKY’S WALK
TIME: 30min GRADE: Easy
Located in Railway Terrace toward the entrance to the Beachport Conservation Park. Follow a well-defined path through natural bush with diverse variety of native plants. At the end of this walk is Lanky’s Well, which was dug to provide water for police horses. Lanky Kana, a member of the local Buandik people, was employed by the Police as a tracker. Part of his duties included the care of the horses and has also camped by the well, hence the name.

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