

# Anglesea Discovery Walk

## Wallaby Group

Children and their families will definitely feel like real bushwalkers as we explore heathland, open forest and the estuary together. Wildflowers grow beside the narrow tracks and kangaroos are often seen bounding away into the bush. As we return to Coogoorah Park and the playground, chirpy Blue Wrens hop along the paths and schools of tiny fish might swim under the footbridges as we cross.

<b>Distance</b>	4.6 km
<b>Grading</b>	Easy
<b>Duration</b>	2 hours 30 minutes, including morning tea
<b>Total climb</b>	70 metres
<b>Path</b>	Sandy foot tracks; compacted gravel; boardwalk



### START/FINISH

Coogoorah Park, 21 River Reserve Road, Anglesea. (Melway 514 E5)  
Assemble at the BBQ shelter closest to the car park. Toilets available.

### WALK DESCRIPTION

The route includes a section of the Anglesea Perimeter Walk (APW). Access to the Anglesea coalmine lookout and some tracks and roads in that immediate vicinity is now prohibited.

Leaving Coogoorah Park via the small incline behind the playground, you'll meet a road; turn left for a very short distance, following the APW symbols, then immediately right (W) along a sandy foot track. Ignoring side tracks, follow the powerlines for 720m to an intersection where the powerlines and APW symbols swing away. Leaving the powerlines, go

left here for 30m, then right, heading roughly west for 670m to an intersection. Kangaroos and Honeyeaters frequent this lovely bush and there are golf course views.

At this intersection, cross diagonally and continue westwards on the foot track for 100m to reach Messmate Track, a wide vehicle track. Turn right (NE) along Messmate Tk for 130m then go right through a gate. Turn right briefly, then immediately left (E) along an old 4WD track which follows the powerlines, parallel to Coalmine Rd – you'll soon pass a pumping station on your left. At the next intersection, stop following the powerlines and APW symbols: go straight ahead along the foot track.

At the next 4-way intersection (where you'll see a gate up to your left and houses down to your right) continue straight ahead on a sandy foot track. It soon swings left, meandering over a small rise where wildlife is often seen. Upon reaching a broad clay washaway, remain on the narrow foot track as it veers left (N). At the next Y-intersection, go right: you'll soon come to a wide road. Cross straight over and go through the gate signed 'Fire Road Only'; this track leads back into Coogoorah Park.

Upon reaching the first foot bridge, turn left (N) then turn right (E) to cross the next bridge, before turning right (S), passing a boardwalk on your left. At the next intersection turn left for 120m through the woodland, then right for 210m, then right again across the chain of bridges which take you back to the playground.

**Cautions:** Watch for cyclists on shared paths

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