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Phillip Island
National Surfing Reserves



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National Surfing Reserves recognise iconic sites of cultural and historic significance in Australian surfing. They acknowledge the surfing way of life and link past, present and future generations with our oceans, waves and coastline.

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The group continues to work to protect and promote the values of the Reserve.

The Reserve was created by a hard working community group comprising: Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bass Coast Shire Council, Department of Environment, Land, Climate Change and Water, Phillip Island Board Riders Club, Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Boon Wurrung and community members.

Phillip Island National Surfing Reserve comprises four areas: Woolamai • Smiths • Summerland • Cat Bay

Phillip Island is a unique, world-class destination, with a rich surfing history and a wave for all kinds of weather and abilities. Some breaks are significant for their exceptional waves, and others for their history and importance in providing safe breaks for teaching the surfers of the future. Phillip Island is also special for its Aboriginal and natural values and all surfers must play a role in protecting these.

Proudly Victoria's first
National Surfing Reserve
Phillip Island National Surfing Reserve was dedicated on Saturday 16 March 2013 for the surfers of yesterday, today and tomorrow...

Wominjeka Boonwurrung Barerarerungar Welcome to Boonwurrung Country

We acknowledge the elders both past and present who grace the shores and Baany (water) of Corriang (Phillip Island).

Bunjil (wedge tail eagle - our spirit god/creator) asks two promises of visitors of the Boonwurrung: to not harm the Bubup (children) or the Biik (land) of the Boonwurrung and Bunjil will give you safe passage.



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Phillip Island is a nature and wildlife haven with over 100 kilometres of coastline. The beach areas within the Phillip Island National Surfing Reserve are under the care of Phillip Island Nature Parks.

The Nature Parks is a not for profit organisation and its rangers and researchers care for the area which contains significant vegetation communities and populations of Little Penguins, Hooded Plovers, Short-tailed Shearwaters, international migratory birds and key mammal species including koalas and Australian fur seals.

Island residents have always valued the environment and many forward-thinking locals donated land for wildlife and nature conservation.

Surfers are instinctive nature lovers and appreciate the natural environment that is the source of their sport and passion.

The establishment of the Phillip Island National Surfing Reserve is the result of two years of hard work by a group of dedicated community members. We hope that you enjoy your time on Phillip Island and care for it as much as we do.

Please help us to protect the Reserve by:

- Observing all signs at beaches.
- Keeping to tracks and boardwalks.
- Taking all rubbish home.
- Keeping your dog on a leash and observing 'No Dogs' areas.

Thank you!



Phillip Island National Surfing Reserve

Summerland

Summerland Beach is the birthplace of surfing on Phillip Island dating back to the 1920s. It is also home to the world famous Penguin Parade. The point reef break to the western end of Summerland Beach, known as 'Centre Break', is a quality, low tide wave. The wave was originally bodysurfed and then became a favourite with modern short board surfers. Summerland has two reef breaks that work in the wintery conditions of big swells, high tides and strong northwest to southwest winds – when other Phillip Island waves are blown out.



Smiths

This section of coast includes the best big wave, barreling reef break on Phillip Island - Express Point. The point provides the most challenging barreling wave on the island. It works in conditions with a two metre or greater swell, at half to high tide with a north to northwest wind. Smiths and Beachcomber beaches are used by learner schools and grommets because they provide consistent waves (in most conditions) combined with a flat sandy bottom in the small sheltered bays.



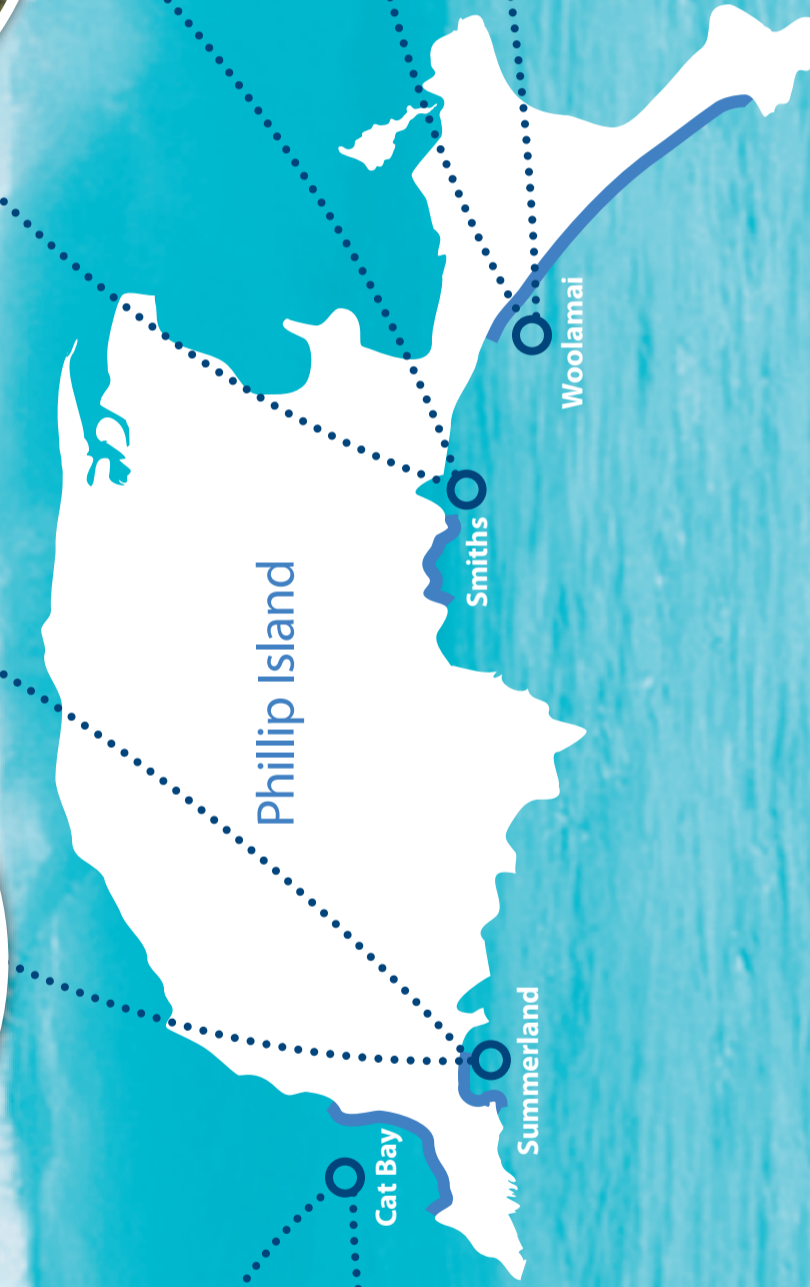
Cat Bay

The Cat Bay area is home to numerous reef breaks of varying standards with Flynn's Reef and Right Point being the standouts. The area provides good surfing conditions mainly during summer when the swell is greater than two metres with a south to east wind. This is one of only a few locations in Victoria that provides high quality waves in these conditions. This area is also popular for surfing competitions.

Woolamai



Cape Woolamai (known as Woolamai) is a unique stretch of beach with numerous quality beach breaks along the coast from Magic Lands to Forrest Caves. The sand overlaying the shallow, rocky reef combined with seasonal winds and currents create crescent-shaped sandbanks. These provide ideal surfing conditions when the swell is half to two metres with a southeast to northwest wind.



The Breaks

Cat Bay

The Bombie

This sand bar breaks left and works well at low to mid tide in over two metre swells.

Left Point

This point break has a left that also works well at low to mid tide.

The Hump

A reef break that breaks right and left and works well at low to mid tide in big swells.

Shelley Beach

This reef break at the bottom of Cat Bay has a right and left that work well at mid to high tide in a moderate to big swell any time of the year.

Right Point

This left breaking reef works well on all tides.

Flynn's Reef

This right breaking reef break works well on all tides.

Summerland

Centre Break

Just to the east of the Penguin Parade stands.

Summerland's Point

In front of the Penguin Parade stands.

Both of these right reef breaks require an over two metre swell and a north to westerly wind.

Smiths

Express Point

This right-only reef break works on a mid to high tide and is at its best in autumn and winter.

Smiths Beach

This beach break has right and left beach breaks and works on all tides.

Beachcomber Beach or YCW

A right-only beach break that works on a low to mid tide.

Magic Lands

Beach break at the eastern end of Woolamai beach with right and left breaks. This beach is tucked in the corner protected from the east to southeast sea breezes making it a popular location for afternoon summer surfs.

Second car park or Clubhouse

This beach break is opposite the Woolamai Surf Life Saving Club and has right and left breaks.

First car park or Anzacs

Opposite the first car park at Woolamai, this beach break has right and left breaks.

Aussie Track

This beach break is 150 metres east of the Colonnades/Ocean Reach access point and has right and left breaks.

Ocean Reach or Airport Reef

Opposite the access stairs to the Colonnades / Ocean Reach beach, this beach break has right and left breaks.

Forrest Caves

Opposite the Forrest Caves car park with right and left breaks.