

# Ben Cruachan Walking Club - Walk Preview

<b>Walk:</b>	Raymond Island		
<b>Area:</b>	Gippsland Lakes		
<b>Date:</b>	Saturday 10 Feb 2024	<b>To be publicised in local papers?</b>	Yes
<b>Grade:</b>	M - 2 - 2	<b>Style:</b>	Day Return
<b>Walk Length:</b>	11km	<b>Walk Duration:</b>	Approx. 4 hours
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	On foot at the Raymond Island Ferry Terminal	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	09:00am
<b>Walk Summary:</b>	<p>This walk will be on beautiful Raymond Island in the Gippsland Lakes, where we will enjoy a free ferry ride and hunt for koalas. Raymond Island is unique in its ecosystem with koalas being introduced in the 1950's, they have thrived and now number in the hundreds. The walk is over flat sandy soil on quiet roads, but there may be some vehicles on our trail. We will walk through banksia groves and Manna gum forests, with some time to walk at our own pace looking for wildlife, followed by a longer stretch through the centre and north of the island to see Swan Cove Lakes, and back via Gravelly Point Beach. We hope to see echidna and kangaroos in addition to the star sighting, koalas. After the walk you can enjoy fish and chips from a local café or bring a packed lunch to enjoy on the Paynesville foreshore.</p> <p>Parking – there is free untimed parking one street back from the ferry terminal on Fleisher St, look out for the Koala Walk parking sign. After</p> <p><b>Please register with Walk Leader, preferably by email, before the day of the walk.</b></p>		
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