

# Loch Ard Blowhole Lookout

Changed conditions in the park



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## New views at Loch Ard Gorge

The Victorian Government is investing \$8 million to build a new lookout at the 'Blowhole', at the Loch Ard Gorge visitor precinct. The lookout will provide a new visitor experience at this tucked away site, nestled amongst native vegetation.

## Project benefits

### Visitors

The lookout will provide a safer and more accessible experience for millions of visitors that will come to this popular location.

### Cultural heritage and environment

The coastal environment of the Port Campbell National Park is spectacular but fragile. The new lookout will ensure environmental and cultural values of the landscape are protected while allowing visitors to enjoy its spectacular views.

Geotechnical investigations, and community and industry engagement, have informed the approach for this project, mitigating the effects of the natural erosion of the limestone rock.

### Community and economy

This project is part of Stage One of the [Shipwreck Coast Master Plan](#), which is expected to support approximately 120 ongoing jobs, add \$12 million to the regional economy and increase annual visitor spend by \$14 million.

## The lookout

This stunning new lookout will wrap around the Blowhole, a deep cutting in the land that fills with water from the Southern Ocean.

The lookout will resemble a breaching whale, with the roaring water symbolising its breathing. This design (see picture above) has been led by the Eastern Maar community to ensure it reflects the values of this spot on Keerray Woorroong country.

## Temporary access changes

The construction site for this project is expected to be established from 15 January 2024. The project is then expected to take 12 months to finish, subject to on-ground and construction industry conditions.



To ensure public safety during this time, access to some tracks and areas around The Blowhole will be closed, including no access to Thunder Cave and Sherbrook River (see map below). There will also be a reduction in the number of carparking spaces available for the public at the Loch Ard Gorge precinct, and no parking near Sherbrook River.

Visitors should always check park conditions before planning their trip to a park or reserve. Up-to-date information about this project – and conditions in the Port Campbell National Park – will be maintained on the Parks Victoria website:

- [Loch Ard Blowhole Lookout project](#)
- [Port Campbell National Park webpage](#)

## Public access changes: January 2024 – 2025

This project is expected to take 12 months to complete, subject to on-ground and construction industry conditions. During the project, visitors should be aware of the following access changes.

 Open to visitors     Closed

