

Lavers Hill to Princetown



Distances(km)Travel Times(minutes)

Lavers Hill to Princetown 31.3 (40)

Side Trips

Lavers Hill to Melba Gully 2.6 (4)

Lavers Hill to Moonlight Head 20.5 (30)

Trip starts from T intersection



The Great Ocean Road turns left at the T intersection on entering Lavers Hill and follows along the spine of the Otway Ranges before descending down to sea level at Princetown near the mouth of the Gellibrand River. 2.6 kilometres past Lavers Hill turn left off the Great Ocean Road and go to Melba Gully. This is a pleasant 1.5 kilometre walk that takes about 30 minutes. It shows a diverse range of Otway Ranges flora.

Past Melba Gully the Great Ocean Road travels along the ridge of the Otway Ranges with occasional distant views of the ocean. 9.8 kilometres past Lavers Hill at the tiny settlement of Yulong, there is quite a good view of the ocean. 15.4 kilometres past Lavers Hill, on a sharp bend is the road to Moonlight Head (See Side Trip). From 13 kilometres past Lavers Hill to 17 kilometres past Lavers Hill the road has many badly designed bends and you need to drive carefully. The Great ocean Road improves after crossing the Gellibrand River bridge.

There is a slow vehicle turn out 1.3 kilometres past the Gellibrand River crossing. The Great Ocean Road climbs out of the Gellibrand River valley and travels through farmland before descending down to Princetown 12.7 kilometres on. Before descending into Princetown look to your left and see the large headland at the mouth of the Gellibrand River.

You need to turn off to the left if you want to go into Princetown.

SIDE TRIP

Moonlight Head

The road to Moonlight Head is a dirt road and you need to drive slowly, as it can be rough. The Gables car park is 4.3 kilometres from the Great Ocean Road and gives spectacular views from the lookout located 130 metres above the ocean. It is a short 15 minute return walk from the car park. 3.6 kilometres from the Great Ocean Road is a track to the right that will take you to wreck beach. If you are reasonably fit it is worth walking along Wreck Beach where you can see anchors from shipwrecks embedded in the rock shelves. It is a punishing walk back up from the beach, as you need to climb 366 steps and is not suitable for anyone with bad knees. To do both segments of Moonlight Head allow at least 90 minutes. The drive into Moonlight Head takes around 15 minutes to drive to The Gables and Wreck Beach.