

MORE PLACES TO VISIT

While in East Gippsland there are a variety of places to visit. Some can be a quick picnic stop, while at others you may wish to stay awhile or return to, because several are sites for seasonal migrant birds.

Guide

No.	Location
1.	BAIRNSDALE
2.	LINDENOW
3.	MITCHELL RIVER NATIONAL PARK
4.	PAYNESVILLE
5.	NICHOLSON
6.	METUNG
7.	LAKES ENTRANCE
8.	LAKE TYERS
9.	BRUTHEN
10.	BUCHAN
11.	NOWA NOWA
12.	MARLO
13.	OMEO
14.	MALLACOOTA

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PAYNESVILLE



Pied Oystercatchers - Ken Sherring

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BIRDWATCHING AROUND PAYNESVILLE

1. Silt Jetties

The Mitchell River Silt Jetties, the second longest in the world (the longest being the Mississippi Silt Jetties) are found at Eagle Point. You can drive to the end of the silt jetties but walking part of the way gives you the opportunity to see more birds. At the Bluff Lookout you may be lucky to see an Australian Hobby, or a Sea Eagle flying over the river. Down on the jetties water birds abound: Pelican, Cormorant, Grebe, including Great Crested, Spoonbill, Egret, many Coot, Duck and also Black Swan. There are toilets at the boat ramp on Rivermouth Road.

2. Old Eagle Point Road

Before the Bluff Lookout a road to the left (Old Eagle Point Road) takes you to a lovely picnic area and walking track that follows the river. The Mistletoebird, Azure Kingfisher, Bowerbird in season, thornbill and silvereye can all be seen in this area.

3. Eagle Point / Paynesville Walking Track

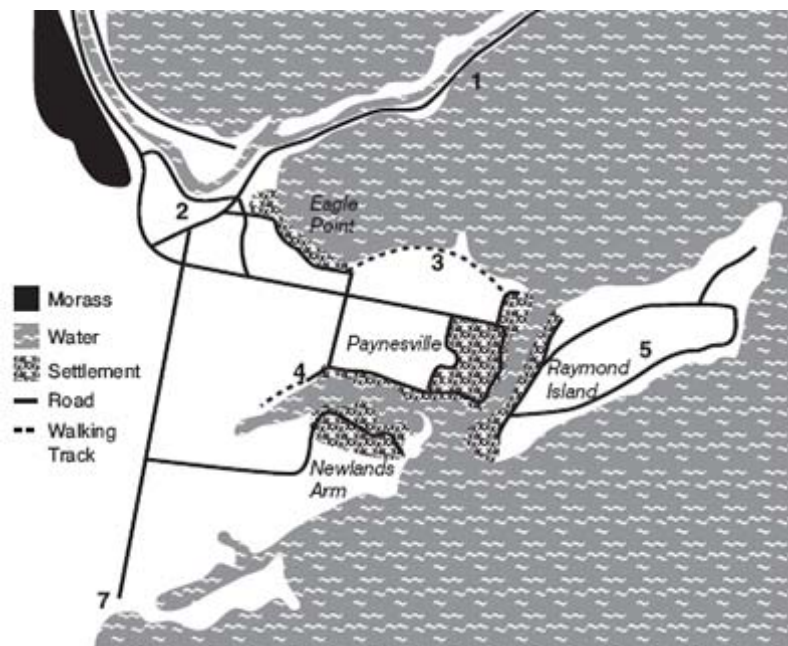
This walking track can be accessed at the end of Bay Rd, Eagle Point or from the end of Burden Place, Paynesville. It takes you by the shores of Lake King and Point Fullarton. Black-winged Stilt and Latham Snipe are often seen from along this track.

4. Sunset Cove

The walking track starts at the end of Sunset Drive which starts near the Craft Centre on the southern end of The Esplanade. It can be a circular walk by returning along Newlands Drive. Toilets and BBQ facilities are available at the car park. Honeyeaters, Eastern Whipbird, waterbirds including Pied Oystercatcher may be seen.

5. Raymond Island

Access is gained by the car ferry. It is an isolated and tranquil spot, the home of a number of koalas and some good birding. This is another spot where the Regent Honeyeater has been seen in spring. It is suggested you drive around the island being prepared to stop and walk when you see bird activity.



6. Newlands Arm

Newlands Arm is a new housing development on the other side of Newlands Backwater. Access is via Lake Victoria Road and Birrells Road. Follow the road to the end where there is a car park and boat ramp. Toilets are available. A short track goes out along a peninsula to Butlers Point with good sightings of water birds. Another walking track starts at Dawson Cove heading west following the Newlands Backwater.

7. Banksia Peninsula

Continue down Lake Victoria Road to a car park at the end. There is a track down to Mason Bay, with a board walk along the shore and behind a number of school camps. A walk around this area could produce a variety of honeyeaters, Whistling Kite, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Azure Kingfisher, Great Egret, Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike, Pallid Cuckoo and a variety of Duck.