

# Ben Cruachan Walking Club - Walk Preview

Please register with Walk Leader before the day of the walk. See website: <http://bencruachanwalkingclub.com/>

<b>Walk:</b>	<b>Raymond Island</b>				
<b>Area:</b>	<b>Gippsland Lakes</b>				
<b>Day &amp; Date:</b>	Saturday 12 February 2022	<b>To be publicised in local papers?</b>		Yes	
<b>Grade:</b>	M-2-2	<b>Style:</b>	Day Return		
<b>Walk Length:</b>	11 km	<b>Walk Duration:</b>	:		
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	On foot at the Raymond Island Ferry terminal - near the end of The Esplanade in Paynesville.	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	9:30 am		
<b>Walk Summary:</b>	<p>Today's 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 and then a longer quicker stretch through the centre and North of the Island to see Swan Cove Lakes. We hope to see orchids, echidna, and kangaroos in addition to the star sighting, a joey on the back of a Koala! After the walk you can enjoy some of the nicest fish and chips around.</p> <p>Parking - just before you get to the ferry terminal, turn left into the side street (Devon Rd) at the Paynesville Hotel. There is plenty of parking behind the shops - as far as I know it is untimed.</p> <p><b>Important: Anyone attending a BCWC activity must be fully vaccinated against Covid 19.</b></p>				
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