



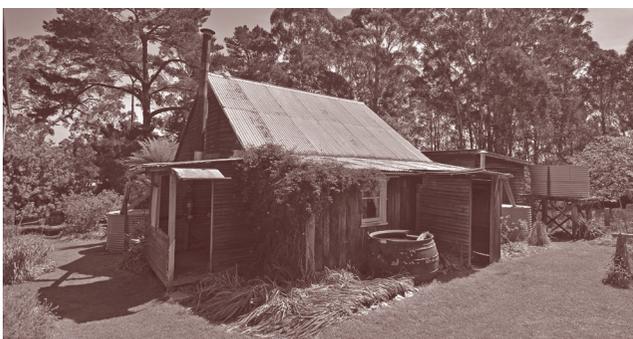
3 Beermuna Beach & Seahorse Inn

Beermuna Beach is a special part of the Killer Whale Trail for it's here where the wild orca first developed a relationship with man. No-one knows how long ago the Thaua People and their wild brothers, the 'beowas' began to hunt together. Head to the website to hear the story from descendants.

Later during the 1840s, Benjamin Boyd, an early European settler and entrepreneur, used this sheltered part of Twofold Bay as a base to build an empire. His visions were never fully realised, all that remains here is the Seahorse Inn (above), a grand building made from Sydney sandstone and local materials. It's a great option for lunch or a rest stop while on the trail..

Access:

Easy – sealed roads, ample free parking.



4 Davidson Whaling Station

Explore the grounds of Loch Garra, the home of the Davidson family and for more than three generations, Australia's longest operating shore-based whaling station. Wander through the lush gardens of the homestead before descending to the shores of Kiah Inlet where artefacts from the tryworks remain.

At the tryworks, whales were processed to turn their blubber into oil. When operational, the waters around the tryworks were particularly dangerous as the processing attracted many large sharks.

Access:

Medium – some unsealed roads, ample free parking.

5 Ben Boyd Tower

Set deep in a gnarled tea tree forest, this imposing sandstone tower was built in the 1840s. Originally designed to be a lighthouse, it was never approved for such use, but did become a key lookout point for whalers to spot passing whales. Sometimes the whales were being hunted before human eyes could see them. The Killer Whales of Eden would signal to the whalers when whales were about with "tail flops" and would go to work harassing and weakening their prey while the whalers rowed out to chase them down.



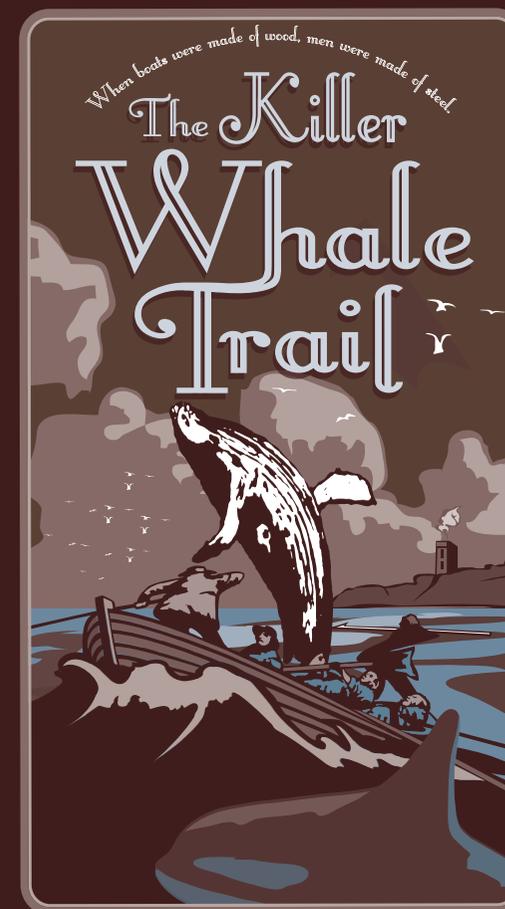
It is the perfect vantage point to watch passing whales from August to November.

Access:

Medium – some unsealed roads



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Take a self-drive day trip that will immerse you in the sights and stories of the Killer Whales of Eden.

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Gaze out to sea and back in history to when boats were made of wood and men were made of steel.

Every year from August to November, the Sapphire Coast of NSW becomes the “humpback highway.” Migrating whales pass so close to the coast it feels as if you could reach out and touch them.

The Killer Whale Trail will immerse you in the history of this migration, it’s a self-drive day trip to five historic sites in Eden and Twofold Bay.

The tour is an easy to follow route that takes you to the Eden Killer Whale Museum, elevated whale watching lookouts, an 1800s waterfront hamlet and the historic whaling station.

The story spans thousands of years, and is one of the only known hunting partnerships between wild animals and humans. Together they could do what neither could do alone – hunt one of the largest animals on earth – and share the spoils fairly.

We recommend taking a snack and water bottle and in summer some of the sites offer a sheltered spot for ocean swims. Sites are partially accessible by wheelchair, with assisted access required on sloping boardwalks. Disabled amenities are available at Eden Killer Whale Museum and Seahorse Inn.

• **Estimated time to complete - 4 hours**



DIRECTIONS:

1. Eden Killer Whale Museum

184 Imlay Street, Eden.

2. Rotary Lookout Eden

Head along Imlay Street and up the hill past Snug Cove Wharf.

3. Seahorse Inn

Turn left at Boydtown Park Road approximately 8kms south of Eden.

4. Davidson Whaling Station

Turn left on Edrom Road approximately 18km south of Eden then travel approximately 10km until you reach the Boyd Road turn-off on the left.

5. Ben Boyd Tower

Travel from the Davidsons turn for approximately 5km. Ben Boyd Tower turn-off is on the right.

1 Eden Killer Whale Museum

Learn the story and gain an insight into the region’s wider history before you take the trail. In season, you can spot the whales from the viewing deck and you may even be the one to spot a whale and cause the whale siren to sound across the township.

Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday: 9.15am to 3.45pm; Sunday: 11.15am to 3.45pm. (closed Christmas Day)

Admission: Adult: \$10, Seniors: \$9.50; Children \$2.50 (5-15 yrs); Children under 5 FREE.

Phone: 02 6496 2094.

2 Rotary Lookout Eden

From this vantage point it’s easy to imagine the tiny whaling boats rowing out while killer whale pods harassed large humpbacks into the shallow waters and towards the waiting harpoons of the whalers. You will be able to see across to the southern reaches of Twofold Bay to Boyd’s Tower with Mount Imlay dominating the southern horizon.

Access:

Easy – sealed roads, ample free parking.

