

Skenes Creek

Characteristics:

Type of Estuary: River
Landscape Zone: Otway Coast
Catchment Area:
Estuary Area:
Estuary Length:
River Length: 10.466 km
Mouth Direction: East facing
Mouth State: Intermittently open
Location: 143°40'32.718" E
38°45'46.5374" S
**Distance from
Apollo Bay:** 4.887 km North East



Supplementary Data:

Estuary Watch
(P-Chem Data / Physical Observations)
<http://www.estuarywatch.com.au/>

Colac Otway Shire Council
<http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/>

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Special Attributes

Zones:

- 9% of the catchment zoned Public Conservation and Resource.
- 90% of the catchment zoned Environmental Rural.
- 1% of the catchment zoned Township

Overlays:

- Environmental significance (upper catchment)
- Erosion management
- Land subject to inundation (Skenes Creek township)
- Special building
- Wildfire management



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Key Management Issues:

Australian Grayling: The fish species with the greatest conservation need in the Otway region.

Tourism: Proximity to the ocean and waterways is an important value of Skenes Creek. Similarly, from a tourism perspective this coastal settlement is synonymous with seaside holidays and lifestyle. It is easily accessible from the Great Ocean Road which is a national tourism resource.

Estuarine Vegetation

EVC Name	Area (Ha) (Approx.)	Geographic Occurrence	Conservation Status
Riparian Forest	69.53	Naturally Restricted	Least Concern
Damp Sands Herb-rich Woodland	2.39	Minor	Vulnerable
Coastal Headland Scrub	11.04	Naturally Restricted	Depleted
Shrubby Foothill Forest	120.38	Common	Least Concern
Wet Forest	277.29	Common	Least Concern
Shrubby Wet Forest	382.72	Common	Least Concern
Cool Temperate Rainforest	93.96	Rare	Endangered