

## MYSTERY BAY



On the 10th April 1880, a small boat set out from Bermagui with 5 men on board, including the official Geological Surveyor from the Department of Mines and a botanist colleague. The purpose of the trip was to investigate the Montreal gold field near Wallaga Lake. The boat washed up on the beach at Mystery Bay the next day - all five men had vanished without trace. Hence the name 'Mystery Bay'.

Despite this unusual history, or perhaps because of it, the beaches at Mystery Bay seem to have a strange, yet inviting, isolation.

There are really two beaches, a northern one and, closer to Boat Harbour Point, a smaller southern beach.

The northern beach has several offshore rock bars that create sheltered rockpools at low tide, ideal for children to enjoy. Nearby, the waters deepen and are perfect for snorkelling or scuba diving.

The southern beach is protected from large ocean waves by Boat Harbour Point and has a concrete boat ramp - allowing easy access into the bay.

Overlooking both beaches are grassed areas set up with picnic tables and excellent amenities - including toilets, electric barbecues, picnic gazebo and children's swings.



*View from Boat Harbour Point looking west to Mystery Bay*

A basic camping area, located in bushland on the headland leading to Corunna Point to the north, is a good place to stay to soak up the beauty - and the mystery - of Mystery Bay.



*Opposite: Rockpools at the northern end of Mystery Bay Above: The northern end of Mystery Bay looking west*