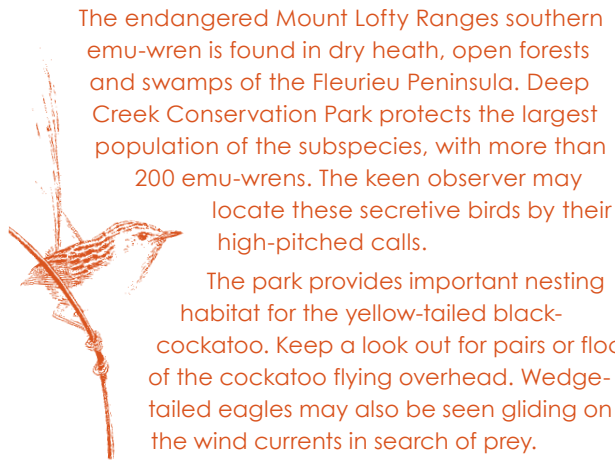


Flora and fauna

Deep Creek is home to over 400 native plant species, 110 bird species, 11 types of mammals and a variety of reptiles, fish and insects. Many of these species are of conservation significance, being listed as rare, endangered or vulnerable.



Mount Lofty Ranges
southern emu-wren
Stipiturus malachurus
ssp. intermedius

The glossy black-cockatoo is an endangered species, only found on Kangaroo Island.

A revegetation project at Blowhole Beach is being undertaken in conjunction with other community based projects to restore habitat to help re-establish a population on the mainland.

Western grey kangaroos are commonly seen at Tapanappa, Aaron Creek and the park headquarters. Please resist the urge to feed them.

The Kangaroo Island narrow-leaved mallee *Eucalyptus cneorifolia* is rare on the mainland. Seed collected from a single tree found in the park has been propagated and planted nearby. Autumn is alive with colour as the flowers of the slaty sheoak *Allocasuarina muelleriana*, cast red and orange hues across the hills. The long flower spikes of the yacca *Xanthorrhoea semiplana* are also an impressive sight in the park.

Phytophthora

Phytophthora (fy-TOFF-thora), otherwise known as root-rot fungus is killing our native plants and threatens the survival of animals depending on plants for food and shelter. This introduced fungus can be found in plant roots, soil and water. Please help stop the spread by staying on tracks and trails and by complying with all *Phytophthora* management signs.

Friends of Parks group

The Friends of Deep Creek is a community based group of volunteers working with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to protect the natural features of Deep Creek Conservation Park. Some of their work includes collecting seeds, planting trees, controlling weeds and maintaining walking trails.

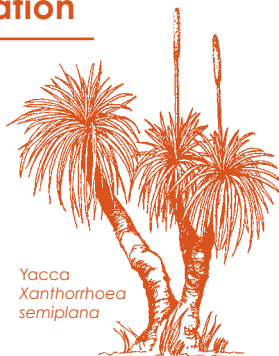
If you would like to know more about the group phone (08) 8598 0244.

Camp fires

Native timber is in short supply and plays an important role in the environment providing habitat for the many birds, small ground-dwelling animals and insects. **The collection of firewood is prohibited in Deep Creek Conservation Park.** Gas or liquid fuel stoves are preferable. If a fire is important to you, bring your own wood, or purchase it from the Delamere Store. A small fire is usually sufficient for cooking and warmth. Always use existing fireplaces and extinguish the fire before you leave the area. Fire restrictions apply. Check CFS hotline 1800 362 361

Cottage accommodation

Accommodation is available at Deep Creek Homestead, Ridgetop Retreats, and Goondooloo and Glenburn cottages. Please contact Southern Ocean Retreats on (08) 8598 4169. **Day entry fees apply to cottage visitors that are driving in the park.**



Yacca
Xanthorrhoea
semiplana

Park access

Two-wheel drive vehicles can access most areas of the park. Boat Harbor and Blowhole Beach roads are 4WD only. **Two-wheel drive vehicles attempting to access these areas will not be assisted by park staff. Penalties apply.** Boat Harbor 4WD track will be closed during periods of wet-weather or damp soil conditions. This is to reduce the spread of *Phytophthora* and to protect the track surface.

Unsealed roads with changing surfaces occur throughout the park and are further affected by weather conditions. Please drive slowly and respect other road users.

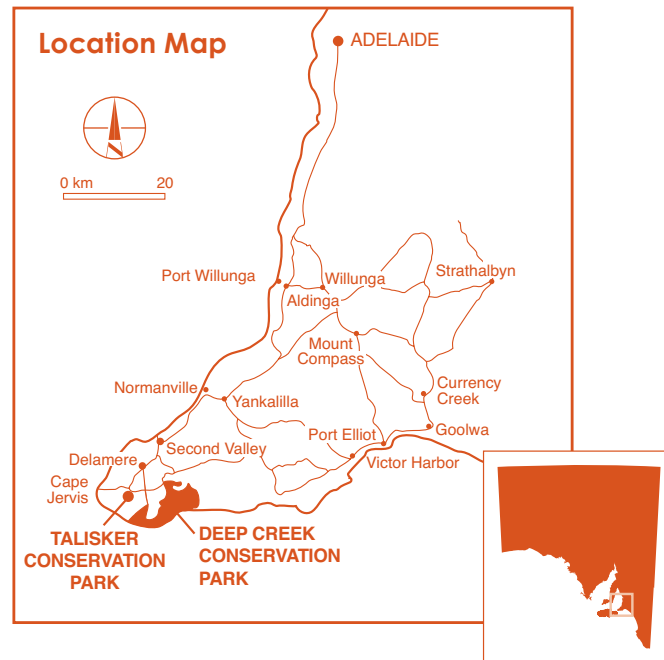
The National Parks Code

Help protect your national parks by following these guidelines:



- Leave your pets at home.
- Take your rubbish with you.
- Observe fire restrictions, usually 1 November to 30 April. Check CFS hotline 1300 362 361.
- Conserve native habitat by using liquid fuel or gas stoves.
- Camp only in designated areas.
- Respect geological and heritage sites.
- Keep our wildlife wild. Do not feed or disturb animals, or remove native plants.
- Keep to defined vehicle tracks and walking trails.
- Generators, chainsaws and firearms are not permitted.
- Be considerate of other park users.

Thank you for leaving the bush in its natural state for the enjoyment of others.



Local emergency numbers

Police: 000 or 131 444

Ambulance: 000

CFS fire calls only: 000

For further information contact:

Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Deep Creek Conservation Park
C/- Post Office DELAMERE SA 5204
Phone (08) 8598 0263 Fax (08) 8598 0269

Phone Information Line: (08) 8204 1910

Email: denrinformation@sa.gov.au

Website: www.parks.sa.gov.au

Cottage Accommodation

Southern Ocean Retreats: Phone: (08) 8598 4169

Cover: Yellow-tailed black-cockatoo *Calyptorhynchus funereus*
© Department of Environment and Natural Resources
May 2012 • FIS 91448
Printed on recycled paper

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Deep Creek and Talisker Conservation Parks



*Healthy Parks
Healthy People*



Government
of South Australia



PARK SA

www.parks.sa.gov.au

Deep Creek and Talisker conservation parks

Deep Creek Conservation Park protects 4452 hectares and is the largest remnant of natural vegetation on the Fleurieu Peninsula. A diversity of habitat types including tall stringybark forests, dry heathlands, shaded creeks and rugged cliff tops provide a haven to a unique range of flora and fauna species.

Talisker Conservation Park protects the remnants of a 19th century Cornish Silver-Lead mine. Surrounded by picturesque regenerating bushland, the mine shafts, ruins of boilers, smelting furnace and two storey crushing house can be viewed by following an interpretive trail which describes the workings and stories of the mine.

Together, these parks offer a variety of recreational experiences, all within a two hour drive of Adelaide.

Getting there

From Adelaide follow Main South Road through Myponga and Yankalilla. Turn left at the Delamere Store onto Range Road, at this point directions into Deep Creek are clearly signposted. Alternatively, from Victor Harbor follow the Fleurieu Way toward Cape Jervis. Park entrance signs are located on Range Road at the intersections of Range Road West, Three Bridges and Tapanappa roads.

Park fees



Fees apply for entering and camping at Deep Creek Conservation Park. On-the-spot fines apply to vehicles not displaying a valid permit. A permit is not required to visit Talisker Conservation Park and camping is prohibited.

Entry and camping permits can be obtained from any of the self-registration stations shown on the map. Fees collected are used for conservation and to maintain and improve park facilities for your ongoing enjoyment.

Annual park passes can be purchased from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources office at 41 Victoria Street, Victor Harbor, or by phoning the DENR Information Line (08) 8204 1910.

Aboriginal history

Deep Creek Conservation Park is situated in a transition area between the Kaurna and Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal people. Dreaming stories from both communities make mention of local landforms and how they came to be here. Ngurunderi's story describes the formation of The Pages islands (Metalong), which can be viewed from Deep Creek Conservation Park.

European history

Europeans settled on the southern Fleurieu Peninsula in the late 1830s. Early land uses included agriculture, timber felling, sealing, whaling, yacca gum collection and wattle bark stripping. The nearby Talisker Conservation Park, once a lead and silver mine, operated between 1862 and 1872. The walking trail that winds through the well-preserved mining ruins is an interesting historical outing. Old mineshafts are dangerous, keep to the walking trail.

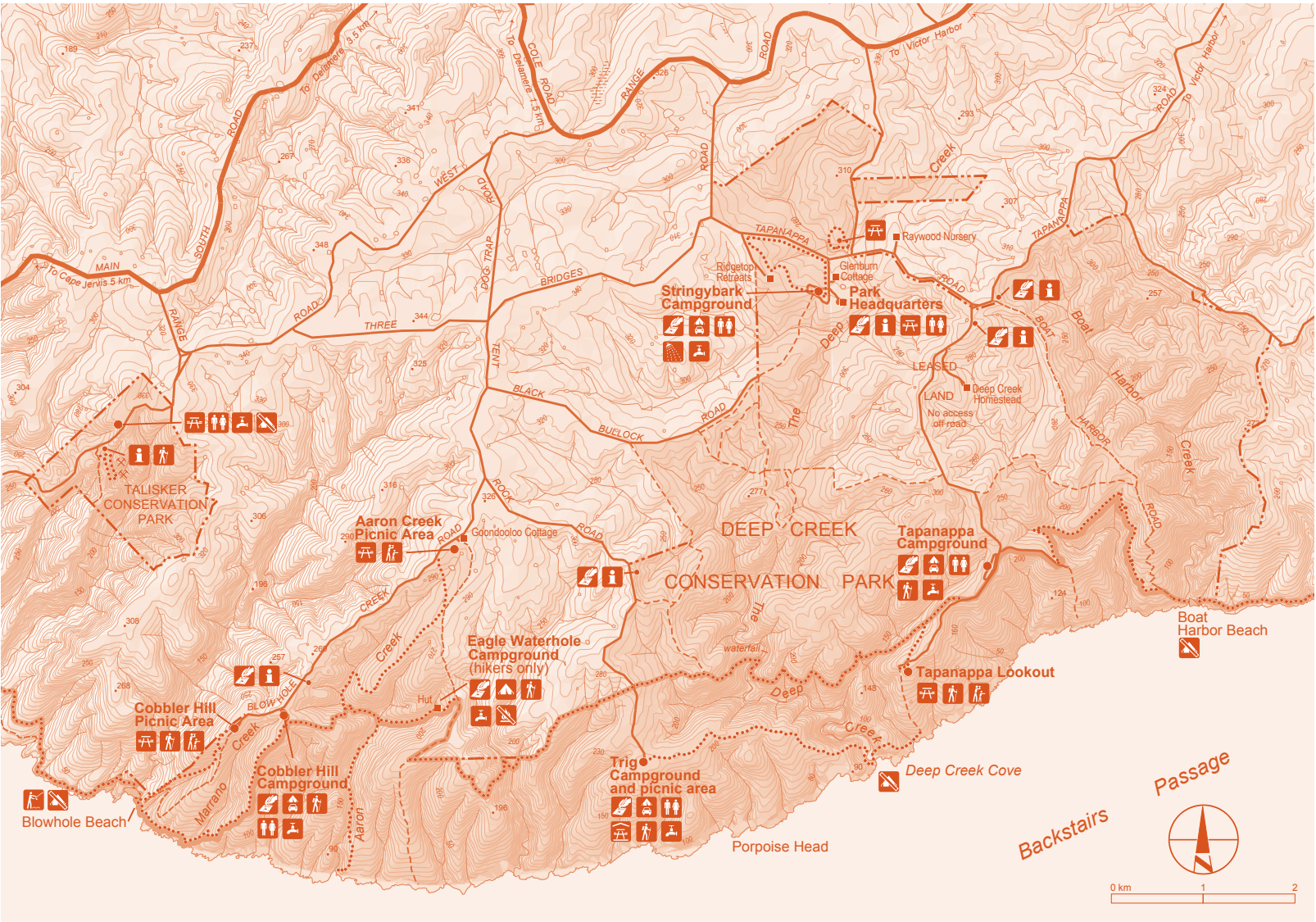
Walking trails

Deep Creek and Talisker have walking trails that cater for people with different interests and abilities. Deep Creek provides some of the most scenic and challenging bushwalking in the state, including 19.5 kilometres of the Heysen Trail. This is a long-distance walking trail that extends 1200 kilometres from Cape Jervis on Fleurieu Peninsula to Parachilna Gorge in the Flinders Ranges. For detailed information on walking trails in Deep Creek and Talisker refer to the Bushwalking in Deep Creek and Talisker Conservation Parks brochure, available from the park headquarters and DENR website.

Camping

Scenic coastal views, haunting cries of the yellow-tailed black-cockatoo, kangaroos browsing on grasslands and shaded woodland sites are some of the features on offer at the campgrounds in Deep Creek Conservation Park. Camping is on a first in basis, with no bookings taken.

Schools and other groups planning to camp in the park must notify park staff and fill in a Trip Intention form. There are limits on group sizes and site availability.



Tapanappa Campground

Seventeen sheltered sites on a ridge with spectacular coastal views of Kangaroo Island, The Pages islands and Tunkalilla Beach. Long-drop toilets and rainwater tank.

Stringybark Campground

Sixteen sheltered sites in a tall stringybark forest. Hot showers, flushing toilets, dishwashing area and rainwater tank. Suitable for caravans and camper trailers. Shower facilities are only available to campers staying at this campground.

Cobbler Hill Campground

Ten sites located in close proximity to the popular Blowhole Beach. The beach is accessible by 4WD or via a walking trail leading from the campground. Long-drop toilets and rainwater tank.

Eagle Waterhole Campground

This quiet, tranquil campground caters for backpack campers. Access is by foot only. To conserve surrounding habitat, wood fires are prohibited at all times in this campground (Gas fires only). Heysen Trail shelter and rainwater tank.

Trig Campground

Twenty-five sites in a central location with open grassy areas and shaded sites. Long-drop toilets, rainwater tank and picnic tables. Some sites are suitable for camper trailers. The road to this campground has steep sections, which may cause problems for caravans.