

South Australia's

National Parks

Guide



Explore some of
South Australia's
most inspirational places



National Parks
South Australia



Find yourself in South Australia's National Parks

Generations of South Australians and visitors to our State cherish memories of our national parks. From camping with family and friends in the iconic Flinders Ranges, picnicking at popular Adelaide parks such as Belair National Park or fishing and swimming along our long and winding coast, there are countless opportunities to connect with nature and discover landscapes of both natural and cultural significance.

South Australia's parks make an important contribution to the economic development of the State through nature-based tourism, recreation and biodiversity. They also contribute to the healthy lifestyles we as a community enjoy and they are cornerstones of our efforts to conserve South Australia's native plants and animals.

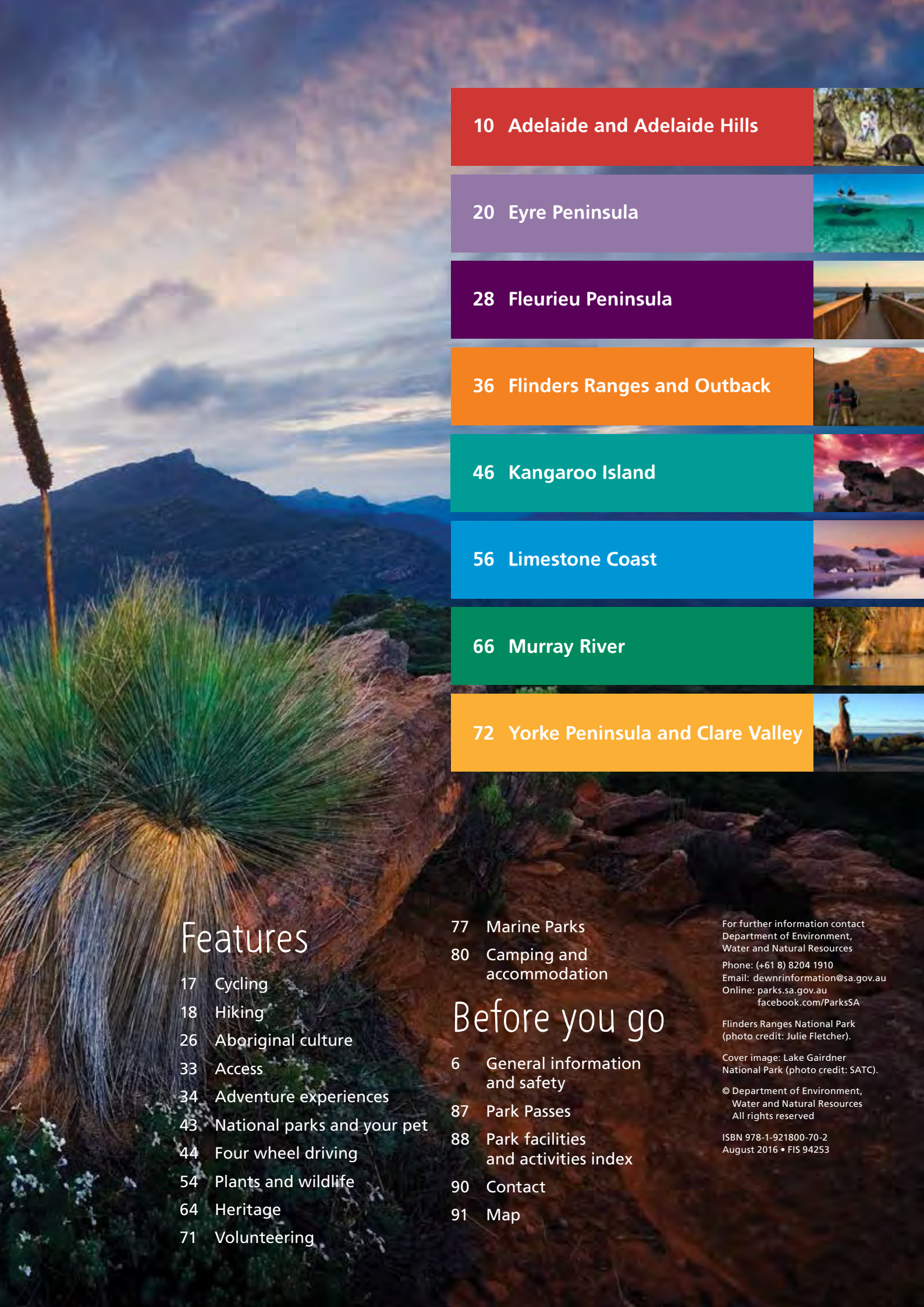
In recognition of the importance of our parks, the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources is enhancing experiences for visitors, such as improving park infrastructure and providing opportunities for volunteers to contribute to conservation efforts.

It is important that we all continue to celebrate South Australia's parks and recognise the contribution that people make to conservation.

Helping achieve that vision is the fun part – all you need to do is visit a park and take advantage of all it has to offer.



Hon Ian Hunter MLC
Minister for Sustainability,
Environment and Conservation



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Parks highlights

Soar

Soar above Wilpena Pound
on an exhilarating fly-over

Walk

Walk among a colony
of Australian sea lions

Dive

Dive crystal clear freshwater
ponds and shipwreck trails

Stay

Stay in a cottage
by the sea
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Paddle

Kayak spectacular
coastal landscapes
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Cuddle a koala and feed
a kangaroo

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Hike

Grand adventure awaits
on the Heysen Trail



Sleep

Sleep under the stars
by the banks of the
mighty Murray River

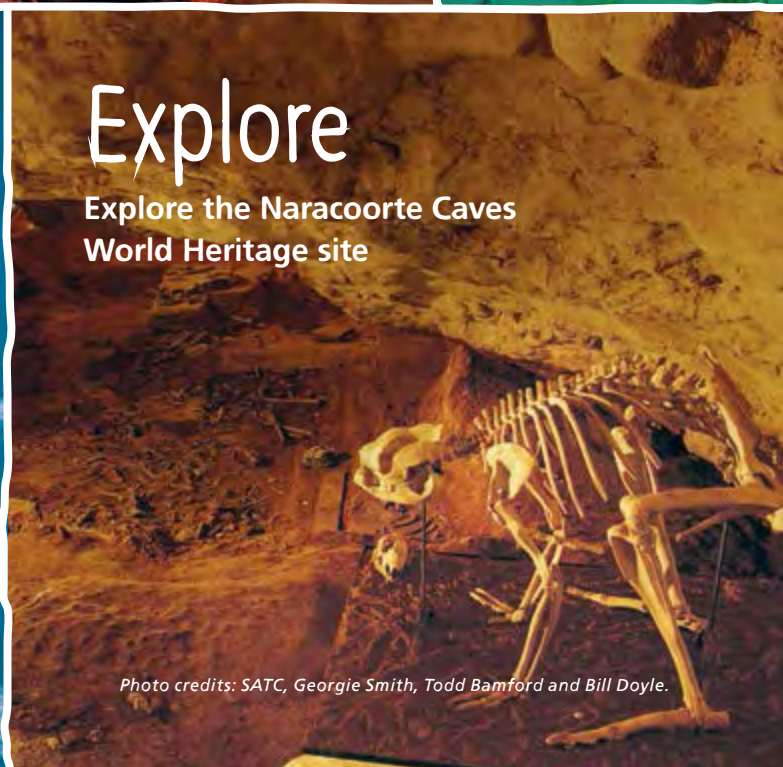
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See majestic southern
right whales

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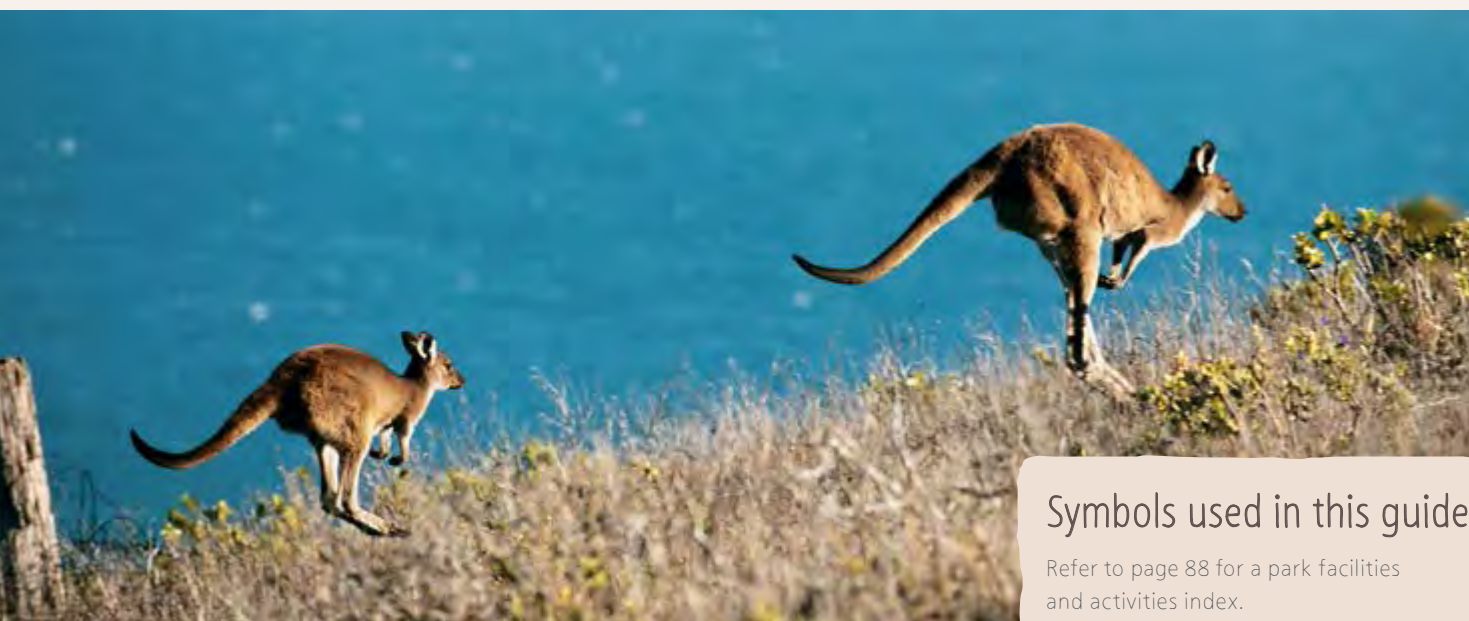


Explore

Explore the Naracoorte Caves
World Heritage site

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General information for parks visitors



Granite Island Recreation Park (photo credit: Fleurieu Peninsula Tourism / SATC).

Park categories

National Parks (NP)

Areas of national significance because of wildlife, natural features of the land or Aboriginal or European heritage.

Conservation Parks (CP)

Areas protected for the purpose of conserving wildlife or the natural or historic features of the land.

Game Reserves (GR)

Areas set aside for conservation of wildlife and the management of game for seasonal hunting.

Recreation Parks (RP)

Areas managed for public recreation and enjoyment in a natural setting.

Regional Reserves (RR)

Areas proclaimed for the purpose of conserving wildlife or natural or historical features while allowing responsible use of the area's natural resources.

Wilderness Protection Areas (WPA)

Land set aside for the further protection of wilderness and remote areas.

Conservation Reserves (CR)

Land set aside to conserve natural and cultural features.

Marine Parks (MP)

Areas set aside to preserve the biological diversity of the state's coastal, estuarine and marine environments while allowing ecologically sustainable use of the area's natural resources.

Opening hours
















Most parks are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To help protect native wildlife, some parks are open from sunrise to sunset. Belair National Park and Morialta Conservation Park in the Adelaide Hills have set opening hours.

More information on opening hours is available on individual park listings in this guide or at parks.sa.gov.au














Symbols used in this guide

Refer to page 88 for a park facilities and activities index.

Facilities

-  Park entry fee (per vehicle)
-  Park entry fee (per person)
-  Guided tours (fees apply)
-  Park information office
-  Kiosk/restaurant
-  Toilets
-  Disabled toilets
-  Public phone
-  Picnic area
-  BBQ facilities (gas/electric)
-  Public transport
-  Accommodation
-  Caravan sites
-  Camping
-  Showers

Activities

-  4WD touring
-  Walking trails
-  Horse riding
-  Birdwatching
-  Swimming
-  Fishing
-  Boating
-  Canoeing
-  Scuba diving
-  Snorkelling
-  Cycling
-  Rock climbing
-  Dogs permitted on lead

Park entry and camping fees

Many of South Australia's parks and reserves are free to enter on foot or by bicycle.

A small number of parks collect an entry fee per person or per vehicle to contribute to the conservation, management and improvement of the parks' visitor facilities. All vehicle entry permits must be displayed clearly visible through the windscreen and on the passenger side of the vehicle.

Camping areas and accommodation are available within many parks, with nightly fees payable in addition to the once-off vehicle entry fee.

Always check parks.sa.gov.au for information on park fees before travel. Some park fees must be paid online at parks.sa.gov.au. Other park fees can be paid at:

- Self-registration stations (please bring correct money as change is not available). Self-registration stations are not available at all parks.
- Visitor information centres.
- Some Natural Resources Centres during business hours (see addresses on page 90, not available Kingscote).

Regular parks visitors and holiday visitors can save money by purchasing a Park Pass – see page 86.

Book before you leave

A new system for paying park entry fees and booking campsites and accommodation online is being introduced across the state and is now operational for some parks. Check online at parks.sa.gov.au before you leave home.

Tours, dive permits and facilities such as tennis courts will soon be available for online booking at parks.sa.gov.au

Fire bans and restrictions

All parks have fire restrictions during the fire danger season, which vary from district to district. Some parks restrict fires all year round. Total restrictions apply under a total fire ban declared by the Country Fire Service (CFS). Parks may be closed to visitors on total fire ban days.



Innes National Park (photo credit: Bill Doyle).

Check parks.sa.gov.au for the latest information and details of restrictions.

Contact the CFS Hotline on 1300 362 361 or visit the CFS website at cfs.sa.gov.au for more fire ban information.

Camp fires

Not all national parks permit camp fires. In national parks where fires are permitted, gas and liquid fuel stoves are preferred. Visitors must bring their own firewood to help conserve trees and vegetation litter which are home to precious wildlife and protect the beauty of the park. If a camp fire is important to you, the following safety rules apply:

- Check if camp fires are permitted and observe all fire bans and restrictions.
- Always use existing fire places.
- Make only small camp fires, adequate for warmth/cooking.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Extinguish the fire with adequate water and dirt before you leave and make absolutely sure the fire is out. Even a small amount of glowing embers can start a devastating bushfire.

For more information about camp fires and where you can have them, check parks.sa.gov.au or call the park you plan to visit before you leave home. Phone numbers are available on individual park listings in this guide and general contact information is on page 90.

Parks on your phone

For park maps, opening hours, information and to pay for camping and entry, head to our mobile-friendly site: parks.sa.gov.au

Please note fines apply for the removal, disturbance and damage of native plants in South Australian parks, which includes the collection of living or dead wood.

Road conditions

Many roads leading to and within parks are sealed. Some roads are unsealed, but suitable for a conventional 2WD vehicle. Please follow speed limits and drive carefully for your own safety and to avoid harming native wildlife.

Road conditions in the far north and outback can change dramatically depending on the weather. For an update on road conditions for the far north and outback, please refer to the Desert Parks Bulletin available in the safety section at parks.sa.gov.au, (+61 8) 8648 5300 or 1300 361 033.



Granite Island Recreation Park (photo credit: Fleurieu Peninsula Tourism / SATC).

Watch for wildlife

Native wildlife often becomes more active at dusk and dawn. This makes animals more vulnerable to injury caused by oncoming traffic. If you must drive at these times, please reduce your speed and keep watch for wildlife.

Your vehicle

Remember, when you travel you are dependent on your vehicle. Many of South Australia's parks are in remote areas. If you plan to visit a remote park, take appropriate precautions. Check that your vehicle is in good condition, has been serviced recently and carries sufficient spare parts to cover most contingencies. Even in relatively settled areas, fuel, service and parts can be difficult to obtain and may be expensive. Being prepared can save you time, stress and inconvenience.

Using generators in parks

To ensure that national parks are quiet places to visit, generators are prohibited in national parks. If you need to use a generator for medical reasons, contact the park you plan on visiting.

Be self-sufficient with drinking water

Please be aware that drinking water is not available in the majority of South Australia's national parks and reserves.

Although some parks may have rainwater tanks or creeks, this water cannot be relied upon because of the sporadic nature of rainfall. To be safe you should always carry sufficient drinking water. Any water accessed from creeks or tanks should be treated prior to consumption.



Care for the park you love

Help protect your national parks:

- Take your rubbish home with you.
- Camp only in designated areas.
- Respect marine sanctuaries, geological, cultural and heritage sites.
- Keep our wildlife wild – do not feed or disturb animals or remove native plants.
- Keep to defined tracks and walking trails.
- Be considerate of other park users.

Thank you for treading lightly and respecting local culture to ensure future generations can enjoy these special places too.

Pets

Information about national parks and your pet is available on page 43 and at parks.sa.gov.au


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Safety

South Australia's national parks are a great place to connect with nature. We've compiled some tips to help make your parks experience safe and happy. Most importantly, do your research on the places you'll be visiting so you can be best prepared – and always take direction from our park rangers as they have the greatest knowledge of local conditions. Please remember that your safety is our concern but your responsibility.

- Check the Bureau of Meteorology at bom.gov.au/sa for weather forecasts and warnings.
- Check the park closures listing in the safety section at parks.sa.gov.au or call the local parks office. Contact details are available on page 90.
- Keep well hydrated. Aim to drink one litre of water per hour of exercise. Make sure you carry enough drinking water as not all of our parks have this resource. We cannot guarantee the quality and availability of drinking water in our reserves.
- Be sun smart. Sunburn strikes fast. Wear a wide-brimmed hat and plenty of sunscreen. More information: cancersa.org.au
- If you're planning to do some remote trekking it's a good idea to speak to the local park office. You may need to complete a trip intentions form in advance of your visit and let a responsible person know before you go. Tell them where you'll be travelling and your expected return time.
- Be aware that mobile phone coverage is not reliable in all of our parks, particularly in remote areas and where there is steep terrain.
- Choose the right gear for your parks experience. If bushwalking, wear protective clothing and footwear and prepare for weather changes. Carry insect repellent and first aid supplies.
- Stick to defined walking trails and avoid closed sections. Areas are closed for safety reasons such as unstable surfaces, flood or fire risk.
- Service your vehicle and check road conditions. Ensure your vehicle is in excellent condition before hitting unsealed roads.



Cleland Wildlife Park (photo credit: SATC).

- Vehicle flags are now mandatory in the Simpson Desert Conservation Park and Regional Reserve.
- For boating safety information check sa.gov.au and search 'boat safety'.
- Check Alert SA at alert.sa.gov.au for the latest updates from South Australia's emergency services. For fire updates tune to your local emergency broadcast radio station.
- In emergencies, dial 000 for Police/Fire/Ambulance.

Take a tour

Discover new experiences with a licensed tour operator. Tour guides share their expert knowledge and passion for the environment to leave you with lasting memories of your South Australian national parks experience.

By licensing tour operators we can monitor the use of lands. We can ensure protected areas are maintained and that operators provide a safe and rewarding experience to visitors. Find more information about licensed tour operators at parks.sa.gov.au

Help stop the spread of root rot fungus

Phytophthora species are soil and waterborne fungi that impact on a wide variety of native plant species. Bushwalkers can spread the disease by moist soil and plant material sticking to footwear. Help minimise the spread by:

- Contacting your local parks office for information on suitable bushwalking areas, see page 90.
- Parking in designated car parks only.
- Keeping to designated roads and walking trails at all times and observing "trail closed" signs.
- Avoiding bushwalking when the soil is wet or muddy.
- Starting and finishing bushwalks with clean footwear.
- Removing soil from footwear before leaving an area (boots or shoes should not be taken home to clean).
- Using boot cleaning facilities where provided.

For more information download the Phytophthora brochure at environment.sa.gov.au



Adelaide & the Adelaide Hills

Spend the day bush walking, mingling with the local wildlife and reacquainting yourself with nature less than an hour's drive from the city.

Morialta CP

Walk rugged ridges, explore seasonal waterfalls or embark on a rock climbing challenge.



Cleland WP

Cuddle a koala, feed a kangaroo and mingle with wallabies, emus, potoroos and waterbirds.



Fort Glanville CP

Experience a military re-enactment at the historic fort.



Mt Lofty Summit

Take in panoramic views across Adelaide's city skyline to the coast.



Belair NP

Wander nature trails and make the kids' day with a visit to the adventure playground.



The Heysen Trail

Grand adventure awaits just beyond the city on one of the world's great walking trails.



Hallett Cove CP

Scott Creek CP

Mount George CP

Hahndorf

Nairne

Mount Barker

Meadows

Inglewood

Black Hill CP

Horsnell Gully CP

Giles CP

Gumeracha

Mount Torrens

Williamstown

Para Wirra RP

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Belair National Park 835ha



Fun has a long history in Australia's second oldest national park. Go bushwalking, cycling or horse riding, relax over a picnic or barbecue, play tennis, take a stroll around the lake or simply enjoy some time out in this peaceful bush sanctuary.

Belair's open woodlands and adventure playground are places for the young (and young at heart) to run wild. Dogs are welcome on a lead.

Take a step back in time with a guided tour of Old Government House. This stately Victorian mansion steeped in rich history is a heritage jewel nestled in the park. Explore the State Flora Nursery where you can purchase South Australian plants, books and gifts.

Opening hours

8am to sunset daily (closed Christmas Day). Park information office open 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 4.30pm weekends and public holidays.

From 1 April to 30 September park information office open 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 5pm weekends and public holidays.

Old Government House open 1pm to 4pm Sunday and public holidays.

State Flora Nursery open 9am to 5pm weekdays and 10am to 5pm weekends and public holidays (closed Good Friday and Christmas Day).

Location

13km south east of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Upper Sturt Rd, Crafers or Belair Rd, Mitcham.

Walking distance from Belair train station – call Adelaide Metro Infoline 1300 311 108.

Contact

(+61 8) 8278 5477



Belair National Park.

Black Hill Conservation Park 684ha



Named for its sheoak-lined hill tops where foliage appears black in summer, this park offers the experienced hiker outstanding views across Adelaide to Gulf St Vincent and beyond.

There's plenty for bushwalkers to see along Black Hill's trails, from valleys filled with giant river red gums to crests and ridges of low heath. The park adjoins Adelaide's north-eastern plains and links to Morialta Conservation Park.

Please note that the toilet facilities are open on weekdays only.

Opening hours

Walkers sunrise to sunset daily; vehicles 8.30am to 4.30pm weekdays; park office closed weekends and public holidays.

Location

10km north east of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Addison Ave, Montacute Rd and Maryvale Rd, Athelstone.

Contact

(+61 8) 8278 5477

Fort Glanville Conservation Park 5ha



On the third Sunday afternoon of each month between September and May Fort Glanville comes alive with sights and sounds of the past. Witness the spectacle of cannon firing and a military drill presented by the Fort Glanville Association, whose members perform their historic re-enactment in full military costume.

Built in 1880, Fort Glanville is the most complete example of 19th century coastal artillery built in Australia. The site is located near the cosmopolitan coastal suburb of Semaphore. Tour fees apply.

Opening hours

Every third Sunday of the month, 1pm to 5pm between September and May.

Location

12km north west of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via 359 Military Rd, Semaphore Public transport by bus – call Adelaide Metro Infoline 1300 311 108.

Contact

(+61 8) 8278 5477

Hallett Cove Conservation Park 50ha



Discover ice age mysteries at one of Australia's most outstanding archaeological sites where more than 1700 Aboriginal artefacts have been found.

Imposing cliffs, craterous geological formations and intriguing markings from shifting glaciers attest to a prehistoric era when Australia and Antarctica were joined in a huge, frozen continent called Gondwana. Take in the sights along the boardwalk trail including the multi-toned and textured hill known as the Sugarloaf. Encounter Marine Park borders Hallett Cove Conservation Park.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

22km south of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Heron Way or Dutchman Drive, Hallett Cove.

Walking distance from Hallett Cove train station – call Adelaide Metro Infoline 1300 311 108.

Contact

(+61 8) 8278 5477

Horsnell Gully Conservation Park and Giles Conservation Park

137ha / 190ha



Rich in relics from early European settlement, Horsnell Gully and Giles Conservation Parks attract bushwalkers and heritage enthusiasts alike. Venture through steep gullies and wooded hillsides on sections of the great Heysen and Yurrebilla trails, admiring historic sites such as Giles' Ruins as you go. Local wildlife includes western grey kangaroos, koalas and short-beaked echidnas.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

13km east of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Horsnell's Gully Rd, Horsnell's Gully.

Contact

(+61 8) 8278 5477

Morialta Conservation Park 533ha



Just 25 minutes' drive from Adelaide, Morialta Conservation Park is a magnet for nature lovers, with a host of walking trails to suit everyone from the casual ambler to the experienced hiker. The famous First Falls Valley Walk (45 minutes return) is stroller friendly and a gentle introduction to bushwalking. The Three Falls Grand Hike is a 7.5km loop through fern gullies, stringybark forests, creeks, gorges and ridges. Experienced rock climbers can get the adrenaline pumping at Morialta's renowned rock climbing area.

Enjoy the beauty of Morialta with family and friends in the park's scenic picnic area with playground and barbecue facilities.

Opening hours

Walkers sunrise to sunset; vehicles 8.30am to 15 minutes before sunset (gates closed Christmas Day).

Location

9km north east of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Morialta Rd, Woodforde. Public transport by bus – call Adelaide Metro Infoline 1300 311 108.

Contact

(+61 8) 8278 5477

Morialta Conservation Park.



Mount Lofty Summit in Cleland Conservation Park



Enjoy sweeping views of the city skyline across the Adelaide Plains, Piccadilly Valley and Gulf St Vincent from the highest point in the southern Mount Lofty Ranges. Drive directly to the summit or make the 3.8km trek from Waterfall Gully past cascading waterfalls, scenic gorges and lush fern gullies brimming with bush birds and wildflowers. Allow 1.5 hours to reach the top with some rests along the way, or 45 minutes if you're up for a faster, more challenging hike. Discover the story behind the white obelisk, one of Adelaide's famous landmarks. Enjoy refreshments and local wine at the Summit Café and Restaurant and browse through the visitor information centre and gift shop.

Opening hours

Mount Lofty Summit Visitor Information Centre open 9am to 5pm daily (closed Christmas Day).

Summit Restaurant and Café open 9am Monday to Tuesday for breakfast and lunch and 9am to late Wednesday to Sunday for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Bookings essential.

Location

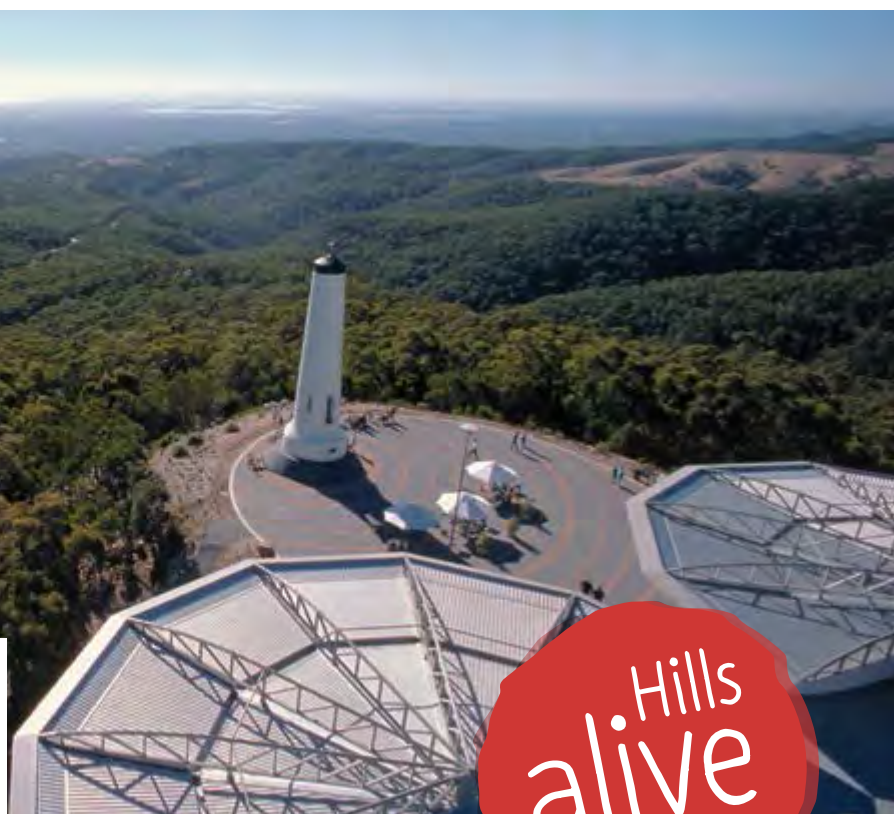
18km south east of Adelaide.

Getting there

Mount Lofty Summit Rd, Crafrers.

Contact

(+61 8) 8370 1054



Mount Lofty Summit in Cleland Conservation Park.

Mount George Conservation Park 85ha



Mount George Conservation Park is home to a variety of flora that thrives in cooler conditions thanks to its higher than average annual rainfall. The park's diverse landscape is an important habitat site for mountain gums – a species considered rare in South Australia – and includes wetlands, open forests and rocky outcrops.

Containing a scenic section of South Australia's Heysen Trail, the park offers excellent bushwalking opportunities.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

25km south east of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Mount George Rd, Bridgewater.

Contact

(+61 8) 8278 5477

Para Wirra Recreation Park 1502ha



Located at the gateway to South Australia's famous Barossa Valley, Para Wirra Recreation Park boasts a striking bushland setting with walking trails, scenic drives and wildlife hotspots. More than 100 species of birds call this park home, including emus which are regularly seen patrolling the picnic grounds.

Find kangaroos grazing at dawn and dusk and on a warm days, spot bearded dragons and sleepy lizards basking in the sunshine. Keep your eyes peeled for the shy short-beaked echidna whose diggings can be found throughout the park.

Opening hours

Open daily 8am to sunset (closed Christmas Day)

Location

40 km north east of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Humbug Scrub Rd, One Tree Hill.

Contact

(+61 8) 8280 7048

Hills
alive



Para Wirra Recreation Park (photo credit: Georama).

Scott Creek Conservation Park 712ha



With some of the most diverse native vegetation and wildlife in the Adelaide Hills, Scott Creek Conservation Park is a haven for bushwalkers and nature enthusiasts. Explore dense stringybark forests, steep sloped valleys and seasonally flowing creeks that provide habitat for more than 125 species of native birds.

There's also something for history buffs with heritage ruins along two short walking trails, testament to an era when Scott Creek was mined for silver and copper.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Location

30 km south east of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Dorset Vale Rd or Scott Creek Rd, Scott Creek.

Contact

(+61 8) 8278 5477

Waterfall Gully in Cleland Conservation Park



Here you'll find the largest of Cleland Conservation Park's seven waterfalls. Take a short walk around the falls or make the more challenging trek to Mount Lofty Summit where you'll be rewarded with panoramic views over the city skyline.

There is a restaurant housed in a historic Swiss-style chalet (circa 1911) nearby.

Opening hours

Car park gates open 6am to 7pm
Monday to Sunday (6am to 9pm Monday to Sunday during daylight savings).

Location

8 km east of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Waterfall Gully Rd, Burnside.

Contact

(+61 8) 8278 5477



Waterfall Gully in Cleland Conservation Park.

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Cleland Wildlife Park



Wander the trails, feed the kangaroos, explore wetlands teeming with wildlife, hug a koala and immerse yourself in this magnificent bushland setting – all just 20 minutes from the CBD.

Kangaroos, emus and potoroos roam freely through this award-winning park. You'll meet some of South Australia's most loved native animals and birds, with more than 130 species calling Cleland home. There are daily feed-time keeper talks and you'll see snakes, echidnas, wombats, Tasmanian devils and dingoes. With so much to see and do, you can easily make a day of it.

Warm and fuzzy!

Cleland is one of only a few places in Australia where you can hold a koala.

You'll meet their keeper and receive a photo to remember the experience (for a small fee).

Alternatively, attend a free koala close-up session where you can meet, touch and photograph some of the park's friendliest residents in the Koala Experience area.

Night walks

During day light savings, see Cleland in a whole new light on a night walk.

Opening hours

9.30am to 5pm daily (closed Christmas Day). No entry after 4.30pm.

Location

22km south east of Adelaide.

Getting there

365 Mount Lofty Summit Rd. Take the Crafrers exit on the South Eastern Freeway, just past Mount Lofty Summit.

Public transport by bus – call Adelaide Metro Infoline 1300 311 108.

Contact

(+61 8) 8339 2444
cleland@sa.gov.au
cleland.sa.gov.au

Did you know?

A daily bus service runs between Adelaide and Cleland Wildlife Park. Call **1300 311 108** for timetable information or visit adelaidemetro.com.au



On your bike

Experience the beauty of South Australia's national parks on wheels.

From quietly relaxing bushland trails through dense forest to big dippers and rock garden challenges with beautiful views, cyclists of all ages can explore shared use trails throughout South Australia's national parks.

Get on your bike and get up close with nature on trails in:

- Belair National Park
- Brownhill Creek Recreation Park
- Cleland Conservation Park
- Cobbler Creek Recreation Park
- Flinders Ranges National Park
- O'Halloran Hill Recreation Park
- Onkaparinga River Recreation Park
- Shepherds Hill Recreation Park
- Sturt Gorge Recreation Park

Cycling highlights

Belair National Park

Best described as Adelaide's playground, Belair National Park is an ideal place to get active outdoors. One of Australia's 15 biodiversity hotspots, Belair includes a series of shared use trails that are used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Take a break in the park's numerous picnic areas while exploring beautiful natural bushland.

Cleland Conservation Park

Take to Cleland Conservation Park's fire tracks and shared use trails to catch spectacular views of the Adelaide Hills and surrounds. Explore stringybark forest, significant stands of blue gums and manna gum and open grasslands amid diverse native wildlife and cultural heritage. The park's trails include easy, intermediate and advanced rides.



Photo credit: Escapegoat Adventures.

Cobbler Creek Recreation Park

More than 17km of shared use trails runs throughout Cobbler Creek Recreation Park's woodlands and open grasslands. Easy trails cater for children learning to ride and navigate gravel surfaces and intermediate trails explore the park's ruins and expose fantastic Adelaide Hills views. Early morning riders may be rewarded by a lively chorus of lorikeets and red-rumped parrots.

Flinders Ranges National Park

The 900km Mawson Trail starts just north of Adelaide and ends at Blinman in the stunning Flinders Ranges. The Mawson Trail includes several steep uphill sections, and while prolonged or heavy rain on unmade tracks can make cycling very slow, spectacular views, abundant wildlife, unique flora and extensive vistas always reward the hard physical work. Find out more about the Mawson Trail at southaustraliantrails.com.

Sturt Gorge Recreation Park

Sturt Gorge Recreation Park features a network of new intermediate trails, from the 2km Cow Bones Loop featuring dense acacia forest to the 1.8km Walk The Dog Trail that's ideal for families with its sweeping hills and valley views. Look out for the diverse range of native animals in the park's grasslands, open woodlands and waterholes.

Trail users' code of practice

To protect the surrounding environment and to ensure the safety of all riders and shared trail users, please be aware of the international Trail Users' Code of Practice when using shared trails. Important points to remember include:

- Plan your ride.
- Comply with all signs.
- Ride only on formed tracks/trails.
- Share the trail - obey give way rules.
- Avoid riding in wet, muddy conditions.
- Ride lightly and leave no trace or rubbish.
- Control your bike within your limits.
- Clean your bike to avoid the spread of weeds or plant diseases.
- Carry sufficient food and drinking water.
- Respect the rights of others.
- Tell others about the code.

Take a hike!

Revitalise your sense of adventure and get on track at some of South Australia's most striking landscapes.

One of the best ways to take in the beauty of national parks is on foot. With hundreds of trails catering to all fitness levels, immersing yourself in nature is easy.



Yurrebilla Trail.

Yurrebilla Trail

The Yurrebilla Trail offers an exhilarating all-round bushwalking experience. Explore the leafy bushland of the Adelaide Hills, experience sweeping views across the hills and city and enjoy the cafes, wineries and art and craft shops dotted along the way.

This 54km trail can be taken in half-day sections or as a three-day hike. Bed and breakfast and cosy pub-style accommodation is available en route.

Yurrebilla Trail: A Hiker's Guide (\$9.95 RRP) is available from the DEWNR customer service centre at Level 1, 100 Pirie Street, Adelaide and most outdoor adventure stores, map and tourism retailers.

Heysen Trail

Discover ever-changing landscapes along South Australia's premier trail on its 1200km journey from Cape Jervis on the Fleurieu Peninsula to Parachilna Gorge in the Flinders Ranges.

The Heysen Trail can be enjoyed as a series of short walks, overnight hikes or a full 60-day hiking adventure.

Join at any point along the way and enjoy the trail's exclusive views, from white sandy beaches and dramatic cliffs along the Fleurieu Peninsula to rolling valleys and orchards in the Mount Lofty Ranges. Hike the famous vineyards of the Barossa Valley and ancient mountain peaks and gorges of the Flinders Ranges.

Accommodation along the trail varies from camping to cosy bed and breakfasts, farm stays, historic pubs, youth hostels and pioneer huts.

Some of the most popular sections include:

- **Fleurieu Peninsula:** Tapanappa Campground to Boat Harbour Beach and Tapanappa to Deep Creek Waterfall, Deep Creek Conservation Park (both walks are 4km return).
- **Mount Lofty Ranges:** Mylor to Mount Lofty (18km).
- **Barossa Valley:** Mount Crawford to Tanunda (38km).
- **Southern Flinders Ranges:** Melrose to Mount Remarkable (12km return).
- **Flinders Ranges:** Wilpena Pound to Parachilna Gorge (57km).

Heysen Trail Northern & Southern guides (\$22.95 RRP) are available from the DEWNR customer service centre at Level 1, 100 Pirie Street, Adelaide and most outdoor adventure stores, map and tourism retailers.



Heysen Trail.

Choose your bushwalking experience

To help you plan your bushwalking adventure we've developed a classification system outlining the level of difficulty of trails throughout South Australia.



WALK

EASY

- even surfaced trail
- suitable for small children

A **Walk** is accessible to people of all ages and fitness levels. These are well defined trails, generally less than 3km in length, with even surfaces.



HIKE

MODERATE

- some moderate inclines
- irregular surface with loose, uneven base
- average level of fitness

A **Moderate Hike** is suitable for bushwalkers with an average level of fitness. These trails can be any length and may include moderate inclines and irregular surfaces.



HIKE

HARD

- some steep inclines
- irregular surface with loose, uneven base
- average level of fitness
- some hiking experience

A **Hard Hike** requires some hiking experience and a reasonable fitness level, as some sections of the trail can be quite steep and uneven.



TREK

CHALLENGING

- long distance trail with some steep inclines
- irregular surface with loose, uneven base
- suitable for experienced walkers with navigational skills
- high level of fitness

A **Trek** is generally physically demanding. Users should be experienced bushwalkers with good navigational skills. Treks are often overnight and pass through remote areas where the trail is unmarked. Prior to commencing a trek, bushwalkers must discuss their route with a ranger and complete a trip intentions form.

Walk safely

- Stick to defined trails.
- Wear sturdy shoes with good grip, thick socks, a hat and sunscreen.
- Weather conditions can change quickly – ensure you have wet weather gear, particularly on long walks.
- Keep stocked up on your body's natural fuel by drinking plenty of water.
- Carry sufficient water for you and your travelling companions (at least four litres of water per person per day). Do not rely on tanks or creeks in parks for drinking water.
- Take your rubbish with you.
- Move quietly near stock and wildlife.
- Carry insect repellent and first aid supplies.
- Find more safety information on page 6.

Top hikes

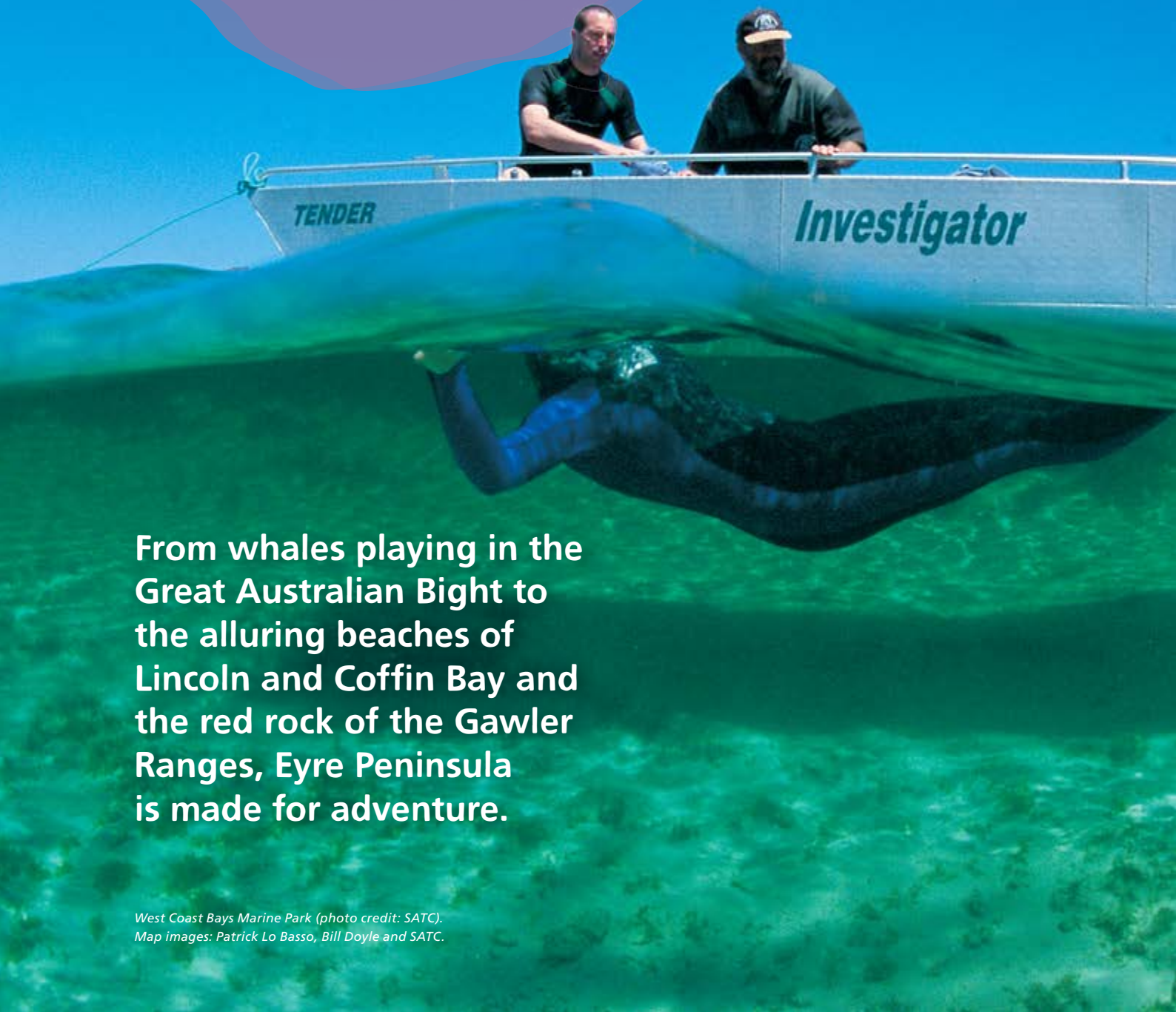
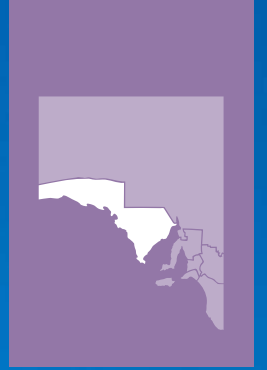
- **Waterfall Gully to Mount Lofty Summit**, Cleland Conservation Park (moderate hike)
- **First Falls Valley Walk**, Morialta Conservation Park (easy walk)
- **Devil's Nose Hike**, Para Wirra Recreation Park (moderate hike)
- **Stamford Hill Hike**, Lincoln National Park (easy walk)
- **Deep Creek Circuit Hike**, Deep Creek Conservation Park (moderate hike)
- **Mount Remarkable Summit Hike**, Mount Remarkable National Park (moderate hike)
- **St Mary's Peak**, Flinders Ranges National Park (hard hike)
- **Weetootla Gorge Hike**, Vulkathuna-Gammon Ranges National Park (moderate hike)
- **The Dutchmans Stern Hike**, The Dutchmans Stern Conservation Park (moderate hike)
- **Flinders Chase Coastal Trek**, Flinders Chase National Park (trek)
- **Hanson Bay Hike**, Kelly Hill Conservation Park (moderate hike)
- **Cape Buffon Walk**, Canunda National Park (easy walk)
- **Stenhouse Bay Lookout Walk**, Innes National Park (easy walk)

Flinders Ranges National Park.

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Eyre Peninsula



From whales playing in the Great Australian Bight to the alluring beaches of Lincoln and Coffin Bay and the red rock of the Gawler Ranges, Eyre Peninsula is made for adventure.

Nullarbor NP

Travel the Nullarbor's landscape of dramatic cliffs and seemingly endless flats.



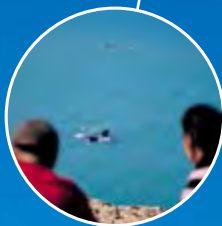
Gawler Ranges NP

Marvel at the towering rock formations of the Organ Pipes.



Far West Coast MP

See majestic southern right whales at the Head of the Bight from May to October.



Point Labatt CP

Watch Australian sea lions basking on the rocks.



Coffin Bay NP

Canoe the tranquil waters of Yangie Bay.



Lincoln NP

Take in panoramic views from The Monument at the summit of Stamford Hill.





Coffin Bay National Park
(photo credit: Paul Kowalski).

Coffin Bay National Park 30,977ha



Explore the diverse coastal terrain of one of the region's much-loved parks, from massive dunes, windswept cliffs and surf beaches on one side to sheltered bays and low-lying samphire swamps on the other. Enjoy bird watching, fishing bushwalking and canoeing. Experienced 4WDers can explore the park's remote areas.

Thorny Passage Marine Park borders Coffin Bay National Park.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

40km west of Port Lincoln.

Getting there

Access via Flinders Highway and Coffin Bay Rd.

Contact

(+61 8) 8688 3111

Far West Coast Marine Park 169,000ha



This iconic site is an important breeding and calving area for the southern right whale and Australian sea-lion. Stand atop towering cliffs adjacent to the park in the Yalata Indigenous Protected Area and witness the spectacle of these magnificent animals from the Head of the Bight viewing platform (fees apply). You'll see whales frolicking during their annual migration from May to October. During peak season in July and August there can be more than 100 whales in the area at once.

Situated between the Western Australian border and the Tchaligaby Sandhills, the Far West Coast Marine Park's waters are also abundant with unique marine life, from Australian sea-lions to tropical species of basket star, sea cucumber and fish. You may even catch a glimpse of pregnant female school sharks that are known to gather in the area.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Getting there

Access via Eyre Highway.

Details

Maps available at marineparks.sa.gov.au

Contact

(+61 8) 8625 3144

Gawler Ranges National Park 162,676ha



Explore vast hills and gullies, rocky gorges and ancient geological formations such as the Organ Pipes. This park provides habitat for rare and threatened plants and animals including the yellow-footed rock-wallaby.

The Gawler Ranges are a great destination for travellers crossing the Eyre Peninsula en route to Perth. Please note, most tracks are unsuitable for conventional 2WD vehicles. A 4WD with high clearance is needed to enjoy all of the highlights of the park.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

55km north of Wudinna.

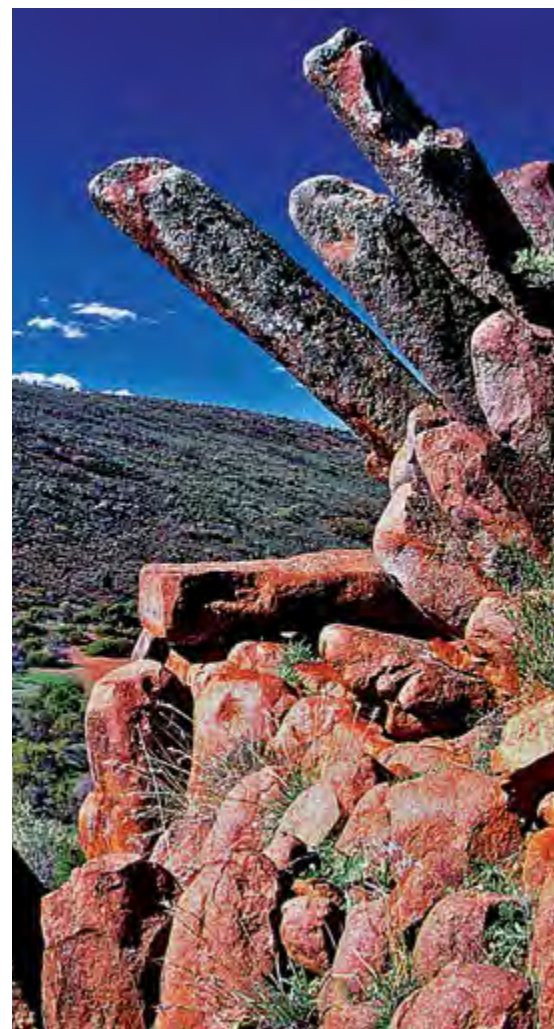
Getting there

Access via Wudinna, Minnipa and Kimba on the Eyre Highway.

Contact

(+61 8) 8688 3111

Gawler Ranges National Park
(photo credit: Patrick Lo Basso).



Investigator Marine Park 118,500ha



Wild and windswept, Investigator Marine Park is a hotspot for marine life including reef fish, soft corals and sponges. The park's surf beaches, sandy plains and cliffs are popular with locals and visitors who come to fish, swim and surf.

Reefs featuring caverns and boulders provide plenty of great experiences for divers - be sure to look out for the rare light-emitting golden roughy, which is found nowhere else in the world.

The park hosts a number of breeding colonies for both Australian sea lions and long-nosed fur seals, and is often visited by great white sharks that come to feed.

Don't miss the popular Australian Salmon Fishing Championship, held annually mid-year.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Getting there

Access via Elliston, Anxious Bay, Sheringa and Point Drummond.

Details

Maps available at marineparks.sa.gov.au

Contact

1800 006 120

Lake Gilles Conservation Park 42,023ha



A saline lake surrounded by low sandy rises, gypsum dunes and isolated stony hills, Lake Gilles provides a peaceful environment to watch a wide range of birdlife.

The lake itself is accessible by 2WD but please be aware that the area adjacent to the lake, in the park's northern area, is accessible only by 4WD.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

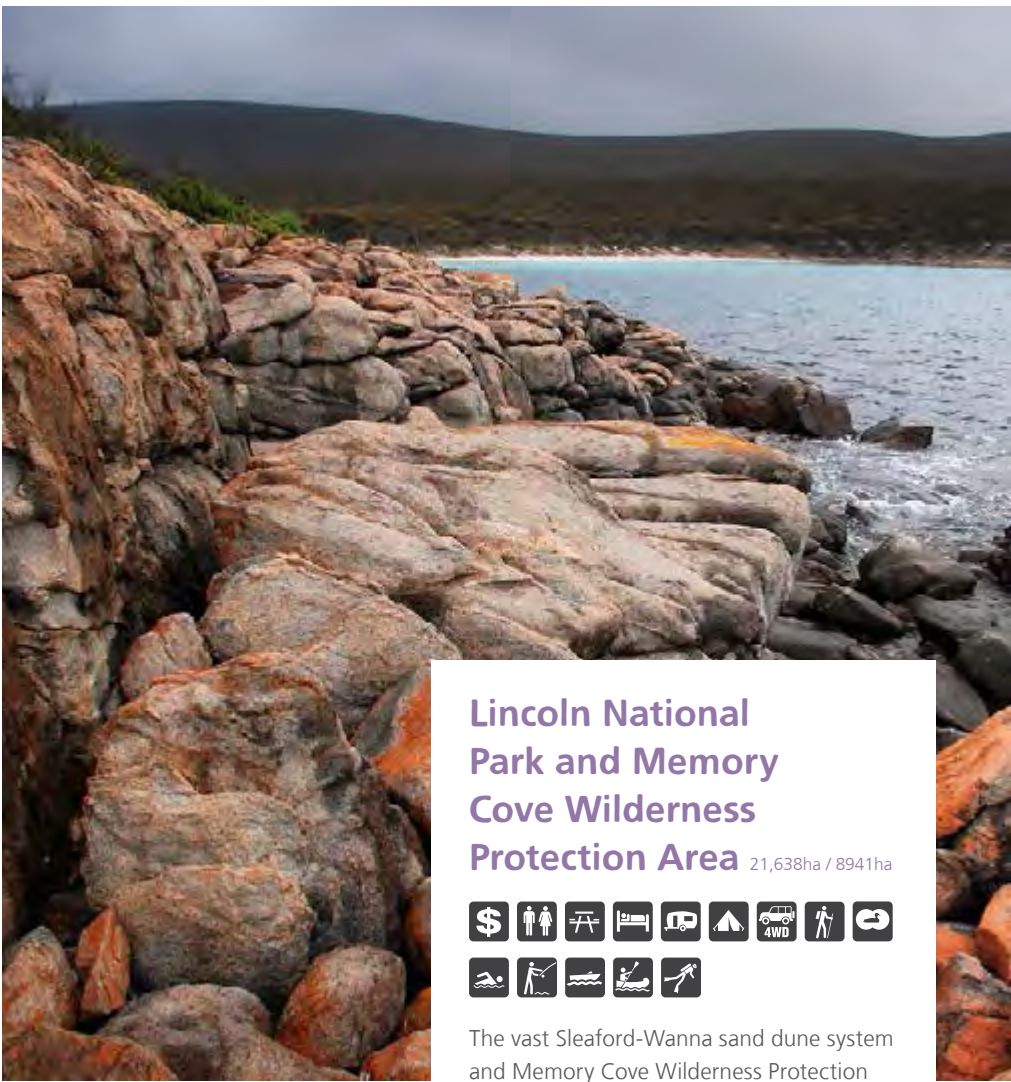
100km south west of Port Augusta.

Getting there

Access via Eyre Highway.

Contact

(+61 8) 8688 3111



Lincoln National Park and Memory Cove Wilderness Protection Area 21,638ha / 8941ha



The vast Sleaford-Wanna sand dune system and Memory Cove Wilderness Protection Area make Lincoln National Park one of South Australia's must-see locations.

Boating, fishing, beachcombing, swimming, bird watching and nature walks are all popular activities and can be enjoyed from a variety of designated campgrounds with extensive 2WD access.

More than 120 species of birds make up the diverse range of native wildlife that visits here. Watch Australian sea lions and long-nosed fur seals basking along the coast, and the southern right whales that are occasionally sighted. The bottlenose dolphin and common dolphin are also frequently seen close to shore.

Thorny Passage Marine Park borders Lincoln National Park.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

13km south west of Port Lincoln.

Getting there

Access via Proper Bay Rd.

Contact

(+61 8) 8688 3111

Lake Newland Conservation Park 8781ha



Lake Newland Conservation Park features one of the most extensive wetlands on the Eyre Peninsula. Its 20kms of natural saline lakes and fresh water springs provide habitat for a number of species of waterfowl and wading birds - bring your binoculars to watch the bird life. Please note that the lake section of the park is only accessible by 4WD vehicles.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

30km north of Elliston.

Getting there

Access via Flinders Highway.

Contact

(+61 8) 8688 3111



Nullarbor National Park and Regional Reserve (photo credit: SATC).

Nullarbor National Park and Regional Reserve

2,847,041ha



With dramatic cliffs and seemingly endless flats, the Nullarbor is home to the world's largest semi-arid karst (cave) landscape.

From Bunda Cliffs you can enjoy views spanning the coastline, while in the adjoining Far West Coast Marine Park you may catch a glimpse of the southern right whales that come to the area to breed in winter.

The area's unique geological scenery is home to many significant Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and diverse wildlife species, including the southern hairy-nosed wombat.

Far West Coast Marine Park borders Nullarbor National Park.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

300km west of Ceduna.

Getting there

Access via Eyre Highway.

Contact

(+61 8) 8625 3144

Point Labatt Conservation Park

51ha

Home to the largest mainland breeding colony of Australian sea lions, at this park you can watch pups learning to swim and play.

This park is also home to coastal birds of prey such as the osprey, white-bellied sea-eagle and peregrine falcon.

Watch the seals in their natural habitat from a cliff top viewing area about 50 metres above the colony.

West Coast Bays Marine Park borders Point Labatt Conservation Park.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

46km south of Streaky Bay.

Getting there

Access via Flinders Highway along unsealed roads, either via Scele Bay or Calca.

Contact

(+61 8) 8625 3144

Sir Joseph Banks Group Conservation Park and Marine Park

47,690ha



Sir Joseph Banks Group Conservation Park is made up of a number of wilderness islands, islets and reefs.

Accessible only by boat from Tumby Bay and Port Lincoln, the park's limestone-capped islands are havens for wildlife, offering refuge to a diverse range of birdlife and the endangered greater stick-nest rat.

Access to some islands is prohibited, as they are important breeding colonies for wildlife such as sea birds, seals and dolphins.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

20km south east of Tumby Bay, off the coast.

Getting there

Access by boat.

Details

Maps available at marineparks.sa.gov.au

Contact

(+61 8) 8688 3111



Far West Coast Marine Park
(photo credit: SATC).

Yellabinna Regional Reserve and Wilderness Protection Area and Yumbarra Conservation Park

2,501,573ha / 324,352ha



Follow the Googs Track from south to north after exiting Eyre Highway and you'll find the wilderness area of heavily vegetated red sand dunes that makes up these adjoining parks.

Various tracks can be explored by 4WD, allowing bird watchers and wildlife enthusiasts to see rare wildlife including scarlet-chested parrots, Major Mitchell's cockatoos, thorny devils, sandhill dunnarts and malleefowl.

Please only attempt the Googs Track if you are an experienced outback traveller and have a well-equipped high clearance 4WD vehicle.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

Googs Track commencing 30km north of Ceduna.

Getting there

Access via Eyre Highway.

Contact

(+61 8) 8625 3144

Whyalla Conservation Park 1981ha



Whyalla Conservation Park is home to more than 80 species of native birds living among the saltbush and bluebush landscape featuring a variety of shrub lands and western myall woodlands.

The park is known for its various ground lichens. Another well known feature is Wild Dog Hill, a large sandstone outcrop in its north-west corner which can be accessed via a walking trail. Alternately vehicles can follow the 7km track but please note, the track is unsuitable for vehicles towing caravans.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

10km north of Whyalla.

Getting there

Access via Lincoln Highway.

Contact

(+61 8) 8688 3111



Sir Joseph Banks Group Marine Park
(photo credit: SATC).

Living culture

Our parks contain a wealth of stories – stories of people and places, flora and fauna. From incredible rock art to beaches strewn with middens, explore a culture that spans thousands of years and continues to define the South Australian landscape today. Step into deep gorges, red earth plains and coastal hideaways and discover a rich Aboriginal heritage.



Guide Quenten Agius, Aboriginal Cultural Tours (photo credit: SATC).

Awe-inspiring experiences

- **Ikara (The Meeting Place), Old Wilpena Station, Flinders Ranges National Park:** This award-winning public art space shares an important story of the Adnyamathanha people. The contemporary artwork acknowledges and interprets the impact of pastoralism on an Indigenous community. It's a place where Adnyamathanha people can share their culture with park visitors.
- **Arkaroo Rock, Flinders Ranges National Park:** Make your way across a breathtaking landscape to a significant Aboriginal rock art site where you'll glimpse this region's rich cultural heritage. These

Adnyamathanha paintings of red, yellow, white, ochre and charcoal have been dated at more than 5000 years old. Allow two hours to make the 3km return loop walk.

- **Coorong National Park:** Derived from the Ngarrindjeri word 'Kurangk', meaning 'narrow neck', the Coorong is a site of deep cultural significance. Located beside the national park is Camp Coorong, run by the Ngarrindjeri Land and Progress Association - a place to learn more about Aboriginal history, arts, crafts and the local environment. See midden sites, experience traditional crafts such as Ngarrindjeri basket weaving and view the sacred pelican breeding island. For bookings and details visit ngarrindjeri.com

- **Innes Dreaming, Innes National Park:** Join an Aboriginal cultural tour and experience rarely seen areas of Adjahdura Land on the Yorke Peninsula and Innes National Park. Walk the country and talk with direct descendants of the traditional owners. For bookings and details visit adjahdura.com.au
- **Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park:** Stand atop lofty cliffs where traditional inhabitants the Nganguraku people and visitors such as the Ngarkat people would take in the picturesque landscape. See footsteps in the cliffs that were carved out over thousands of years. Tours are essential to view the site. Contact Isobelle Campbell at the Mannum Aboriginal Community Association for bookings: issy.ngautngaut@yahoo.com.au





Rock art, Flinders Ranges National Park (photo credit: Volker Scholz).

A shared vision

We're helping conserve Aboriginal heritage sites in parks through our progressive co-management partnerships.

In this groundbreaking model, traditional Aboriginal landowners collaborate with the South Australian Government to manage the land in a way that protects and conserves the outstanding natural and cultural features of our parks.

The combination of traditional knowledge and contemporary science brings many benefits, including the active involvement of Aboriginal people in the control and management of their traditional lands, improved biodiversity conservation, cultural site protection and maintenance of traditional practices.

There are plans to establish more co-management agreements throughout South Australia.

- **Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park:**
Co-management agreement with Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association.
- **Witjira National Park:**
Co-management agreement with Irwanyere Aboriginal Corporation.
- **Flinders Ranges National Park:**
Co-management agreement with Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association including an advisory function over Ediacara Conservation Park, Bimbowrie Conservation Park, Black Rock Conservation Park and Yalpara Conservation Park.
- **Lake Gairdner National Park:**
Co-management agreement with Gawler Ranges Aboriginal Corporation including an advisory function over Lake Gilles Conservation Park.
- **Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park:**
Co-management agreement with Mannum Aboriginal Community Incorporated, with a view to progress to a co-management board.
- **Coongie Lakes National Park:**
Co-management agreement with Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka Traditional Land Owners (Aboriginal Corporation).
- **Gawler Ranges National Park:**
Co-management Agreement with Gawler Ranges Aboriginal Corporation.
- **Wabma Kadarbu Mound Springs Conservation Park:**
Co-management agreement with Arabunna Aboriginal Corporation, including an advisory function over Kati-Thanda Lake Eyre National Park and Elliot Price Conservation Park.

Ikara, Flinders Ranges National Park (photo credit: SATC).

Current co-management partnerships

- **Mamungari Conservation Park:**
Co-management agreement with Maralinga Tjarutja and Pila Nguru.
- **Breakaways Conservation Park:**
Co-management agreement with the Antakirinja Matuntjara Yankunytjatjara (Aboriginal Corporation) and the District Council of Coober Pedy, including an advisory function over Tallaringa Conservation Park.





Fleurieu Peninsula

Feel the sand between your toes, conquer popular surf breaks, bushwalk amid wild gorges and watch frolicking whales from dramatic cliff top views in Adelaide's playground.

Onkaparinga River NP and RP

Follow South Australia's second longest river to the ocean on foot or by canoe.



Cox Scrub CP

Spot honeyeaters, pygmy possums and southern brown bandicoots.



Heysen Trail

Wander a section of the world-famous Heysen Trail.



Aldinga Scrub CP

Aldinga Bay

Deep Creek CP

Discover one of South Australia's most popular national parks for campers.



Talisker CP

Granite Island RP

Hitch a ride on the horse-drawn tram to Granite Island Recreation Park.



Newland Head CP

Surf fish for salmon and mullocky along Newland Head Conservation Park's golden beaches.





Deep Creek Conservation Park.

Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park 266ha



Aldinga Scrub is set among sand dunes, sand blows (mobile dunes), mallee scrub, remnant red gum forests and closed heaths.

Home to a diverse range of rare plants and fauna, the park is recognised as a significant area for the conservation and protection of the Fleurieu's flora.

Situated in the Willunga sub-basin, Aldinga's walking trails provide fantastic opportunities to take in the unique habitat and coastal plant life.

Lacy coral lichen, nardoo, hairy sedge and several species of orchids are among the park's rare species of flora. Look out for brush-tailed possums, short-beaked echidnas, bats and geckos.

Visit in spring to enjoy a stunning range of wildflowers as the park bursts into colour.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

46km south of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Dover St off Aldinga Beach Rd.

Contact

(+61 8) 8278 5477

Cox Scrub Conservation Park 544ha



A multitude of walking trails make Cox Scrub a haven for bushwalkers and birdwatchers searching for the park's honeyeaters, yellow-tailed black-cockatoos, little pygmy possums and southern brown bandicoots.

Springtime brings glorious native wildflowers. Bring a packed lunch and stop for a picnic under the shade at Coles Crossing on the Finniss River, or bring a tent and extend your visit at one of Coles Crossing's designated campsites.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

70km south of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Goolwa Rd and South Eastern Freeway.

Contact

(+61 8) 8532 9100

Deep Creek Conservation Park 449ha



Deep Creek is one of South Australia's most popular national parks for campers. The park is the largest remaining block of wildlife habitat on the Fleurieu Peninsula. Look out for western grey kangaroos, short-beaked echidnas or some of the 100 bird species that can be spotted or heard when walking in the park.

Extensive walking trails, including a section of the world famous Heyesen Trail, provide spectacular scenery of the Backstairs Passage, Kangaroo Island and the rugged Deep Creek valley.

After a long day exploring, extend your stay at one of the park's five campgrounds, or relax in a private cottages or retreat accommodation.

The nearby Talisker Conservation Park offers another option for visitors and contains the heritage-listed ruins of a silver and lead mine from the 1860s.

Encounter Marine Park borders Deep Creek Conservation Park.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

108km south of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Main South Rd from Adelaide or Range Rd from Victor Harbor.

Contact

(+61 8) 8598 0263

Accommodation bookings
(Southern Ocean Retreats)

(+61 8) 8598 4169

Encounter Marine Park

311,900ha

Encounter Marine Park offers some of Australia's best-preserved ocean habitat, from amazing dive sites and spectacular reefs to vitally important fish breeding and shelter areas.

The park extends south of Adelaide to the Coorong and also takes in important habitats on Kangaroo Island. Along the Fleurieu Peninsula there are a number of easily accessible and spectacular marine sanctuaries that protect icon species such as the leafy sea dragon and southern right whale.

The park also supports some of the best diving and snorkelling sites and popular surf breaks in South Australia. Noarlunga Reef marine sanctuary is a great spot for kids to enjoy fishing and snorkelling.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Getting there

Access via Port Noarlunga, Aldinga, Rapid Bay, Cape Jervis, Victor Harbor, Port Elliot, Basham Beach, Antechamber Bay, Penneshaw, American River and Kingscote and via Deep Creek Conservation Park and Coorong National Park.

Details

Maps available at marineparks.sa.gov.au

Contact

1800 006 120

Granite Island Recreation Park 26ha

Crossing the long wooden causeway from Victor Harbor to Granite Island is a rite of passage for South Australians and a great experience for any visitor to the state. More than 700,000 people visit each year, making it the most visited park in South Australia.

The island is characterised by huge granite boulders tinged with orange lichen, with the sound of waves crashing against rocky shores a stirring soundtrack to your visit.

Spot one of the island's precious penguins, follow the Kaiki Walk to learn more about the area's history or drop a fishing line from the causeway. The island's café and the many attractions of Victor Harbor are both within easy walking distance, while dolphins and southern right whales provide a major attraction between June and October.

Granite Island Recreation Park
(photo credit: Marek Lambert).

A visit to the island's Penguin Interpretive Centre, where sick and injured penguins are cared for, is a special treat for the kids.

The waters surrounding Granite Island are within Encounter Marine Park, home to some of Australia's best-preserved ocean wilderness and rare marine species found only in South Australian waters.

Opening hours

Open daily from sunrise to sunset.

Penguin tour times vary from 6pm in winter to 9pm in summer.

The Penguin Interpretation Centre opens Thursday to Friday, 2pm to 3.30pm, with penguin feeding session at 2.30pm, and Saturday, Sunday and public holidays from 12.30pm to 3.30pm, with penguin feeding sessions at 1pm and 3pm.

Location

100km south of Adelaide.

Getting there

Via a wooden causeway from Victor Harbor.

Contact

(+61 8) 8552 3677



Newland Head Conservation Park 1035ha



With long beaches, rolling hills and rugged cliffs providing panoramic views of Waitpinga Creek, Encounter Bay, the Backstairs Passage and Kangaroo Island, Newland Head Conservation Park is a photographer's dream.

The park protects two long beaches, Waitpinga and Parsons, both popular with fishers and surfers. There is also the opportunity to extend your stay by camping at Waitpinga Campground where you can fall asleep to the distant sound of waves rolling onto the beach.

Please note that due to strong rips and hidden gutters, the park's beaches are not suitable for swimming.

Encounter Marine Park borders Newland Head Conservation Park.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

91km south of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Waitpinga Road, Victor Harbor.

Contact

(+61 8) 8552 3677

Newland Head Conservation Park.



Onkaparinga River National Park and Recreation Park (photo credit: Timothy Stevens).

Onkaparinga River National Park and Recreation Park 1846ha



Follow South Australia's second longest river all the way to the ocean across a range of environments protecting diverse animal and plant life at Onkaparinga River National Park.

Appreciate the park's tranquil natural surrounds on foot, or canoe unique wetland areas with abundant wildlife to reach 50m high cliffs and large permanent rock pools at the magnificent Onkaparinga Gorge.

The park incorporates the Onkaparinga River Recreation Park and includes an estuary and wetlands. Fish the estuary waters for numerous fish species or spot a diverse selection of birdlife along an array of walking trails ranging from easy walks to challenging hikes.

The Echidna Trail is home to heritage-listed huts and ruins of houses built in the 1880s.

Get a bird's eye view of the park by scaling solid cliff rock faces in designated rock climbing areas (for experienced rock climbers only). The climbing zone is subject to closures for maintenance, so please check in advance if you plan on rock climbing.

Cyclists and dog walkers are welcome within the recreational zone of this park, between South Rd and Commercial Rd. Please keep dogs on leads at all times.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

35km south of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access to the estuary area via River Rd and Commercial Rd, Port Noarlunga South and Sauerbiers Rd, Port Noarlunga South.

Access to the main walking area on the northern side of the gorge via Piggott Range Rd.

Contact

(+61 8) 8552 3677

Talisker Conservation Park 211ha



Nestled among a remnant patch of native vegetation, Talisker is the site of an early Cornish mining settlement containing heritage-listed ruins. Explore its well-preserved record of 19th century mining practices and enjoy lunch at the park's picnic area.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

57km west of Victor Harbor.

Getting there

Access via Range Rd or Main South Rd.

Contact

(+61 8) 8598 0263

Access in National Parks

There are many parks that are accessible for people living with disability. These parks enable access for people who use wheelchairs or other mobility aids and people who have visual impairments. They also give parents with prams or strollers ease of movement through the parks.

Highlights include Tantanoola Caves National Park, one of Australia's few wheelchair accessible caves, Cleland Conservation Park and Flinders Chase National Park.

Other parks with accessible features include:

Adelaide

Belair National Park, Cleland Wildlife Park, Cleland Conservation Park (including Mount Lofty Summit and Waterfall Gully), Fort Glanville Conservation Park, Morialta Conservation Park and Para Wirra Recreation Park.

Eyre Peninsula

Gawler Ranges National Park and Lincoln National Park.

Flinders Ranges and Outback

Flinders Ranges National Park and Mount Remarkable National Park.

Fleurieu Peninsula

Granite Island Recreation Park and Newland Head Conservation Park.

Kangaroo Island

Cape Gantheaume Conservation Park, Cape Willoughby Conservation Park, Flinders Chase National Park, Lashmar Conservation Park and Seal Bay Conservation Park.



Flinders Chase National Park (photo credit: SATC).

Limestone Coast

Bool Lagoon Game Reserve and Hacks Lagoon Conservation Park, Coorong National Park, Dingley Dell Conservation Park, Ewens Ponds Conservation Park, Little Dip Conservation Park, Naracoorte Caves Conservation Park and Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park.

Yorke Peninsula and Clare Valley

Innes National Park.

Facilities vary. For more information on access, please call (+61 8) 8204 1910 or contact park offices listed in individual park profiles in this guide.

Choose your own adventure

Whether you're looking to flood your senses with natural beauty or seeking space to enjoy things at your own pace, a real adventure holiday is one that challenges you.

South Australia's national parks cater for all kinds of adventures – from intrepid solo challenges to tackling nature with family and friends, you can go inland or coastal to find your ideal adventure.



Southern Spencer Gulf Marine Park (photo credit: Nathan Smith).

Rock climbing

Rock climbing offers the dual rush of adrenaline and achievement. Two of our most popular rock climbing parks can be found close to Adelaide – Morialta Conservation Park and the Onkaparinga River National Park. There are climbs for all ages and levels of experience. Before doing any climbing, it is recommended that you attend a rock climbing skills course. Please be aware that for your own safety rock climbing and abseiling are permitted only in areas set aside for that purpose.

More information:

National Parks South Australia – parks.sa.gov.au
Climbing Club of South Australia – climbingclubsouthaustralia.asn.au

Canoeing

On South Australia's waterways river life is yours to explore at your leisure. Paddle through the limestone gorges of the Glenelg River east of Port MacDonnell or head to Australia's biggest river – the mighty Murray, making your way slowly downstream, exploring the backwaters and creeks, enjoying the hospitality of towns along the way. Some of South Australia's best canoeing is on offer at Murray River National Park, with other great sites including Coffin Bay National Park and Lincoln National Park on the Eyre Peninsula, Innes National Park on the Yorke Peninsula and Coorong National Park on the Limestone Coast. Please check weather conditions before you go, particularly in coastal locations.

More information:

National Parks South Australia – parks.sa.gov.au
Trails SA – southaustraliantrails.com
Canoe South Australia – canoesa.asn.au

Cave diving and adventure caving

South Australia's caves provide a geological window back in time. In the South East there are many sinkholes and caves to suit your timeframe and caving ability. The freshwater sinkholes of Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park and Ewens Ponds Conservation Park are popular with snorkellers and divers, offering great clarity and visibility that can exceed 40 metres.

Naracoorte National Park is South Australia's only World Heritage Site, featuring fossils, cave formations and the critically endangered southern bent-wing bat. Tantanoola Caves Conservation Park offers stunning formations in a coastal setting, or head to Kangaroo Island's Kelly Hill Conservation Park, which has an extensive cave network with a wide range of beautiful formations. Adventure caving tours are available at Naracoorte and Kelly Hill.

More information:

National Parks South Australia – parks.sa.gov.au
Trails SA – southaustraliantrails.com
Cave Divers Association of Australia – cavedivers.com.au

Diving and snorkelling

South Australia has many world-class dive sites, with more than 700 shipwrecks dotted along our 5500km of coastline. Favoured sites include the Investigator Strait Maritime Heritage Trail off the coast of Innes National Park in the Southern Spencer



Gulf Marine Park and the ex-HMAS Hobart shipwreck offshore from Yankalilla in the Encounter Marine Park. The renowned Aldinga Reef (a sanctuary zone protected since 1971), offers excellent snorkelling in one of SA's best preserved reefs.

More information:

Marine Parks – marineparks.sa.gov.au

Trails SA – southaustraliantrails.com

Scuba Divers Federation of South

Australia – sdfsa.net

Mountain biking

While cycling in South Australia is synonymous with road cycling through events such as the Tour Down Under, heading off-road adds the extra challenge of rugged terrain. Belair National Park has an extensive shared use trail network, the epic Mawson Trail provides 900km of state forests, country roads and national parks for mountain bike enthusiasts and Cleland Conservation Park shares a quietly beautiful landscape. One of South Australia's most exhilarating mountain bike tracks can be explored at Craighburn Farm in Sturt Gorge Recreation Park. Riders are asked to make a minimal impact on the environment and to be considerate of the flora and fauna, other trail users, property and residents.

More information:

National Parks South Australia – parks.sa.gov.au

Trails SA – southaustraliantrails.com

South Australian Mountain

Biking Association – samba.asn.au

Bike SA – bikesa.asn.au

Fishing

From novices to families and seasoned anglers, our marine parks, wetland parks and coastal parks allow you to enjoy beach fishing, boat fishing or dropping a line from a jetty or breakwater with the kids. Fishing opportunities are plentiful from South Australia's west coast to the Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula, Fleurieu Peninsula and Limestone Coast. Or head into the state's beautiful riverlands for a freshwater catch. Please check weather conditions before you go and always respect marine park sanctuary zones and adhere to bag and boat limits.

More information:

Marine Parks – marineparks.sa.gov.au

National Parks South Australia – parks.sa.gov.au

Rec Fish SA – recfishsa.com.au

Surfing

Quality surf breaks can be found along the entire 5500km stretch of South Australia's coast. From the rugged isolation of the far west coast to the surf breaks of Spencer Gulf, Fleurieu Peninsula or Kangaroo Island, we offer some of the best surfing experiences in Australia. Please be aware of ocean conditions such as strong currents, rips and submerged objects.

More information:

Marine Parks – marineparks.sa.gov.au

Surfing South Australia –

surfingaustralia.com/sa

Horse riding

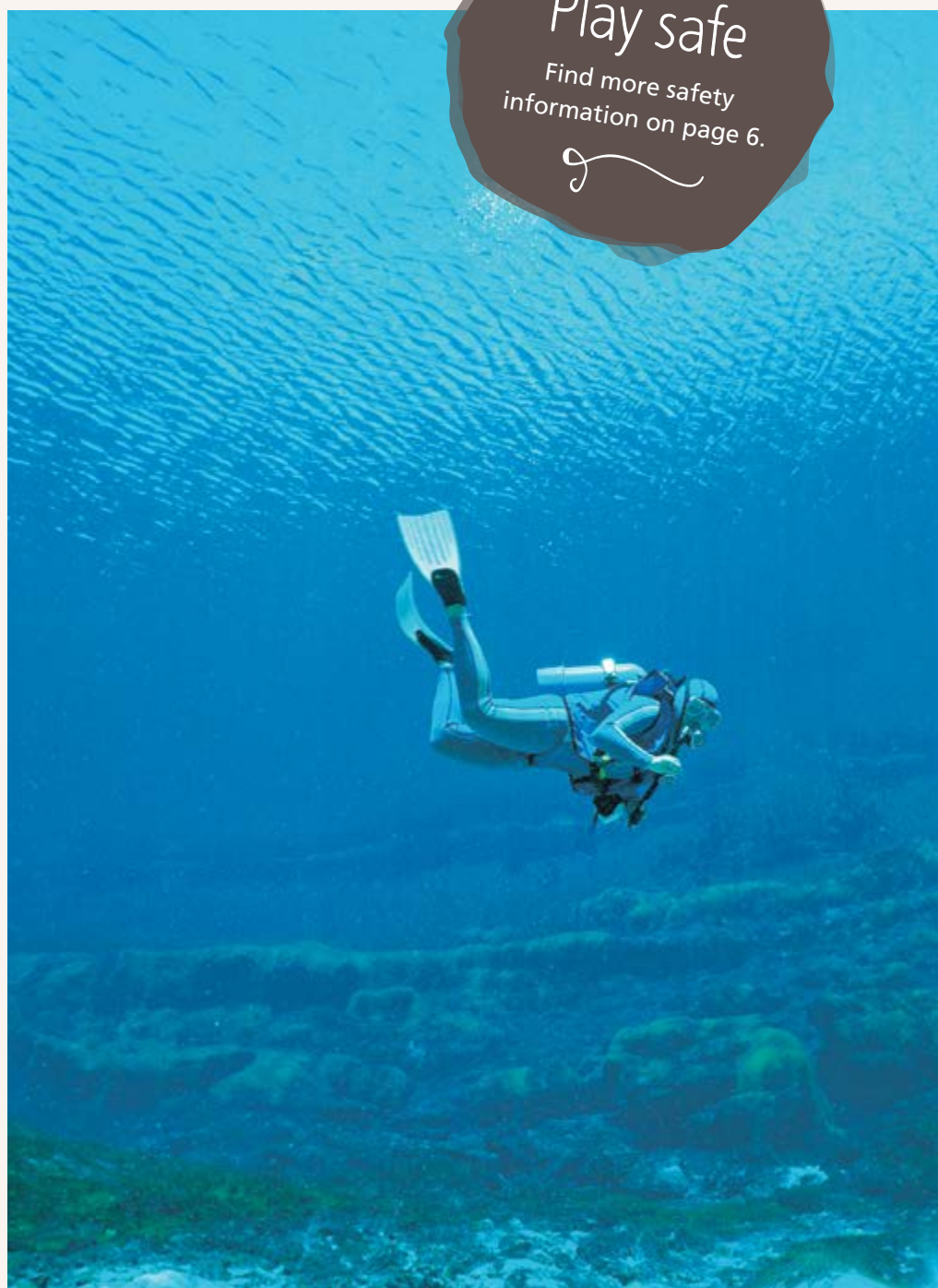
South Australia has plenty of trails ideal for horse riding. Some of the best can be found close to Adelaide in Belair National Park, with its network of riding trails, and the Bluestone & Biscay Clay and Irongrass Trails in O'Halloran Hill Recreation Park. Riders are asked to make a minimal impact on the environment and to be considerate of the flora and fauna, other trail users, property and residents.


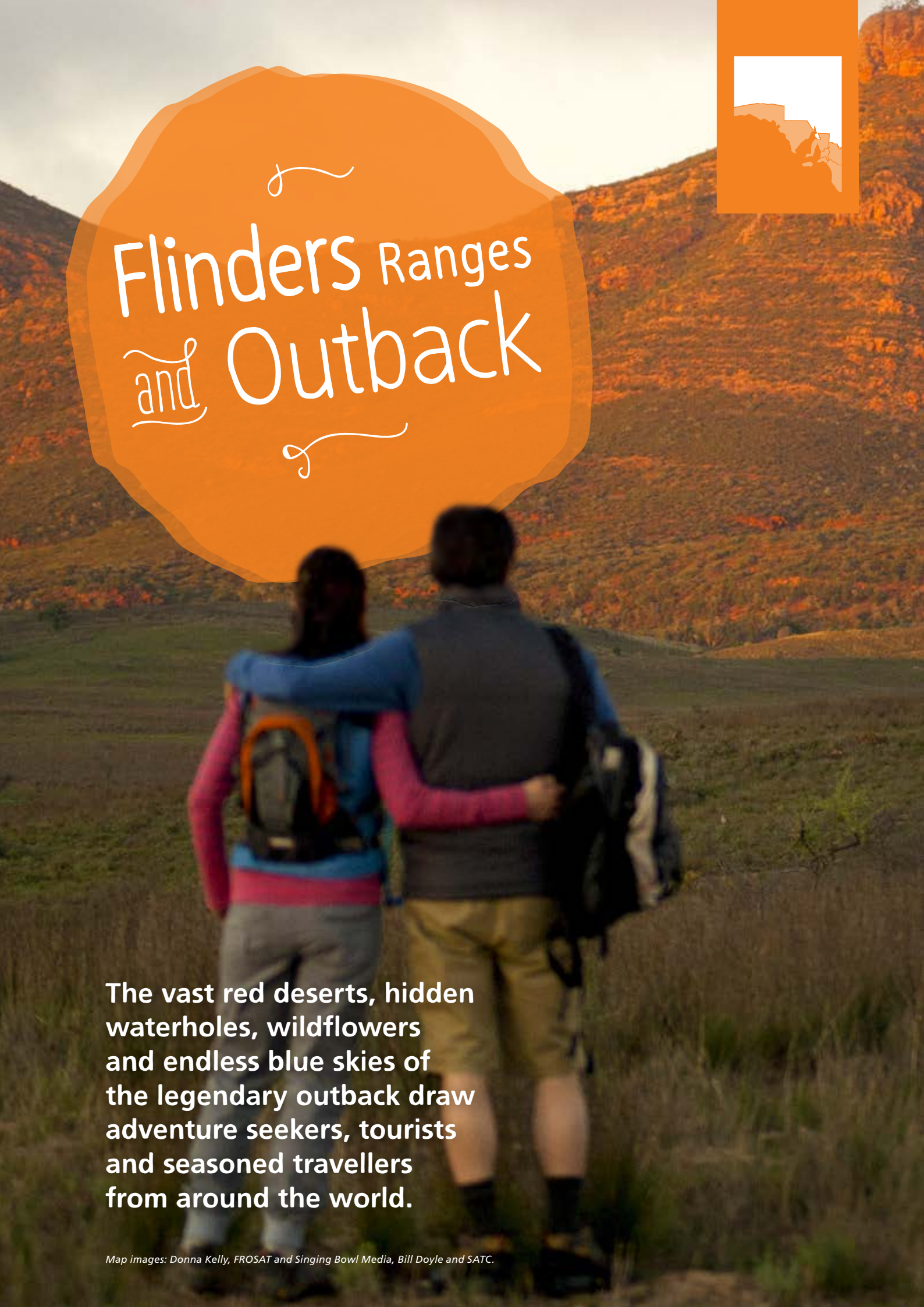
More information:

National Parks South Australia – parks.sa.gov.au

Trails SA – southaustraliantrails.com

Ewens Ponds Conservation Park (photo credit: SATC).





Flinders Ranges and Outback

The vast red deserts, hidden waterholes, wildflowers and endless blue skies of the legendary outback draw adventure seekers, tourists and seasoned travellers from around the world.

Witjira NP

Soak away the red dust at the Dalhousie Main Spring thermal.



Simpson Desert CP and RR

4WD the challenging dunes of the Simpson Desert.



Malkumba-Coongie Lakes NP

Discover wildlife and wetlands in the heart of the desert.



Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre NP

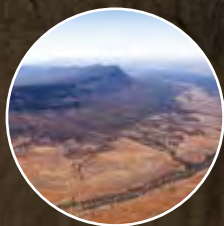
Marvel at Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre and its periodic transformation from lush wetland to sprawling salt pan.



Tallaringa CP

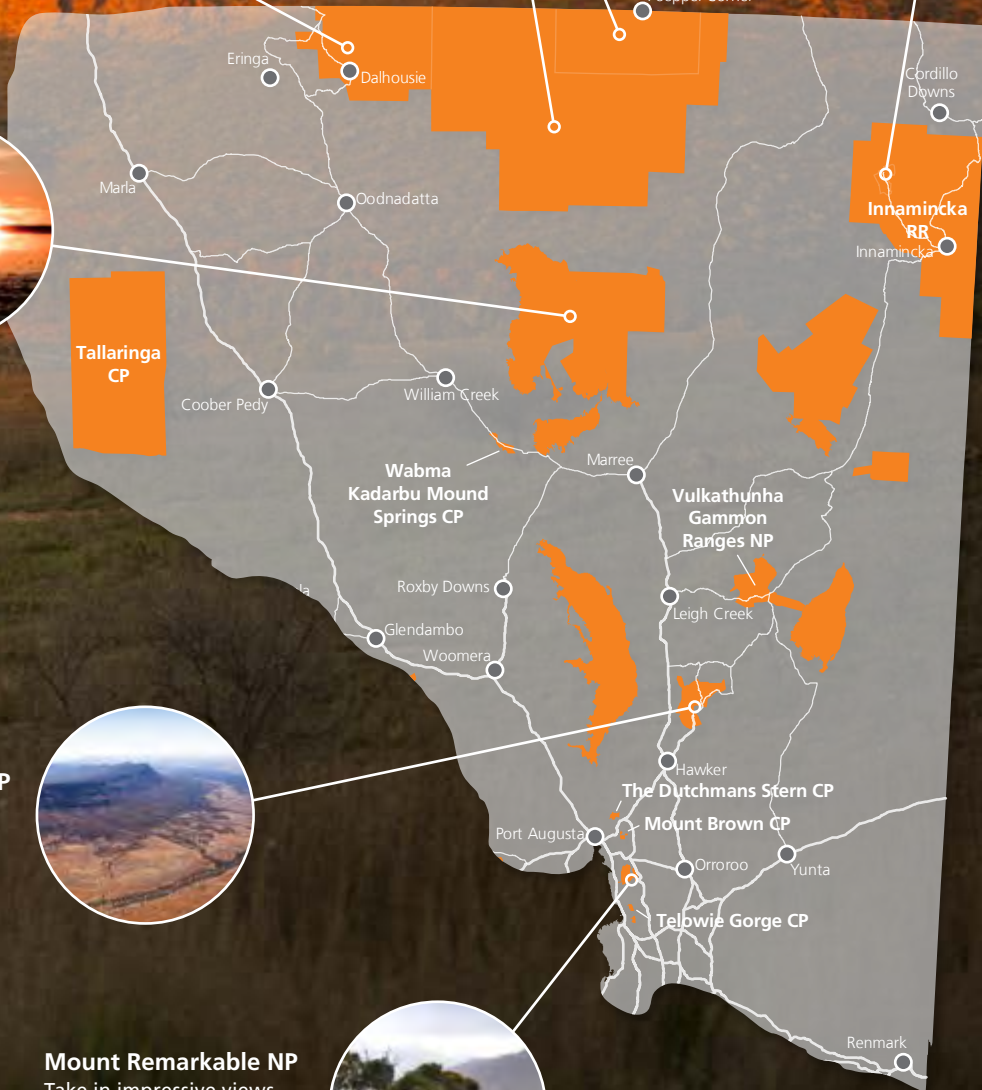
Flinders Ranges NP

Soar above Wilpena Pound with an exhilarating fly-over.



Mount Remarkable NP

Take in impressive views and mingle with wildlife on the Mount Remarkable Summit Hike.





Dalhousie Main Spring, Witjira National Park (photo credit: Adam Bruzzzone).

Malkumba-Coongie Lakes National Park 26,669ha



Coongie Lakes National Park is one of South Australia's many natural wonders. Co-managed with its traditional owners, the park is a pristine water world made up of channels, waterholes, lakes, internal deltas, shallow floodplains and interdune corridors and swamps.

This arid wetland is home to diverse wildlife including native birds, fish, reptiles and frogs. Following the arrival of floodwaters the park becomes a breeding ground for migratory birds from around the globe.

Birdwatching, bushwalking and canoeing are all well catered for, so expect a range of fantastic experiences – and don't forget your camera.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

100km north west of Innamincka.

Getting there

Access off the Strzelecki Track via Leigh Creek.

Contact

(+61 8) 8648 5300

Road Report Hotline

1300 361 033

Flinders Ranges National Park 91,330ha



Rugged mountain ranges, spectacular gorges, sheltered creeks lined with river red gums and abundant wildlife have earned the Flinders Ranges its status as one of Australia's premier national landscapes. Cradled within the park's mountains is the famous Wilpena Pound (Ikara), revered for its natural, cultural and geological significance.

Your Flinders Ranges adventure starts at Wilpena Pound Visitor Information Centre, where you will find extensive information about the park to help you explore its stunning terrain, Aboriginal rock art sites, fossil heritage and ruins of early European settlement.

For an in-depth look at the wonders of the region join a guided tour, enjoy a scenic flight, take a balloon ride or create your own adventure along the many bushwalking trails and scenic drives.

Enjoy this ancient landscape with accommodation ranging from bush camping to resort luxury.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Wilpena Pound

Visitor Information Centre open
8am to 5pm daily.

Old Wilpena Station

open 8am to 5pm daily.

Location

450km north of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Hawker and Blinman.

Contact

(+61 8) 8648 0048

Pale knob tailed gecko (photo credit: Matt Launer).



Innaminka Regional Reserve

1,354,193ha



Innaminka Regional Reserve covers more than 1.3 million hectares of land, ranging from the life-giving wetlands of the Cooper Creek system to stark arid outback.

The heritage-listed Innaminka Regional Reserve park headquarters and interpretation centre provides an insight into the natural history of the area, European settlement, Aboriginal people and Australia's most famous explorers, Burke and Wills.

From the interpretation centre you can visit the sites where Burke and Wills died, and the historic Dig Tree site (QLD), which played a significant part in their ill-fated expedition.

Shaded by the gums, the waterholes provide a relaxing place for a spot of fishing or explore the creek further by canoe or boat.

The park is a deeply spiritual place for Aboriginal groups who have connection to the area.

The reserve also sustains a large commercial beef cattle enterprise and oil and gas fields.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

1046km north of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access along the Strzelecki Track via Leigh Creek.

Contact

(+61 8) 8648 5328

Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre National Park

1,348,837ha



A visit to scenic Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre is at the top of the 'to do' list for many Australian and international travellers.

The stark wilderness and timeless landscape of Australia's largest salt lake covers an area 144km long and 77km wide.

The lake has only filled to capacity three times in the last 160 years and its salt sink has developed its mineralisation from the evaporation of floodwaters over thousands of years, with water from three states and the Northern Territory flowing into its catchment.

Seasonal rainfalls attract waterbirds such as Australian pelicans, silver gulls, red-necked avocets, banded stilts and gull-billed terns. When the lake floods it becomes a breeding site for enormous numbers of waterbirds, especially species that appear to be tolerant of salinity.

The best way to take in the vastness of Kati Thanda is from the air. Private tour operators run scheduled scenic flights that provide spectacular views across the park and showcase the seasonal wildlife.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

60km east of William Creek.

Getting there

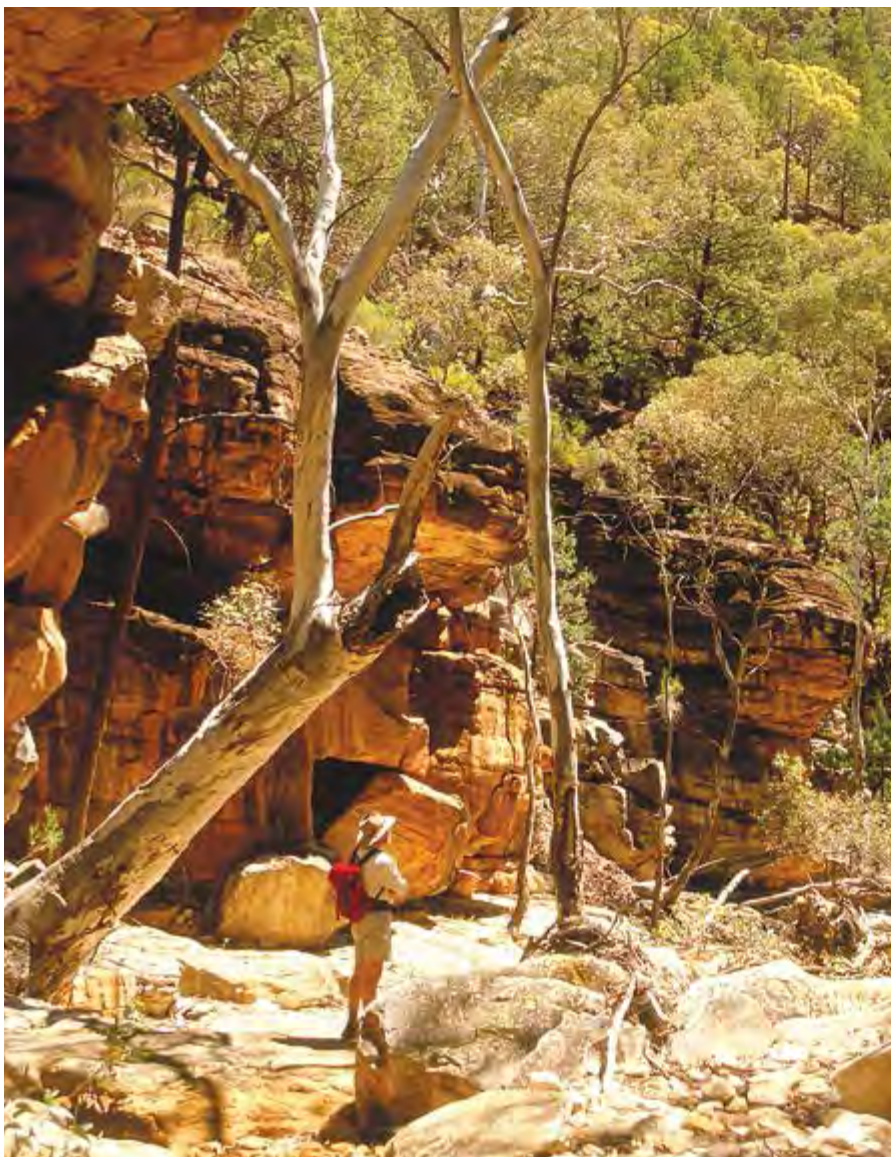
Access via the Oodnadatta Track, or the Halligan Bay or Level Post Bay Public Access Routes.

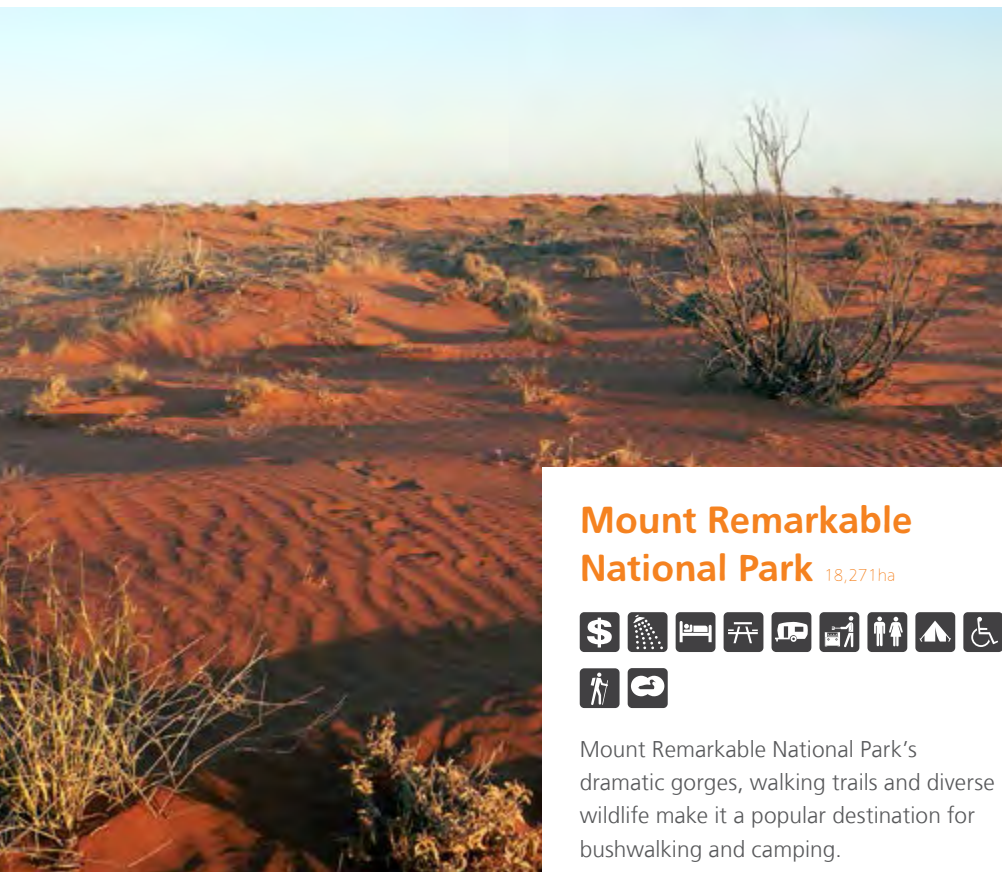
Contact

(+61 8) 8648 5300

Road Report Hotline

1300 361 033





Simpson Desert Conservation Park and Regional Reserve (photo credit: Donna Kelly).

Mount Brown Conservation Park 2264ha



Standing almost a kilometre above sea level at 964 metres high, Mount Brown is one of the tallest peaks in the Southern Flinders Ranges.

From Waukarie Falls you can hike to the summit of Mount Brown and enjoy views across the Southern Flinders Ranges from a lookout commemorating Robert Brown. Brown was the naturalist aboard HMS Investigator, the first ship to circumnavigate Australia.

Walk the 15km loop trail and discover evidence of a 1km deep canyon formed 600 million years ago.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

14km south of Quorn.

Getting there

Access via Richman Valley Road.

Contact

(+61 8) 8841 3400

Mount Remarkable National Park 18,271ha



Mount Remarkable National Park's dramatic gorges, walking trails and diverse wildlife make it a popular destination for bushwalking and camping.

The park includes the 960m high Mount Remarkable Summit, which can be reached along the Mount Remarkable Summit Hike from Melrose, providing impressive views of Willochra Plain and Spencer Gulf.

Autumn to spring is the best time to visit the park amid mild weather and with vegetation and wildlife thriving. Extensive walking trails offer opportunities to explore red quartzite gorges, grassy woodlands, high ridges and watercourses lined with river red gums.

Look out for western grey kangaroos, emus and protected yellow-footed rock-wallabies roaming the park. In spring there's a special wildlife treat when echidnas are seen in the park.

Book and pay online before you go.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

45km north of Port Pirie.

Getting there

Access to Mambray Creek via National Highway One (5km) or a picturesque drive beginning 1km south of Wilmington on Main North Rd to Alligator Gorge (13km).

Walking access via Melrose, at the foot of Mount Remarkable.

Contact

(+61 8) 8841 3400

Simpson Desert Conservation Park and Regional Reserve 3,614,341ha



Located within the driest region of the Australian continent, the Simpson Desert Conservation Park is in the centre of the Simpson Desert, one of the world's best examples of parallel dunal desert.

The Simpson's sand dunes stretch hundreds of kilometres across the corners of three states – South Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Seasoned 4WD travellers can explore the endless landscape and ever-changing environment by driving among the red dunes, salt-crusted lakes, vast stretches of grasslands, dense scrubland and even tall stands of hakea and gidgee.

Visit after rains and you'll witness wildflowers exploding into bloom, creating spectacular bursts of colour in stark contrast to their desert home.

Just beyond the park the Simpson Desert Regional Reserve features a wide variety of desert wildlife preserved in a landscape of varied dune systems, extensive playa lakes, spinifex grasslands and acacia woodlands. This reserve links the Simpson Desert Conservation Park to Witjira National Park.

A Desert Parks Pass is required to enter Simpson Desert Conservation Park and Regional Reserve. Vehicle flags are now mandatory in the Simpson Desert.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, April to November.

Both the Simpson Desert parks in South Australia and Queensland are closed from 1 December to 15 March.

Location

957km north of Port Augusta.

Getting there

Access off Stuart Highway, via Oodnadatta and Dalhousie Springs or through Birdsville from the east.

Contact

(+61 8) 8648 5300

Road Report Hotline

1300 361 033

Tallaringa Conservation Park 1,268,859ha



A vast wilderness of vegetated dunes and gibber rises, Tallaringa Conservation Park sits on the fringe of the Great Victoria Desert. The park supports a variety of wildlife species that have adapted to live in this dry arid environment.

For a 4WD adventure, travel along the Anne Beadell Highway, a rough bush track, which commences on the eastern edge of the park and ends at Laverton in Western Australia more than 1300km away.

Please note that the park may be closed

or access restricted because of local road conditions and activity within the Woomera Protected Area; additional permits may be required to enter Aboriginal Lands.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

615km north west of Port Augusta.

Getting there

Access via Stuart Highway, Coober Pedy or Mabel Creek Station.

Contact

(+61 8) 8648 5300

Road Report Hotline

1300 361 033

The Dutchmans Stern Conservation Park 3688ha



The Dutchmans Stern is a prominent South Australian landmark. The bluff is home to a host of plants and animals and the conservation park's walking trails, including a section of the Heysen Trail, offer a range of options for exploring the rugged landscape.

Follow the Dutchmans Stern hiking trail to the summit and brace yourself for spectacular views of Spencer Gulf, surrounding ranges and the Willochra Plain.

Extend your visit and experience a piece of South Australian history first hand by booking in to the old homestead or shearers' quarters located within the park, contact (+61 8) 8841 3400.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

10km north west of Quorn.

Getting there

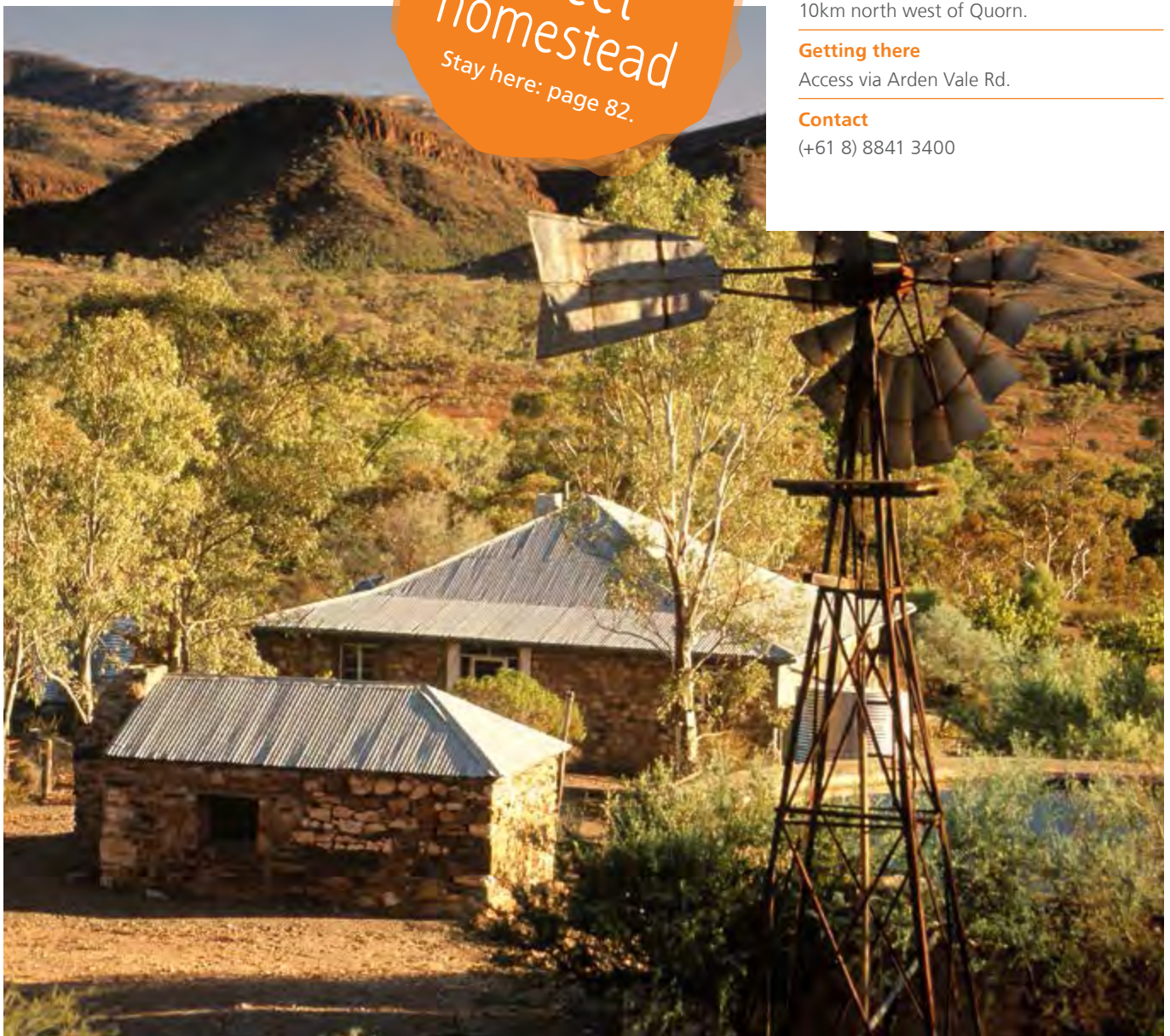
Access via Arden Vale Rd.

Contact

(+61 8) 8841 3400

Grindells Hut, Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park (photo credit: Mike Langford).

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homestead
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Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park

124,716ha



The Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park's deep gorges and chasms, towering ranges, tree-lined creeks and freshwater springs provide a haven for many rare and endangered plants and animals.

Those who visit this rugged and remote park in the North Flinders Ranges are rewarded with striking features including the stark landscape of Lake Frome. This ephemeral salt lake stretches 100km long and 40km wide and plays a vital role in the lives of the Adnyamathanha people. The 'Plains Block' leading out to the edge of Lake Frome remains a traditional hunting ground.

The park has several walking trails Walk to Mount McKinlay Spring or take the Weetootla Gorge Hike though the Weetootla Gorge.

There are also a number of driving tracks available to explore the park and its surrounding areas. Most tracks are accessible by 2WD, although the Wortupa Loop Track and the track to Lake Frome require 4WDs.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Please note that the cultural use zone by Lake Frome is closed from 3pm to 5am daily while hunting is carried out.

Location

750km north of Adelaide.

Contact

(+61 8) 8648 4829



The Dutchmans Stern Conservation Park (photo credit: Stuart Collard).

Wabma Kadarbu Mound Springs Conservation Park

12,016ha



Explore the natural artesian springs within Wabma Kadarbu Mound Springs Conservation Park. The Blanche Cup and The Bubbler mound springs originate from water deep within the Great Artesian Basin which filters to the surface forming mounds and bubbling ponds. The wetlands created by the spring's overflow provide habitat to a variety of waterbirds. The extinct mound spring of Hamilton Hill stands among this fragile and arid environment.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

498km north of Port Augusta.

Getting there

Access via Oodnadatta Track.

Contact

(+61 8) 8648 5300

Road Report Hotline

1300 361 033

Witjira National Park

771,113ha



On the western edge of the Simpson Desert lie thermal springs surrounded by lush vegetation and an abundance of wildlife.

Witjira National Park features more than 120 mound springs providing opportunities to swim in the warm waters of the Dalhousie Main Spring. The nearby campgrounds offer a good base from which to explore the park (fees apply).

These springs were used by Aboriginal people for years as a source of food and medicine and are home to unique species of fish such as the Lake Eyre hardy-head and other rare aquatic life. The springs are also a haven for arid land birdlife.

If you're lucky enough to be visiting the park a few weeks after a soaking rain, you'll be richly rewarded with the ephemeral wildflowers bursting into bloom.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

887km north west of Port Augusta.

Getting there

Access via Stuart Highway, Oodnadatta.

Contact

(+61 8) 8648 5300

Road Report Hotline

1300 361 033

Bring a friend

You can take your dog into the following parks if you stay on the designated walking trails and keep your dog on a lead (no more than two metres in length). You must clean up after your dog and keep it under effective control at all times.



Belair National Park.

Dog friendly parks include:

- Anstey Hill Recreation Park
- Belair National Park
- Brownhill Creek Recreation Park
- Greenhill Recreation Park
- Marino Conservation Park
- Morialta Conservation Park (within Morialta picnic area and along Morialta Falls Road to the Morialta Falls car park)
- Mount George Conservation Park (within the recreation zone between Mount George Road and Cox Creek)
- O'Halloran Hill Recreation Park
- Para Wirra Recreation Park
- Shepherds Hill Recreation Park
- Sturt Gorge Recreation Park
- Onkaparinga River Recreation Park (between South Road and Commercial Road)
- Innamincka Regional Reserve
- Chowilla Regional Reserve and Game Reserve
- Murray River National Park (Lyrup Flats)
- Loch Luna Game Reserve (in the Kaiser Strip area)

Why restrain your dog?

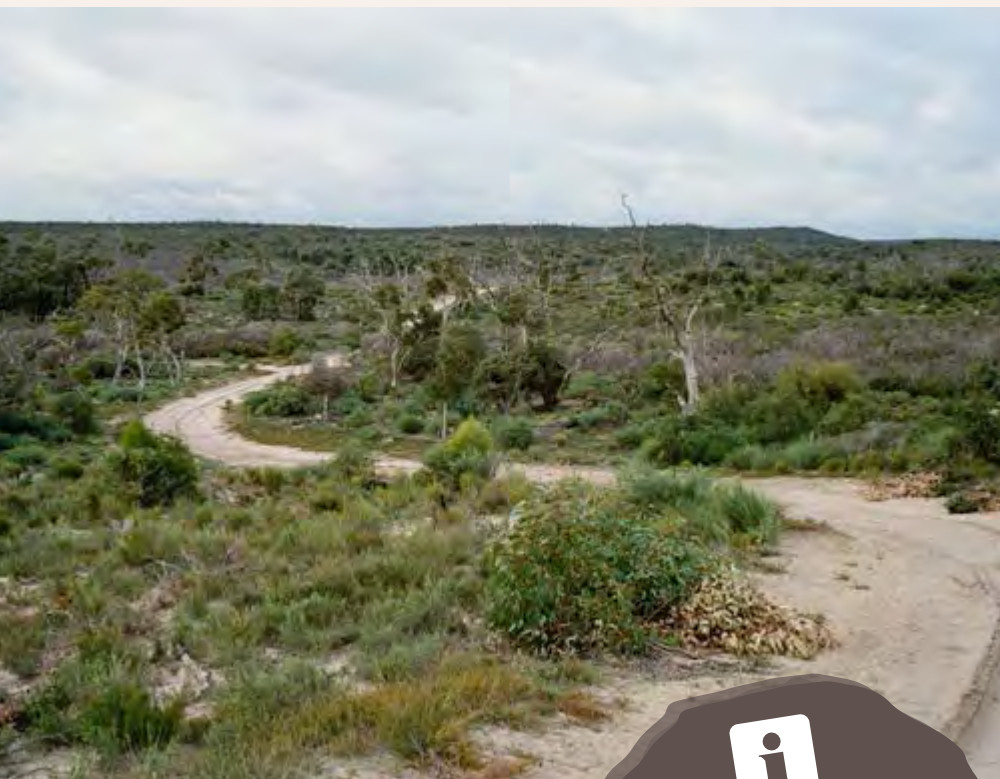
Dogs must be kept under effective control because:

- Dogs exploring the park off designated walking tracks will leave a scent in the bush that will keep wildlife away.
- Uncontrolled dogs may frighten wildlife and disrupt their natural behaviour.
- Some dogs, if not controlled, may kill or injure wildlife and may frighten or disrupt other park visitors, especially children.
- Our parks are also home to snakes that can injure dogs.
- Poison baits laid to control foxes can be fatal if eaten by your dog.

The road less travelled

Whether you're heading off rock climbing, caving or just camping alone under a blanket of stars, a four wheel drive (4WD) takes you to places others can only dream of.

South Australia is the gateway to a wide range of 4WD tracks that take you across the heart of our country. A 4WD vehicle is your ticket back to the bush. It's a chance for you to discover hidden gems and unspoilt scenery. Deserts where it is just you and the horizon; the coast where all you can hear is the surf.



Ngarkat Conservation Park (photo credit: Ty Mickan).

Responsible 4WD use

The key to getting the most out of your 4WD trek is taking care of yourself and the environment, preserving it for those who come after you. You can do this by:

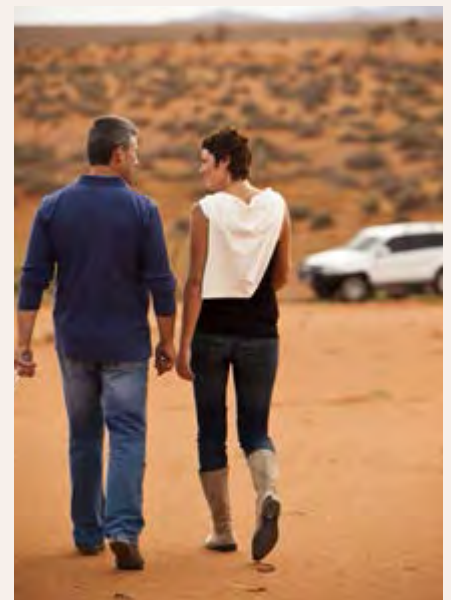
- Leaving nothing but footprints and a minimal impact on the environment you are enjoying.
- Staying on the track and obeying track closure advice. Tracks are always closed for a reason. For example, native birds nest in the soft dunes alongside beach tracks and traffic endangers their breeding.
- Driving and treading lightly – avoid churning up the track. The majority of damage to the environment can be done simply by your tyres.
- Let your tyres down when driving on sand to minimise track damage and get better traction.



Make sure you're equipped with the right equipment, driving knowledge and support:

- Travel with another vehicle or a 4WD club (there are many clubs in South Australia). It's not advisable to head out on your own unless you are experienced.
- Make sure you're prepared for the terrain you're entering. Do your homework on where you're going and what conditions you may face.
- Take your time. Before heading onto a track or a particularly difficult section of track, carefully survey what's in front of you.
- Get training or learn how to drive in the varying conditions you'll face across South Australia. You'll need to know how to tackle sand, muddy tracks, dirt and rocky ground.
- Carry the basic equipment that you'll need to enjoy the drive and get yourself out of trouble.
- Ensure you have the correct communication devices for the area you are travelling in, and an effective communication plan with a responsible person who can raise the alarm if you fail to call in on time.

Flinders Ranges National Park (photo credit: FROSAT and Singing Bowl Media).





Witjira National Park (photo credit: Adam Bruzonne).



Innaminka Regional Reserve.

4WD hot spots

- Cross the Simpson Desert and explore parallel red sand ridges that extend across an area of up to 500km. You can camp anywhere within 50m of public access tracks. A highlight is the salt lakes in the central region, where you'll find shade, shelter and soft ground. The best time to cross the Simpson is from mid-March to mid-August. You must have a Desert Parks Pass to do this, available by calling (+61 8) 8648 5328. More information on Desert Parks Passes on page 86. Vehicle flags are now mandatory in the Simpson Desert. Details: parks.sa.gov.au
- Malkumba-Coongie Lakes National Park is an ever-changing wetland in the arid north of the state. This internationally-recognised wetland supports more than 200 species of birds, including 24 that are rare, vulnerable or endangered in South Australia.
- Little Dip Conservation Park near Robe offers great 4WD opportunities along the coast and the chance to view lagoons and inland lakes.
- Ngarkat National Park – accessed from Pinnaroo or Keith – boasts more than 270,000ha of vegetated sand dunes and mallee. Along with bustling wildlife, you will also find many walking trails and the legendary Border Track.
- Canunda National Park in the South East is a popular 4WD destination and features many walking trails.



4WD ideas

Find more 4WD ideas
at parks.sa.gov.au





Kangaroo Island

Internationally renowned for its natural, rugged beauty, Kangaroo Island is a sanctuary for wildlife and wilderness. Explore spectacular landscapes and encounter scores of native animals on this island adventure.



Cape Borda

Stay the night in an original lighthouse keeper's cottage.

Cape Borda Lightstation

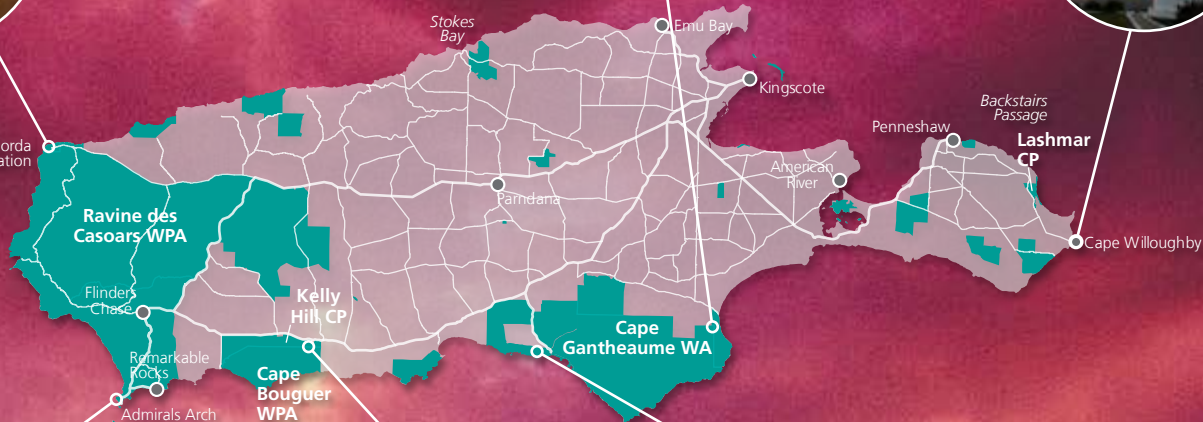
Cape Gantheaume CP

Cut loose at D'Estrees Bay, one of Kangaroo Island's best surf spots.



Cape Willoughby

Take in expansive coastal views from South Australia's oldest lighthouse.



Flinders Chase NP

See the impressive Admirals Arch.

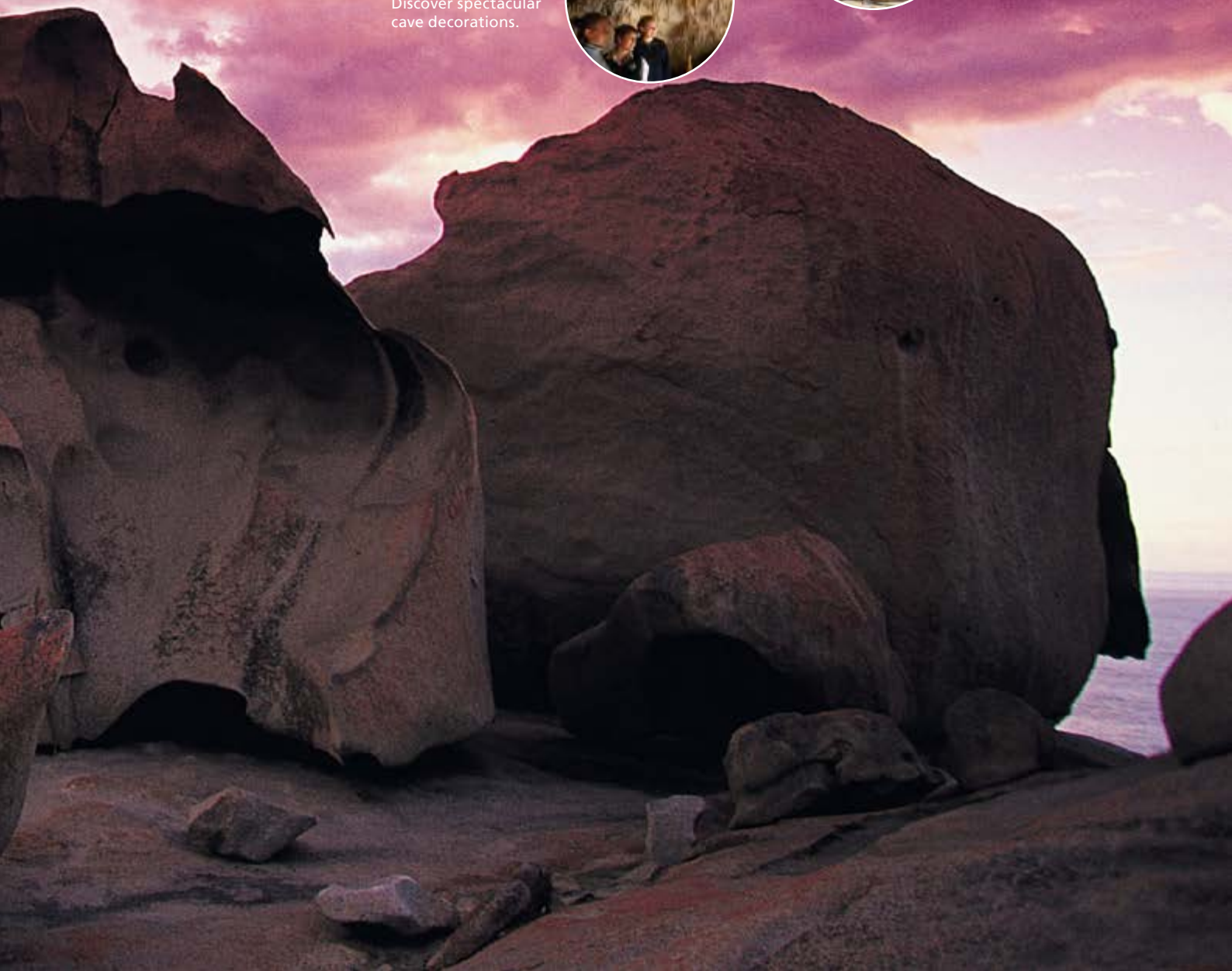
Kelly Hill CP

Discover spectacular cave decorations.



Seal Bay CP

Walk among a colony of Australian sea lions as they doze in the sun.





Little penguin, Baudin Conservation Park.

Baudin Conservation Park 181ha



Baudin Conservation Park was a family farm from 1861 to 2001. Interpretation along the Ironstone Hill hike that follows the original bullock track provides an insight into how the Bates family lived and worked in this area. With sweeping views across Backstairs Passage to the Fleurieu Peninsula, the hike leads to Ironstone Hill where the ruins of the Bates’ cottage and a stone threshing floor remain.

Walking through the park you may encounter little penguins and tammar wallabies, with endangered glossy black cockatoos also visible feeding in the sheoak vegetation.

You may even catch a glimpse of dolphins swimming in Backstairs Passage, which adjoins the park.

Encounter Marine Park borders Baudin Conservation Park.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

2km east of Penneshaw.

Getting there

Access via Frenchman’s Tce.
Car parking is available at the start of Binneys Track.

Contact

(+61 8) 8553 4444

Cape Borda Lightstation in Flinders Chase National Park



Set within Flinders Chase National Park, Cape Borda Lightstation is perched on cliffs overlooking Investigator Strait. Located on the north western corner of Kangaroo Island, the station’s unique square lighthouse was built in 1858 and is steeped in European history.

Take a tour of the lighthouse (fees apply) to discover the area’s maritime history. The lightstation precinct features a restored signal cannon, a museum and kiosk where refreshments and souvenirs are available. Don’t miss the cannon firing on the 12.30pm tour.

After exploring the lighthouse, stroll along one of the walking trails around the park including the Cliff Top Hike. This short trail leads to a stone lookout and picnic area that provides an ideal vantage point for spotting whales and dolphins.

Extend your visit by staying in one of the historic lightkeeper’s cottages.

Cape Borda Lightstation.



Opening hours

Open seven days a week.

Visitor Centre open 9am to 5pm daily (closed Christmas Day).

Last tour at 2pm and additional tours during SA school holidays, fees apply.

For details see the *Kangaroo Island Tour and Entry Guide*, available from all Kangaroo Island park offices and parks. sa.gov.au/ki

Day visitors are requested to leave by sunset.

Location

110km west of Kingscote.

Getting there

Access via Playford Highway.

Contact

(+61 8) 8553 4465
capeborda@sa.gov.au

Accommodation bookings

(+61 8) 8553 4410
kiparksaccom@sa.gov.au
parks.sa.gov.au/kiaccommodation



Flinders Chase National Park (photo credit: SATC).

Cape Gantheaume Conservation Park 4213ha



Cape Gantheaume Conservation Park is on the south coast of Kangaroo Island and includes vast areas of wilderness, Kangaroo Island's largest lake and spectacular coastal scenery.

The park has a range of walking opportunities, including the unmarked Cape Gantheaume Coastal Trek, suitable for experienced hikers only. If you're planning an overnight walk or longer, you must inform a park ranger on (+61 8) 8553 4444.

Murray Lagoon supports wetland habitat for abundant birdlife and has established trails for all levels of walkers. D'Estrees Bay, a historic site connected to the island's early cropping and whaling industries, boasts

beautiful recreational beaches. Stay by the beach in one of the park's small camping areas, most of which are located near the coast (fees apply).

The self-guided drive along D'Estrees Bay Road explores the natural and cultural significance of the area with designated points of interest marked along the 8km drive. Self-guided drive brochures are available from the Natural Resources Centre in Kingscote.

Southern Kangaroo Island Marine Park borders Cape Gantheaume Conservation Park.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

40km south west of Kingscote.

Getting there

Access via Birchmore Rd for the Murray Lagoon section and Elsegood Rd or D'Estrees Bay Rd for the coastal section of the park.

Contact

(+61 8) 8553 4444

Visiting
Kangaroo Island?
Purchase a Kangaroo Island
Tour Pass, details page 86.

Echidna, Flinders Chase National Park (photo credit: SATC).





Admirals Arch, Flinders Chase National Park (photo credit: SATC).

Opening hours

Open seven days a week.

Visitor Centre open 9am to 5pm daily (closed Christmas Day).

The self-registration station should be used by visitors and campers arriving outside office hours.

Day visitors are requested to leave by sunset.

Location

155km west of Penneshaw.

Getting there

Access via Playford Highway or South Coast Rd.

Contact

(+61 8) 8553 4450
flinderschase@sa.gov.au

Accommodation bookings

(+61 8) 8553 4410
kiparksaccom@sa.gov.au
parks.sa.gov.au/kiaccommodation

Camping bookings

(+61 8) 8553 4490
flinderschase@sa.gov.au

Kelly Hill Conservation Park ^{2176ha}



The limestone caves at Kelly Hill Conservation Park reveal a magical underground world. Take a guided tour of this impressive cave system (fees apply), walk amid ornate cave formations and discover how the caves and their decorations are formed.

Kelly Hill Conservation Park.



Adventure caving tours are available for those wishing to delve deeper into the extensive cave system (prior booking required).

Above ground, choose from one of the short walking trails or spend a day hiking to Hanson Bay through the Cape Bouguer Wilderness Protection Area, enjoying a diverse landscape of freshwater lagoons, mallee woodlands, sugar gum forests and coastal dunes.

Park entry and use of picnic facilities is free.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week

Visitor Centre open 10.15am to 4.30pm daily and 9.45am to 4.30pm during the South Australian summer and Easter school holidays (closed Christmas Day).

Guided tour times vary, fees apply.

For tour details see the *Kangaroo Island Tour and Entry Guide* available from all Kangaroo Island park offices and parks.sa.gov.au/ki

Day visitors are requested to leave by sunset.

Location

87km south west of Kingscote.

Getting there

Access via South Coast Rd.

Contact

(+61 8) 8553 4464



Flinders Chase National Park.

Lashmar Conservation Park 281ha



A favourite for beach lovers, Lashmar Conservation Park sits at the junction of the Chapman River and a long, sandy beach at Antechamber Bay.

The park provides an ideal location for swimming, canoeing, fishing and bird watching and is just a short drive from Cape Willoughby Lightstation.

Explore the park further by canoeing the tranquil Chapman River. A scenic picnic area and campground are also available within the park (camping fees apply).

Encounter Marine Park borders Lashmar Conservation Park.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

18km south east of Penneshaw.

Getting there

Access via Cape Willoughby Rd.

Contact

(+61 8) 8553 4444

The eyes have it



Seal Bay Conservation Park (photo credit: Todd Bamford).



Seal Bay Conservation Park

Seal Bay Conservation Park is home to the third largest colony of Australian sea lions in the world. Visit and you'll experience natural wildlife behaviour at its best.

Take a tour into the colony with one of our experienced guides and learn about these endangered animals. See them shelter in the dunes, rest on the sand or surf in the ocean – there are plenty of great photo opportunities!

Set your own pace on the 800m boardwalk as it meanders through the dunes to a number of viewing platforms. The lookout offers picture-perfect views of Cape Gantheaume, the wilderness area and Southern Kangaroo Island Marine Park. Keep an eye out for Nobby Island to the west, home to the white-faced storm petrel.

Learn more through interpretive displays at the visitor centre and pick up a souvenir while you're there. Nearby Bales Bay picnic area has gas barbecue facilities and is only a short drive to Bales Bay beach.

Tour and boardwalk fees apply. All tours can be purchased at the Visitor Centre and are run at regular intervals from 9am.



Opening hours

9am to 5pm daily (except Christmas Day) and 9am to 6pm in the South Australian summer school holidays.

Location

51km south west of Kingscote.

Getting there

Access via South Coast Rd.

Contact

(+61 8) 8553 4463
sealbay@sa.gov.au
sealbay.sa.gov.au

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From observing native birdlife to cuddling koalas and walking amid spectacular outback wildflower displays, national parks showcase the beauty of South Australia's plants and wildlife.



Echidna, Flinders Chase National Park (photo credit: SATC).

Wildlife experiences

Koalas and kangaroos can be found in many national parks around South Australia. Scan the treetops for koalas and watch kangaroos and emus gather at Belair National Park at dusk. Some of the five species of possum that are native to South Australia may also be seen later in the day, including the common brushtail, common ringtail and, for the lucky and observant, the little pygmy possum.

Deep Creek Conservation Park contains a unique range of flora and fauna and is a great place to see big groups of kangaroos. The rare yellow-footed rock-wallaby can be found in the Brachina and Wilkawillina gorges of Flinders Ranges National Park. Those with a keen eye might even see an endangered southern brown bandicoot in the Mount Lofty Ranges.

While animals must be observed from a distance at national parks, closer wildlife experiences are available at Cleland Wildlife Park, which offers the rare opportunity to hold a koala or feed a wallaby (more information on page 16).

Sea life experiences

South Australian wildlife experiences extend to the sea, with southern right whales at Encounter Marine Park and great whites at Neptune Islands (Ron and Valerie Taylor) Marine Park. Shark cage diving is available with licensed commercial tour operators.

Wander among a resident colony of Australian sea lions at Seal Bay Conservation Park (more information on page 53) or visit the home of a pod of about 30 bottlenose dolphins - and 300 other dolphins that regularly visit - at the Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary at the Port River and Barker Inlet.

Find out more about sea life in marine parks on page 77.

Birdwatching

Hear the songs of native birdlife on one of hundreds of national parks walking tracks. See woodland birds in Cleland Conservation Park, Morialta Conservation Park and Belair National Park; red-tailed black cockatoos in the south-east and glossy black cockatoos on Kangaroo Island; and blue fairywrens in the Adelaide Hills. Find more hiking information on page 18.

The giant of the air, the Australian pelican, can be found in many waterways along the South Australian coast, including the Coorong National Park, or inland at places such as the Morgan Conservation Park along the Murray River. The Coorong National Park and some of South Australia's other Ramsar Convention Wetlands of International Importance such as Bool Lagoon Game Reserve, Hacks Lagoon Conservation Park (after good seasonal rainfall) and Coongie Lakes National Park provide significant breeding habitat and refuge for large populations of waterbird species.

Seasonal rainfalls attract waterbirds such as Australian pelicans, silver gulls, red-necked avocets, banded stilts and gull-billed terns to Kati-Thanda Lake Eyre National Park. When the lake floods about once every eight years it becomes a breeding site for enormous numbers of waterbirds.

Wildlife tips

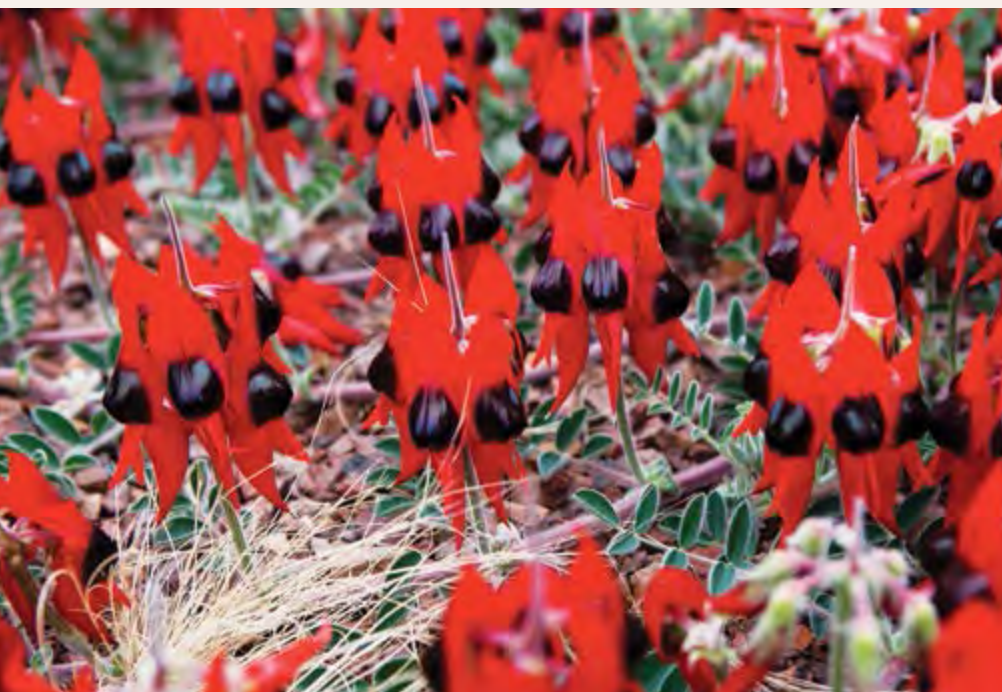
Please don't feed wildlife. By feeding wild animals we are actually doing them, and the environment, more harm than good as artificial feeding of wildlife can alter their natural behaviour, contribute to overpopulation, make some animals aggressive, cause poor nutrition, contribute to the presence of vermin at feeding sites and spread disease.

Wildflower and wildlife hot spots

Many of South Australia's national parks are ablaze with wildflowers each spring. After good rains, Flinders Ranges National Park and Gawler Ranges National Park are carpeted with the bright yellows, whites, reds and purples of native wildflowers. South Australia's floral emblem, the exquisite red Sturt's Desert Pea, is most commonly seen in northern reaches of the state such as Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park. Coastal national parks such as Coorong National Park come alive every spring with bright flowers attracting honeyeaters. Yellow-tailed black cockatoos can also be seen.

- **Adelaide and Adelaide Hills** – the Mount Lofty Ranges, including Belair National Park, is a biodiversity hotspot for dozens of native orchid species found nowhere else in the world. Keen observers may spot the endangered pink-lipped spider orchid and metallic sun orchid.
- **Eyre Peninsula** – Lake Gilles Conservation Park is home to red and ridge-fruited mallee, bullock bush and native grasses, low sandy rises and sweeping gypsum dunes. Hooded plovers and pied oyster catchers can be seen on the peninsula's many beaches.

Sturt's Desert Pea.



Wallaby, Kangaroo Island (photo credit: SATC).

- **Fleurieu Peninsula** – in spring Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park is blanketed by blooming native wildflowers. The dry heath and densely vegetated swamps of the Fleurieu Peninsula are home to one of Australia's most endangered birds, the Mount Lofty Ranges southern emu-wren.
- **Flinders Ranges and the outback** – head out to the Kati-Thanda Lake Eyre National Park to see the proliferation of birdlife. Spot native nocturnal creatures such as dunnarts, planigales and bats when camping in Flinders Ranges National Park.
- **Kangaroo Island** – see Australian sea lions at Seal Bay Conservation Park. The boardwalk gives the best and safest views of the sea lions resting and feeding their young. Kangaroo Island also hosts a recovery program for the magnificent and endangered glossy black cockatoo.
- **Limestone Coast** – Penambol Conservation Park south of Mount Gambier is one of the best places to see common wombats, with dozens of homes dotted along the Wombat Walk trail. It is also home to the Butterfly Walk, where you can see the splendid ochre and orange ochre butterfly. The park also protects the rare yellow-bellied glider.
- **Riverland and the Murraylands** – the wetlands that line the mighty Murray River are home to majestic river red gums and play an important role in the breeding cycles of the southern bell frog.
- **Yorke Peninsula and the Clare Valley** – deep in the red earth gorges of the Red Banks Conservation Park lies important habitat for short-beaked echidnas. At Innes National Park keep an eye out for the reintroduced tammar wallabies, once extinct on the mainland.



Limestone Coast

From the Coorong's sprawling beaches, powerful surf and picturesque lakes to the deep caves of South Australia's only World Heritage Site at Naracoorte Caves, the Limestone Coast offers fantastic fishing, camping, bird watching, surfing and more.

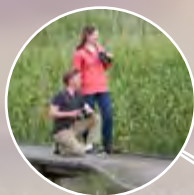
Coorong NP

Kayak one of the most spectacular coastal landscapes in Australia.



Bool Lagoon GR and Hacks Lagoon CP

Walk over water on a 500-metre long boardwalk among 150 bird species.



Little Dip CP

Fall hook, line and sinker for Little Dip's surf fishing beaches.



Tantanoola Caves CP

Join a guided cave tour and see an extraordinary display of cave decorations.



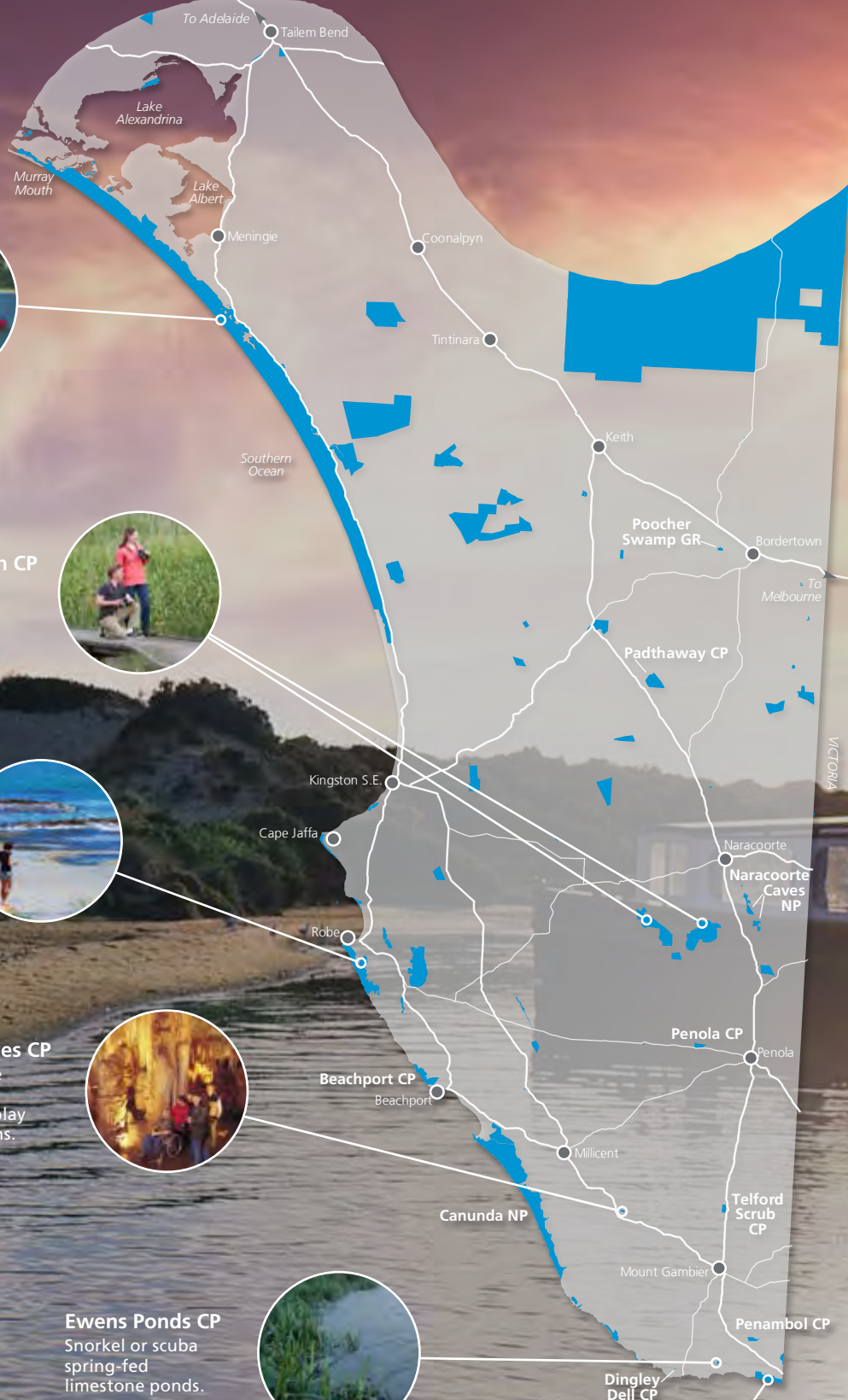
Ewens Ponds CP

Snorkel or scuba spring-fed limestone ponds.



Piccaninnie Ponds CP

Dive the crystal clear waters of Piccaninnie Ponds' Cathedral cavern.





Beachport Conservation Park (photo credit: SATC).

Beachport Conservation Park 875ha



Beachport Conservation Park offers great outdoor adventures for the whole family. Swim (with care), fish, camp, barbecue or birdwatch along the park's white sandy beaches and among its coastal flora. Beachport is home to a wide array of birdlife, making it an ideal spot for keen birdwatchers. Species include the rare orange-bellied parrot that occupies the coastal salt marsh and beach dune habitats and hooded plovers, which are often seen nesting along the beach.

The park has beautiful, weathered limestone cliffs and middens – the discarded remains of shellfish – left by the Boandik Aboriginal people. The walking trail around Woolley Lake offers panoramic views of the ocean and neighbouring Lake George. Enjoy a picnic at Lake George or go sailing in the waters at Five Mile Drift.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

50km south of Robe or 385km south east of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access off Alternate Highway One via Beachport.

Contact

(+61 8) 8735 6053

Bool Lagoon Game Reserve and Hacks Lagoon Conservation Park

3013ha / 202ha



Bool Lagoon's seasonal wetland is home to a wide range of endangered bird species, making it a top spot for birdwatchers.

The lagoon's boardwalk, extending 500m over the wetlands to lookout posts, gives the feeling of walking on water. Brolgas, commonly associated with northern Australia, are among the most spectacular of 150 species to be seen.

Hacks Lagoon Conservation Park adjoins the main basin of Bool Lagoon Game Reserve and offers another rewarding wetland experience.

The extended drive via Bool Lagoon Rd and Moyhall Rd to Little Bool Lagoon is worth the effort to see the many waterbirds that regularly visit its open water.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

360km south east of Adelaide.

Contact

(+61 8) 8762 3412

Canunda National Park 9627ha



Canunda offers fishing, bushwalking, birdlife, surfing, snorkelling and more along its rugged coastline of cliffs and long stretches of surf beaches.

Depending on the season and ocean conditions, mullet, salmon, sharks or rays may tempt a bite along Canunda's 40km coastline. Try your luck off the rocks, where sweep, abalone and crayfish may be caught.

Evidence of the Aboriginal Boandik people, who once lived in temporary camps along the coast, can be seen throughout the park.

Four-wheel driving is possible along the full length of the park by following the marker posts through the dunes and along Geltwood Beach (when passable).

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

18km north west of Millicent or 428km south east of Adelaide.

Getting there

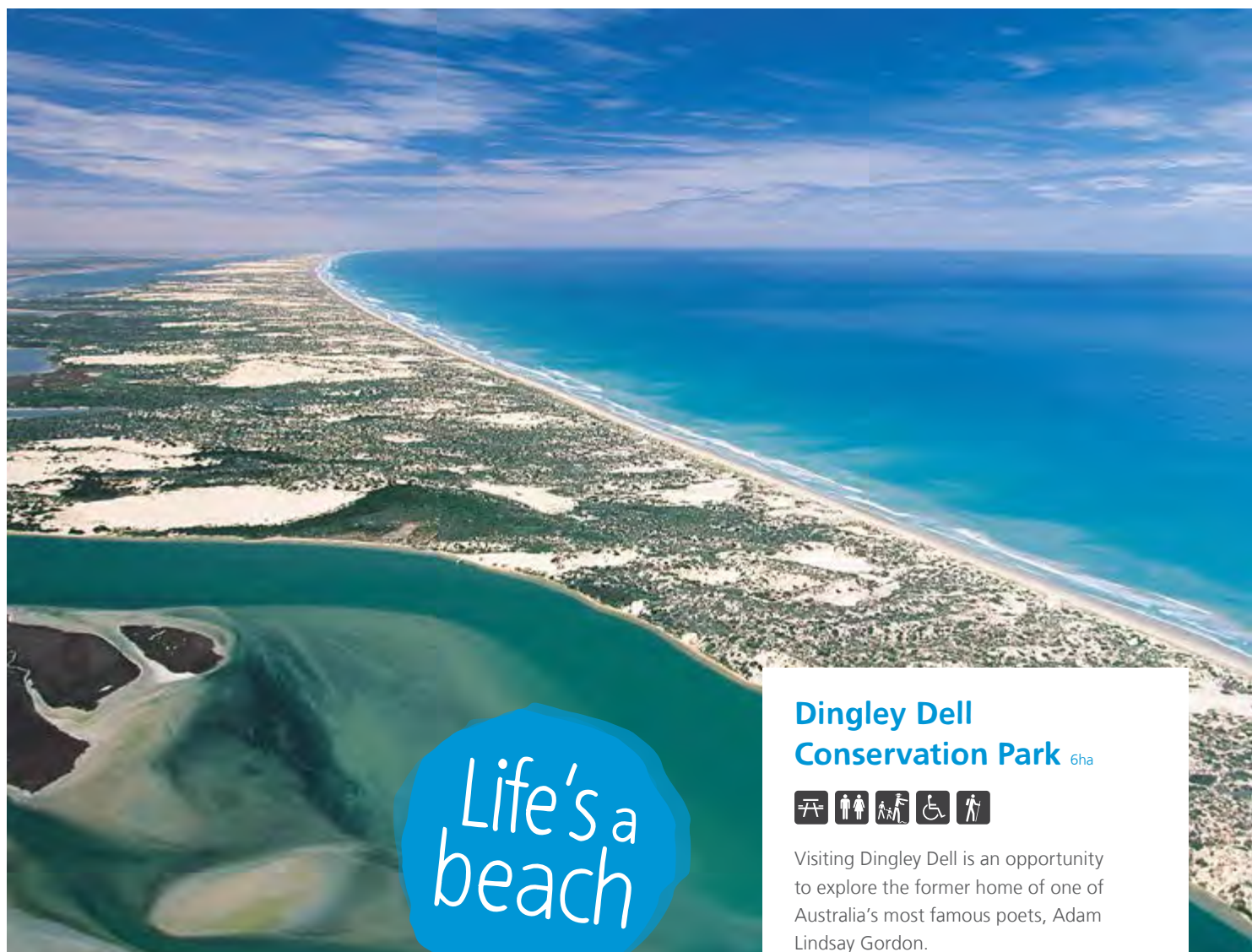
Access via Millicent, Southend or Carpenter Rocks.

Contact

(+61 8) 8735 6053

Bool Lagoon Game Reserve (photo credit: SATC).





Coorong National Park (photo credit: SATC).

Coorong National Park 48,975ha



Stretching more than 130km, the Coorong is one of the most spectacular coastal landscapes in Australia with the sweeping sand dunes of the Younghusband Peninsula protecting a string of saltwater lagoons from the Southern Ocean.

A wetland of international significance and an important archaeological site, the Coorong is also of enormous cultural significance to the Ngarrindjeri people.

It's an important breeding area for the Australian pelican and offers refuge to ducks, swans, cormorants, terns, grebes and numerous migratory birds.

Explore the park on foot via walking trails, paddle along waterways by kayak or 4WD along designated tracks and the beach. The number of birds that visit the area provide great bird watching and photographic opportunities.

The Encounter and Upper South East marine parks can also be accessed from this park.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

186km south east of Adelaide.

Getting there

The southern part of the park is accessible via, Meningie and Salt Creek off Highway One. If arriving from the south, enter the park via Kingston.

Contact

(+61 8) 8575 1200

Dingley Dell Conservation Park 6ha



Visiting Dingley Dell is an opportunity to explore the former home of one of Australia's most famous poets, Adam Lindsay Gordon.

The eccentric and talented Lindsay Gordon lived at Dingley Dell from 1864 until 1867. While living there he published his first poem outside of the pages of a newspaper or magazine, before going on to publish a wide range of works between 1865 and 1867.

Take a guided tour through Dingley Dell cottage, now a museum with displays depicting Lindsay Gordon's life and works and the history of the cottage.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Dingley Dell Cottage is open 10am to 4pm daily (closed Christmas day) and other times by appointment. Guided tours are available.

Location

30km south of Mount Gambier or 407km south east of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Port MacDonnell Rd.

Contact

(+61 8) 8738 2221



Coorong National Park (photo credit: SATC).

Ewens Ponds Conservation Park 36ha



Snorkelling along the shallow channels or scuba diving in the spring-fed limestone ponds of Ewens Ponds Conservation Park are fantastic experiences for qualified divers.

The channels connect three basin shaped ponds approximately 10m deep. Book time to see a variety of fish through crystal clear waters, ranging from the rare and elusive Ewens pygmy perch to the commonly seen freshwater crayfish.

Please note that a wetsuit is required and the minimum qualification for divers is open water. Swimming is not allowed because of the risk to the aquatic environment.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

36km south of Mount Gambier.

Getting there

Access via Port MacDonnell Road.

Contact

(+61 8) 8735 1177

Little Dip Conservation Park 2150ha



A number of small lakes can be found throughout Little Dip, each with its own unique character, ranging from the open, marshy and shallow Lake Eliza to the very salty Big Dip Lake and the deep Fresh Water Lake.

The park's coastline includes a large area of coastal sand dunes and the foreshore of Lake Eliza was once home to large numbers of Aboriginal Boandik. Large numbers of middens (shellfish remains) left by the Aboriginal people can still be seen in the park today.

The coastal scrub is a great location for birdwatchers, while the beaches provide good opportunities for beachcombing, surf fishing, surfing and swimming (with care).

Access to the Upper South East Marine Park is also available from this park.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

341km south east of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Alternate Highway One.

Contact

(+61 8) 8735 1177



Padthaway Conservation Park 981ha



Padthaway's remnant block of native vegetation is home to a wide range of birdlife, providing exciting opportunities for quality bird watching.

The park is dominated by South Australian blue gum, manna gum and stringybarks with wild orchids visible along the walking trails. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Australian native birds as you picnic beneath gum trees. There's also a fair chance you'll spot a koala enjoying its own lunch high up in the eucalypt branches.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

254km south east of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Riddoch Highway.

Contact

(+61 8) 8735 1177

Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park 547ha



Recognised as a wetland of international significance under the Ramsar Convention, the spectacular underwater world of Piccaninnie Ponds is a must see for any diver visiting South Australia. Snorkel across the top of The Chasm and peer down into the dark depths below. A dive down into the large underwater cavern known as The Cathedral is bound to amaze. Fees apply.

The ponds' dramatic features have been formed over thousands of years by freshwater rising through limestone to the surface. The Chasm and The Cathedral, with its fantastic white walls of sculptured and scalloped limestone, offer a spectacular experiences even for seasoned divers.

Permit required - divers must be cave dive accredited.

Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park
(photo credit: SATC).

Back on land you'll see freshwater springs bubbling up onto the sand and spot the several species of birds and shellfish native to the area.

A walking trail through coastal wattle and beard heath leads to the ponds outlet. Heading inland via boardwalks through silky tea-tree and cutting grass, you'll find a lookout where views of the wetland and bamboo reed and bulrush can be seen.

Lower South East Marine Park borders Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

32km south east of Mount Gambier or 482km south east of Adelaide.

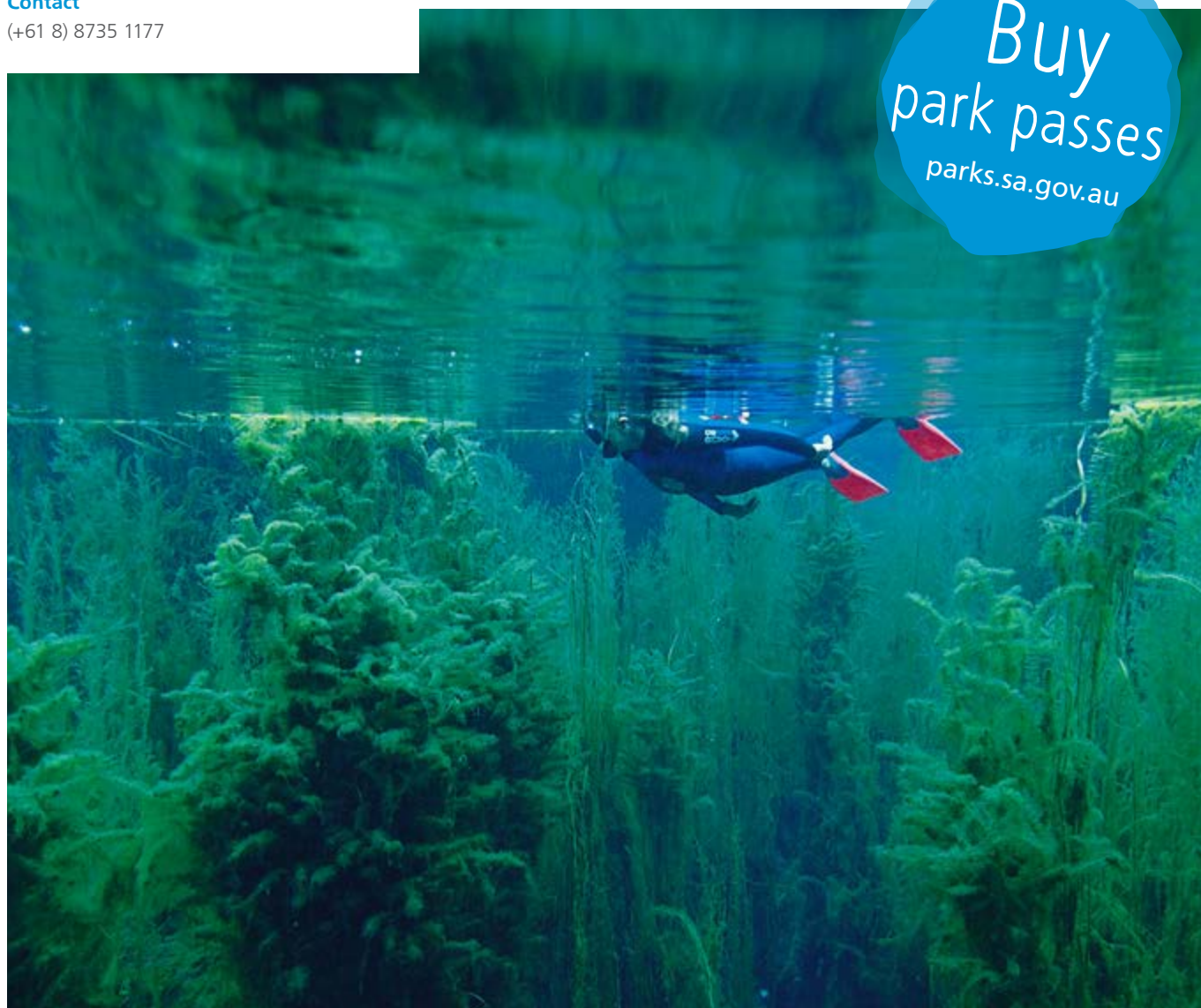
Getting there

Access via Piccaninnie Ponds Road.

Contact

(+61 8) 8735 1177

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Great egret, Coorong National Park (photo credit SATC).

Tantanoola Caves Conservation Park 14ha



Set into a cliff face, this park's spectacular cave is one of South Australia's most impressive.

See an extraordinary display of cave decorations (speleothems) in beautiful shades of pink and brown, coloured by a dolomite base rock (fees apply).

Tantanoola is one of Australia's few wheelchair accessible caves and visitors are hosted by a knowledgeable guide who will explain the history and geology of the caves. After the tour, stroll through the large cavern at your leisure and take photographs.

Many visitors also enjoy lunch at the picturesque picnic grounds above ground, or take a walk along the cliff top walking trail which offers panoramic views of the surrounding district.

Tour fees apply.

Opening hours

Open 10am to 3pm daily October to May; 10am to 3pm Saturday, Sunday and Monday June to September.

Location

29km north east of Mount Gambier.

Getting there

Access via Princes Highway.

Contact

(+61 8) 8734 4153

Telford Scrub Conservation Park 170ha



Walk among the treetops along Telford Scrub's forest canopy boardwalk for a unique bird's eye view of the park's native forest.

Interpretative signs along the walking trails highlight some of the park's features, including more than 20 species of native orchid. A small clearing among the vegetation is an ideal spot to enjoy a picnic.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

15km north of Mount Gambier.

Getting there

Access via Riddoch Highway via Grundys Lane.

Contact

(+61 8) 8735 1177

Tantanoola Caves Conservation Park (photo credit: SATC).



Land
down
under



Naracoorte Caves

A trip to the Limestone Coast would not be complete without a visit to South Australia's only World Heritage Site.

Located 10km south of Naracoorte, Naracoorte Caves National Park is recognised as one of the world's most important fossil sites.

Daily Tours

Guided tours are suitable for people of all ages. The 30-minute tour of Alexandra Cave at 9.30am and 1.30pm is ideal for young families, while rare bats and world renowned fossils can be viewed on hour-long tours. The Wonambi Fossil Centre interpretive display and Wet Cave are self-guided (buy tickets at the Wonambi Fossil Centre reception). The World Heritage Walk and the Stoney Point hike can be enjoyed at any time. Adventure caving tours are also available (please pre-book). Closed Christmas Day.

Fossils

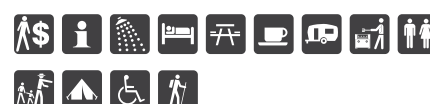
Providing a rare insight into Australia's past, Victoria Fossil Cave showcases world renowned fossil deposits. Daily tours run at 10.15am and 2.15pm. The Wonambi

Fossil Centre recreates the ancient world of Australia's mega-fauna with life-size robotics in a simulated forest and swamp land. An unforgettable experience for the kids.

Bats

The Bat Observation Centre is the only place in the world where visitors can observe a colony of southern bent-wing bats in their natural habitat. The Bat Cave itself is only accessible to scientists, but using specially designed infra-red cameras, guides are able to provide visitors with a bat's-eye view. This tour concludes in the adjacent Blanche Cave. Daily tours run at 11.30am and 3.30pm.

Onsite camping is also available. Enjoy refreshments at the award-winning Caves Café.



Opening hours

9am to 5pm daily (closed Christmas Day).

Location

10km south of Naracoorte.

Getting there

Off Riddoch Highway - follow roadside signs.

Contact

(+61 8) 8760 1210
 naracoortecaves@sa.gov.au
 naracoortecaves.sa.gov.au



Heritage treasures

National parks are packed with heritage treasures that provide a window into the history of South Australia. The successes and failures of early European settlement can be seen in ruins, artefacts, dwellings, stock yards and lighthouses. From exploring an underwater shipwreck trail to staying at an historic lighthouse keeper's cottage, there are many ways to explore our heritage and to embrace the most unique aspects of our state.



Cape du Couedic, Flinders Chase National Park (photo credit: SATC).

Maritime history

Heritage and adventure join forces in South Australia's diving trails with about 800 shipwrecks lying off the state's coast, attracting divers from across the world. These vessels trace the history of shipbuilding from the 1850s to the 1960s – from majestic windjammers to steamships and motor vessels that travelled international waters. Nine shipwreck trails can be explored along the coastline and the River Murray. Highlights include the Adelaide Underwater Heritage Trail featuring four shipwrecks off Gulf St Vincent and the Investigator Heritage Trail, by the coast of Innes National Park, offering 26 shipwrecks dating from 1849 to 1982.

On land, Innes National Park has two historic lighthouses at Cape Spencer and West Cape. Soak up more of South Australia's rich maritime history on Kangaroo Island at Cape Borda lighthouse in Flinders Chase National Park and Cape Willoughby Conservation Park, home to the state's first lighthouse.

Former whaling sites can be seen at D'Estrees Bay at Cape Gantheaume Conservation Park, Coffin Bay National Park, Fowler's Bay Conservation Reserve and Nuyts Archipelago Conservation Park.

Mining history

Innes National Park takes its name from William Innes, who discovered commercial quantities of gypsum in the area in the early 1900s. The remnants of Inneston, a thriving mining township that once supported a population of about 200 people, can be found in the park.

On the Fleurieu Peninsula, Talisker Conservation Park contains the heritage-listed ruins of a silver and lead mine from the 1860s and Parra Wirra Recreation Park includes a walking trail, the Victoria Hill Walk, that tells the colourful story of the goldfields that sprung up in the area in 1868.

Flinders Ranges National Park is home to the Appealinna Ruins, built by miners working at the nearby Appealinna copper mine. These well-preserved stone buildings are testament to the miners' outstanding craftsmanship and mark the area where one of the largest solid pieces of copper ore ever extracted in the state was mined – so large that it was transported to Adelaide by bullock cart and paraded down North Tce.

Pastoral history

On the western edge of the Simpson Desert, among sand dunes and floodplains, lie thermal springs surrounded by lush vegetation and abundant wildlife. Witjira National Park includes the Dalhousie Main Spring, which was used by Aboriginal people, early explorers and pastoralists as a source of food and shelter.

At Flinders Ranges National Park, Old Wilpena Station is one of the most scenically spectacular pastoral settlements in South Australia. A working station for 135 years, the site slipped into retirement in 1985 and is now a tranquil archive of pastoral history best explored on the award-winning Living with the Land interpretive trail.





Martindale Hall Conservation Park (photo credit: SATC).

A well interpreted shearing shed and walking trail, Uncle Gil's Walk, can be found at Balcanoona in Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park. The walk explores the important role local Adnyamathanha people played in the development of the pastoral industry in the outback.

Heritage highlights

Innamincka Regional Reserve

In a park that covers more than 1.3 million hectares of land lies the site where Australia's most famous explorers Burke and Wills died. Visit the interpretation centre and cross the border to Queensland to explore the historic Dig Tree site, which

once played a significant part in their ill-fated expedition. Explore the stunning landscape of the Innamincka and Cooper Creek State Heritage Area and experience an authentic desert oasis. Details: page 39.

Old Government House, Belair National Park

The former vice-regal summer residence of South Australia's early governors stands as an excellent example of Victorian-style architecture. Constructed of local uncut stone, nestled in a beautifully maintained cottage garden, the house and gardens are open to the public on Sundays and public holidays from 1pm to 4pm. Details: page 12.

Fort Glanville Conservation Park

Built in 1880 and remaining largely unaltered, Fort Glanville Conservation Park represents a significant period in South Australia's colonial history. Fort Glanville Association members celebrate the fort's history on the third Sunday afternoon of every month between September and May, recreating the past with military drill demonstrations, including cannon firing. Details: page 12.

Adelaide Gaol

Step inside the heritage-listed Adelaide Gaol, one of South Australia's oldest and most intriguing public buildings, for a unique glimpse of prison life. Wander along lost in your own imagination while taking a self-guided tour and visit the interactive exhibition. If you're really lucky, you may catch a glimpse of one of Adelaide Gaol's ghostly residents.

Details: adelaidegaol.sa.gov.au

Martindale Hall Conservation Park

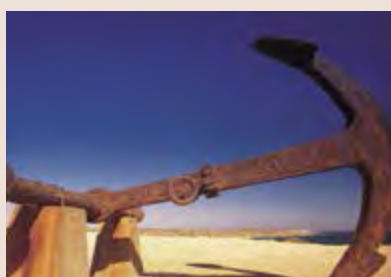
Built in 1879 for a 21-year-old sheep farmer and made famous by the classic Australian film, *Picnic at Hanging Rock*, Martindale Hall is a Georgian mansion that remains in near-original condition. Tour the stately home for an insight into the lives of South Australia's wealthy gentry during the late 1800s and early 1900s. Details: page 75.

Dingley Dell Conservation Park

The former home of one of Australia's most famous poets, Adam Lindsay Gordon, Dingley Dell is now a museum showcasing Lindsay Gordon's life and works. Tour the museum and grounds for a look into the life of this fearless horse rider, poet and politician. Details: page 59.

Heritage trails

Explore South Australia's heritage at your own pace on one of the many walking trails that wind through our parks. The Flinders Ranges National Park Hills Homestead Walk travels along the relics of pioneering life; the Yurrebilla Trail winds through the Adelaide Hills into Horsnell Gully and Giles conservation parks, where relics of the Horsnell family property such as the remains of a large homestead remain; and the Coola Outstation Historical Hike at Canunda National Park on the Limestone Coast shares the history of Coola Outstation.



Stay a while

Immerse yourself in history with a stay at a heritage-listed lightkeeper's cottage at Cape Willoughby Conservation Park or Flinders Chase National Park, enjoy the grandeur of the Georgian mansion at Martindale Hall Conservation Park or check in at Innes National Park's restored miners' cottages.

Accommodation details page 80.

Bookings: parks.sa.gov.au



Murray River

Follow the course of the mighty Murray River past sandstone cliffs and river red gums through mallee country and wetlands awash with native wildlife and vegetation.

Loch Luna GR and Moorook GR
Fish, canoe and walk tranquil lagoons, floodplains and wetlands.



Lyrup Flats
Explore a wonderful network of creeks and backwaters in Murray River National Park's 2000 hectare floodplain.



Ngarkat CP
Enjoy the solitude and beauty of vast mallee landscapes.



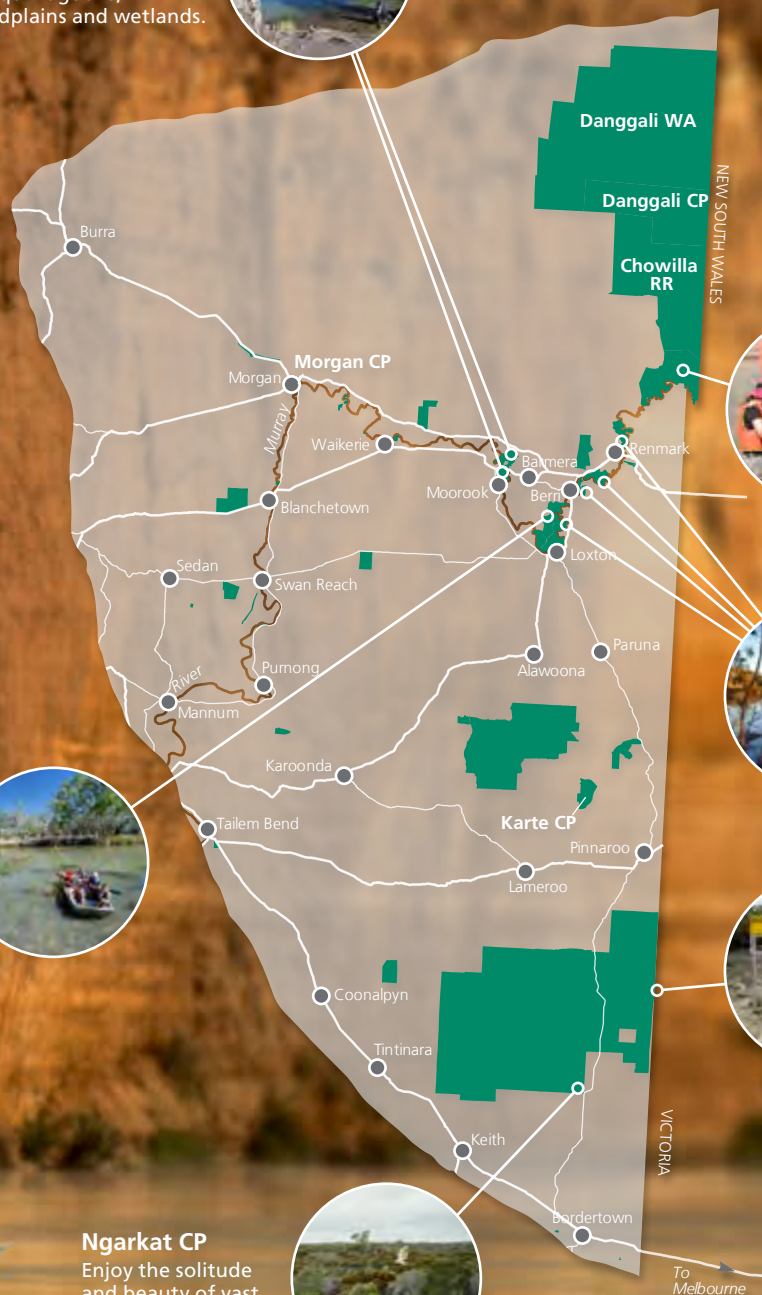
Chowilla GR
Paddle along peaceful waterways for rare glimpses of protected Australian bird life.



Murray River NP
Sleep under the stars at Katarapko by the banks of the Murray River.



Border Track
4WD the legendary Border Track through Ngarkat Conservation Park.



Chowilla Game Reserve and Regional Reserve

93,397ha



Follow secluded walking trails through great stands of river red gum and hardy black box and you'll discover why Chowilla Game Reserve and Regional Reserve is an integral part of the Riverland Biosphere Reserve.

Bring a canoe and paddle along tranquil peaceful waterways with camera and binoculars at the ready for rare glimpses of protected Australian bird life.

For information on how to purchase detailed, independently-produced canoe trail maps please contact the Barmera Visitor Information Centre or the Renmark Paringa Visitor Information Centre.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

280km north east of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Murtho Rd, Paringa.

Contact

(+61 8) 8580 1800

Danggali Conservation Park and Wilderness Protection Area

251,232ha



Danggali Conservation Park and Wilderness Protection Area became Australia's first Biosphere Reserve in 1977 and is famous for its vastness and wilderness appeal.

Many species of semi-arid land birds live within its borders, offering great opportunities for birdwatching.

Explore the walking trails which feature relics of pastoral history and enjoy the park's serenity at night in one of the designated camping areas.

Keep your camera handy while exploring for sightings of resident red and western grey kangaroos grazing in the scrub.

Danggali is very remote, please ensure you have enough food, water and fuel for the duration of your stay.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

90km north of Renmark or 350km north east of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Old Wentworth Rd.

Contact

(+61 8) 8580 1800

Chowilla Game Reserve (photo credit: Bill Doyle).



Murray River (photo credit: SATC).

Karte Conservation Park

3590ha



While visiting Karte Conservation Park, it's worth pausing for a moment at one of the high sand dunes that made the park unsuitable for agriculture and saved it from being cleared at the beginning of the 20th century.

Unlikely protectors, the dunes ensured that the park's native vegetation survived to become a crucial habitat for the threatened malleefowl and many other species.

Interpretive signs along the 1.5km walking trail in the park provide an insight into the area's importance for conservation, while picnic areas and campsites located near the start of the trail provide an opportunity to enjoy stunning views across the district.

Look out for some of the park's other residents, including western grey kangaroos, echidnas or fat-tailed dunnarts.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

30km north west of Pinnaroo.

Getting there

Access via Pinnaroo to Loxton Rd.

Contact

(+61 8) 8580 1800



River of dreams



Murray River National Park (photo credit: Bill Doyle).

Loch Luna and Moorook Game Reserves

2063ha / 1244ha



The floodplains and wetlands of Loch Luna Game Reserve and the adjacent Moorook Game Reserve offer the chance to walk, fish and canoe in tranquil surroundings.

Wachtels Lagoon, numerous narrow creeks and shallow swamps found in the area provide important habitats for many aquatic birds and mammals, including the colourful regent parrot.

Visit for the day and enjoy an afternoon picnic, or make the most of the peaceful surroundings at night by camping at the designated camping spots beside the river.

Dogs on leads are welcome in the Kaiser Strip area only on the southern side of Kingston Bridge causeway.

Detailed, independently produced canoe trail maps are available at the Barmera Visitor Information Centre or the Renmark Paringa Visitor Information Centre.

Please be aware that waterfowl hunting is permitted on declared open days.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

210km north east of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Sturt Highway.

Contact

(61 8) 8580 1800

Murray River National Park

13,592ha



Three distinct areas make up Murray River National Park, offering a wide range of activities to enjoy and environments to explore.

The Katarapko area is fantastic for bird watching and features floodplains and wetlands that are an important breeding area for native wildlife, including waterbirds.

Lyrup Flats encompasses 2000 hectares along the floodplain on the northern side of the river and provides diverse opportunities for bird watching and fishing. Dogs on leads are welcome.

Accessible only by boat, a special treat can be had at Bulyong Island which is home to a number of wildlife species including western grey kangaroos, emus, pelicans, kingfishers and parrots.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

180km north east of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Sturt Highway.

Contact

(+61 8) 8580 1800



Ngarkat Conservation Park.

Ngarkat Conservation Park 266,623ha



Home to the legendary Border Track between the South Australian and Victorian border, Ngarkat's immense landscapes are a spectacular sight to behold.

The park's 270,000 hectares of vegetated sand dunes, mallee and heath abound in wildlife. Look out for western grey kangaroo and emus and more than 120 species of birds. You may even spot a rare malleefowl walking slowly among the trees.

A number of walking trails give you the opportunity to see wildlife and get a better appreciation of the vast mallee landscape.

Enjoy the magnificent views from Tyms Lookout on a three hour hike which passes ruins left by pastoralists who tried unsuccessfully to settle in the area at Box Flat.

If you're one of the many 4WD enthusiasts planning to travel along the challenging Border Track, please ensure you are well prepared and drive responsibly.

Entry and camping fees apply.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

34km south of Pinnaroo.

Getting there

Access via Princes Highway or take the Mallee Highway from Tailem Bend via Peake and Lamerook or Snozells Rd near Tintinara off the Dukes Highway.

Contact

(+61 8) 8580 1800

Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park 49ha



A visit to Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park is an experience that will never leave you. Just two hours from Adelaide stand atop lofty, ochre coloured cliffs where the traditional landowners, the Nganguraku people, and visitors such as the Ngarkat people, would take in the beauty of the picturesque landscape. Marvel at footsteps in the cliffs carved out over thousands of years and get a unique insight into this area's Aboriginal culture.

Opening hours

Ngaut Ngaut is a culturally significant site and access is limited to guided tours only. Book through the Mannum Aboriginal Community Association.

Location

173km east of Adelaide via National Highway M1.

Contact

Tour bookings – Isobelle Campbell,
Mannum Aboriginal
Community Association,
(+61 8) 8570 1196
0407 006 651
issy.ngautngaut@yahoo.com.au



Hiking in the Riverland and Murraylands
(photo credit: SATC).

Lend a hand

Each year thousands of people show their passion for South Australia's national parks through volunteering.



At a time when many parks are stretched by lack of resources and staff, volunteers provide invaluable support by helping to ensure that these sanctuaries will survive for generations to come. From urban to remote, coastal to desert, city to outback – our volunteers are there all year round, making an enormous contribution to our environment and the experience of parks visitors.

Volunteers can become involved with everything from bush regeneration to bat monitoring. Whether they're planting in Para Wirra Recreation Park or weeding in Witjira National Park, the one thing all our volunteers share is a commitment to conserving the natural environment and keeping South Australia's parks special.

Without volunteers, initiatives such as Plant-a-Feast for the threatened yellow-tailed black cockatoos, the family friendly Cleland Blitz to revamp our wildlife enclosures and park gardens and the rebuilding of the historic Guide Hut in the Flinders Ranges and the Coach House in Bimbowrie Conservation Park wouldn't be possible.

Most national parks also have a Friends group made up of passionate individuals dedicated to conservation and protection in specific parks, often close to where they live. Special interest groups also abound and work in areas of interest ranging from butterfly monitoring to 4WD tours, from heritage and history at the Adelaide Gaol to helping to maintain the South Australian section of Australia's longest walking trail, the Heysen Trail.

Friends groups in particular have a special relationship and a distinguished history of association with national parks. First established in the early 1980s, there are now more than 120 friends of parks groups working tirelessly every week in our parks, with many members contributing several unbroken decades of volunteering.

Other special volunteer groups include Conservation Volunteers Australia, who work in a number of parks and have a special involvement at Brookfield Conservation Park in particular, where they monitor and preserve a precious colony of southern hairy-nosed wombats.

But it's not just the established groups who are making a difference. With a calendar of volunteer events and activities each year, there are plenty of opportunities for individuals, families, students, retirees and interstate and international travellers to get involved and make a difference in our parks.

The SA Urban Forests - Million Trees Program aims to return three million local native trees and plants to the greater Adelaide area. Each year there are dozens of planting events across South Australia in support of the aims of this vital initiative, which provides opportunities for people to become involved in volunteering for the first time and in a way that suits their lifestyle.

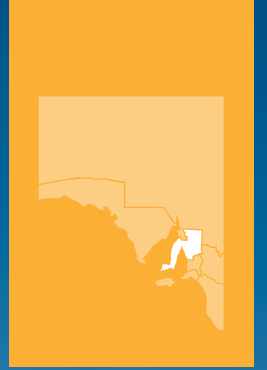
The thriving Campground Hosts program offers volunteers the opportunity to share their love of the outdoors and camping with like-minded adventurers. Campground Hosts welcome travellers in iconic national parks across the state, from Dalhousie Springs in the far north to Flinders Chase National Park on Kangaroo Island. With a friendly smile, practical tips and a wealth of information about the flora, fauna and natural attractions around the area, they are highly regarded by our parks visitors and make every visit even more rewarding.

 Get involved

Volunteer Support Unit
(+61 8) 8124 4784
DEWNRVolunteers@sa.gov.au
environment.sa.gov.au



Yorke Peninsula *and* Clare Valley *&*



Swim and surf secluded beaches, drop a line off a historic jetty or take the wine trail into unspoilt bushland. This is the perfect place to reconnect with nature.

Innes National Park (photo credit: SATC).

Map images: Bill Doyle, Christina Vincente, Anneli Welchman and SATC.

Red Banks CP

Walk in the footsteps of giant marsupials at one of the richest megafauna sites in Australia.



Spring Gully CP

Wander through stands of red stringybarks, wildflowers and orchids.



Innes NP

Unwind among spectacular coastal landscapes with rugged cliffs and sandy beaches.



Troubridge Island CP

Travel by boat to hide away in an original lighthouse keeper's cottage.



Inneston Heritage Village

Discover a notable piece of South Australia's mining history.



Martindale Hall CP

Delve into the lives of South Australia's 19th century gentry.





It's a
shore
thing

Innes National Park (photo credit: SATC).

Innes National Park 9415ha



Spectacular coastal landscapes, rugged cliffs and sandy beaches are the world famous hallmarks of Innes National Park. Set among almost 10,000 hectares of coastal vegetation, one of the few large areas of significant vegetation on the Yorke Peninsula, Innes offers boundless opportunities for camping, bushwalking, fishing and surfing.

Discover the park's mining and maritime history by exploring the remnants of Innes, once a booming gypsum-mining town. Scuba dive the shipwrecks that lay off the coast of the park on the Investigator Strait Shipwreck Trail. Take on hikes from 30-minute strolls to four-hour treks and catch some of the best coastal views in the state.

More than 120 bird species find refuge in the park, along with western grey kangaroos and emus. Common dolphins and sea lions can occasionally be seen and during winter months keen observers may glimpse southern right whales from the cliff tops at Stenhouse Bay or Cape Spencer.

Wake to the call of the currawong or listen to waves crashing onto the beach at one of the park's seven different campgrounds. Stay overnight in one of several restored miners' cottages in the historic Innes village (fees apply). To book accommodation at Innes contact the Natural Resources Centre at Clare on (+61 8) 8841 3400.

Cash self-registration stations are no longer in use in this park. Please pre-book and pay online. Cash payments for entry and camping can be made en-route. Check online for details.

Southern Spencer Gulf Marine Park borders Innes National Park.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

300km west of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Yorke Highway.

Contact

(+61 8) 8841 3400

Martindale Hall Conservation Park 19ha



Martindale Hall Conservation Park offers an intriguing insight into the lives of South Australia's wealthy gentry during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Martindale Station was established by the Bowman family as a sheep property. In 1879, Edmund Bowman Jr built the grand Martindale Hall at a cost of £30,000. However, Edmund's extravagant lifestyle, combined with the 1880s depression and a fall in the price of wool, meant the family was forced to sell the property in 1891.

The property was purchased by William Mortlock and owned by the Mortlock family until 1950.

Today, the heritage-listed hall and surrounding land are open to the public for self-guided tours.

Opening hours

Martindale Hall Conservation Park is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For details of open hours for Martindale Hall, check online.

Location

130km north of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Main North Rd.

Contact

(+61 8) 8443 9088

Red Banks Conservation Park 1030ha



Red Banks Conservation Park features a scenic landscape of meandering rugged earth gorges, spring-fed waterholes and remnant old growth mallee trees.

Palaeontologists have declared this area one of the richest megafauna sites in Australia. Up until approximately 65,000 years ago, Red Banks was home to diprotodons, huge marsupials often likened to giant wombats that weighed between one to two tonnes.

Take the Landscapes of Change interpretative walking trail which passes through deep red earth gorges and permanent waterholes. You'll discover what the landscape was like when these huge marsupials were alive.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

170km north of Adelaide.

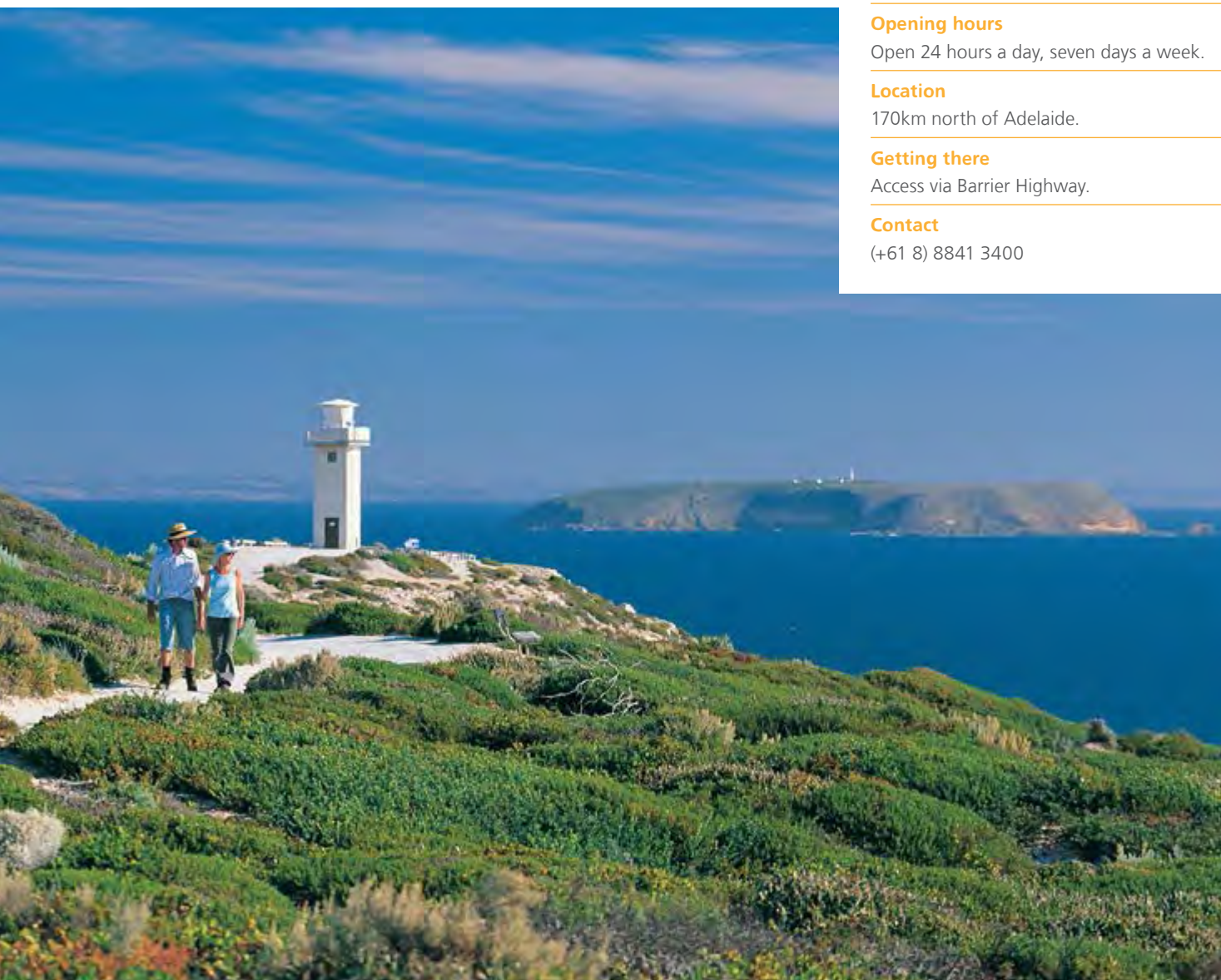
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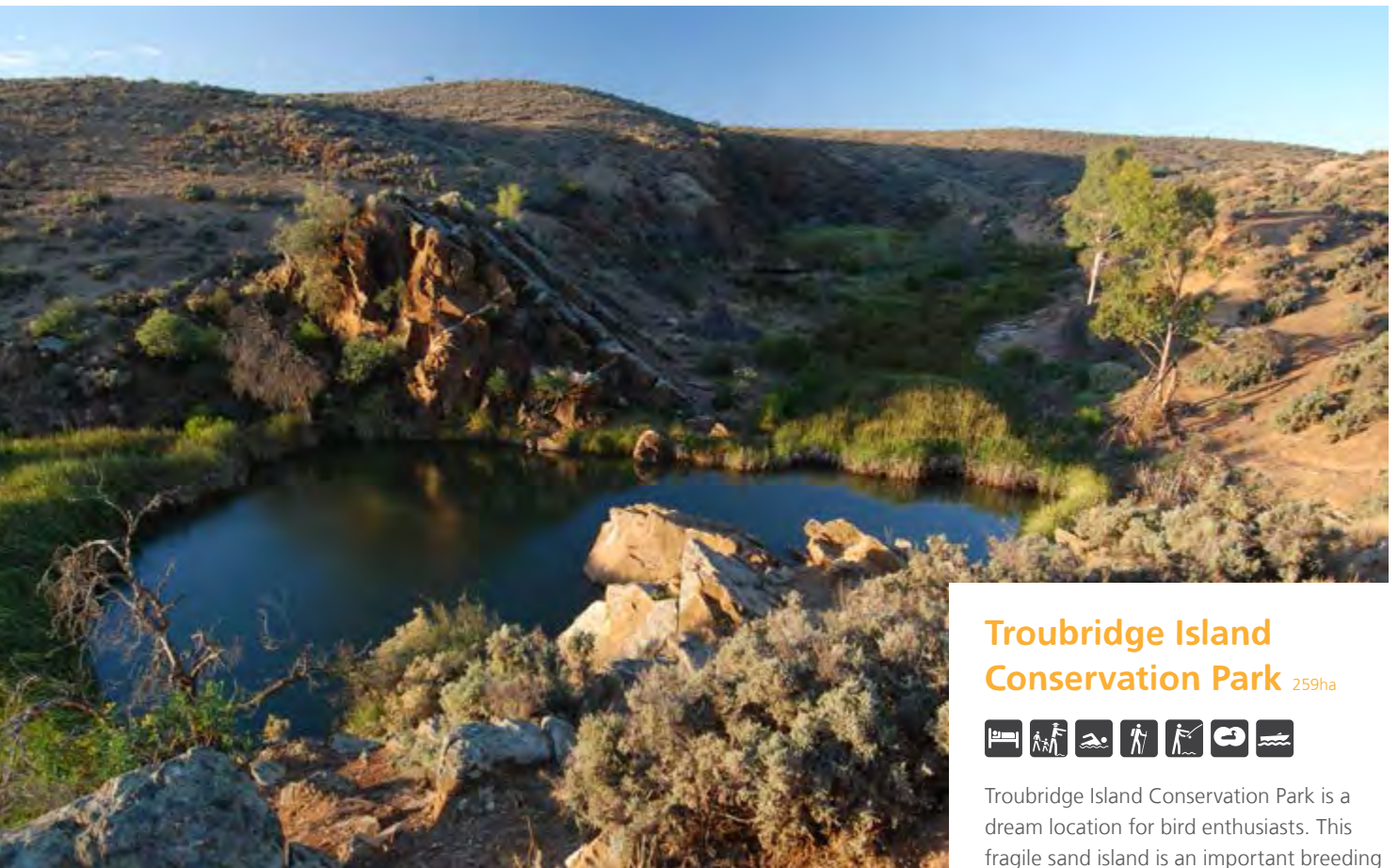
Access via Barrier Highway.

Contact

(+61 8) 8841 3400

Innes National Park (photo credit: SATC).





Red Banks Conservation Park (photo credit: Bill Doyle).



Emu, Innes National Park
(photo credit: Elizabeth Campbell).

Spring Gully Conservation Park 396ha



Enjoy the scenic natural landscape of Spring Gully Conservation Park, which protects the only stand of red stringybarks in South Australia.

The park has a steep, undulating terrain that leads into the creek bed of Spring Gully. From Blue Gum Lookout take a walk through grassy woodlands to a seasonal waterfall that plunges from a height of 18 metres after rain.

Enjoy a picnic or admire the wildflowers and orchids that bloom in spring. You may even see western grey kangaroos, euros and common brushtail possums.

Opening hours

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location

130km north of Adelaide.

Getting there

Access via Main North Rd.

Contact

(+61 8) 8841 3400

Troubridge Island Conservation Park 259ha



Troubridge Island Conservation Park is a dream location for bird enthusiasts. This fragile sand island is an important breeding area for birds and home to a large colony of little penguins, black-faced cormorants and crested terns.

Take in this island's secluded beauty by fishing or swimming along the white sandy beaches. Hide away for a few nights in the original lighthouse keeper's cottage. The heritage-listed cottage accommodation has all the modern conveniences needed for an idyllic escape from city life.

As the island protects nesting seabirds, the park is a prohibited area and is only accessible with a permit or on a guided tour.

Lower Yorke Peninsula Marine Park borders Troubridge Island Conservation Park.

Opening hours

Access is by permit only, available from Troubridge Island Hideaway and Charter.

Location

Off the coast of Edithburgh, 229km west of Adelaide.

Getting there

The island is only accessible by boat.

Contact

Accommodation and tours
(Troubridge Island Hideaway
and Charter)
(+61 8) 8852 6290

Marine parks

South Australia's marine areas are home to iconic species such as the southern right whale, bottlenose dolphin, leafy sea dragon, great white shark, little penguin, Australian sea lion and giant cuttlefish.

Much of our marine life is found nowhere else on earth. Across the state, 19 marine parks now compliment the parks network. Marine park sanctuaries, which make up six percent of state waters, protect some of our most special places.



Snorkelling

Noarlunga reef sanctuary in Encounter Marine Park is the perfect place for families to snorkel and watch schools of fish in a reef environment. Other activities in this sanctuary include surfing and kayaking. Try birdwatching nearby in the Onkaparinga River sanctuary.

Whale watching

The southern right whale visits South Australia's coastline every year between June and early October to calve. There are spectacular viewing platforms overlooking protected sanctuaries at the Head of the Bight in Far West Coast Marine Park and close to Adelaide near Victor Harbor in the Encounter Marine Park. While you're at Victor Harbor visit the whale centre.

Diving

Many of South Australia's most special diving locations are found in marine parks: Chinaman's Hat sanctuary in Southern Spencer Gulf Marine Park, Aldinga Reef sanctuary in Encounter Marine Park or Top Gallant Isles sanctuary in Investigator Marine Park.

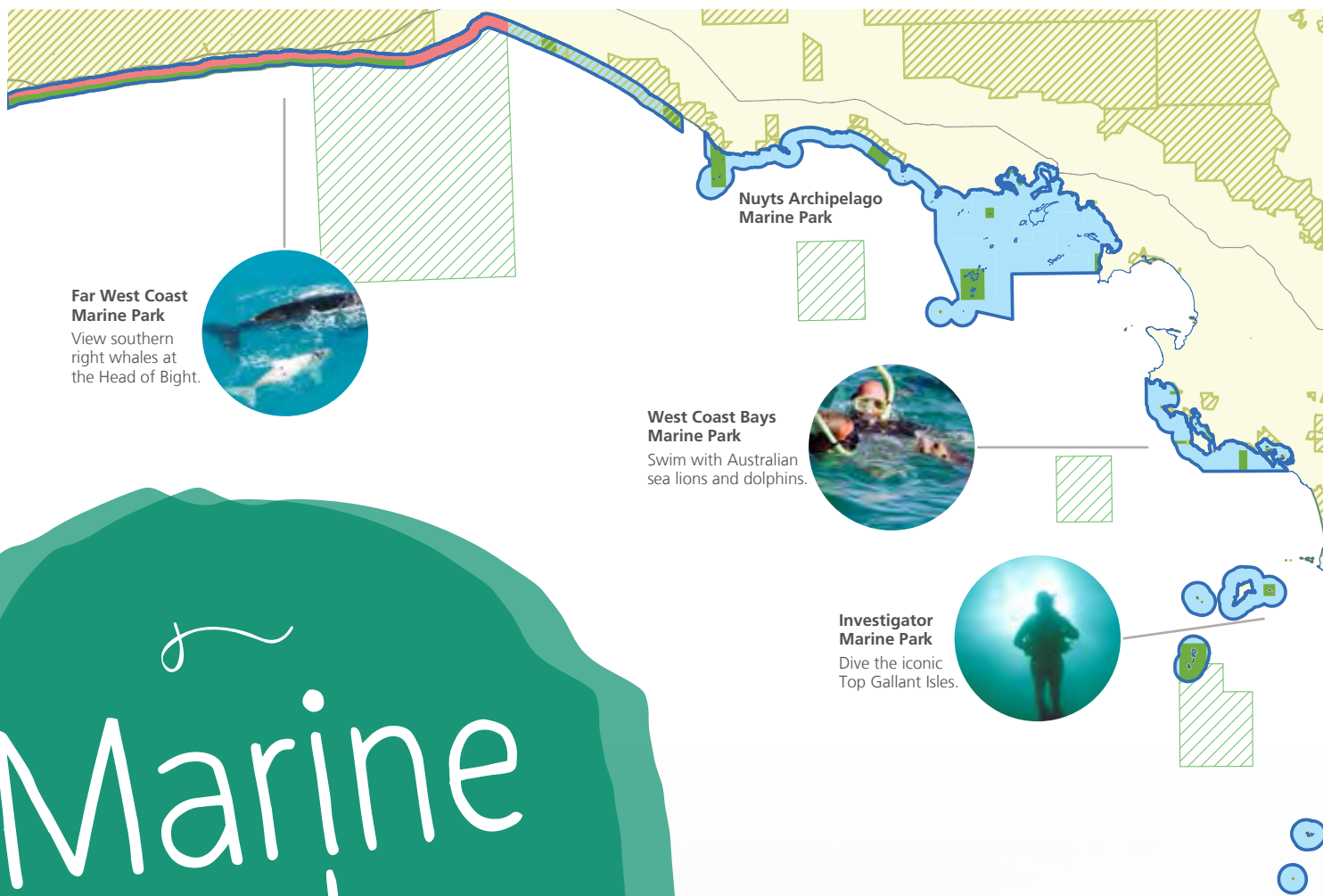
Tours in marine parks

South Australia is one of the few places in the world – and the only place in Australia – where you can go shark cage diving and get up close to the great white shark at Neptune Islands Group (Ron and Valerie Taylor) Marine Park. Walk into the heart of an Australian sea lion colony at Seal Bay and see these endangered animals in their natural environment.

Tours are also available to go diving with leafy sea dragons and swimming with seals and dolphins. More information on licenced tour operators is available at parks.sa.gov.au

Fishing

Fishing is a popular activity in South Australia – surf fishing on wild beaches, crabbing from a boat, kids' fishing on a jetty. Fishing is permitted in marine parks, except in the sanctuary zones, where conservation is the priority. For more information and sanctuary zone locations go to marineparks.sa.gov.au Fishing licences are not required in South Australia.



Far West Coast Marine Park

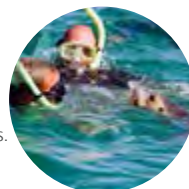
View southern right whales at the Head of Bight.



Nuyts Archipelago Marine Park

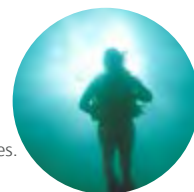
West Coast Bays Marine Park

Swim with Australian sea lions and dolphins.



Investigator Marine Park

Dive the iconic Top Gallant Isles.



Neptune Islands Group (Ron and Valerie Taylor) Marine Park

Go shark cage diving.



Marine Parks

Key

- Sanctuary Zone
- Restricted Access Zone - no public access
- Marine Park
- Commonwealth Marine National Park Zone
- Other parks and reserves

From 1 October 2014, fishing will not be allowed in Sanctuary Zones. For more details visit marineparks.sa.gov.au or download the free app at myparx.com

Parks on your phone

Find the marine park closest to you, maps, access points and more. Download the free app at myparx.com

Available for



Available for



Long-nosed fur seals (photo credit: Peter Ahrens).

Port Noarlunga snorkelling (photo credit: SATC, Adam Bruzzone).



Places to stay

Camp under desert stars in the outback, wake up to the sound of the sea in a heritage lighthouse keeper's cottage or relax by a resort swimming pool – accommodation in national parks offers experiences for every taste and budget.

Selected camping and accommodation sites are now available to book online at parks.sa.gov.au. **book and pay online before you go.**



Adelaide and the Adelaide Hills

Accommodation

Belair National Park

Belair National Park Caravan Park

Fully self-contained family cabins adjacent to Belair National Park and 12km from Adelaide city centre.

Facilities include

Showers, camp kitchen, picnic areas, gas barbecues, TV room, playground, public phone and swimming pool (summer only).

Linen

Yes – hire or BYO

Sleeps

2-6

Details

(+61 8) 8278 3540
belaircaravanpark.com.au

Brownhill Creek Recreation Park

Brownhill Creek Tourist Park

En suite family cabins in leafy bushland setting 7km from Adelaide city centre.

Facilities include

Wireless internet, swimming pool, camp kitchen, barbecues, tennis court, TV room, laundry and public phone.

Linen

Yes – hire or BYO

Sleeps

4-6

Details

(+61 8) 8271 4824
1800 626 493
brownhillcreekcaravanpark.com.au

Camping

Camping available at parks including Belair National Park and Brownhill Creek Recreation Park.

Details

parks.sa.gov.au

Eyre Peninsula

Accommodation

Lincoln National Park

Donington Cottage

Secluded self-contained cottage with views overlooking Spalding Cove, just 20 minutes drive from Port Lincoln.

Facilities include

Kitchen, bathroom/toilet, outdoor undercover area with electric barbecue.

Linen

BYO

Sleeps

2-6

Details

Port Lincoln Visitor Information Centre
1300 788 378
visitportlincoln.net

Camping

Camping available at parks including Acraman Creek Conservation Park, Coffin Bay National Park, Gawler Ranges National Park, Lake Newland Conservation Park, Laura Bay Conservation Park, Lincoln National Park, Wahgunyah Conservation Park, Wittelbee Conservation Park, Yellabinnia Regional Reserve and Yumbarra Conservation Park.

Details

parks.sa.gov.au

*Donington Cottage, Lincoln National Park
(photo credit: Bill Doyle).*





Deep Creek Conservation Park (photo credit: Warren Darker).

Fleurieu Peninsula

Accommodation

Deep Creek Conservation Park

Southern Ocean Retreats

A range of self-contained cottages, houses and luxury retreats that invite the feeling of nature indoors.

Facilities include

Kitchen, barbecue, wood fire, bathroom and tennis court.

Linen

Yes (Ridgetop Retreats/The Homestead),
BYO others

Sleeps

2-10

Details

(+61 8) 8598 4169

southernoceanretreats.com.au

Camping

Camping available at parks including Cox Scrub Conservation Park, Deep Creek Conservation Park and Newland Head Conservation Park.

Details

parks.sa.gov.au

Flinders Ranges and Outback

Accommodation

Flinders Ranges National Park

Wilpena Pound Resort

A haven of outback hospitality with 60 rooms of resort accommodation.

Facilities include

Air conditioning, en suite bathroom, satellite TV, kitchen, swimming pool, general store, restaurant and bar.

Linen

Yes

Sleeps

2-6

Details

(+61 8) 8648 0004

wilpenapound.com.au

Mount Remarkable National Park

Alligator Lodge

A roomy self-contained homestead nestled among blue gums, a short drive to the park's scenic gorges.

Facilities include

Solar power, gas appliances, hot water, toilets, cooking facilities, shower, fridge, barbecue and gas heater.

Linen

BYO

Sleeps

8-10

Details

(+61 8) 8841 3400

parks.sa.gov.au

Mambray Creek Cabin

Relax on the front verandah and enjoy the sounds of nature at a small cabin in Mount Remarkable National Park's main campground.

Facilities include

Gas stove, solar lighting, table, utensils, toilet and bathroom in the nearby campground.

Linen

BYO

Sleeps

4

Details

(+61 8) 8841 3400

parks.sa.gov.au



Seymour Cottage and Thomas Cottage, Cape Willoughby Conservation Park.

The Dutchmans Stern Conservation Park

The Dutchmans Stern Homestead and Shearers' Quarters

Two self-contained buildings - a classic 1950s spacious Australian homestead and rustic shearers' quarters in a mountain setting.

Facilities include

Kitchen, toilets, showers, heating and barbecue.

Linen

BYO

Sleeps

5-6 (homestead)
or 7-9 (shearers' quarters)

Details

(+61 8) 8841 3400
parks.sa.gov.au

Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park

Balcanoona Shearers' Quarters

A classic outback homestead with return verandah originally built to house the shearing teams for Balcanoona Station.

Facilities include

Communal kitchen and lounge area, fireplace, showers, toilets and barbecue.

Linen

BYO

Sleeps

19

Details

(+61 8) 8648 5300
parks.sa.gov.au

Grindells Hut

A self-contained cottage with 180 degree views of the Blue Ranges and Illinawortina Pound.

Facilities include

Kitchen, laundry, bathroom, heating and barbecue.

Linen

BYO

Sleeps

8

Details

(+61 8) 8648 5300
parks.sa.gov.au

Nudlamutana Hut

Explore the many walking tracks and drives within Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park and Arkaroola Wildlife Sanctuary from this rustic hut located in a picturesque valley.

Facilities include

Combustion fire, kitchen and bathroom.

Linen

BYO

Sleeps

1-4

Details

(+61 8) 8648 5300
parks.sa.gov.au

Camping

Camping available at parks including Coongie Lakes National Park, Flinders Ranges National Park, Innamincka Regional Reserve, Lake Eyre National Park, Mount Remarkable National Park, Simpson Desert Conservation Park and Regional Reserve, Tallaringa Conservation Park, Telowie Gorge Conservation Park, Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park and Witjira National Park.

Details

parks.sa.gov.au

Kangaroo Island

Accommodation

Cape Willoughby Conservation Park

Seymour Cottage & Thomas Cottage

Beautifully restored, spacious and fully furnished lighthouse keeper's cottages.

Facilities include

Kitchen, lounge room, bathroom, heating and barbecue.

Linen

Yes

Sleeps

8-9

Details

(+61 8) 8553 4410
parks.sa.gov.au

Flinders Chase National Park – Cape Borda Lightstation

Flinders Light Lodge

A gracious lighthouse keeper's cottage set in a ruggedly beautiful location.

Facilities include

Kitchen, lounge room, bathroom, heating and barbecue.

Linen

Yes

Sleeps

6-7

Details

Flinders Chase National Park
Visitor Centre
(+61 8) 8553 4410
parks.sa.gov.au

Hartley Hut

A cosy one-bedroom cottage originally built for the relieving lighthouse keeper.

Facilities include

Kitchen, bathroom, lounge room and heating.

Linen

Yes

Sleeps

3

Details

Flinders Chase National Park
Visitor Centre
(+61 8) 8553 4410
parks.sa.gov.au

Woodward Hut

A quaint single room stone hut beside Cape Borda Lighthouse.

Facilities include

Small fridge, microwave, electric cook top, basic appliances and heating.

Linen

Yes – hire or BYO

Sleeps

2

Details

(+61 8) 8553 4410
parks.sa.gov.au



Woodward Hut at Cape Borda Lightstation, Flinders Chase National Park.

Flinders Chase National Park – Cape du Couedic

Karatta Lodge, Troubridge Lodge and Parndana Lodge

Carved from local limestone in 1907, these fully furnished lighthouse keeper's cottages are a short walk from Admirals Arch.

Facilities include

Fully equipped kitchen, wood fire stove, lounge room, bathroom and heating.

Linen

Yes

Sleeps

6-7

Details

Flinders Chase National Park
Visitor Centre
(+61 8) 8553 4410
parks.sa.gov.au

Flinders Chase National Park – Rocky River

Mays Homestead

A gracious late 1800s two-bedroom stone cottage in walking distance to Flinders Chase National Park visitor centre.

Facilities include

Fully equipped kitchen, wood fire stove, lounge room, bathroom, wood fire and heating.

Linen

Yes

Sleeps

6-7

Details

Flinders Chase National Park
Visitor Centre
(+61 8) 8553 4410
parks.sa.gov.au

Postmans Cottage

A single-room 1890s limestone hut built for the visiting mailman and in walking distance to Flinders Chase National Park visitor centre.

Facilities include

Cooking facilities, wood fire stove, bathroom, fridge and heating.

Linen

Yes

Sleeps

4

Details

(+61 8) 8553 4410
parks.sa.gov.au

Camping

Camping available at parks including Cape Gantheaume Conservation Park and Wilderness Protection Area, Flinders Chase National Park and Lashmar Conservation Park.

Details

parks.sa.gov.au



May's Homestead, Flinders Chase National Park.



Wirreanda Bunkhouse, Naracoorte Caves.

Limestone Coast

Accommodation

Naracoorte Caves National Park and World Heritage Area

Wirreanda Bunkhouse and Cottage

Converted bunkhouse and dormitory-style units perfect for schools, research and other groups.

Facilities include

Kitchen and eating area, barbecue, separate toilets and showers (wheelchair accessible).

Linen

BYO

Sleeps

Up to 48

Details

Wonambi Fossil Centre
(+61 8) 8762 2340
parks.sa.gov.au

Camping

Camping available at parks including Beachport Conservation Park, Bool Lagoon Game Reserve and Hacks Lagoon Conservation Park, Canunda National Park, Coorong National Park, Little Dip Conservation Park and Naracoorte Caves National Park.

Details

parks.sa.gov.au

Murray River

Camping

Camping available at parks including Chowilla Game Reserve and Regional Reserve, Karte Conservation Park, Loch Luna and Moorook Game Reserves, Maize Island Lagoon Conservation Park, Morgan Conservation Park, Murray River National Park, Ngarkat Conservation Park and Pooginook Conservation Park.

Yorke Peninsula and Clare Valley

Accommodation

Innes National Park

Engineers Lodge and Managers Lodge

Spacious self-contained, heritage-listed miners' cottages with verandah overlooking Innes Lake.

Facilities include

Shower, toilet, solar lighting and gas appliances.

Linen

BYO

Sleeps

10

Details

Natural Resources Centre - Clare
(+61 8) 8841 3400
parks.sa.gov.au

Miners' Lodge and Gatehouse Lodge

Cosy renovated miners' cottages ideal for couples and families.

Facilities include

Kitchen, lounge room, gas fireplace and bathroom. Toilet facilities wheelchair accessible at Gatehouse Lodge.

Linen

BYO

Sleeps

6

Details

Natural Resources Centre - Clare
(+61 8) 8841 3400
parks.sa.gov.au

YOUTH HOSTELS

The Youth Hostels Association, YHA, offers groups, families and backpackers budget accommodation such as huts, cottages and farmhouses, fully equipped for groups and independent travellers. They are well located on the Heysen, Yurrebilla, Mawson and other trails.

Details Youth Hostels Association (+61 8) 8414 3000 or visit yha.com.au

Norfolk Lodge and Mallee Lodge

Self-contained miners' cottages set in the ruins of historic Innes township.

Facilities include

Electric stove, fridge, toilet and shower. Wood fireplace (Norfolk Lodge) and gas heater (Mallee Lodge).

Linen

Yes

Sleeps

4

Details

Natural Resources Centre - Clare
(+61 8) 8841 3400
parks.sa.gov.au

Post Office

Small self-contained cottage ideal for couples.

Facilities include

Electric stove, fridge, toilet, shower and gas heater.

Linen

Yes

Sleeps

2

Details

Natural Resources Centre - Clare
(+61 8) 8841 3400
parks.sa.gov.au

Shepherds' Hut

Simple single-roomed cottage close to beautiful Shell Beach.

Facilities include

Basic furniture and small pot-belly stove. No electricity, toilets at the nearby Shell Beach campground.

Linen

BYO

Sleeps

4

Details

Natural Resources Centre - Clare
(+61 8) 8841 3400
parks.sa.gov.au

Stenhouse Bay Hall

Bunk-style accommodation with a spacious common room available for group bookings only.

Facilities include

Toilets, showers including separate disabled facility, recreation area, laundry and kitchen facilities.

Linen

No

Sleeps

29

Details

Natural Resources Centre - Clare
(+61 8) 8841 3400
parks.sa.gov.au

Managers Lodge, Innes National Park

**Troubridge Island Conservation Park****Troubridge Island Hideaway**

Hide away in an original lighthouse keepers' cottage on a secluded sand island. Please note access to Troubridge Island is by permit only, for details call (+61 8) 8841 3400.

Facilities include

Barbecue, television, full cooking facilities, fridge, shared bathroom, shared lounge room, telephone and wood heater.

Linen

Yes – hire or BYO

Sleeps

8

Details

Troubridge Island Charters
(+61 8) 8852 6290
southaustralia.com

Camping

Camping available at parks including Caroon Creek Conservation Park, Innes National Park and Red Banks Conservation Park.

Details

parks.sa.gov.au

Engineers Lodge, Innes National Park





It's good to get outside and play!

There are some things that every kid should get to experience. South Australia's national parks are ideal places to get stuck into Nature Play SA's list of 51 things to do before you're 12. How many of these 51 things have you done? Challenge your friends to see who will be the first to complete them all!

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|----|--|----|---------------------------------------|----|---|
| 1 | Climb a tree | 16 | Play in a creek | 34 | Visit a waterhole |
| 2 | Sleep under the stars (even in your backyard) | 17 | Do something you're scared of | 35 | Meet kids in a park and invent a game |
| 3 | Fall off a bike | 18 | Watch kangaroos in the wild | 36 | Paddle a kayak |
| 4 | Learn to swim | 19 | Slide down a grass hill on cardboard | 37 | Dig for worms in your backyard |
| 5 | Build a cubby or a tree house | 20 | Yell "cooooo!" in a gorge or a valley | 38 | Catch a crab |
| 6 | Find a geocache* in your neighbourhood | 21 | Camp on a beach | 39 | Learn the Aboriginal names for five plants and five animals |
| 7 | Go beach combing after a storm | 22 | Build a sandcastle city | 40 | Visit a national park |
| 8 | Cook damper in a campfire | 23 | Skim a stone | 41 | Catch a fish |
| 9 | Go on a school camp in the bush | 24 | Plant something and watch it grow | 42 | Play on a rope swing |
| 10 | Catch a wave (start with a small one) | 25 | Play spotlight | 43 | Eat bush tucker |
| 11 | Play chasey in the rain | 26 | Ride your bike on a bush trail | 44 | Make a kite and fly it |
| 12 | Catch a yabby in a dam (or at least have fun trying) | 27 | Visit an island | 45 | Jump in a muddy puddle |
| 13 | Make a water slide with builders plastic and a hose (do it on your watering day) | 28 | Go for a two-day hike | 46 | Identify the birds in your backyard |
| 14 | Find a cave | 29 | Snorkel at the beach or on a reef | 47 | Go abseiling |
| 15 | Make something with things you find | 30 | Ride a flying fox | 48 | Catch a tadpole (and release it) |
| | | 31 | Play under a sprinkler | 49 | Make a mud pie |
| | | 32 | Climb a big rock | 50 | Find a lake, puddle, pond etc and use a magnifying glass to spot the living creatures in it |
| | | 33 | Play in the bush for a whole day | 51 | Play beach cricket |

*global GPS treasure hunt you can do with most phones.

Nature Play SA aims to increase the time South Australian children spend in unstructured play outdoors and in nature. Find out more at natureplaysa.org.au

Get a great deal on the great outdoors with Park Passes

Save money and time and buy a park pass for vehicle entry to your favourite park, camping at stunning locations or fascinating tours.

Buy

Online:

parks.sa.gov.au

On the phone:

(+61 8) 8204 1910

In person:

Level 1, 100 Pirie St, Adelaide

And at Park Pass outlets including Natural Resources Centres, park information centres and visitor information centres across the state. Find a Park Pass outlet near you at parks.sa.gov.au

Desert Parks Passes:

(+61 8) 8648 5328

	Valid for	Vehicle entry	Per person entry	Camping	Tours
Single Park Pass	12 months	✓			
Single Park Pass + Camping	12 months	✓		✓	
Multi Park Pass	12 months	✓			
Multi Park Pass + Camping*	12 months	✓		✓	
Holiday Park Pass	2 months	✓			
Holiday Park Pass + Camping*	2 months	✓		✓	
Hiker/Cyclist Camping Pass*	12 months			✓	
Desert Parks Pass [†]	12 months	✓		✓	
Kangaroo Island Tour Pass [^]	12 months		✓		✓

*Multi, Holiday and Hiker/Cyclist Park Passes + Camping offer camping at more than 50 parks for up to five nights at a time in designated camping areas.

[†]The Desert Parks Pass offers camping at desert parks for up to 21 nights at a time (excluding Wabma Kadarbu Mound Springs Conservation Park). [^]The Kangaroo Island Tour Pass offers per person access to Flinders Chase National Park, Seal Bay boardwalk and lookout and tours at Seal Bay, Kelly Hill Show Cave, Cape Borda Lightstation and Cape Willoughby Lightstation. Terms and conditions apply to all passes, details: parks.sa.gov.au

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Questions?

For enquiries relating to a specific park, please contact the relevant number listed on the park's individual profile.

Online

parks.sa.gov.au or
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Email

DEWNR.CustomerServiceCentre@sa.gov.au

Phone

(+61 8) 8204 1910

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Level 1, 100 Pirie Street, Adelaide
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

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205 Greenhill Road
Phone: (+61 8) 8273 9100
Open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Lobethal

1 Adelaide-Lobethal Road
Phone: (+61 8) 8389 5900
Open: Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm

Gawler

8 Adelaide Road
Phone: (+61 8) 8523 7700
Open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Willunga

5 Aldinga Road
Phone: (+61 8) 8550 3400
Open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Eyre Peninsula

Port Lincoln

75 Liverpool Street
Phone: (+61 8) 8688 3111
Open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Ceduna

50B McKenzie Street
Phone: (+61 8) 8625 3706
Open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Fleurieu Peninsula

Victor Harbor

41 Victoria Street
Phone: (+61 8) 8552 3677
Open: Opening hours vary

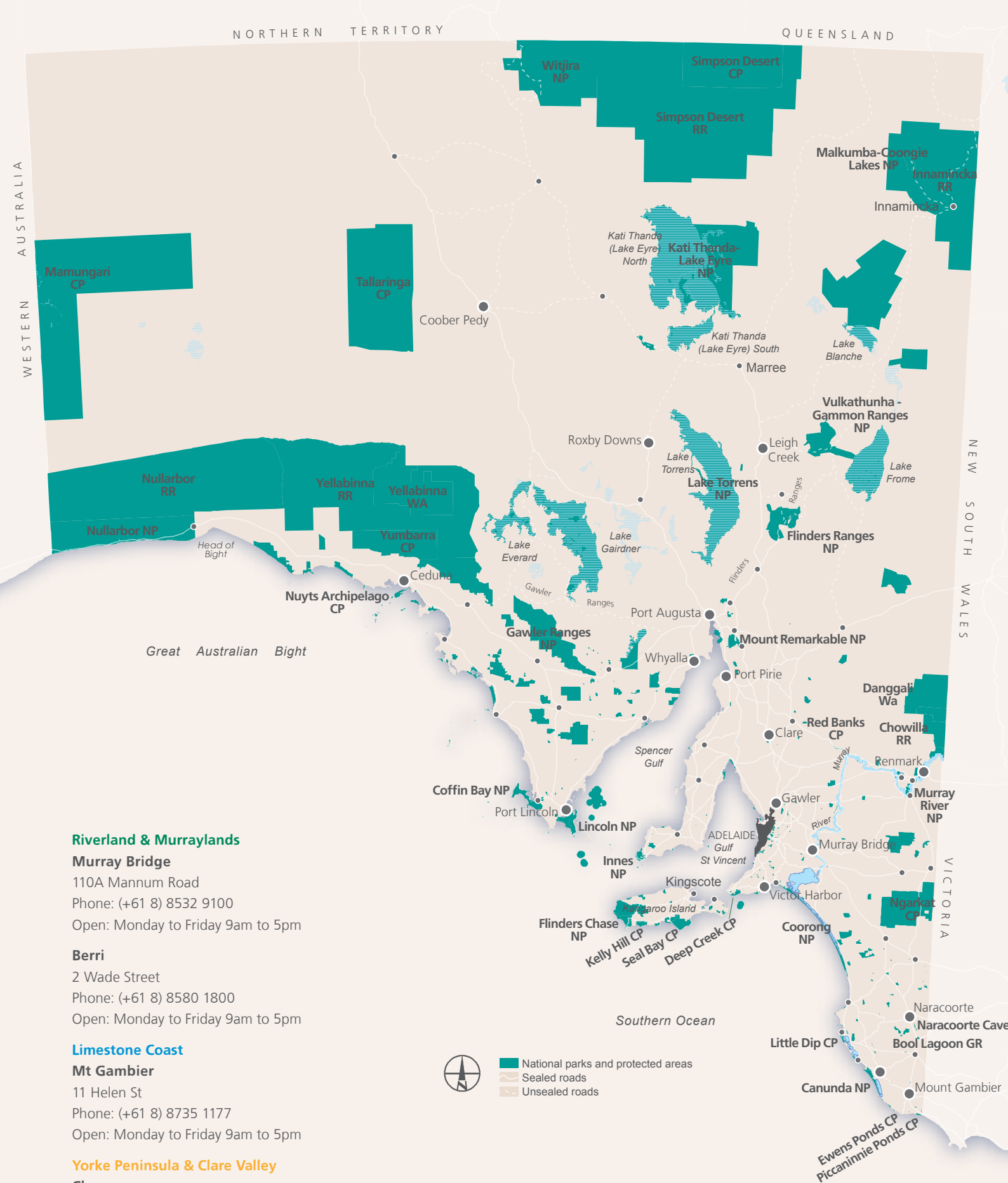
Flinders Ranges & Outback

Port Augusta

First Floor, 9 McKay Street
Phone: (+61 8) 8648 5300
Open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Kangaroo Island

Kingscote
37 Dauncey Street
Phone: (+61 8) 8553 4444
Open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm



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Murray Bridge

110A Mannum Road

Phone: (+61 8) 8532 9100

Open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Berri

2 Wade Street

Phone: (+61 8) 8580 1800

Open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Limestone Coast

Mt Gambier

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Open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm



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