

Dingley Dell Conservation Park

Adam Lindsay Gordon's Cottage



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Healthy People*



***"Life is mostly froth and bubble
Two things stand like stone
Kindness in another's trouble
Courage in your own".***

Adam Lindsay Gordon

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Dingley Dell Conservation Park is most famous for its historical connections.

Adam Lindsay Gordon, the famed poet and horseman, owned this small colonial cottage from 1864. It was given to the local council by Maggie, his wife, in about 1873.

The cottage has been restored to provide visitors with a fascinating glimpse of life in the 1860s. Gordon's personal belongings, and other mementos of this era, form part of the period collection. Dingley Dell was the first house on South Australia's Heritage Register, registered in 1922. It was built in 1862 and purchased by Adam Lindsay Gordon in 1864 for £150.



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Gordon complemented the passionate national and patriotic sentiment that thrived in Australia during the mid to late nineteenth century. He was not only known for his cavalier nature as a horseman, with the tale of his leap at Blue Lake in 1864, a part of local folklore, but also for his flamboyant parliamentary life, courageous deeds and poetry that romanticised the Australian bush. The Dingley Dell region was the inspiration behind much of his poetry. Gordon is the only Australian poet to have his bust in the Poet's Corner of Westminster Abbey (unveiled 11 May 1934).

Facilities

Car parking, picnic sites, toilet facilities and wheelchair access are provided in the park. Visitors can also enjoy a stroll along the walking trail that meanders through the surrounding pocket of bushland. Camping is not permitted.

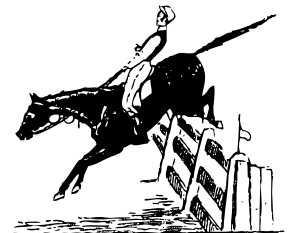
Tours of the Cottage

Guided tours of the cottage are available 7 days a week, 10 am - 4 pm (Closed Christmas Day, Anzac Day, July and August). Other times by arrangement. A tour fee applies.

Bus companies and tour groups are welcome.

***"Whatever you do,
don't change your mind
when once you've
picked your panel".***

Illustration and quote by
Adam Lindsay Gordon



The National Parks Code

Help protect your national parks by following these guidelines:

- Leave your pets at home.
- Take your rubbish with you.
- Observe fire restrictions all year round.
- Conserve native habitat by using gas stoves only, except on total fire ban days, when all fires are prohibited.
- Respect geological and heritage sites.
- Keep our wildlife wild. Do not feed or disturb animals, or remove native plants.
- Keep to defined walking trails.
- Generators, chainsaws and firearms are not permitted.
- Be considerate of other park users.

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



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