

South Australia's

# NATIONAL PARKS GUIDE



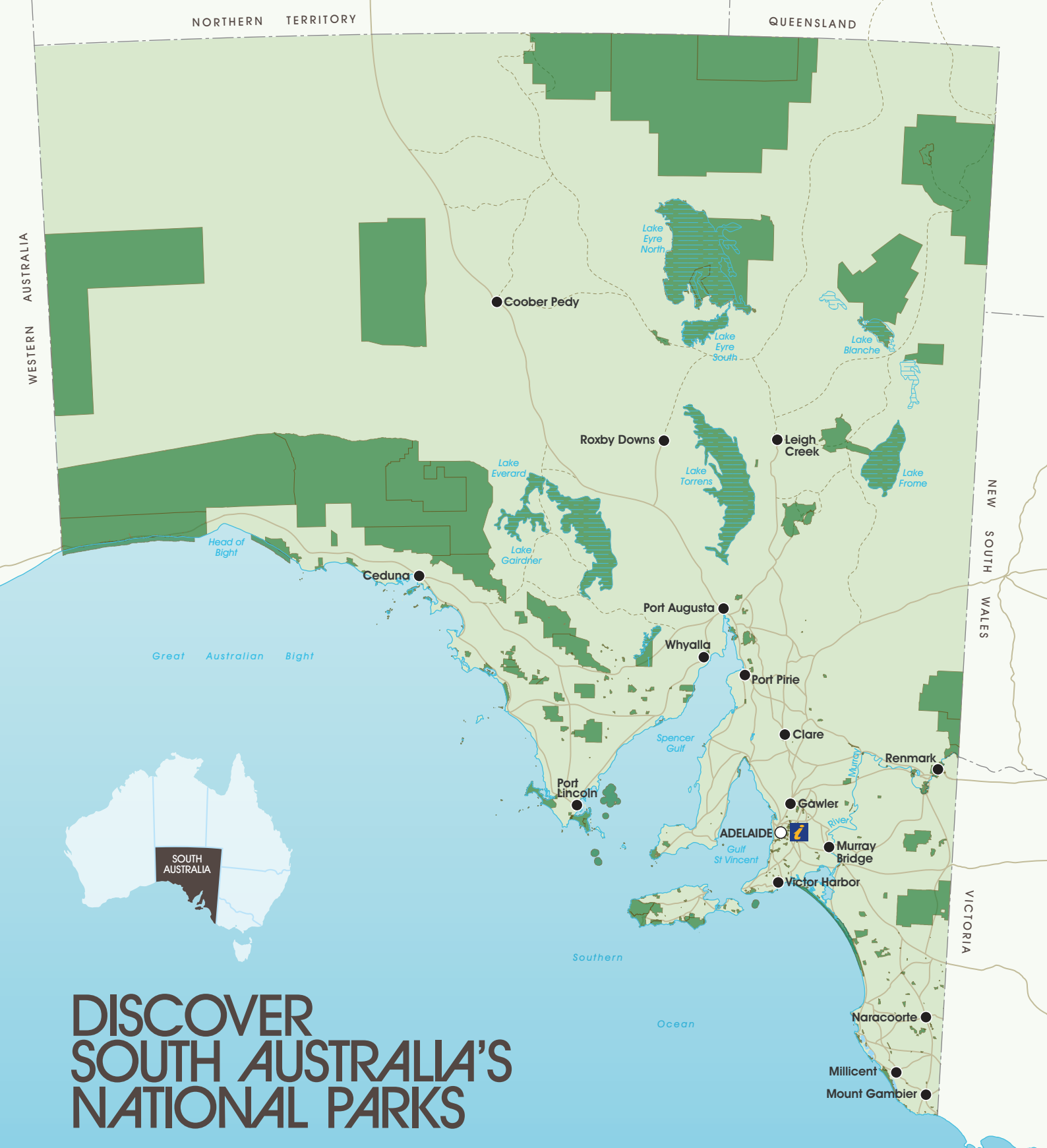
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# DISCOVER SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL PARKS

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**Visitor Information Centre**

**South Australian Visitor & Travel Centre**  
18 King William Street, Adelaide  
1300 655 276

For assistance planning your next brilliant holiday in South Australia! Including travel advice, bookings, regional visitor guides, transport and tours.

 National Parks & Reserves

 Intermittent Lake

 Main Roads

 Minor Roads Unsealed







Scenic drive through Bunyeroo Valley, Flinders Ranges National Park

# HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Welcome to the latest South Australian National Parks guide.

Inside you'll find more than 80 inspiring nature getaways from well-known icons to some of South Australia's best kept secrets.

To help you find your way around, we have divided this guide into eight colour-coded regions. A map introducing each region, highlights the start of each chapter, along with a list of 'must see and do' activities.

A handy Facilities and Activities Index is also located at the back of this guide on pages 62-63.

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and Heritage Information Line  
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Email: [dehinfo@sa.gov.au](mailto:dehinfo@sa.gov.au)  
Website: [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au)

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**ON THE COVER:** Wilpena Pound, Flinders Ranges National Park.  
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# EXPERIENCE NATURE AT ITS FINEST

South Australia boasts an extensive and comprehensive park system, with over 300 reserves encompassing more than 20% of the state.

Our parks showcase the state's natural and cultural heritage – some of the best South Australia has to offer. Here you can experience ancient landscapes and fossils, Aboriginal art and engravings, historic European sites, rugged coastlines and mountain ranges, pristine wilderness and unique plants and animals.

Our parks provide a wide range of facilities and services. Whether you want to enjoy recreational health benefits, find out more about the environment or simply get away from it all and reconnect with nature, our parks have something for everyone.

I commend South Australia's parks to you and invite you to experience first-hand the wonderful opportunities they offer.

**Greg Leaman**

Director of National Parks and Wildlife  
June 2009



Holiday Programs are fun and interactive ways to expand your knowledge about the environment. In the **Flinders Ranges**, the autumn and spring events program covers various activities such as guided tours of Old Wilpena Station, outback movie nights, dreaming stories told by the Adnyamathanha people and stargazing tours. For details of upcoming events contact the DEH Information Line on **(08) 8204 1910**.

## ENJOY HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



Yellow-footed Rock-wallabies

# CARING FOR NATURE

South Australia's parks conserve an incredible diversity of living landscapes. Covering more than one fifth of the state, our parks are sanctuaries for native wildlife and protect many cultural heritage sites. South Australia's parks provide fantastic settings to enjoy recreational activities and boast some of the state's most breathtaking scenery. From the wild coastal vistas of the Coorong to the awe-inspiring Flinders Ranges, the gentle waterways of the Murray River to the red desert sands of the Outback – South Australia's parks are sure to amaze, surprise, refresh and inspire you.

The Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH) is responsible for managing South Australia's world-class system of parks. Many parks conserve threatened plant and animal species and are culturally significant to the Aboriginal custodians connected with the area.

Please help park rangers care for the environment by treading lightly and respecting local culture to ensure our parks continue to be special places for future generations to enjoy.

Cycling the Mawson Trail, Flinders Ranges





# USEFUL INFORMATION

## Park categories

South Australia has eight categories of parks.

### National Parks (NP)

Areas considered to be of national significance due to 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 under the *Wilderness Protection Act 1992* to protect natural and remote areas.

### Conservation Reserves (CR)

Land set aside for conservation of natural and cultural features under the *Crown Lands Act 1929*.


### 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.

## Know before you go

### Park entry and camping fees

Many of South Australia's smaller regional parks are free to enter. Entry fees do however apply in approximately 10% of the state's parks and reserves. This fee is payable when you first enter the park.

South Australian parks have designated camping sites set aside for visitors to relax and enjoy the great outdoors. In most South Australian parks bookings are not required, with sites available on a first-in basis. Camping fees are usually charged per vehicle per night and apply where you see this symbol  throughout the guide.

### Self-registration stations

Vehicle entry fees and camping permits can be paid at self-registration stations, often found near the entrance to a park. You can also pay at park visitor centres during business hours and DEH regional offices. If self-registering it's a good idea to keep a supply of loose change handy. Always remember to clearly display your permit on the dashboard of your vehicle to avoid a fine.

### Funds raised

Revenue from park entry and camping fees makes an important contribution to conservation, park management and the improvement of visitor services and facilities for everyone to enjoy.



















### Opening hours

Nearly all South Australian parks are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To help protect native wildlife, some parks are open from sunrise to sunset. Both Belair National Park and Morialta Conservation Park in the Adelaide Hills have set opening hours. Refer to individual park listings or call the park of your choice if you require more information.













## Symbols used in this guide

Refer to page 62-63 for a Park Facilities and Activities Index.

### Facilities

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
|    | Entry fee (per vehicle)       |
|    | Entry fee (per person)        |
|    | Guided tours (fees apply)     |
|    | Park information office       |
|    | Ranger on site                |
|    | Kiosk/restaurant              |
|   | Toilets                       |
|  | Disabled toilets              |
|  | Public phone                  |
|  | Brochure                      |
|  | Picnic area                   |
|  | BBQ facilities (gas/electric) |
|  | Drinking water                |
|  | Accommodation                 |
|  | Caravan sites                 |
|  | Camping                       |
|  | Showers                       |
|  | Camp fires permitted          |

### Activities

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

### Directions

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| N | North |
| S | South |
| E | East  |
| W | West  |

Cleland Wildlife Park

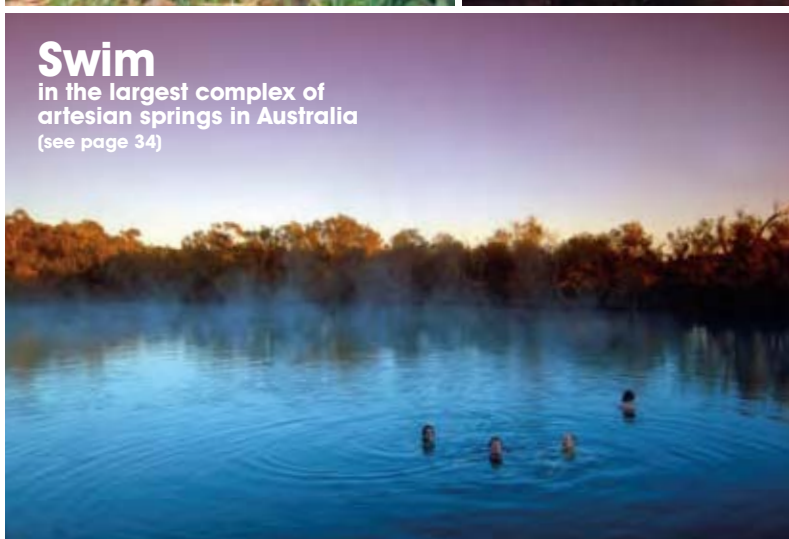




# EXPERIENCE OUR HIGHLIGHTS!

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HAVE SO MUCH TO SEE & DO...

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**Marvel**  
at the magnificent  
Wilpena Pound  
(see page 29)



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**Admire**  
Little Penguins  
at dusk  
(see page 26)



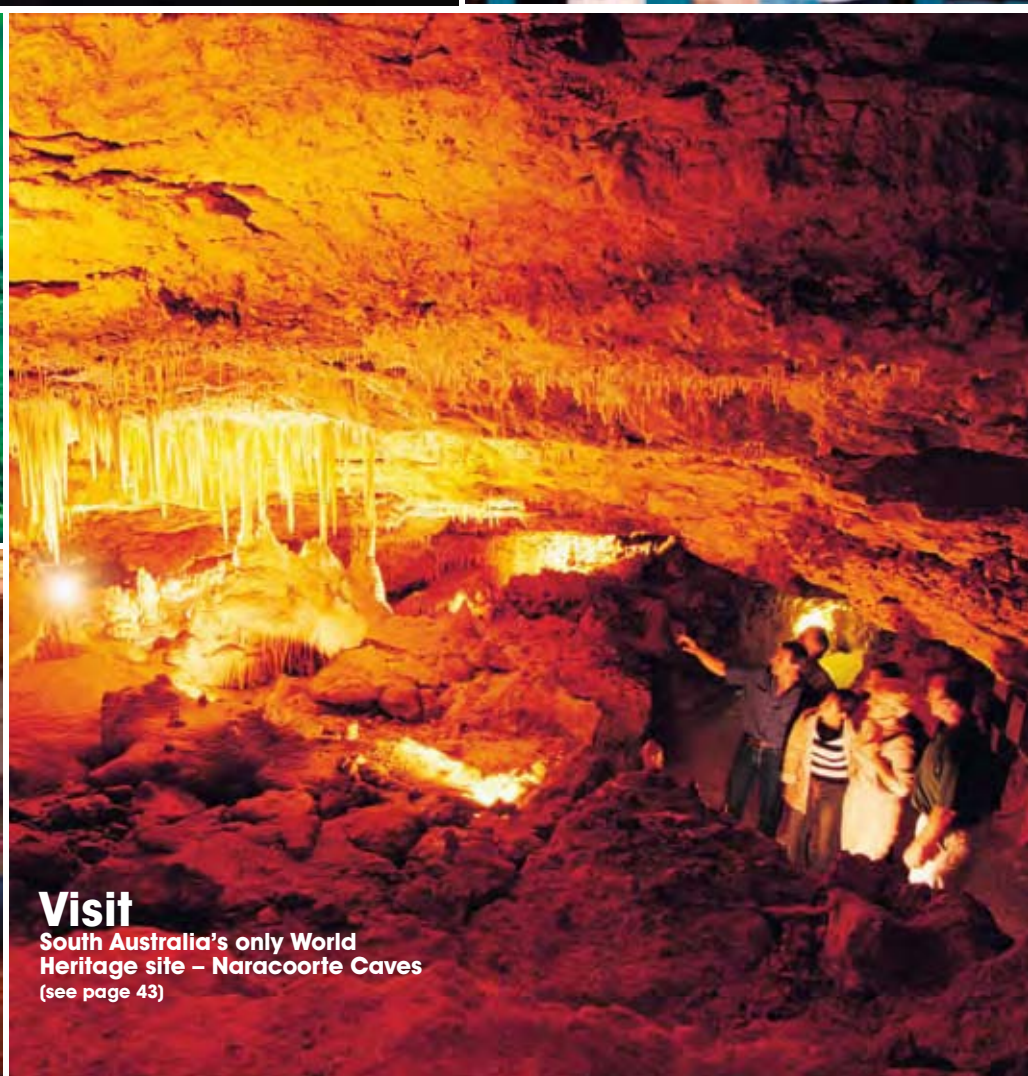
**Go**  
whale-watching at the  
Great Australian Bight  
(see page 19)



**Experience**  
some of the most spectacular  
underwater sites in South Australia  
(see page 42, 44)



**Camp**  
in fantastic surrounds  
(see page 47)



**Visit**  
South Australia's only World  
Heritage site – Naracoorte Caves  
(see page 43)





# NATIONAL PARKS PASSES

## SAVE TIME & MONEY

If you enjoy the natural wonders of South Australia's parks then you'll appreciate the exceptional value and convenience of a National Parks Pass.

If you are a regular visitor to parks, not only will you save money with a parks pass, but you'll also save time, because you don't have to stop and pay an entry fee each time you visit.

With prices starting from \$32, you can recoup the cost of a holiday pass by visiting just four parks. Annual pass holders can enjoy similar savings.

Every parks pass has something special to offer, whether it is unlimited vehicle entry, numerous camping opportunities or a guided tour. Simply choose the pass that suits your needs.

### Select a pass that's right for you:

| Type of pass              | Valid for: (months) | A good choice for...   |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Holiday Pass              | 2                   | Touring the state on a short visit                                 |
| Single Park Pass          | 12                  | Repeat visits to your favourite park                               |
| Multi Park Pass           | 12                  | Exploring a variety of South Australia's parks throughout the year |
| Desert Parks Pass         | 12                  | A journey through the desert                                       |
| Kangaroo Island Tour Pass | 12                  | Enjoying the highlights of Kangaroo Island                         |

### WANT TO KNOW MORE?

For more information or to purchase a pass contact us:

#### ONLINE

[www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au)

#### PHONE

DEH Information Line  
(08) 8204 1910

Desert Parks Pass Hotline 1800 816 078  
(for Desert Parks Passes only)

#### VISIT

Level 1, 100 Pirie Street Adelaide,  
or a DEH office near you.



# CAMP OUT IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL PARKS

## South Australia is a great place to go camping

South Australia's national parks offer some of the best locations for a great camping holiday.

Our parks are host to remarkable wildlife and offer some of the most ancient and unique landscapes in the country. You can savour the peace and tranquillity of valleys, rivers, rugged ranges, coastlines and vast arid landscapes and enjoy an amazing sense of space and freedom like no other.

Camping lets you get away from it all to absorb the silence and stillness of the surrounding bush.

See ancient Aboriginal sites or go swimming in the Murray River. Awake to fresh mornings and the delightful pandemonium of bird life around you. Listen to the sounds of waves on the beach, or admire the sweeping colours of a sunset. Swap stories around a crackling camp fire, or fall asleep beneath a blanket of stars.

South Australia's national parks offer a range of camping experiences and facilities. Some parks offer secluded wilderness settings with limited facilities, while others provide camping comforts such as showers, toilets, gas barbecues and picnic tables, and have facilities for power.

Call the Department for Environment and Heritage Information Line on **(08) 8204 1910** for further information, or research all your options online at [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au)

Camping at Booky Cliffs Campground, Murray River National Park





# GO BUSH-WALKING

## TRAILS SA

*See your world in a different way*

**Revitalise your spirit and sense of adventure in some of the best scenery in the state.**

Bushwalking is one of the easiest ways you can enjoy the environment, get fit and healthy, and feel re-energised once more.

With hundreds of trails catering to all levels of fitness, it's little wonder bushwalking is such a popular activity in parks. To get you started we've listed some of South Australia's most well-known trails with more bushwalking highlights listed throughout the guide.

### Yurrebilla Trail

You can't go past the Yurrebilla Trail for an all-round bushwalking experience. Passing through the leafy Adelaide Hills, this trail not only boasts stunning views across the hills and city landmarks, but also offers opportunities to enjoy cafes, wineries and art and craft shops dotted along the way.

This 54 km trail can be enjoyed in half-day sections, or a three-day hike. Purchase the *Yurrebilla Trail: A Hiker's Guide*, or pick up a free *Yurrebilla Trail Product and Services Guide* to find out more. Bed and breakfast and cosy pub-style accommodation is available en route.

**Yurrebilla Trail:  
A Hiker's Guide  
\$9.95 rrp**



Bushwalking the Heysen Trail, Newland Head Conservation Park

### Heysen Trail

The Heysen Trail is arguably South Australia's most famous walking trail. The trail extends 1200 km from Cape Jervis on the south coast of the Fleurieu Peninsula, to Parachilna Gorge in the spectacular Flinders Ranges. The beauty of the trail is that you can join at any point along its journey and enjoy its exclusive views. The trail traverses diverse landscapes varying from white sandy beaches and dramatic cliffs along the south coast, to rolling valleys and orchards in the Mount Lofty Ranges, the famous vineyards of the Barossa Valley, to ancient mountain peaks and gorges of the Flinders Ranges.

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

If you've never hiked the Heysen Trail before, some of the most popular sections include:

- South Coast: Tapanappa Campground to Boat Harbor Beach, Deep Creek Conservation Park (4 km return)
- Mount Lofty Ranges: Mylor to Mount Lofty (18 km)
- Barossa Valley: Mount Crawford to Tanunda (38 km)
- Flinders Ranges: Wilpena Pound to Parachilna Gorge (57 km)

Accommodation along the trail varies from camping in designated areas to cosy bed and breakfasts, farmstays, historic pubs, youth hostels and basic pioneer huts.

[www.heyseentrail.sa.gov.au](http://www.heyseentrail.sa.gov.au)  
DEH Information Line (08) 8204 1910

### The Heysen Trail Southern and Northern Guidebooks

Choose your own adventure along the Heysen Trail with these detailed guidebooks and walking maps.

Available from Mapland,  
leading outdoor  
shops and select  
bookstores \$29.95 rrp each



## DID YOU KNOW?

Bushwalking maps and trail notes for most parks can now be downloaded directly from our website  
[www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au)





# SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S TOP TRAILS

South Australia's extensive network of marked trails provides a myriad of opportunities to get active outdoors.

## Cycling Trails

The epic Mawson Trail (almost 900 km long) is ideal for mountain bike riders wanting to experience South Australia's regional and remote rural areas. Extending from Mount Loffy to the Flinders Ranges, the trail takes in little-used country roads, state forests, approved national park fire trails and farm access tracks, offering plenty of challenge and reward for pedal-power enthusiasts.



For a more leisurely pace, cycle through the wonderful wine region of the Clare Valley along the Riesling Trail.

Mawson Trail maps \$26.95 (pack of 3 maps covering a choice of 3 sections along the trail)  
Riesling Trail Guides

## Canoe Trails

The backwaters and creeks of the River Murray provide some of Australia's best canoeing. Canoe Trails offer novice and experienced paddlers opportunities to explore quiet waterways, see bird life and enjoy the serenity and slow-moving pace of life along the river.

## Diving Trails

With countless submerged shipwrecks off South Australia's coastline, diving trails offer a great way to explore South Australia's amazing underwater marine life and cultural heritage. The Investigator Strait Maritime Heritage Trail on the Yorke Peninsula is just one of the state's fascinating shipwreck trails marked by underwater plaques.

For further information:  
South Australian Visitor Centre & Travel Centre  
Phone 1300 655 276  
[www.southaustraliantrails.com](http://www.southaustraliantrails.com)

## WALK SAFELY

Be prepared when bushwalking:

- Wear sturdy shoes, hat and sunscreen.
- Carry sufficient food and drinking water. Allow four litres of water per person per day. Do not rely on tanks or creeks in parks for drinking water.
- Keep to the defined walking trail.
- Inform a responsible person of your proposed route and expected time of return.
- Weather conditions can change quickly. Ensure you have appropriate wet-weather clothing.



## Look after your environment

- Take all of your rubbish home with you.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Move quietly near stock and wildlife.
- Observe fire bans.
- Respect the privacy of others, including farmers and landowners.
- Help keep water sources pure.
- Do not disturb native flowers or other vegetation.
- Stay on the marked trail.
- Use boot cleaning stations where provided – help minimise the spread of *Phytophthora* (root-rot fungus), a soil and waterborne fungus that causes disease and death to native plant species, exotic fruits and vegetables.



## What is the difference between a walk, hike and trek?

The Department for Environment and Heritage has developed a Walk, Hike and Trek classification system to inform park visitors of the level of difficulty of trails throughout South Australia.



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



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.

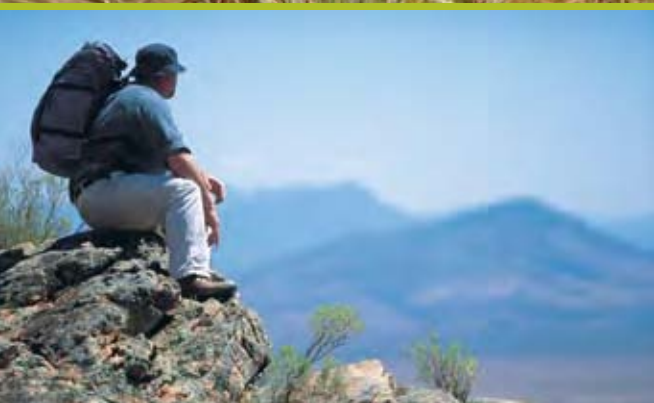


A **Hard Hike** requires some hiking experience and a reasonable fitness level, as some sections of the trail can be quite steep and uneven.



A **Trek** is generally physically demanding, therefore 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 fill in a *Trip Intentions* form.





# HEALTHY PARKS HEALTHY PEOPLE

ENHANCING  
YOUR WELLBEING.  
NATURALLY.

Did you know that every time you visit a park you're improving your health and wellbeing?

In today's fast-paced world, spending time in nature is an important part of restoring a balance in our busy lives. Research has shown that enjoying the natural environment not only encourages physical activity, but can also have a calming effect – reducing our stress levels and inspiring feelings of inner-peace, that can refresh us and make us feel more alive.

Parks offer exceptional opportunities for sightseeing, recreation, quiet reflection and enjoying quality time with others. They also offer an easy and inexpensive way to improve our health. So why not swap the treadmill, computer, couch or TV to enjoy the benefits of our parks and the great outdoors?

## Here are a few ideas to get you started...

- Connect** Enjoy a family cycle day along the trails at Belair.
- Escape** Stroll, wheel, or push a pram to Morialta's waterfalls.
- Refresh** Be inspired by magnificent mountains in the breathtaking Flinders.
- Explore** Discover evidence of an ice age along Hallett Cove's Glacier Trail.
- Energise** Hike one of the most stunning sections of the Heyden Trail at Deep Creek.

## What's it all about?

Healthy Parks, Healthy People is an initiative that encourages people to enjoy nature by promoting the mental, social and health benefits that parks provide.

To find out more, visit [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au) for upcoming events and ideas on healthy activities in South Australia's amazing network of national parks.

*Healthy Parks  
Healthy People*



# ADELAIDE & ADELAIDE HILLS



## Uncover the many secrets of Adelaide's national parks, from cascading waterfalls and amazing wildlife to stunning coastal views

You needn't travel far to enjoy some of Adelaide's best national parks, in fact a trip to the suburbs will do! An easy 20 minutes drive south-east of Adelaide lies the beautiful Adelaide Hills, where leafy green landscapes of eucalypt woodlands, plunging waterfalls and peaceful gorges offer wonderful opportunities to escape the city limits and get back to nature. Experience the award-winning Cleland Wildlife Park, the magnificent Mount Lofty Summit and Belair, the second oldest national park in Australia. The hills are a haven for koalas, echidnas and colourful rosellas and offer heritage-listed treasures such as Old Government House.

Hold a koala and get up-close and personal with South Australia's native animals at **Cleland Wildlife Park**.

Survey spectacular views of Adelaide's city skyline and coast from **Mount Lofty Summit**.

Enjoy a picnic, bike ride, or stroll around the lake at **Belair National Park**.

Block your ears for the firing of the cannon on open days at **Fort Glanville**.

Discover geological evidence of an epic ice age at **Hallett Cove Conservation Park**.

Scale one of Adelaide's best rock climbing sites at **Morialta Conservation Park**.



- Adelaide & Adelaide Hills Region
- National Parks & Reserves
- NP** National Park
- CP** Conservation Park
- RP** Recreation Park
- Main Roads
- Minor Roads



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# ADELAIDE & ADELAIDE HILLS



## Visitor Information Centres

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Adelaide Hills Visitor Information Centre, Hahndorf | 1800 353 323   |
| Mount Lofty Summit Visitor Information Centre       | (08) 8370 1054 |

## Park Information

|                                      |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Belair National Park Office          | (08) 8278 5477 |
| Cleland Wildlife Park Visitor Centre | (08) 8339 2444 |

**PLACES  
TO STAY**

See page 57 for accommodation ideas in our National Parks.

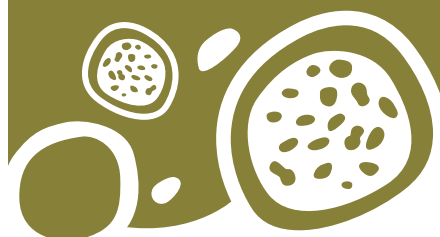


*Phytophthora* (fy TOFF-thora) species are soil and waterborne fungi that impact on a wide variety of native plant species, exotic fruits and vegetables. Bushwalkers can spread the disease by moist soil and plant material sticking to footwear.

The spread can be minimised by:

- contacting local DEH parks office for information on suitable bushwalking areas
- parking cars in designated car parks only
- keeping to designated roads and walking trails at all times and obeying '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.

## PHYTOPHTHORA



Roam free amongst wildlife at Cleland Wildlife Park



### Belair National Park 840 ha



Located just 25 minutes drive from Adelaide, Belair has long been a favourite location to relax and enjoy nature. Proclaimed in 1891, Belair is South Australia's oldest National Park – second only in Australia to Sydney's Royal National Park, established a few years prior. Belair's open woodlands, excellent recreational facilities and network of shared walking, cycling and horse riding trails make the park an ideal spot to get active outdoors. Enjoy a leisurely stroll around the lake; share a picnic or barbecue with family and friends; let the kids run wild on the adventure playground; or admire the colonial heritage-listed building of Old Government House. You can even take the dog for a walk (lead required). Sporting facilities include ovals and tennis courts in bushland surrounds, (bookings required). Belair is open 8 am until sunset daily. The information office is open 8.30 am to 4.30 pm Monday – Friday and 9 am to 4.30 pm weekends and public holidays, except Christmas Day when the park is closed. Walkers can access the park from sunrise to sunset.

#### Location & Getting There

13 km SE Adelaide. Vehicle access via Upper Sturt Rd, Belair. Walking distance from Belair train station – call Adelaide Metro Infoline (08) 8210 1000.

**Contact** (08) 8278 5477

**Accommodation** See page 57

### Black Hill Conservation Park 684 ha



Adjoining Adelaide's north-eastern plains, this park has a fine network of walking trails that link to Morialta Conservation Park and offer outstanding views across Adelaide to Gulf St Vincent and beyond. Vegetation varies from giant River Red Gums in the cool valleys to low heath and sheoaks along the ridges and hilltops. During summer the foliage of the sheoaks changes to almost black, giving Black Hill its name. Please note that the toilets are open on weekdays only.

#### Location & Getting There

10 km NE Adelaide. Access via Addison Ave, Montacute Rd and Maryvale Rd, Athelstone.

**Contact** (08) 8336 0901

### Cleland Wildlife Park in Cleland Conservation Park 35 ha



Cleland Wildlife Park is an award-winning, open-range wildlife sanctuary nestled in natural bushland in the Adelaide Hills. At Cleland, visitors can get up-close and personal with more than 130 species of native wildlife. You can hold a Koala, handfeed kangaroos, emus and waterbirds, and see animal feeding sessions from 12.30 pm to 3.15 pm daily. In the Ocean to Outback interpretive centre reptiles and rare mammal species from four South Australian environments can be seen. For an additional fee you can discover Cleland's nightlife by torchlight on a guided nocturnal tour when mammals such as bandicoots, bettongs and potoroos are at their most active (pre-booking required). Cleland also offers a licensed café, barbecue facilities and souvenir shop.

#### Location & Getting There

22 km SE Adelaide. Access via Summit Rd, Crafrers, en route to Mount Lofty Summit. Public transport by bus – call Adelaide Metro Infoline (08) 8210 1000.

**Contact** (08) 8339 2444

## DID YOU KNOW?

A daily bus service runs between Adelaide city centre and Cleland Wildlife Park? Spend the day mingling with some of South Australia's most adorable native animals!

Call Adelaide Metro Infoline on **(08) 8210 1000** for the latest bus timetable information or visit [www.transadelaide.com.au](http://www.transadelaide.com.au)



Military drill demonstrations, Fort Glanville  
Conservation Park Open Days



## Fort Glanville Conservation Park 5 ha



Built in 1880, Fort Glanville is the most complete example of nineteenth century coastal artillery built in Australia and represents a significant period in the state's colonial history. On the third Sunday afternoon of each month, between September and May, you are invited to witness the spectacle of a full historical re-enactment by Fort Glanville Association members as they recreate the past with military drill demonstrations, including cannon firing, in full military costume. Fort Glanville is located near the cosmopolitan coastal suburb of Semaphore.

### Location & Getting There

12 km NW Adelaide. Access via 359 Military Rd, Semaphore. Public transport by bus – call Adelaide Metro Infoline (08) 8210 1000.

**Contact** (08) 8336 0901

## Hallett Cove Conservation Park 50 ha



Hallett Cove is one of the country's most outstanding geological sites, recording evidence of an Australian ice age some 280 million years ago. See glacial pavements along the northern cliff tops, recognised for their international significance as the best record of Permian glaciation in Australia. Discover the park's fascinating geological history along the Black Cliffs interpretive walking trail which hugs the coast and learn how the Sugarloaf was formed. Hallett Cove is also a significant cultural site with more than 1700 Aboriginal artefacts recorded here.

### Location & Getting There

22 km S Adelaide. Access via Heron Way or Dutchman Drive, Hallett Cove. Walking distance from Hallett Cove train station – call Adelaide Metro Infoline (08) 8210 1000.

**Contact** (08) 8278 5477



Waterfall Gully, Cleland Conservation Park

## Horsnell Gully Conservation Park and Giles Conservation Park 246 ha



Rich in relics from early European settlement, Horsnell Gully and Giles conservation parks provide great bushwalking opportunities with sign-posted trails passing through steep gullies and wooded hillsides. Historic buildings such as Giles Ruins can be found in the park. Wildlife includes Western Grey Kangaroos, Koalas, Short-beaked Echidnas and possums.

### Location & Getting There

10 km E Adelaide. Access via Horsnell's Gully Rd, Horsnell's Gully.

**Contact** (08) 8336 0901

The Southern Brown Bandicoot is the last remaining species of bandicoot naturally occurring in South Australia. A robust streamlined marsupial with a long snout, small round ears and large rump, it is only known to occupy areas of the Mount Lofty Ranges and is listed as nationally threatened. A Recovery Plan funded by the Federal Government and DEH is helping to identify its distribution and prevalence and address key threats to its survival. If you see a Southern Brown Bandicoot in the Mount Lofty Ranges, you can help by completing an online form – *There's a Bandicoot in my Backyard* – available from [www.environment.sa.gov.au](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au)

# SOUTHERN BROWN BANDICOOT





## Morialta Conservation Park 533 ha



Surrounded by lush vegetation, this easily accessible park is located 20 minutes drive north-east of Adelaide. Morialta Conservation Park offers impressive views of Morialta Gorge, the famous First Falls waterfall and the surrounding Adelaide plains. The park is popular for birdwatching, rock climbing and bushwalking, with trails catering to all levels of fitness. A scenic picnic area with barbecue facilities and a playground is provided.

Morinda Conservation Park is open to vehicle traffic from 8.30 am to 15 minutes before sunset. Walkers may access the park from sunset to sunrise. Car parking fees may apply.

## GO BUSHWALKING

## First Falls Valley Walk

🌟 1.6 km 🕒 45 min Easy Walk

Experience the beauty of Morialta along the First Falls Valley Walk. This trail follows Fourth Creek into the heart of Morialta Gorge. During summer the creek is dry, but after autumn and winter rains the park's cascading waterfalls and flowing creeks come to life.

Want to know more? Visit [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au) to download the latest *Bushwalking in Morialta and Black Hill Conservation Parks* brochure.

### Location & Getting There

12 km NE Adelaide. Access via Morialta Rd, Woodforde.  
Public transport by bus – call Adelaide Metro Infoline  
(08) 8210 1000.

**Contact** (08) 8336 0901

## Mount Lofty Summit in Cleland Conservation Park



Mount Lofty Summit, the highest point in the South Mount Lofty Ranges, offers panoramic views of Adelaide and Piccadilly Valley. Discover the story behind the white obelisk and explore the many walking trails that start here. The complex includes a Visitor Information Centre, gift shop and modern café/restaurant. Car parking fees may apply.

## Location & Getting There

Mount Lofty Summit Rd, Crafers, 24 km SE of Adelaide.

**Contact** (08) 8370 1054

## Mount George Conservation Park 85 ha



With a higher than average annual rainfall and cool winter conditions, Mount George Conservation Park offers visitors an opportunity to see a variety of flora that thrive in cooler climate conditions. Walking trails explore the parks diverse landscape which varies from wetlands to open forests with scenic rocky outcrops. The park is also an important conservation area for Mountain Gums, considered rare in South Australia and includes an interesting section of the Heysen Trail.

### Location & Getting There

25 km SE Adelaide. Access via Mount George Rd, Bridgewater.

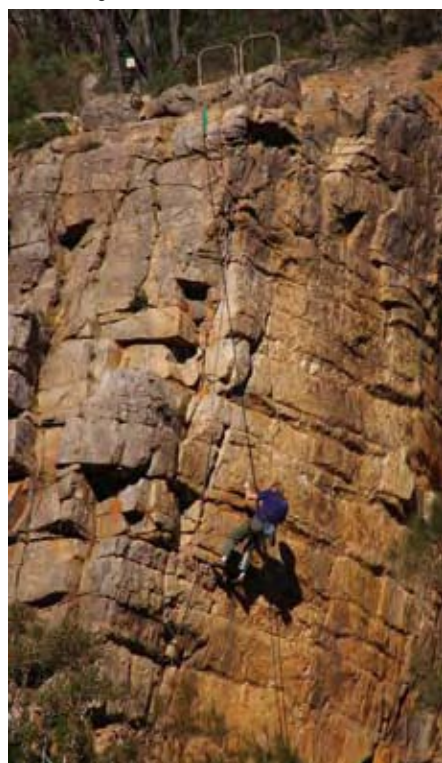
**Contact** (08) 8336 0901

The Mount Lofty Ranges is a biodiversity hotspot for native orchids such as the endangered Pink-lipped Spider orchid – one of 160 species growing in the area. However, environmental pressures such as climate change, vegetation clearance, weed invasion, increased grazing and the loss of crucial wasp pollinators are threatening the survival of more than 40 orchid species, including 12 nationally threatened orchids. *The Lofty Block Threatened Orchid Recovery Project* aims to arrest this decline. Initiatives such as monitoring, weed control, fencing off areas and in some instances, caging individual flowers has achieved much in the past few years. This is a joint project between DEH, the Threatened Plant Action Group, Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges, Northern and Yorke Natural Resource Management boards and volunteer support from more than 15 community groups.

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Rock climbing, Morialta Conservation Park



Near Mount Lofty, Cleland Conservation Park





Onkaparinga River National Park

Rock climbing is a great way to heighten your senses, lift your spirits and challenge yourself. The two most popular parks for rock climbers are **Morialta Conservation Park** and **Onkaparinga River National Park** with solid rock faces and secure holdfasts.

With some experience and training, rock climbing can be enjoyed by anyone. There are easy climbs for beginners, such as the Al Sirrat or Cinch climbs at Morialta, or more challenging climbs such as Plexas, which boasts amazing views of the gulf and passes one of the area's large gums, a favourite for Koalas. Before attempting a climb, it is recommended that you contact a rock climbing club or licensed tour operator that offer a beginner's rock climbing session to learn about the equipment and technical requirements of setting up a secure climb. Contact the Belair Office on **(08) 8278 5477**.



# ROCK CLIMBING

## Onkaparinga River National Park and Recreation Park 1826 ha



Featuring permanent rock pools, deep gorges and a slow flowing river, Onkaparinga River National Park and Recreation Park are well worth a visit. The Onkaparinga River, South Australia's second longest river enters the park through a steep-sided valley that flows into a magnificent gorge with cliffs that stretch up to 50 metres high. The park follows the river to the sea, revealing an entirely different estuary and wetland environment. The main bushwalking area is located on the northern side of the gorge near Gate 6 on Piggott Range Road, where there are a variety of accessible trails to choose from. Paddling down the river by canoe in the recreation park and rock climbing in the national park are also popular activities.

### Location & Getting There

34 km S Adelaide. Access to gorge area in the national park is from Chapel Hill Rd, Piggott Range Rd and off Main South Rd via Old Noarlunga. Access to wetlands (RP) is from River Rd and Railway Rd.

**Contact** (08) 8278 5477

## Para Wirra Recreation Park 1417 ha



One of the major recreation parks of the greater Adelaide metropolitan area, Para Wirra Recreation Park offers a beautiful bushland setting with many walking trails, scenic drives and opportunities to encounter wildlife. There are over 100 species of birds in the park, including Emus which are regularly seen strutting through the picnic grounds. Mack Creek Hut offers budget accommodation for nature enthusiasts keen to explore the park. Bookings required.

### Location & Getting There

40 km NE Adelaide. Access via Humbug Scrub Rd, One Tree Hill.

**Contact** (08) 8280 7048

**Accommodation** See page 57

## Scott Creek Conservation Park 758 ha



Scott Creek Conservation park has some of the most diverse native vegetation and wildlife in the Adelaide Hills. Its dense Stringybark forests, steep sloped valleys and seasonally flowing creeks are home to a variety of eucalypts including clusters of Blue and Pink gums and over 125 species of birds. In the 1850s Scott Creek was mined for copper and silver. Explore the mine ruins along two short walking trails, also a great place to spy local wildlife. This park is an important conservation area for the nationally endangered Southern Brown Bandicoot.

### Location & Getting There

30 km SE Adelaide. Access via Dorset Vale Rd or Scott Creek Rd, Scott Creek.

**Contact** (08) 8278 5477

## Waterfall Gully in Cleland Conservation Park



Waterfall Gully, located in Cleland Conservation Park is home to the largest of seven waterfalls in the park. Walking paths with handrails make this area suitable for all levels of fitness. There is also a tearoom, housed in a historic Swiss-style chalet (circa 1911), nearby.

### GO BUSHWALKING

**Waterfall Gully to Mount Lofty Summit Hike**  
 7.6 km return 2.5 hrs Moderate Hike

This challenging hike begins at historic Waterfall Gully. It takes you through native bushland to Mount Lofty Summit, the highest point in the South Mount Lofty Ranges. The trail features some steep sections as it approaches the summit. Enjoy spectacular views of the city as you return to Waterfall Gully.

### Location & Getting There

8 km E Adelaide. Access via Waterfall Gully Rd, Burnside.

**Contact** (08) 8379 2488



## MUST SEE & DO

Observe majestic Southern Right Whales from a cliff top viewing platform adjacent to the **Great Australian Bight Marine Park**.

Admire the towering rock formations of the Organ Pipes in **Gawler Ranges National Park**.

Canoe the tranquil waters of Yangie Bay in **Coffin Bay National Park**.

Observe Australian Sea-lions basking on the rocks from a lookout at **Point Labatt Conservation Park**.

Savour stunning seaside views from your front verandah at Donington Cottage accommodation in **Lincoln National Park**.

# EYRE PENINSULA



## Discover 2000 kilometres of spectacular coastline

Famous blue waters, secluded beaches and coastal cliffs spanning the Great Australian Bight are just the beginning of Eyre Peninsula's stunning scenery. Between June and October visitors can witness the magnificent sight of whales at the Head of Bight, resting and raising their young after their annual migration. Inland, the spectacular Gawler Ranges National Park reveals ochre-coloured hills, home to rare wildlife and ancient geological formations dating back some 1500 million years. Lincoln and Coffin Bay are among the region's most popular coastal parks, offering fantastic camping, fishing, bushwalking and 4WD adventures.

Sand dunes at Coffin Bay National Park



# EYRE PENINSULA



## Visitor Information Centres

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| Ceduna Gateway Visitor Information Centre | 1800 639 413 |
| Port Lincoln Visitor Information Centre   | 1300 788 378 |
| Whyalla Visitor Information Centre        | 1800 088 589 |

## PLACES TO STAY

See page 57 for accommodation ideas in our National Parks.





The Organ Pipes, Gawler Ranges National Park

## Coffin Bay National Park 30 977 ha



Coffin Bay National Park's diverse coastal landscape features massive dunes, high windswept cliffs and surf beaches pounded by the Southern Ocean. On the northern side of the peninsula, the landscape offers a complete contrast, with sheltered bays and low-lying samphire swamps. Paddling Yangie Bay by canoe, bushwalking, fishing, birdwatching and exploring the more remote areas of the park by 4WD (experience required), are just a few of the activities you can enjoy.

### Location & Getting There

50 km W Port Lincoln. Access via Flinders Hwy.

Contact (08) 8688 3111

## Gawler Ranges National Park 162 676 ha



Located in the spectacular southern Gawler Ranges, this park is a popular destination for visitors to Eyre Peninsula and those travelling to Perth. Vast hills and gullies with rocky gorges and seasonal water flows create a stunning natural landscape with an ancient geological history, spanning some 1500 million years. The park includes 21 rare and threatened plant and animal species including the rare Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby. A 4WD with high clearance is required to take in the highlights of the park. Most tracks are unsuitable for conventional 2WD vehicles.

### Location & Getting There

300 km W Port Augusta. Access via Eyre Hwy, north from Wudinna. Also accessible from Minnipa and Kimba.

Contact (08) 8688 3111

The endangered Greater Bilby is a rabbit-sized nocturnal marsupial with rabbit-like ears, a long snout and tail. Bilbies once inhabited around 70 per cent of the Australian mainland. Today they inhabit just 20 per cent of their former range. Threats such as introduced predators and land clearance have influenced their dramatic decline. An initiative of DEH at Venus Bay Conservation Park is helping secure the future of this intriguing animal. Other conservation projects in the region include aiding the survival of the Brush-tailed Bettong, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Chalky Wattle, Silver Daisy Bush and West Coast Mintbush. To find out more visit [www.environment.sa.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened-species/threatend.html](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened-species/threatend.html)

## SAVING OUR THREATENED SPECIES



## Great Australian Bight Marine Park 123 323 ha



The iconic Great Australian Bight is an important breeding and calving area for the Southern Right Whale and Australian Sea-lion. During the winter months, whales are regularly seen from the viewing platform overlooking the ocean at the Head of Bight. The viewing area is located in Yalata Indigenous Protected Area and an entry fee applies. Upon arrival, pick up a copy of; *The Great Southern Right Whale – Australian Bight Marine Park* brochure to learn about these amazing creatures. The Great Australian Bight Marine Park protects a diverse range of marine species, while allowing for ecologically sustainable use of marine resources. The park is divided into management zones that grant different levels of protection and permits certain recreational activities to take place. For information about seasonal closures and activities permitted within each management zone call the DEH office at Port Lincoln.

### Location & Getting There

300 km W Ceduna. Access via Eyre Hwy.

Contact (08) 8688 3111 DEH Port Lincoln office or Yalata Land Management (08) 8625 6285



A photograph showing a coastal landscape. In the foreground, there are gnarled, leafless trees and low-lying green and brown shrubs on a rocky, uneven ground. The middle ground features a calm, blue sea meeting a light-colored, sandy or pebbly shore. In the background, a distant, hazy coastline is visible under a clear sky. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

Gunyah Beach, Coffin Bay National Park

**Location & Getting There**  
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 15 km S Port Lincoln. Access via Flinders Hwy.  
**Contact** (08) 8688 3111  
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**Accommodation** See page 57







Bunda Cliffs, Nullarbor National Park



Southern Right Whales, Nullarbor National Park

## Mamungari Conservation Park 2 128 945 ha



Mamungari Conservation Park is one of the largest arid zone Biosphere Reserves in the world. Located in the southern Great Victoria Desert and northern Nullarbor Plain, the park is co-managed with the traditional owners, the Maralinga Tjarutja people who maintain a strong spiritual connection to the area. Parallel red sand dunes covered with desert karrajong, acacias, desert gums and salt lakes are among the park's interesting features. Wildlife includes Princess Parrots, Scarlet-chested Parrots, Australian Bustards and mammals adapted to the harsh desert conditions. Access to the park is from the east along the Anne Beadell Highway. You will need a well-equipped 4WD and must obtain permits from DEH, Maralinga Tjarutja Inc and the Area Administrator at Woomera to travel within the park.

### Location & Getting There

450 km NW Ceduna. Access via Eyre Hwy.

**Contact** Ceduna DEH District Office (08) 8625 3144  
Maralinga Tjarutja Inc. (08) 8625 2946  
Administrator Defence Support Centre, Woomera  
(08) 8674 3370

## Nullarbor National Park and Regional Reserve 2 847 041 ha



Located near the head of the Great Australian Bight, Nullarbor National Park and Regional Reserve protect one of the world's largest semi-arid cave landscapes. Most of the landscape is flat and featureless consisting largely of Bluebush and Saltbush, except where the surface has collapsed into sinkholes revealing large underground caverns. The park is associated with many Aboriginal cultural sites and diverse wildlife species, including the Southern Hairy-nosed Wombat. One of the most spectacular sections of the Nullarbor Plain is where the vast flat landscape meets the Southern Ocean at Bunda Cliffs. Here you can enjoy magnificent views of the coastline and chance sightings of Southern Right Whales that come to breed in winter.

### Location & Getting There

300 km west of Ceduna. Access via Eyre Hwy.

**Contact** (08) 8625 3144

## Nuyts Archipelago Conservation Park 9878 ha



Nuyts Archipelago Conservation Park comprises 22 islands and reefs, including Purdie Islands, St Francis Island, Lacy Islands and Goat Island. The islands feature granite boulders with limestone domes and large sand dunes. Mangrove communities can be found on St Peter and Eyre islands with access to good fishing spots nearby. Accessible by boat, the islands are a haven for rare and endangered wildlife. Boat tours operate to the islands, with the exception of the Franklin islands which are prohibited. Visitors should be aware that Tiger Snakes are common on all of the islands.

### Location & Getting There

15 km off the coast of Ceduna. Access is by boat only.

**Contact** (08) 8625 3144

The 5600 kilometre coastline of South Australia features rocky shorelines, sandy beaches, mud flats, seagrass and mangrove habitats. What lies beneath the ocean is still being discovered through ground-breaking research. Using a range of new technologies including satellite, acoustic equipment and underwater video and surveys, the DEH scientific team is producing maps that profile the landscape of the sea floor as well as the sea life habitat in large areas. This valuable information will assist in effective monitoring and conservation of the marine environment into the future. The mapping project is a joint partnership between DEH, several universities, natural resource management boards and the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust.



## Point Labatt Conservation Park 51 ha

Point Labatt's rugged coastline dominated by 60-metre high cliffs is home to the largest mainland breeding colony of Australian Sea-lions. A short walk to a cliff-top viewing platform allows you to safely watch the sea-lion colony below – binoculars recommended. The park is also home to majestic seabirds such as the Osprey, White-bellied Sea-Eagle and Peregrine Falcon.

### Location & Getting There

50 km S Streaky Bay. Access via Flinders Hwy along unsealed roads, either via Scaale Bay or Calca.

**Contact** (08) 8625 3144

## Sir Joseph Banks Group Conservation Park 47 690 ha



Aquamarine waters and scenic beaches characterise the many islands, islets and reefs of the Sir Joseph Banks Group. The limestone-capped islands within this group generally feature scenic low-lying 'whaleback' profiles, making the area a popular sightseeing destination for marine-based viewing. Havens for wildlife, the islands are a refuge for numerous birds and protect animals such as the endangered Greater Stick-nest Rat and 12 species of lizards. You should be aware that venomous Tiger Snakes are common on several islands and that some islands are prohibited as they are important breeding colonies for wildlife. The Sir Joseph Banks Group is accessible by boat from Tumby Bay and Port Lincoln, with several licensed tour operators in the area.

### Location & Getting There

20 km SE off the coast of Tumby Bay. Access is by boat.

**Contact** (08) 8688 3111



Lookout, Point Labatt Conservation Park



Four-wheel driving Googs Track, Yumbarra Conservation Park

## Whyalla Conservation Park 1981 ha



Whyalla Conservation Park conserves a saltbush and bluebush landscape featuring a variety of shrublands and Western Myall woodlands. The area is recognised for its variety of ground lichens and is home to more than 80 species of native birds. A feature of the park is Wild Dog Hill, a large sandstone outcrop in the park's north-west corner with an interesting walking trail that passes through rocky outcrops. The 7 km track from the highway to Wild Dog Hill is unsuitable for vehicles towing caravans.

### Location & Getting There

10 km N Whyalla. Access from Lincoln Hwy.

**Contact** (08) 8634 7068

## Yellabinna Regional Reserve and Wilderness Protection Area 2 501 600 ha and Yumbarra Conservation Park 324 352 ha



These adjoining parks form a valuable wilderness area of sparsely vegetated red sand dunes that extend as far as the eye can see - creating a lasting image of the Outback against the backdrop of a clear blue sky. A vast expanse of mallee to the south provides a corridor linking the Great Victoria Desert to the northern Eyre Peninsula mallee. This is an important habitat for wildlife such as Major Mitchell's Cockatoos, Thorny Devils, Sandhill Dunnarts and Malleefowl. The only access to the parks is via Googs Track. You should only attempt this track if you are an experienced outback traveller and have a well-equipped high clearance 4WD vehicle. For your driving safety it is recommended that you travel from south to north along Googs Track.

### Location & Getting There

Along Googs Track commencing 30 km N Ceduna. Access via Eyre Hwy.

**Contact** (08) 8625 3144

The East Meets West biodiversity corridor is a largely continuous tract of remnant native vegetation stretching from Eyre Peninsula across the Far West of South Australia, to the Western Australian border. This vast area encompasses a range of climates, land-uses and ecologically diverse plant and animal species. The East Meets West corridor aims to improve 'connectedness' between core habitats by linking established protected areas with buffer zones, enabling species to shift, evolve and adapt to a changing climate. East Meets West aims to protect functioning natural ecosystems and involve people in nature conservation. The involvement and support of the local community, volunteer groups, non-government organisations and other natural resource custodians is vital to the success of East Meets West. DEH will continue to work with these groups to restore the important ecosystems within the East Meets West Corridor.

WHERE  
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## MUST SEE & DO

### Dramatic coastal bluffs, sweeping vistas and the start of the Heysen Trail

Located an hour's drive south of Adelaide, the Fleurieu Peninsula is a relaxing seaside retreat enjoyed by adventure seekers and nature lovers. Beautiful beaches, stunning cliff top walks and high-energy surf offer a range of year-round activities, from fishing, surfing and bushwalking to camping and winter whale watching. Witness Southern Right Whales close to shore on their annual migration or stroll across the wooden causeway to Granite Island. Deep Creek Conservation Park is another highlight, featuring well-marked walking trails, lush vegetated valleys and 18 kilometres of stunning coastal views.

Watch **Granite Island's** adorable Little Penguins return from their daily fishing trip, on a guided sunset tour.

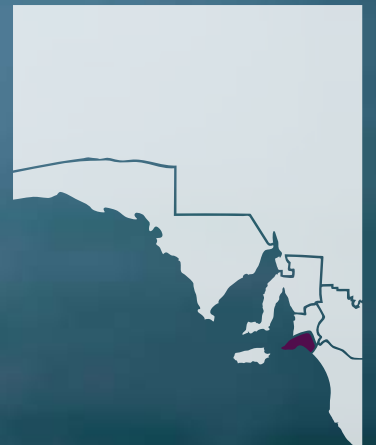
Hike a stunning section of the Heysen Trail in **Deep Creek Conservation Park**.

Surf fish for salmon and mullet along one of **Newland Head Conservation Park's** golden beaches.

Admire stunning spring wildflowers in **Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park**.

Stroll across the wooden causeway or hitch a ride with the horse-drawn tram to **Granite Island Conservation Park**.

# FLEURIEU PENINSULA



- Fleurieu Peninsula Region
- National Parks & Reserves
- CP** Conservation Park
- RP** Recreation Park
- Main Roads
- Minor Roads



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# FLEURIEU PENINSULA



## Visitor Information Centres

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| McLaren Vale & Fleurieu Visitor Information Centre | 1800 628 410 |
| Signal Point & Goolwa Visitor Information Centre   | 1300 466 592 |
| Victor Harbor Visitor Information Centre           | 1800 557 094 |

## PLACES TO STAY

See page 58 for accommodation ideas in our National Parks.





Bushwalking, Deep Creek Conservation Park

## Deep Creek Conservation Park 4 452 ha



Located just 1.5 hours drive south of Adelaide, Deep Creek Conservation Park is a popular getaway offering a variety of rewarding bushwalks, including a section of the world-class Heysen Trail. The park conserves 18 km of coastline, with spectacular views of Backstairs Passage, Kangaroo Island and the rugged Deep Creek valley. The landscape encompasses coastal heath, low woodlands, open forest, creeks and waterfalls, with wildlife such as kangaroos, often seen grazing. Choose from any of five campgrounds to pitch your tent. For those who enjoy their creature comforts, the award-winning Ridgetop Retreats is also located in the park. Call Southern Ocean Retreats on (08) 8598 4169 for bookings.

### GO BUSHWALKING

#### Deep Creek Circuit Hike

🕒 10.5 km loop 🕒 7 hrs Moderate Hike

Deep Creek Circuit Hike is a challenging hike offering spectacular views of the Southern Ocean, Backstairs Passage and the south coast. This loop begins at Trig Picnic Area and passes through a variety of flora and scenery leading you to a secluded cove where The Deep Creek meets the sea.

Want to know more? Visit [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au) to download the latest *Bushwalking in Deep Creek Conservation Park* brochure.

#### Location & Getting There

100 km S Adelaide. Access via Main South Rd.

**Contact** (08) 8598 0263

**Accommodation** See page 58

## Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park 266 ha



Located along Adelaide's southern coastline, between Aldinga Beach and Sellicks Beach, this park is recognised as a significant area for nature conservation, protecting many rare coastal plants. Features include impressive sand dunes, mallee scrub, remnant River Red Gum forests, closed heaths and the rare Lacy Coral Lichen. Walking trails of varying lengths provide fantastic opportunities to explore the park's habitats and interesting plant life. During spring the park is ablaze with wildflowers.

#### Location & Getting There

46 km S Adelaide. Access along Aldinga Beach Rd, Aldinga.

**Contact** (08) 8278 5477

## Cox Scrub Conservation Park 544 ha



Cox Scrub Conservation Park is an important habitat for a range of wildlife including honeyeaters often seen feeding on the nectar of plants, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos, Little Pygmy Possums and Southern Brown Bandicoots. The park's many walking trails and wealth of bird life make it popular with bushwalkers and birdwatchers alike. Cole Crossing on the Finniss River offers a good spot to enjoy camping in a peaceful bush setting.

#### Location & Getting There

55 km S Adelaide. Access via Goolwa Rd.

**Contact** (08) 8552 3677

Grevillea, Cox Scrub Conservation Park



Stringybark Loop Walk, Deep Creek Conservation Park





Admiring the bluff near Victor Harbor, Newland Head Conservation Park

## Granite Island Recreation Park 26 ha



The ever-popular Granite Island is one of Victor Harbor's favourite visitor attractions. Connected to the mainland by a wooden causeway, the island is easily accessible by foot or horse-drawn tram. Its exceptional coastal scenery is characterised by lichen covered boulders, low-lying vegetation and scenic lookouts, enjoyed along the 1.5 km Kaiki Walking Trail which follows the perimeter of the island. Visit the Penguin Centre, try your luck fishing or relax at the bistro and enjoy the sea views. Regular guided tours provide visitors with an opportunity to see Little Penguins return to the island after a day of catching fish at sea. After sunset, access to the island is restricted to guided tours only to protect the Little Penguins habitat.

**Location & Getting There**  
84 km S Adelaide. Granite Island, Victor Harbor.  
**Contact** (08) 8552 3677

## Newland Head Conservation Park 1035 ha



Located a short drive from the popular seaside town of Victor Harbor, Newland Head Conservation Park protects rocky headlands and two scenic beaches. It is popular among skilled surfers and beachcombers and offers excellent beach fishing for salmon, mullet and mulloway. Swimming is not recommended due to dangerous currents. The Heysen Trail runs through the park, providing spectacular views from the cliff tops.

**Location & Getting There**  
91 km S Adelaide. 17 km SE Victor Harbor.  
Access via Waitpinga Rd, Victor Harbor.  
**Contact** (08) 8552 3677

On the southern coast of the Fleurieu Peninsula, the spectacular cliff-line known as Waitpinga Cliffs is an important conservation zone in Newland Head Conservation Park. White-bellied Sea-Eagles are often seen flying in this area. For their protection, DEH proposed a policy that restricts low-flying aircraft within the zone resulting in the 'Fly Neighbourly Agreement'. This has been implemented by Airservices Australia and supported by the aviation community.

The Friends of Newland Head Conservation Park have played a huge part in the area's sustainability by extensively revegetating and stabilising this park after previous farming activities exposed sandy areas making them vulnerable to erosion.

Visitors can experience the Waitpinga Cliffs along the Heysen Trail or view them from Rosetta Head at Victor Harbor.

When walking in Newland Head Conservation Park please remain on the trails to minimise disturbance to these protected birds.

## WHITE-BELLIED SEA-EAGLES AT WAITPINGA CLIFFS



## Talisker Conservation Park 211 ha



The site of an early Cornish mining settlement, Talisker Conservation Park is nestled amongst a remnant patch of native vegetation that contains heritage-listed ruins, providing a well-preserved record of nineteenth century mining practices.

**Location & Getting There**  
110 km S Adelaide. Access via Talisker Rd from Cape Jervis.  
**Contact** (08) 8552 3677



**Discover a vast and ancient land filled with startling colours, amazing wildlife and stories as spellbinding as the location itself**

Starting approximately three hours drive north of Adelaide, the Flinders Ranges offers an inspiring landscape of incredible beauty, featuring rugged mountain peaks, spectacular gorges and peaceful creeks lined with River Red Gums. The jewel of the Flinders Ranges is Wilpena Pound, a magnificent natural amphitheatre resembling a huge crater rising out of the plains in Flinders Ranges National Park. Well-marked walking trails explore the park with fantastic opportunities to encounter wildlife and learn about the region's rich Aboriginal and European heritage. The Flinders is also the gateway to the legendary outback, a place of surprising contrasts renowned for its red desert sands, brilliant blue skies and vast unspoilt beauty.



# FLINDERS RANGES & OUTBACK

Soar with the eagles on a scenic flight over Wilpena Pound in **Flinders Ranges National Park**.

Discover wildlife and wetlands in the heart of the desert at **Coongie Lakes National Park**.

Bushwalk through amazing gorges in **Mount Remarkable** and **Flinders Ranges national parks**.

Soak off the red desert dust in the warm thermal springs at **Witjira National Park**.

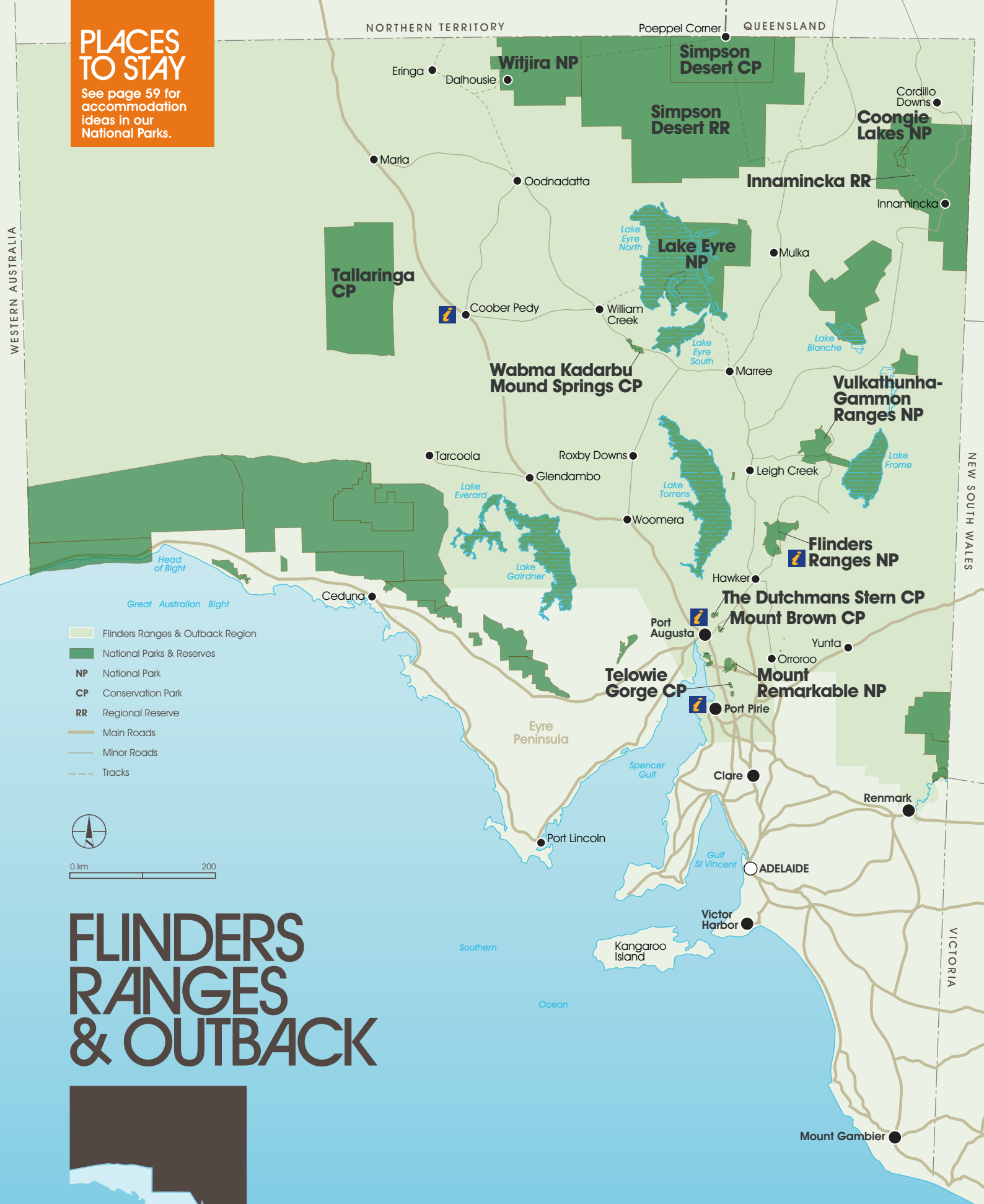
Admire the dazzling white salt pans of **Lake Eyre National Park**, the largest salt lake in Australia.

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## PLACES TO STAY

See page 59 for accommodation ideas in our National Parks.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Flinders Ranges & Outback Region

National Parks & Reserves

NP National Park

CP Conservation Park

RR Regional Reserve

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# FLINDERS RANGES & OUTBACK



## Visitor Information Centres

Coober Pedy Visitor Information Centre 1800 637 076

Port Augusta Visitor Information Centre, Wadlata Outback Centre 1800 633 060

Port Pirie Regional Tourism & Arts Centre 1800 000 424

Wilpena Pound Visitor Information Centre, Flinders Ranges National Park (08) 8648 0048

NEW SOUTH WALES

VICTORIA





Flinders Ranges National Park

## Flinders Ranges National Park 91 330 ha



Located in the central Flinders Ranges, Flinders Ranges National Park is a place of stunning scenery with a wealth of geological features, wildlife and Aboriginal and European cultural heritage. A series of rugged mountains, River Red Gum lined creeks and rolling hills covered with a patchwork of native pines and wildflowers in spring are among the park's many natural features. Wilpena Pound, one of the most recognised geological landmarks in South Australia, forms the hub of the park. From here you can take in the park's magnificent scenery along a network of bushwalking trails catering to all levels of fitness, enjoy scenic drives or join a licensed tour operator on a 4WD tour or mountain bike adventure. For an insight into local Aboriginal culture and European settlement visit the award winning interpretation site 'Ikara – the meeting place' at Old Wilpena Station. See Aboriginal art at Arkaroo Rock, Sacred Canyon and Perawurtina cultural heritage sites. Numerous accommodation options are available. Phone Wilpena Pound Visitor Information Centre on (08) 8648 0048.

### GO BUSHWALKING

#### Hills Homestead Walk

📏 6.6 km 🕒 2 hrs Easy Walk

Beginning at the bushwalking trailhead at Wilpena Pound Visitor Information Centre, this trail follows Wilpena Creek, encountering relics and reminders of pioneering life inside Wilpena Pound. Signs entitled, 'If the walls could talk', tell the story of Jessie Hill, daughter of the first pioneer family to live in the homestead. Walking trail brochures and maps are available from Wilpena Pound Visitor Information Centre.

#### Yuluna Hike

📏 8 km 🕒 4 hrs Moderate Hike

Experience the landscape that inspired painter Sir Hans Heysen during his visits to the Flinders Ranges. Beginning at the Aroona car park 50 km north of Wilpena, the trail weaves through a section of the ABC Range and takes you past a historic pug and pine hut.

Want to know more? Visit [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au) to download the latest *Flinders Ranges National Park Bushwalking* brochure.

#### Location & Getting There

455 km N Adelaide. Access via Hawker, from Adelaide.

**Contact** (08) 8648 0048

**Accommodation** See page 59



Sacred Canyon

The **Flinders Ranges** is home to two types of Aboriginal rock art – engravings and paintings. Some of these are believed to be thousands of years old with the most common type of engravings known as 'intaglios' – pecked out figures and symbols made by the merging of many small percussion marks that form a recognisable shape or line.

**ABORIGINAL  
ROCK  
ART**





A woman with short brown hair, wearing a blue and white striped long-sleeved shirt, is pointing at a large informational board. Two children, a boy in a light blue hoodie and a girl in a pink shirt, are looking at the board. They are standing in a wooded area with many trees in the background. The board has various text and images on it.

## Mount Remarkable National Park 18 271 ha



The appeal of Mount Remarkable National Park lies in its amazing diversity of flora, dramatic gorges and wilderness experiences. Arid zone plants and animals, and species from the more temperate southern regions both thrive in the park making it a popular bushwalking destination. There are three separate vehicle entrances into the park each providing different opportunities to explore. Mambray Creek, north of Port Pirie is home to some of the park's best attractions, including Sugar Gum Lookout and the secluded hiking experience of Hidden Gorge. Alligator Gorge is easily accessible from the Wilmington entrance, while Melrose offers walking access to Mount Remarkable along a section of the Heysen Trail. Accommodation is available at Alligator Lodge and Mambray Creek Cabin (bookings required). Mambray Creek Campground is a popular camping spot, particularly during holiday periods.

### Mount Remarkable Summit Hike

★ 12.2 km return ⌚ 5 hrs Moderate Hike

Want to know more? Visit [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au) to download the latest *Mount Remarkable Summit Hike* brochure.

Access to Mambray Creek is via Hwy 1, 45 km north of Port Pirie. The Alligator Gorge entrance is south of Wilmington and the Mount Remarkable section lies directly behind Melrose, 24 km south of Wilmington.

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**Accommodation** See page 59

# OPERATION BOUNCE- BACK



## Mount Brown Conservation Park 2264 ha



## GO BUSHWALKING

🌟 15 km loop 🕒 7.5 hrs Moderate Hike

Want to know more? Visit [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au) to download the latest *Mount Brown Summit Hike* brochure.

14 km S Quorn. Access via Richman Valley Rd.

**Contact** (08) 8634 7068





## Desert Parks



A Desert Parks Pass is your passport to South Australia's breathtaking arid landscapes by 4WD.

The pass allows entry into the following seven parks and covers camping (where permitted). When you purchase a Desert Parks Pass you will receive a handbook with information on the parks, safety information for outback driving, vehicle supply checklists, wildlife information and detailed maps.

The pass is valid for 12 months and is issued on a per vehicle basis.

**For further information contact:**  
**Desert Parks Pass**  
**Hotline 1800 816 078**  
**www.parks.sa.gov.au**



Please note that although beautiful, the desert is a harsh and unforgiving environment for the unprepared traveller. Familiarising yourself with the safety and trip-planning information in your Desert Parks handbook before you leave is the first step to ensure you'll get the most out of your desert adventure.

The amazing contrast of life-filled wetlands surrounded by a sun-scorched desert makes Coongie Lakes a spectacular oasis. Linked to the Cooper Creek system, Coongie Lakes receives its water from north-west Queensland, up to 1000 kilometres away. An arid wetland, Coongie supports an incredible diversity of wildlife including native fish, reptiles and frogs. Recognised as a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance, the lakes support over 205 species of birds, of which 24 are rare, vulnerable or endangered in South Australia. Thousands of migratory birds fly some 25 000 kilometres from the Northern Hemisphere to shelter and feed here from April to December. This makes the lakes an important link to the global environment.

## COONGIE LAKES



Red sand dunes, Simpson Desert Conservation Park

### Coongie Lakes National Park 26 669 ha



Coongie Lakes, (pronounced *Khun-gee Lakes*) is an ever-changing desert wetland located in one of the most arid areas of Australia. The freshwater wetland system is home to an amazing variety of wildlife, including fish, turtles, frogs and mammals. It is a deeply spiritual site for Aboriginal groups who have a connection to the area and is a significant European site associated with pastoralism and exploration. Coongie Lakes is listed as a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance and is recognised as a significant feeding and resting area for more than 74 species of waterbirds and 13 other wetland dependant species. The peaceful serenity of Coongie Lakes attracts 4WD enthusiasts and birdwatchers alike, with autumn the best time to see migratory birds.

#### Location & Getting There

100 km NW of Innamincka in Innamincka Regional Reserve off Strzelecki Track (via Leigh Creek). Access via Innamincka.

**Contact** Desert Parks Hotline 1800 816 078  
 Port Augusta Regional Office (08) 8648 5300

### Innamincka Regional Reserve 1 354 193 ha



With connections to some of Australia's most famous explorers, diverse wildlife and the internationally significant wetlands and wildlife of the Cooper Creek system, Innamincka Regional Reserve offers a taste of the real Australian outback. The reserve is an oasis of amazing contrasts: you can cruise along shady creeks by canoe; explore historic sites; or fish and swim in one of the reserve's many waterholes surrounded by vast red desert and arid plains. Within the reserve is Innamincka township, once a vital trading post for pastoral properties in the region. Among the must-see sites are the internationally renowned wetlands of Coongie Lakes; Cullyamurra Waterhole; the graves of ill-fated explorers Burke and Wills; and just across the Queensland border, the historic Dig Tree site.

#### Location & Getting There

776 km NE Port Augusta. Access along the Strzelecki Track, via Leigh Creek.

**Contact** Desert Parks Hotline 1800 816 078  
 Port Augusta Regional Office (08) 8648 5300



## Lake Eyre National Park 1 348 840 ha



Lake Eyre National Park is Australia's largest salt lake. When filled with water, the lake is a breeding haven for masses of waterbirds. The park is also home to fascinating reptiles including the Lake Eyre Dragon and tiny forms of aquatic life such as Brine and Shield shrimp that suddenly appear when the lake contains water. Water converges into the lake from the catchment areas of three different states. Lake Eyre has filled to capacity only three times in the past 150 years. Camping is available at Halligan Bay. Access to Lake Eyre National Park is by either of two tracks. Both cross pastoral properties and are suitable for 4WD vehicles only. Reserves of fuel, water and food must be carried.

### Location & Getting There

500 km N of Port Augusta. Access via the Oodnadatta Track.

**Contact** Desert Parks Hotline 1800 816 078  
Port Augusta Regional Office (08) 8648 5300



Vast dry salt pan of Lake Eyre, Lake Eyre National Park

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



Located in the driest region of Australia, the Simpson Desert is a sea of parallel red sand ridges, some 300 to 500 km long. The park straddles the boundaries of South Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory. Simpson Desert Conservation Park, Simpson Desert Regional Reserve and Witjira National Park form a group of parks representing one of the world's best examples of dunal desert. A wide variety of desert flora and fauna are protected in the desert landscape featuring varied dune systems, extensive playa lakes, spinifex grasslands and acacia woodlands. You can camp anywhere within 50 metres of public access tracks in the Simpson Desert, however the best places are mostly located towards the salt lakes in the central region where Gidgee woodlands provide shade, shelter and soft ground. It is recommended you cross the parks from west to east to take advantage of the gentler upsweep to most dunes. Travellers should be well-prepared and avoid attempting to tow trailers across the Simpson Desert. For visitors safety, the Simpson Desert Conservation Park and Regional Reserve are closed annually from 1 December to 15 March.

### Location & Getting There

957 km N Port Augusta. Access via Stuart Hwy, via Oodnadatta and Dalhousie Springs, or through Birdsville from the east.

**Contact** Desert Parks Hotline 1800 816 078  
Port Augusta Regional Office (08) 8648 5300



Red-necked Avocet, Coongie Lakes National Park

## Tallaringa Conservation Park 1 268 859 ha



Tallaringa Conservation Park lies 100 km west of Coober Pedy, an opal mining town on the fringe of the Great Victoria Desert. The park is a vast wilderness of dunes with seasonal flora and gibber rises that support a variety of important wildlife species. Access is by 4WD only and there are no services or facilities available. Camping is permitted in clear areas within 50 metres of the popular Anne Beadell Highway which passes through the centre of the park and leads into Western Australia.

### Location & Getting There

615 km NW Port Augusta. Access via Stuart Hwy, via Coober Pedy and Mabel Creek Station.

**Contact** (08) 8648 5300

Many of South Australia's national parks are ablaze with wildflowers each spring. After rains, **Flinders Ranges National Park**, **Coorong National Park** and **Gawler Ranges National Park** all provide excellent opportunities to admire some of the state's best-known 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**. **Flinders Chase National Park** on Kangaroo Island is home to over 400 native plants and **Belair National Park** supports many species of native orchids.

# WILD- FLOWERS

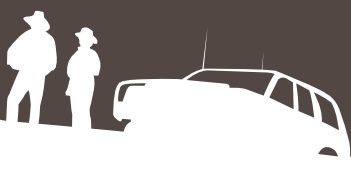


Four-wheel driving in the desert



South Australia has some amazing four-wheel driving opportunities whether you're out to explore the desert or coast, mallee or the ranges. Take on the Outback along the Oodnadatta Track, through Purnie Bore in **Witjira National Park** to witness the sea of parallel red sand ridges of the **Simpson Desert**. On Eyre Peninsula, 4WD tracks allow you to discover the sensational beaches and limestone cliffs of **Coffin Bay National Park**. Or check out the **Murraylands**, via the Ngarkat, Mount Rescue and Big Desert 4WD loops. Wherever you go, please stay on designated tracks, drive responsibly and respect the natural environment.

## RESPONSIBLE FOUR- WHEEL DRIVING



Relaxing at Dalhousie Springs, Witjira National Park

### Wabma Kadarbu Mound Springs Conservation Park 12 016 ha



The major attractions of this park are 'The Bubbler' and 'Blanche Cup' mound springs. Water from the depths of the Great Artesian Basin filters to the surface forming mounds from the sediments and salts as the water evaporates to create a slowly bubbling pond that over millennia has supported the growth of unique aquatic plants and invertebrates. Permanent wetlands created by the spring's overflow provide habitat for a variety of waterbirds. Swimming in the springs is not permitted. Camping is available at nearby Coward Springs.

#### Location & Getting There

498 km N Port Augusta. Access via Oodnadatta Track.

**Contact** Desert Parks Hotline 1800 816 078  
Port Augusta Regional Office (08) 8648 5300

### Witjira National Park 771 113 ha



The gateway to the Simpson Desert, Witjira offers visitors a truly memorable outback experience. The park is home to Dalhousie Springs, a lush oasis in the desert and the largest complex of artesian springs in Australia. Visitors come here to swim in the refreshing thermal pools where the water temperature is around 37°C. Pleasant camping spots and upgraded visitor facilities make Witjira one of the Simpson Desert's most popular national parks. On the western edge of the Simpson Desert, Witjira's Traditional Owners and DEH co-manage the park. This co-management agreement provides a shared approach to the land that accommodates traditional Aboriginal uses with environmental management, tourism and recreational activities. Witjira and Dalhousie Springs have much to offer the desert traveller and is one of South Australia's most memorable Outback experiences.

#### Location & Getting There

887 km NW of Port Augusta. Access via Stuart Hwy, via Oodnadatta.

**Contact** Desert Parks Hotline 1800 816 078  
Port Augusta Regional Office (08) 8648 5300



**MUST  
SEE  
& DO**

Marvel at the surreal shape of Remarkable Rocks in **Flinders Chase National Park**.

Observe Australian Sea-lions in the wild on a guided tour at **Seal Bay Conservation Park**.

Take in the spectacular coastal views from the tower of South Australia's oldest lighthouse at **Cape Willoughby**.

Stay the night in an original lighthouse keepers' cottage at **Cape Willoughby**, **Cape du Couedic** or **Cape Borda**.

Admire the beautiful **Kelly Hill Caves** dry limestone formations on a guided tour.

## Kangaroo Island offers outstanding natural beauty, with abundant wildlife and unspoilt landscapes

With around one third of the island protected and an absence of introduced predators, it's easy to see why Kangaroo Island is world-renowned for its natural beauty and wildlife. The island's parks offer great opportunities to encounter native animals such as koalas, echidnas, kangaroos, goannas, sea-lions, ospreys and more! There is much to see and do, from visiting the naturally sculpted Remarkable Rocks and Admirals Arch in Flinders Chase National Park, to exploring stunning lighthouse precincts and the famous Seal Bay experience at Seal Bay Conservation Park. One of the few places in Australia where you can observe rare Australian Sea-lions in their natural environment of sand dunes, beach and ocean, on a fascinating guided tour.

# KANGAROO ISLAND



Remarkable Rocks, Flinders Chase National Park



# KANGAROO ISLAND



## Visitor Information Centres

Kangaroo Island Gateway Visitor  
Information Centre, Penneshaw (08) 8553 1185

## Park Visitor Centres

Flinders Chase National Park  
Visitor Centre, Rocky River (08) 8559 7235

Seal Bay Conservation Park  
Visitor Centre (08) 8559 4207

## PLACES TO STAY

See page 60 for  
accommodation  
ideas in our  
National Parks.



## Cape Borda Lightstation in Flinders Chase National Park



Set on a cliff top, high above the Southern Ocean, Cape Borda Lightstation is a monument to the hardship faced by early lighthouse keepers and their families. Step back in time and take a guided tour of the lightstation and museum. Don't miss the daily firing of the signal cannon on the 12.30 pm tour. Visit the historic lightkeepers' cemetery or venture down to Harveys Return, the original boat landing site for supplies. Explore this remote and beautiful area for longer by staying in a cosy lighthouse keepers' lodge. Bookings essential.

### Location & Getting There

110 km W Kingscote.

**Contact** (08) 8559 3257

**Accommodation** See page 60

## Cape Gantheaume Conservation Park 4222 ha



Cape Gantheaume Conservation Park includes vast areas of wilderness and spectacular coastal scenery. Murray Lagoon, in the north of the park, is Kangaroo Island's largest lagoon and an important wetland habitat supporting abundant birdlife. The park includes the picturesque D'Estrees Bay, a historical site of the early whaling industry with a peaceful beach and camping area.

### Location & Getting There

40 km SW of Kingscote. Access via Birchmore Rd.

**Contact** (08) 8553 8233

## Cape Willoughby Conservation Park 18 ha



Cape Willoughby Conservation Park is home to South Australia's very first lighthouse – Cape Willoughby Lightstation, built in 1852. Guided tours of the lightstation are conducted daily and offer spectacular 360 degree views from the lighthouse tower. Accommodation in the historic Thomas or Seymour lightkeepers' cottages offers a special holiday experience. Bookings essential.

### Location & Getting There

30 km E Penneshaw. Access via Cape Willoughby Rd.

**Contact** (08) 8553 1191

The magnificent South Australian Glossy Black-Cockatoo is listed as endangered, with just 340 birds thought to remain in the wild. The large-scale clearance of old gum trees and drooping sheoaks from mainland South Australia last century, has resulted in the birds finding refuge on Kangaroo Island – the only place where they are known to exist today. With the help of volunteers, artificial nest hollows and iron tree collars have been erected to protect the birds' nesting sites from possums. Working closely with landholders has played a vital role in helping restore and protect important habitat areas, resulting in the slow but steady increase of these birds. This recovery program is managed by DEH with funding from the National Heritage Trust and public donations administered by Nature Foundation SA.

# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GLOSSY BLACK- COCKATOO



Cape Borda Lightstation, Flinders Chase National Park



## Flinders Chase National Park 32 802 ha



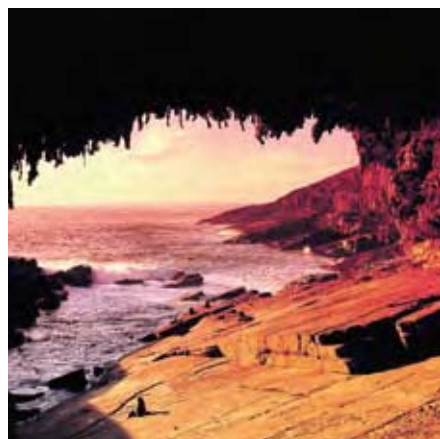
Flinders Chase is located at the western end of Kangaroo Island. The park's major attractions include the naturally sculpted Remarkable Rocks overlooking the sea and a colony of New Zealand Fur-seals at Admirals Arch and Cape du Couedic to the south-west. The park includes Ravine des Casoars Wilderness Protection Area to the north and Cape Borda Lightstation on the north-west tip. Spectacular rugged coastlines, encounters with native wildlife and vast areas of rejuvenating bushland are all part of the Flinders Chase experience. Heritage lighthouse keepers' accommodation is available at Cape du Couedic and pioneer cottages at Mays Homestead and the Postmans Cottage at Rocky River. Check the availability of camping prior to arrival. Bookings are essential for both. Several walking trails and boardwalks help you discover the beauty of this park. The award-winning Flinders Chase Visitor Centre at the entrance to the park offers interesting wildlife displays, murals and a fossil dig pit the kids will love. Afterwards, relax in the café over lunch or enjoy a cuppa.

### Location & Getting There

110 km W Kingscote. Access via Playford Hwy or South Coast Rd.

**Contact** (08) 8559 7235

**Accommodation** See page 60



Admirals Arch, Flinders Chase National Park

## Kelly Hill Conservation Park 2176 ha



Set in lush forest surrounds, Kelly Hill Conservation Park, located adjacent to the Cape Bouguer Wilderness Protection Area offers a unique and extensive cave system to explore. Regular guided tours allow you to discover the stunning natural beauty of the caves, featuring stalactites, stalagmites, shawls, helictites and straws. Adventure caving tours are available for those wishing to delve deeper into this fascinating underground world. Explore the park further on the Hanson Bay Hike. Or relax and enjoy the picnic area by the Sugar Gums while listening to the bird life.

### GO BUSHWALKING

#### Hanson Bay Hike

18 km return Full day Moderate Hike

This spectacular day hike meanders from Kelly Hill Visitor Centre to Hanson Bay. It takes hikers through a variety of habitats including freshwater lagoons, mallee woodlands and coastal dunes.

Want to know more? Visit [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au) to download the latest *Kangaroo Island National Parks* brochure.

### Location & Getting There

90 km SW Kingscote. Access via South Coast Rd.

**Contact** (08) 8559 7231

## Seal Bay Conservation Park 4978 ha



Seal Bay Conservation Park protects the important habitat for a colony of Australian Sea-lions. See these amazing creatures in their natural habitat on a guided tour. Or stroll along the boardwalk to a viewing platform where you can enjoy watching the animals rest, feed and nurture their young at your leisure. Regular 45-minute tours are conducted daily. Seal Bay Conservation Park is open between 9 am and 5 pm except Christmas day. Beautiful Bales Bay is also part of this park, with sheltered barbecue facilities available in the picnic area.

### Location & Getting There

60 km S Kingscote. Access via South Coast Rd.

**Contact** (08) 8559 4207

**Accommodation** See page 60



Guided tour, Seal Bay Conservation Park

Kangaroo Island is internationally renowned for its spectacular natural landscapes and amazing diversity of wildlife. In June 2009, the island received one of Australia's top tourism accolades when it was declared part of Tourism Australia's prestigious National Landscapes program. The Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH) is responsible for managing around a third of the island as a national park or reserve. DEH plays an integral role in facilitating rewarding opportunities to experience nature and encounter wildlife in their natural habitat. The island's parks include five accredited visitor sites with the highly regarded Ecotourism Australia 'eco-tick' of approval - your assurance of an authentic and quality ecotourism experience.

# A NATIONAL LANDSCAPE





## MUST SEE & DO

Join a guided cave tour and discover the significance of the World Heritage-listed **Naracoorte Caves**.

Listen to the chorus of birds and frogs at **Bool Lagoon Game Reserve** after good winter rains.

Peer into the dark depths below as you snorkel across The Chasm at **Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park**.

Cruise the peaceful Coorong Lagoon by canoe in **Coorong National Park**.

Explore the magnificent coastal scenery of **Canunda National Park** by four-wheel drive.

## Explore world heritage in an ancient and beautiful landscape

The heart of the Limestone Coast is an easy four-hour drive south-east of Adelaide. This picturesque region is home to two of South Australia's premier attractions; the underground wonders of World Heritage-listed Naracoorte Caves, renowned for its ancient fossils of Australian megafauna; and the wild coastal scenery of The Coorong, an internationally significant wetland attracting prolific migratory waders and waterbirds. Other exciting attractions include delving into the remarkable crystal clear waters of Piccaninnie and Ewens ponds and exploring the region's spectacular coastline.



# LIMESTONE COAST

Fleurieu Peninsula

To Adelaide  
Taillem Bend

Riverland & Murraylands

To Loxton

Pinnaroo

Lameroo

Murray Mouth

Lake Alexandrina

Meningie

Coonalpyn

Tintinara

Keith

Poocher Swamp GR

Bordertown

To Melbourne

VICTORIA

- Limestone Coast Region
- National Parks & Reserves
- NP** National Park
- CP** Conservation Park
- GR** Game Reserve
- Main Roads
- Minor Roads



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# LIMESTONE COAST



Kingston S.E.

Cape Jaffa

Robe

Little Dip CP

Beachport CP

Beachport

Millicent

Canunda NP

Tantanoola Caves CP

Mount Gambier

Telford Scrub CP

Penambol CP

Dingley Dell CP

Ewens Ponds CP  
Piccaninnie Ponds CP

Lake Bonney

## Visitor Information Centres

Beachport Visitor Information Centre (08) 8735 8029

Bordertown Visitor Information Centre (08) 8752 0700

Mount Gambier 'The Lady Nelson'  
Visitor Information & Discovery Centre 1800 087 187

Naracoorte Visitor Information Centre 1800 244 421

Robe Visitor Information Centre (08) 8768 2465

## Park Visitor Centres

Wonambi Fossil Centre  
Naracoorte Caves National Park (08) 8762 2340

## PLACES TO STAY

See page 61 for accommodation ideas in our National Parks.



## Beachport Conservation Park 875 ha



Located between the Southern Ocean and Lake George, this park provides a variety of habitats for around 200 species of birds. Hooded Plovers are often seen nesting along the beach, while the threatened Orange-bellied Parrot occupies coastal saltmarsh and beach dune habitat. A large midden heap at Three Mile Rocks indicates that the coastline once provided an important food source for the local Aboriginal people. Sheltered camp sites and picnic facilities are provided near the sandy shoreline of Lake George, which is safe for swimming. A walking trail around Wooley Lake provides panoramic views of the ocean and Lake George.

### Location & Getting There

83 km NW Mount Gambier. Access is along Alternate Hwy 1 via Beachport.

**Contact** (08) 8735 6053

## Bool Lagoon Game Reserve 3092 ha and Hacks Lagoon Conservation Park 201 ha



A birdwatcher's paradise – Bool and Hacks lagoons are two of the largest and most diverse ephemeral freshwater systems in Southern Australia. After good winter rains, the lagoons transform into an important breeding area and refuge for migratory waders, in summer attracting several rare and endangered wetland species. Brolgas are among the most spectacular of the 150 species of birds that visit this area. Other species, such as the Royal Spoonbill, Red-necked Avocet, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper and Common Greenshank are also fascinating to watch. Boardwalks allow you to stroll among the reeds and get closer to bird life. The view from Big Hill and Little Bool Lagoon is also worth a visit to appreciate the vastness of these wetlands.

### Location & Getting There

100 km N Mount Gambier. Access via Princes Hwy.

**Contact** (08) 8762 3412



Canunda National Park

## Canunda National Park 9627 ha



This park is dominated by large mobile sand dunes, a sapphire blue sea and magnificent low-lying limestone cliffs. The majority of the coastline is characterised by long stretches of windswept surf beaches, suitable only for experienced surfers. Four-wheel driving is a popular activity (permitted on designated tracks only), while two-wheel drive vehicle access is limited to the areas around Southend, Coola Outstation and Oil Rig Square. There are walking trails in the northern section of the park and near the Coola Outstation.

### GO BUSHWALKING

#### Cape Buffon Walk

📏 2.5 km return 🕒 1 hr Easy Walk

This coastal cliff top walk offers stunning views that reveal how the natural forces of wind and waves have shaped the limestone landscape.

Want to know more? Visit [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au) to download *The Tattler*.

### Location & Getting There

77 km NW Mount Gambier. Three access points via Southend, Millicent or Carpenter Rocks.

**Contact** (08) 8735 6053

Almost all of South Australia's parks offer good birdwatching opportunities, however some of the best spots are **Coorong National Park, Bool Lagoon Game Reserve, Hacks Lagoon Conservation Park and Coongie Lakes National Park**. Listed as Wetlands of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention, these wetlands provide significant breeding habitat and a refuge for large populations of waterbird species. Some of these include ducks, swans, egrets, ibis, pelicans and cormorants. Migratory birds, such as sandpipers, snipe and plovers fly thousands of kilometres to these wetlands in summer.



## Coorong National Park 48 958 ha



Coorong National Park is an area of national and international, ecological and historical significance that extends south-east, from where the River Murray meets the sea. Consisting of a string of long, shallow, saline lagoons and white sandy beaches backed by sand dunes it extends more than 100 kilometres in length. A haven for birdwatching, it is an important breeding area for the Australian Pelican and refuge for ducks, swans, cormorants, terns, grebes and numerous species of migratory birds. The park is also a culturally significant archaeological site with middens and burial sites, evidence of continuing Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal occupation over many thousands of years. Photography, fishing and exploring the Coorong's peaceful waterways by canoe are popular activities. The beaches and park tracks are accessible by 4WD.

### GO BUSHWALKING

#### Journey to Gold Walk

📍 1.3 km return 🕒 1 hr Easy Walk

This interpretive walk focuses on the early Chinese and European history of this area, taking you past historic remains to Chinamans Well.

Want to know more? Visit [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au) to download *The Tattler*.

#### Location & Getting There

270 km SE Adelaide. Various access points from Goolwa to Kingston off Hwy 1.

Contact (08) 8575 1200

## Dingley Dell Conservation Park 6 ha



If you enjoy Australian poetry, a visit to the home of Adam Lindsay Gordon – one of Australia's most talented poets is a must. Built in 1862, Gordon's home is nestled in an idyllic bush setting. Today visitors to Dingley Dell can wander through the home where he lived from 1864 to 1873 which is now a museum, to learn about this colourful and eccentric character. Gordon's personal belongings and other mementos from the era are on display. Guided tours are available by appointment.

#### Location & Getting There

30 km S Mount Gambier. Access via Port MacDonnell Rd.

Contact (08) 8738 2221



Godfreys Landing, Coorong National Park

## Ewens Ponds Conservation Park 36 ha



A popular snorkelling and diving site, Ewens Ponds consists of three connected, spring-fed limestone ponds in the southern section of the park. The amazing clarity of the pond enables underwater plants to grow up to six metres high, offering scuba divers a surreal diving experience. A variety of aquatic life, including crayfish, Pygmy Perch and galaxiids can often be seen. The minimum qualification for divers is 'Open Water'. As the average water temperature can be between 10-15 degrees, a wetsuit is recommended. No formal snorkelling qualifications are required.

#### Location & Getting There

36 km S of Mount Gambier off Port MacDonnell Rd.

Contact (08) 8735 1177

## Little Dip Conservation Park 2150 ha



Little Dip Conservation Park features two distinct landscapes – a coastal strip consisting of sand dunes, coastal cliffs, shore platforms and reefs and a series of small low-lying freshwater and saltwater lagoons. Scenic beach walks, surfing, birdwatching and beach fishing, especially for salmon and snapper are popular recreational activities. The park includes 23 km of sandy 4WD tracks that cross sand dunes. During winter, sudden storm surges can temporarily close access to 4WD tracks. Two-wheel drive access is possible to Long Gully and Little Dip Beach.

#### Location & Getting There

125 km NW Mount Gambier. Access via Alternate Hwy 1.

Contact (08) 8768 2543

The Coorong and Lower Lakes are a Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention, an international treaty dedicated to the wise use of wetlands around the world.

The Coorong and Lower Lakes is the termination of the largest river system in Australia, the River Murray, and provides drought refuge for 85 waterbird species including two nationally threatened species, the Orange bellied Parrot and Mount Lofty Southern Emu Wren.

It also supports a large number of native fish species including the nationally threatened Yarra Pygmy Perch.

WET-  
LANDS  
OF  
INTERNATIONAL  
IMPORTANCE



## Naracoorte Caves National Park 462 ha



Naracoorte Caves National Park is one of 17 World Heritage sites in Australia. Over the past 500 000 years, the park's 26 caves have acted as animal traps. The extensive fossil deposits of giant megafauna found inside the caves are the reason for Naracoorte Caves being inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1994.

Revealing much about Australia's marsupial heritage, visitors to the park can view several fossil areas on regular tours led by professional guides. One special cave is the Maternity Cave, home to the critically endangered Southern Bent-winged Bat that returns each spring to give birth and raise their young. At the Bat Observation Centre you can witness the bats via infra-red technology as they cling to the ceiling in their normally inaccessible world. The Wonambi Fossil Centre, (the park's interpretive centre) re-creates the scene of Naracoorte Caves 200 000 years ago featuring life-size models of the 'megafauna' in a simulated habitat of the era. Guided tours of highly decorated caves showcasing stunning stalactites, stalagmites and columns operate daily. For the more intrepid, adventure tours are also available.

## GO BUSHWALKING

### Wongambi Fossil Centre/Wet Cave Walk

★ 500 m ⌚ 30 min Easy Walk

Experience another side of the Naracoorte Caves. This scenic walk winds its way through a patch of remnant vegetation, linking the Wonambi Fossil Centre to the self-guided Wet Cave Walk. A series of interpretive signs makes it an interesting and educational experience.

## World Heritage Walk

★ 1.2 km return ⌚ 30 min Easy Walk

The World Heritage Walk takes you from the Wet Cave entrance to the Victoria Fossil Cave, identifying sites of World Heritage significance along the way.

Want to know more? Visit [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au)  
to download the latest *Naracoorte Caves National  
Park* brochure.

### Location & Getting There

17 km S Naracoorte. Access via Riddoch Hwy.

**Contact** (08) 8762 2340

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Accommodation See page 61

## Padthaway Conservation Park 981 ha



Padthaway Conservation Park conserves a remnant block of native vegetation, dominated by South Australian Blue Gum, Manna Gum and stringybarks, making it a haven for native birdlife and a birdwatchers paradise. Drinking water, accommodation and camping are available in the adjacent caravan park.

### Location & Getting There

300 km SE Adelaide. Access via Riddoch Hwy.

**Contact** (08) 8762 3412

## Penambol Conservation Park 180 ha



Conserving an important area of remnant vegetation formerly known as Herpsts Scrub, Penambol Conservation Park contains several interesting geological features, including the Caroline Sinkhole. Excavations in the sinkholes have provided evidence of habitation by Aboriginal people, who probably used the area for shelter. The park is one of the best places to see Common Wombats, with dozens of holes dotted along the Wombat Walk trail. It also contains the wonderful Butterfly Walk, providing opportunities to see and learn about local butterfly species such as the Splendid Ochre and Orange Species Butterfly. The park also protects the rare Yellow-bellied Glider.

### Location & Getting There

22 km SE Mount Gambier. Access via Glenela River Rd.

**Contact** (08) 8735 1177

## Penola Conservation Park 227 ha



Penola Conservation Park's wetland environment features Brown Stringybark woodlands, open heaths and low-lying swamps lined with River Red Gum. Herons, ibis and Purple Swamphens, are among the numerous bird species that breed here. Flocks of Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos, Short-beaked Echidnas, Red-necked Wallabies and Western Grey Kangaroos also call Penola home. Spring is the best time to visit when native plants such as the Yellow Marsh Flower are in bloom. A boardwalk trail with interpretation, introduces you to the changing sights and sounds of this interesting wetland.

### Location & Getting There

65 km N Mount Gambier. Access via Penola Rd.

**Contact** (08) 8735 1177

Adventure Caving is an exciting and challenging activity. Both **Naracoorte Caves** and **Kelly Hill Conservation Park** offer a range of caving experiences for novice and advanced adventurers with all equipment provided.

### Naracoorte Caves:

**(08) 8762 2340**

Kelly Hill:

**(08) 8559 7231**



Naracoorte Caves National Park





Snorkelling in Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park

## DIVING & SNORKELLING

South Australia has many dive sites of world standard. SA offers unique opportunities to observe cuttlefish, dolphins, the Leafy Sea Dragon and numerous varieties of fish and other marine life. Some of the state's most popular underwater spots include cave diving at **Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park** and snorkelling at **Ewens Ponds Conservation Park**.

There are over 700 shipwrecks along the state's coastline. You can dive, photograph and explore the wrecks, but not disturb them. Favourite dive sites include the Investigator Strait Maritime Heritage Trail accessible from **Innes National Park** and the ex-HMAS Hobart shipwreck on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

### Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park 547 ha



A unique and fragile area, Piccaninnie Ponds is one of the prettiest cave diving and snorkelling sites in South Australia. To protect this fragile ecosystem all snorkellers and divers must obtain a permit to enter the water. Water has been filtering through the limestone and forming the pond's stunning features over thousands of years. With visibility that can exceed 40 metres, you can snorkel across the top of The Chasm and peer into the dark depths below or experience the large white cavern, known as The Cathedral. Back on dry land, a walking trail through coastal wattle, Bearded Heath and Silky Teatree leads to a picturesque viewing platform overlooking wetlands. Dive bookings can be made by phone or in person at the DEH Mount Gambier office (11 Helen Street, Mount Gambier) phone DEH for further information or visit [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au)

#### Location & Getting There

32 km SE Mount Gambier. Access via Piccaninnie Ponds Rd.

**Contact** (08) 8735 1177

### Poocher Swamp Game Reserve 77 ha



Poocher Swamp Game Reserve offers hunting and other recreational opportunities and has fascinating geological features. The park includes two deep 'runaway holes'. These holes are unique to wetland areas as they can fill with water during winter and then suddenly drain through limestone into the water table over a few hours. A large River Red Gum, that once provided housing for an Aboriginal family, can be seen in the park.

#### Location & Getting There

280 km SE Adelaide. Access via Dukes Hwy.

**Contact** (08) 8762 3412

### Tantanoola Caves Conservation Park 14 ha



Tantanoola show cave is filled with a spectacular array of limestone formations developed over thousands of years in one large cavern. The cavern is formed in dolomite rock. Stalactites, stalagmites, wave-like shawls and gravity-defying helictites are among the cave's decorative features. Minerals and tannins have tinted the cave's formations in hues of honey, brown and pink. At Tantanoola, there's no waiting for a tour, simply meet your guide in the visitor centre and enjoy the cave at your leisure. Tantanoola is wheelchair and pram accessible. Above-ground, you can picnic beneath shady gum trees or stroll along a short but steep walking trail that provides stunning views of the coast.

#### Location & Getting There

29 km NE Mount Gambier. Access via Princes Hwy.

**Contact** (08) 8734 4153

### Telford Scrub Conservation Park 170 ha



Telford Scrub Conservation Park protects an important area of remnant vegetation that includes over 20 species of native orchids. The forest canopy boardwalk provides you with a unique bird's-eye view of the forest. Choose between a one and 2.5 hour stroll through the forest. Both trails have interpretive signs that highlight some of the park's unique features along the way. A small clearing provides an ideal spot to enjoy a picnic.

#### Location & Getting There

15 km N Mount Gambier. Access from Riddoch Hwy via Grundys Lane.

**Contact** (08) 8735 1177



# RIVERLAND & MURRAYLANDS

**Relax by the River Murray or see a spectacular mallee sunset. Whichever you choose, both regions offer the perfect escape**

The majestic River Murray winds its way past sandstone cliffs, graceful old River Red Gums and vast tracts of mallee country on its journey through the Riverland and Murrayland regions. Known for its wondrous wetlands and abundant bird life, the Riverland is easily accessible from Berri or Barmera, two-hours east of Adelaide. The gateway to the Murraylands at Murray Bridge is only an hour's drive from Adelaide. For those who love the great outdoors, both regions offer fantastic opportunities to enjoy fishing, camping, boating and birdwatching, or simply lazing by the river and enjoying the relaxed pace of life and tranquil surrounds.

Paddle a canoe through the serene backwaters of the **Murray River National Park**.

Enjoy the solitude and beauty of **Ngarkat Conservation Park**'s vast mallee landscapes.

Camp in fantastic surrounds along the banks of the River Murray at Katarapko in **Murray River National Park**.

Take the perfect photo of **Chowilla Game Reserve**'s still waters at sunset.

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# RIVERLAND & MURRAYLANDS



## Visitor Information Centres

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|--|----------------|
| Bamera Visitor Information Centre          | 1300 768 468   |
| Berri Visitor Information Centre           | (08) 8582 5511 |
| Loxton Visitor Information Centre          | 1300 869 990   |
| Murray Bridge Visitor Information Centre   | 1800 442 782   |
| Renmark-Paringa Visitor Information Centre | 1300 661 704   |

- Riverland & Murraylands Region
- National Parks & Reserves
- NP National Park
- CP Conservation Park
- GR Game Reserve
- RR Regional Reserve
- Main Roads
- Minor Roads
- Tracks



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Malleefowl

## Chowilla Game Reserve and Regional Reserve 93 397 ha



The Aboriginal word for Chowilla means 'place of good spirits' or 'good camping place'. An apt description for its setting along the peaceful waterways of the River Murray lined with majestic River Red Gums. Chowilla Regional Reserve features vast stands of mallee woodlands, Black Oak and bluebush shrublands that stretch across the flood plains to Danggali Conservation Park in the north. Its creek system supports abundant bird life and provides great opportunities for birdwatching, canoeing, photography and fishing.

### GO BUSHWALKING

**Border Cliffs Customs House Wetland Walk**  
 4 km loop 1.5 hrs Easy Walk

Discover Chowilla. See native plants such as River Cooba, River Red Gum and Dryland Tea-tree. Observe a diversity of bird life including Whitefaced Herons at the observation point, approximately 350 metres off the main trail.

Want to know more? Visit [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au) to download the latest *Parks of the Riverland* brochure.

#### Location & Getting There

280 km NW Adelaide. Access via Old Wentworth Rd.

Contact (08) 8595 2111



Canoeing, Loch Luna Game Reserve

## Danggali Wilderness Protection Area and Conservation Park 257 425 ha



Australia's first Biosphere Reserve, Danggali Wilderness Protection Area and Conservation Park is known for its vastness, wilderness appeal and diverse ecology reflecting an overlap of mallee and arid wetland ecosystems. Dominated by woodlands, the park provides opportunities to enjoy remote camping experiences, birdwatching and to explore relics of its pastoral history.

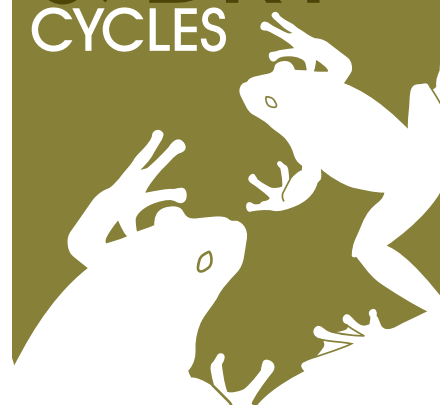
#### Location & Getting There

350 km NE of Adelaide. Access via Old Wentworth Rd.

Contact (08) 8595 2111

The natural flood cycle that occurs along the River Murray is referred to as 'wetting and drying'. Floodwaters from large upstream flows into South Australia temporarily cover low-lying areas of flood plain and wetlands. This regenerates natural wetland plant species such as River Red Gums and causes massive breeding of wetland and riverine animals including the Southern Bell Frog. The wetlands then slowly dry out until the cycle is repeated with the next flood. In recent years, the impact of drought, river regulation and increased water usage has reduced the frequency and size of these flood cycles. To ensure the ongoing breeding and regeneration of flood plains the natural flood cycle is now simulated, giving wetland habitats a helping hand.

## WET & DRY CYCLES



## Loch Luna and Moorook Game Reserves 2 063 ha 1244 ha



These two reserves feature large areas of permanent water, a network of waterways and shallow swamps. The environment is an important habitat for aquatic wildlife and birds, including the Regent Parrot. Wachtels Lagoon dominates Moorook Game Reserve, while Loch Luna provides a smaller network of creeks providing attractive and serene experiences for canoeing and recreational fishing. Waterfowl hunting is permitted on open days. Popular camping spots beside the river include Sugarloaf Hill and Loch Luna.

#### Location & Getting There

180 km NE of Adelaide. Access via Sturt Hwy.

Contact (08) 8595 2111



Four-wheel driving in Ngarkat Conservation Park



Murtho Lookout at Heading Cliffs overlooking the River Murray



## Morgan Conservation Park 376 ha



Morgan Conservation Park conserves a system of lagoons, anabranches and River Red Gum woodlands. It includes a section of the River Murray flood plain consisting of a system of lagoons, swamps and creeks. Be aware that there are strong currents and care must be taken when swimming.

### Location & Getting There

150 km NE Adelaide. Access via Morgan to Murbko Rd.

**Contact** (08) 8595 2111

Enjoying the view, Ngarkat Conservation Park



## Murray River National Park 12 978 ha



Murray River National Park comprises three separate areas of similar habitat – Katarapko, Bulyong Island and Lyrup Flats. These areas form an archipelago park and are important in conserving a number of flood plain environments. The park is a favourite breeding ground for most of southern Australia's waterfowl and other waterbirds, with more than 140 bird species recorded here. Katarapko Creek is a popular fishing spot for Golden Perch, Red Fin and yabbies. Camping, canoeing, birdwatching and bushwalking are popular in each area.

### GO BUSHWALKING

#### Ngak Indau Wetland Walk

📍 4.8 km return 🕒 1.5 hrs 🚶 Easy Walk

The Ngak Indau Wetland Walk is a fun, easy self-guided trail along flood plains and the creek.

Want to know more? Visit [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au) to download the latest *Parks of the Riverland* brochure.

### Location & Getting There

180 km NE of Adelaide off the Sturt Hwy.

**Contact** (08) 8595 2111

## Ngarkat Conservation Park 266 623 ha



Ngarkat Conservation Park is a vast mosaic of dense mallee woodlands and heathlands covering a system of remnant coastal dunes. The park's network of walking trails and scenic lookouts allows visitors to take in the vastness and beauty of the landscape. Wildlife including Western Grey Kangaroos, echidnas, pygmy possums, dunnarts and emus inhabit the park, along with 120 bird species including the rare Malleefowl. Clearly marked tracks allow 4WD enthusiasts to access this remote wilderness setting. (Most tracks in the park are unsuitable for conventional vehicles). Ngarkat is a fragile environment. Please drive responsibly, stay on marked tracks and respect the environment so future generations can enjoy everything this park has to offer.

### Location & Getting There

220 km SE Adelaide. Access via the Princes Hwy.

**Contact** (08) 8576 3690



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Experience breathtaking coastal and inland views from the West Cape Lookout in **Innes National Park**.

Dive more than 20 shipwrecks submerged beneath the ocean along the **Investigator Strait Maritime Heritage Trail**.

Discover the little known **Red Banks Conservation Park**, one of the richest fossil sites in Australia.

See emus, kangaroos and dolphins in the wild at **Innes National Park**.

Visit **Martindale Hall Conservation Park**, a nineteenth-century Georgian mansion.

Stay overnight in a heritage-listed miners' cottage in **Innes National Park**.

# PENINSULA YORKE & CLARE VALLEY

## A perfect place to reconnect with nature

The Yorke Peninsula's sparkling blue waters and spectacular coastline is just three hours drive from Adelaide. Here you will find the ruggedly beautiful Innes National Park. Featuring secluded coves, honeycomb-tinted cliffs, dense coastal mallee and waves that surge with the Southern Ocean, Innes is a paradise for bushwalkers, surfers, birdwatchers and anglers alike. The park offers great opportunities to explore the abandoned gypsum mining town of Innes, encounter wildlife and enjoy the contrasting colours of the mallee in spring. North-east of Yorke Peninsula lies the picture-postcard Clare Valley region, known for its beautiful bushland, stately mansions and rare fossil finds.



# YORKE PENINSULA & CLARE VALLEY



## Visitor Information Centres

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|--|----------------|
| Burra Visitor Information Centre                     | (08) 8892 2154 |
| Clare Valley Visitor Information Centre              | 1800 242 131   |
| Yorke Peninsula Visitor Information Centre, Minlaton | 1800 202 445   |

## Park Visitor Centre

|  |                |
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| Innes National Park Visitor Centre, Stenhouse Bay (opening hours may vary) | (08) 8854 3200 |
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## PLACES TO STAY

See page 61 for accommodation ideas in our National Parks.



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## Innes National Park 9415 ha



Innes National Park features a wealth of early maritime and mining history. Set amongst almost 10 000 hectares of coastal mallee, the park protects one of the largest uncleared areas on the Yorke Peninsula. The park's coastline is exposed to the elements and winter fury of the Southern Ocean, resulting in rocky headlands, wavecut platforms and sandy beaches. Up to 110 species of birds, including White-bellied Sea-Eagles and the shy Western Whipbird call this park home. Wildlife regularly seen in the park includes Western Grey Kangaroos, Emus strutting through the campground and Common Dolphins that play and feed in the shallows all year round. The park offers excellent facilities; for hiking, camping, surfing and fishing. Historic Inneson village, once a thriving gypsum mining town, offers cosy accommodation in renovated miners' cottages, bookings required. Follow the Thomson-Pfizer Plaster Trail Hike along the old railway line that once transported gypsum from Inneson to Stenhouse Bay. Interpretation of the area's mining history and rich biodiversity is provided along the way. Or take a drive along the southern Yorke Peninsula coastline to discover tales of more than 20 shipwrecks along The Investigator Strait Maritime Heritage Trail.

### GO BUSHWALKING

#### Stenhouse Bay Lookout Walk

2 km loop 1 hr Easy Walk

The Stenhouse Bay Lookout trail follows the cliff tops overlooking the jetty and beautiful coastal cliffs. This well-marked trail provides a glimpse into the mining history of the area, while guiding you through significant coastal vegetation. A series of lookouts take advantage of the spectacular coastal views with interpretation sharing the stories of the resourcefulness of the people and resilience of the plants.

Want to know more? Visit [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au) to download the latest *Innes National Park* brochure.

#### Location & Getting There

260km W Adelaide. Travel from Adelaide via Port Wakefield Rd via Warooka.

Contact (08) 8854 3200

Accommodation See page 61



Cape Spencer Lighthouse, Innes National Park with views to Althorpe Island Conservation Park

## NEW PONDALOWIE CAMPGROUND

Set up camp amongst the coastal mallee in Innes National Park just a few minutes walk from the beach. The recently upgraded Pondalowie Campground offers 50 camp sites with a designated area for caravan and camper trailers at the western end of the campground.



Emus, Innes National Park

## Martindale Hall Conservation Park 19 ha



At the end of a long driveway rests Martindale Hall, a magnificent nineteenth century Georgian mansion nestled in the Clare Valley. Edmund Bowman built this grand mansion on his sheep station in 1879, at a cost of £30 000. However, Edmund's extravagant lifestyle, combined with the 1880s depression and falling wool prices meant the family was forced to sell the property in 1891. Purchased by William Mortlock, Martindale Hall remained in the Mortlock family until 1950. Today, the building and surrounding land is open to the public for self-guided tours. The marble floors, T-shaped staircase, extensive library and billiard room offer a fascinating insight into the lives of South Australia's early gentry. Accommodation packages are available. Phone (08) 8843 9088.

#### Location & Getting There

130 km N Adelaide. Access via Main North Rd.

Contact (08) 8892 3025

Accommodation See page 61





Waterhole, Red Banks Conservation Park



Southern Hairy-nosed Wombat

### Red Banks Conservation Park 1 030 ha



Red Banks features a scenic landscape of red earth gorges and native vegetation. Palaeontologists have called this area one of the richest mega-fauna sites in Australia. Up until approximately 65 000 years ago Red Banks was home to *Diprotodons*, a large marsupial often likened to a giant wombat, weighing 1–2 tonnes. From the day visitor area, take the Landscapes of Change interpretive walk which passes deep gorges and permanent waterholes to discover what the landscape may have been like 65 000 years ago, when megafauna roamed the area. The park provides an important habitat for birds, reptiles, Short-beaked Echidnas, Southern Hairy-nosed Wombats, Western Grey and Red kangaroos and Euros.

#### Location & Getting There

170 km N Adelaide. Access via the Barrier Hwy.

**Contact** (08) 8892 3025

Blue Love Creeper, Innes National Park



Native grasslands were once widespread in the state's Mid North. Over the past 100 years their habitat has been greatly modified and largely cleared for cropping. Mokota Conservation Park is the first reserve in South Australia dedicated to the conservation of native grasslands. The park is too small however to adequately conserve native grasslands alone. With the help of local landholders, the Mid North Grasslands Working Group is committed to ongoing trials to balance the economic needs of primary production and determine how broader grassland conservation can be achieved.

## GRASS- LANDS





## Spring Gully Conservation Park 396 ha



Spring Gully Conservation Park conserves a picturesque bush landscape and protects a rare stand of Red Stringybarks, one of few remaining in South Australia. The park features steep, undulating terrain that leads into the creek bed of Spring Gully. Wildlife in the park includes Western Grey Kangaroos, Euros, Common Brushtail Possums, bats and nine species of reptiles. The walk from Blue Gum Lookout leads to a waterfall that cascades from a height of 18 metres after rain. The park is at its best during spring when wildflowers and orchids bloom. There are picnic tables, a short distance from the car park.

### GO BUSHWALKING

#### Cascades Walk

1.3 km return 40 min Easy Walk

From Blue Gum lookout enjoy a stroll through grassy woodlands to The Cascades. Enjoy spectacular views over the plains to the west. Be on the lookout for orchids that blossom in spring.

Want to know more? Visit [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au) to download the latest *Spring Gully Conservation Park* brochure.

#### Location & Getting There

130 km N Adelaide. Access via Main North Rd.

Contact (08) 8892 3025

## Troubridge Island Conservation Park 259 ha



Troubridge Island Conservation Park is a fragile sand island and important breeding area for birds. It is home to a large colony of Little Penguins, Black-faced Cormorants and Crested Terns. Access to the island is by permit only available from the Innes National Park Visitor Centre at Stenhouse Bay. Heritage lighthouse keepers' cottage accommodation can be booked directly with Troubridge Island Charters on Ph (08) 8852 6290.

#### Location & Getting There

Access is by boat. Troubridge Island Conservation Park is a Prohibited Area. Access is by permit only or with Troubridge Island Charters from Edithburgh.

Contact DEH Yorke District Office on (08) 8854 3200 or Troubridge Island Charters on (08) 8852 6290

Accommodation See page 61



Enjoying the views, Spring Gully Conservation Park

Research is underway on Troubridge Island and Althorpe Island conservation parks to understand the needs of seabirds, seals and predatory fishes for pilchards as a main food source. Little Penguins, terns and Short-tailed Shearwaters are being monitored to establish their diet and foraging requirements. This is a long term study, which is informing the management of the pilchard fishery. To protect nesting seabirds Troubridge Island and Althorpe Island Conservation parks are prohibited areas.

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Sunset, Troubridge Island Conservation Park

# SAFETY HINTS & TIPS



**Please remember, your safety is our concern, but your responsibility.**

**It is important to take care when visiting parks to ensure your impact is minimal.**

## Let us know before you go

If going bushwalking on long or difficult walking trails, inform a responsible person or park ranger of your proposed route and anticipated time of return. We also recommend completing a *Trip Intentions* form, available on the DEH website before you commence your hike or trek. Always carry adequate supplies of water and food and for longer walks a first aid kit and compass. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear and be prepared for changeable weather conditions – and don't forget to tell your contact person when you return.

## Drink plenty of water

Water is your body's fuel. You can survive for 30 days without food, but no more than three days without water. When visiting national parks it's essential that you avoid dehydration. Consequences can include fatigue, headaches, nausea and fainting. It can also be fatal.

Ensure you are well-hydrated before beginning activity by drinking 300–500 ml of fluid. You should then aim to drink 150–250 ml every 15 minutes thereafter (1 litre of water for every hour of exercise). Avoid walking during the hottest part of the day and don't rely on tanks or creeks in the park for water.

## Be sun smart

Sun protection is a serious matter in Australia. To avoid sunburn, remember to apply a broad spectrum sunscreen of at least SPF 30 and wear a hat.

## Fire bans

In most parks, the fire ban season extends from 1 November to 30 April, depending on seasonal conditions. No wood fires are permitted in parks during this time. All open fires, liquid fuel and gas stoves are banned in all parks on days of extreme fire danger as declared by the Country Fire Service (CFS) and broadcast on ABC radio 891. Parks may be closed to visitors on Total Fire Ban days. Contact the CFS hotline on 1300 362 361 or visit the CFS website [www.cfs.org.au](http://www.cfs.org.au) for more information.



# HELP US HELP NATURE

**Join thousands of South Australians who are helping us preserve nature.**

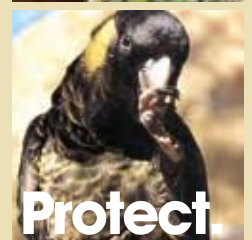
- You can **donate** funds, land or provide support in kind.
- You can **support** us indirectly with every purchase through a BankSA GreenCard.
- You can consider a **bequest** ensuring a legacy beyond your lifetime.
- You can **volunteer** your time or expertise.

Whatever your contribution and no matter how small, it could help save a threatened species, preserve native bushland or fund a recovery project, educational program or scientific survey.

[www.naturefoundation.org.au](http://www.naturefoundation.org.au)  
Freecall: 1300 366 191



**Save.**



**Protect.**



**Restore.**





### Camp fires

To help conserve trees and vegetation litter which are home to precious wildlife, gas and liquid fuel stoves are preferred in parks. If a camp fire is important to you, the following safety rules apply:

- Check if camp fires are permitted and observe all fire bans.
- Always use existing fire places.
- Make only small camp fires, adequate for warmth / cooking.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Extinguish the fire with water before you leave and make absolutely sure the fire is out.

As native timber in arid and semi-arid areas of South Australia is in short supply, firewood is generally not supplied in South Australian parks. You may therefore be required to bring your own – enough for a small fire. If in doubt, call the park you plan to visit before you leave. Please note fines apply for the removal and damage of native plants, including wood in South Australian parks.

### Watch out for wildlife

At dusk and dawn, native wildlife often become more active. This makes them more vulnerable to injury caused by traffic on park roads. If you must drive at these times, please reduce your speed and keep watch for wildlife.

### Road conditions

Many roads leading to and within parks are sealed. Some roads, however are unsealed, but suitable for a conventional 2WD vehicle. Road conditions can change dramatically depending on weather conditions. For Far North road conditions please contact Transport SA on 1300 361 033 or Port Augusta DEH office on (08) 8648 5300.

### Your vehicle

Remember, when you travel you are dependent on your vehicle. It's also worth remembering that many parks in South Australia are in remote areas. If you're planning a visit to one of these, be sure to take appropriate precautions such as checking that your vehicle is in good condition, has been serviced and has sufficient spare parts to cover most contingencies. Even in relatively settled areas, service and parts can be difficult to obtain and are expensive. Being prepared can save inconvenience.

### National Parks Code

Help protect your national parks by following these guidelines:

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

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

## WHERE CAN I TAKE MY PET?

South Australia's national parks are homes for native wildlife.

The policy of the Department for Environment and Heritage is that pets are not allowed in most parks and reserves.

Dog and cat scent can frighten wildlife away, some pets may kill wildlife, or disrupt other park users. Pets can also catch diseases or parasites from native animals.

Dogs are however allowed in most recreation parks, with the exception of Granite Island (home to a colony of Little Penguins).

### Dog-friendly parks in metropolitan Adelaide include:

- Belair National Park
- Mount George Conservation Park (recreation zone only)
- Morialta Conservation Park (recreation zone only)
- Onkaparinga River Recreation Park
- Para Wirra Recreation Park
- Mark Oliphant Conservation Park, (Loffia Park recreation zone only)
- Marino Conservation Park (on specially marked dog walking trails only).

### Regional areas include:

- Chowilla Game Reserve
- Innamincka Regional Reserve.
- Murray River National Park. (Lyrup Flats section only)

Dogs that are used for a special purpose, such as guide dogs, can be taken into any park. Cats are not permitted in any park under any circumstances.



Your dog must be restrained on a lead, no longer than three metres, at all times. If you'd like to find out more, download a free copy of the *National Parks and Your Pet* brochure from [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au) or call the DEH Information Line on (08) 8204 1910.





# PLACES TO STAY!

Accommodation in national parks offers a surprising variety of choice for every taste and budget.

In South Australia, park accommodation ranges from modern eco-retreats to pioneer huts, resorts with restaurants and swimming pools, to historic lighthouse keepers' cottages overlooking the sea.










# GET BACK TO NATURE

Did you know there are more than 20 unique places to stay in South Australia's national parks?

For those who enjoy their creature comforts, accommodation in parks provides access to a wonderful range of nature retreats. The following pages highlight both privately operated and DEH managed accommodation, allowing you to immerse yourself in some of the most breathtaking scenery across the state.

## Accommodation Facilities Key

|   |                    |   |                     |
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|  | Toilets            |  | Barbecue facilities |
|  | Cooking facilities |  | Fridge              |
|  | Shower             |  | Shared-use kitchen  |
|  | Heating            |   |                     |

\*Prices are subject to change without notice. Please contact accommodation provider for current tariffs.



Donington Cottage, Lincoln National Park

## Adelaide & Adelaide Hills

Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of nature just 30 minutes drive from Adelaide. The Adelaide Hills leafy bushland setting offers several caravan parks where you can wake to the sound of birds and explore bushwalking trails nearby.

### Belair National Park

#### Belair National Park Caravan Park

Fully self-contained family cabins in Belair National Park.

| Facilities       | Linen        | Sleeps | Prices from*         |
|------------------|--------------|--------|----------------------|
| Refer to website | BYO/<br>Hire | 4-6    | \$68<br>for 2 people |

(08) 8278 3540  
[www.belaircaravanpark.com.au](http://www.belaircaravanpark.com.au)

### Brownhill Creek Recreation Park

#### Brownhill Creek Tourist Park

En suite family cabins located just 7 km from Adelaide city centre.


| Facilities       | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*         |
|------------------|-------|--------|----------------------|
| Refer to website | No    | 4-6    | \$82<br>for 2 people |

1800 626 493  
[www.brownhillcreekcaravanpark.com.au](http://www.brownhillcreekcaravanpark.com.au)

### Para Wirra Recreation Park

#### Mack Creek Hut

A rustic galvanized iron hut nestled amongst pink gums, ideal for bushwalkers, birdwatchers and small groups.

| Facilities  | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*      |
|---|-------|--------|-------------------|
|  | BYO   | 8      | \$30<br>for cabin |

(08) 8280 7048  
Para Wirra Park Office



Mack Creek Hut, Para Wirra Recreation Park


## Eyre Peninsula

Looking for a secluded seaside escape? Enjoy the privacy and charm of a century-old cottage with all modern conveniences. Located in Lincoln National Park, just 20 minutes drive from Port Lincoln.

### Lincoln National Park

#### Donington Cottage

Secluded seaside cottage overlooking beautiful Spalding Cove.

| Facilities  | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*           |
|---|-------|--------|------------------------|
| <br><br> | BYO   | 6      | \$80<br>(Min 2 nights) |

1300 788 378  
Port Lincoln Visitor Information Centre  
[www.visitportlincoln.net](http://www.visitportlincoln.net)

\* All prices shown are per night and include GST.

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[southaustralia.com](http://southaustralia.com) to download  
these and more.





Ridgetop Retreats, Deep Creek Conservation Park

## CARAVAN PARKS

Caravan parks can be found in some of the state's most renowned national parks and provide you with affordable accommodation.

Brownhill Creek Recreation Park  
**1800 626 493**

Belair National Park  
**(08) 8278 3540**

Naracoorte Caves National Park  
**(08) 8762 2340**



## Fleurieu Peninsula

Relax in comfort in the award-winning Ridgetop Retreats in Deep Creek Conservation Park. Featuring large floor to ceiling picture windows that take in the views of the surrounding stringybark forest, Ridgetop Retreats invites the feeling of nature indoors. The retreat's convenient location also provides easy access to the park's walking trails and recreational activities.

### Deep Creek Conservation Park Southern Ocean Retreats

Offering a range of self-contained accommodation options from luxury retreats, cottages and more!

| Facilities       | Linen               | Sleeps | Prices from*                       |
|------------------|---------------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| Refer to website | Yes<br>BYO/<br>Hire | 2-10   | \$110<br>for 2 people<br>per night |

**(08) 8598 4169**  
[www.southernoceanretreats.com.au](http://www.southernoceanretreats.com.au)

## YOUTH HOSTELS

Did you know you can find youth hostels in various parks throughout South Australia?

Locations include:

- Adelaide Hills (Cleland, Morialta, and Mylor conservation parks)
- Barossa Valley (Sandy Creek Conservation Park)
- Southern Flinders Ranges (Wirrabara Forest – State Forest).

YHA offers groups, families and backpackers budget accommodation ranging from huts, cottages and farmhouses, fully equipped for groups and independent travellers. They are well located on the Heyden, Yurrebilla, Mawson and other trails. Contact the Youth Hostels Association on **(08) 8414 3001** for more information or visit their website [www.yha.com.au](http://www.yha.com.au)



## VOLUNTEERING IN PARKS

PEOPLE WHO MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE

Volunteering is a great way to give something back to nature and the community.

Everyone has something to offer, even if you only have a small amount of time to spare there are plenty of amazing ways you can help.

You can:

- Care for habitat by planting trees or controlling weeds.
- Help out annual wildlife surveys.
- Learn to restore fragile heritage sites.
- Meet like-minded people and make new friends.
- Lead a guided nature walk or become a campground host.

The DEH Volunteer Support Unit can match your interests to one-off special events, weekend conservation projects, or put you in touch with the Friends of Parks or special-interest group nearest to you.

**New volunteers are always welcome!**

To find out how easy it is to get involved visit [www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/involved/index.html](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/involved/index.html) or call the DEH Volunteer Support Unit on **(08) 8124 4784** for details.





## Flinders Ranges & Outback

The magnificent Flinders Ranges National Park is one of South Australia's favourite holiday destinations. Wilpena Pound Resort, the hub of the national park, offers a range of places to stay from camp sites to budget cabins and luxury accommodation.

If you're seeking adventure and wilderness, Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park in the North Flinders Ranges offers pioneer cottages and shearers' quarters that provide guests with a taste of the Outback.

Three hours north of Adelaide lies the South Flinders Ranges, a region known for its dramatic gorges, diverse flora and bushwalking trails. Here you can find two classic Australian homesteads in The Dutchmans Stern Conservation Park near Quorn and Mount Remarkable National Park near Wilmington. A small cabin ideal for hikers is also available at Mambray Creek in Mount Remarkable National Park.

### Flinders Ranges National Park

#### Wilpena Pound Resort

Offering accommodation options, varying from deluxe motel suites to modern self-contained units.


| Facilities       | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*       |
|------------------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| Refer to website | Yes   | 2-6    | \$195 for 2 people |

(08) 1800 805 802  
www.wilpenapound.com.au

### Mount Remarkable National Park


#### Alligator Lodge

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

| Facilities  | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*                       |
|---|-------|--------|------------------------------------|
|  | BYO   | 8-10   | \$100 for lodge for up to 4 people |

#### Mambray Creek Cabin

A small permapine cabin situated in Mount Remarkable National Park's main campground. Shower and toilet facilities are located nearby.

| Facilities  | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*   |
|---|-------|--------|----------------|
|  | BYO   | 4      | \$50 for cabin |


(08) 8634 7068  
Southern Flinders District Office, Mambray Creek

\* All prices shown are per night and include GST.

### The Dutchmans Stern Conservation Park

#### The Dutchmans Stern Homestead and Shearers' Quarters

A classic 1950s Australian homestead and adjacent shearers' quarters set against a stunning mountain backdrop.


| Facilities  | Linen | Sleeps     | Prices from*  |
|---|-------|------------|---|
|  | BYO   | 5-6<br>7-9 | \$100 for homestead & shearers' quarters for up to 4 people |

(08) 8634 7068  
Southern Flinders District Office, Mambray Creek

### Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park


#### Balcanoona Shearers' Quarters

A classic outback homestead with return verandah.

| Facilities  | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*                 |
|---|-------|--------|------------------------------|
|  | BYO   | 19     | \$30 per room up to 2 people |

#### Grindells Hut

A 1950s stone cottage with stunning 180 degree views of Illinawortina Pound and the Blue Ranges.

| Facilities   | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*  |
|--|-------|--------|---------------|
|  | BYO   | 8      | \$124 for hut |

(08) 8648 0049  
Balcanoona Park Office

Grindells Hut, Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park



The Dutchmans Shearers' Quarters, The Dutchmans Stern Conservation Park

# INFO & BOOKINGS FOR ALL KANGAROO ISLAND PARKS ACCOMMODATION

Flinders Chase National Park  
Visitor Centre  
(08) 8559 7235  
Email: [kiparksaccom@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:kiparksaccom@saugov.sa.gov.au)



Karatta Lodge, Flinders Chase National Park

## Kangaroo Island

Kangaroo Island's lighthouse keepers' cottages are located in isolated and stunningly beautiful locations. Cape du Couedic in Flinders Chase National Park at the western end of the island offers overnight accommodation in one of three spacious heritage-listed lightkeepers' cottages. Two pioneer cottages are also available at Rocky River – the gateway to Flinders Chase National Park.

In the remote north-west corner of the island perched high above the cliffs, Cape Borda Lightstation offers one lighthouse keepers' cottage, a cabin and cosy hut for two.

While at the rugged easternmost point of the island in Cape Willoughby Conservation Park, Seymour and Thomas lightkeepers' cottages savour spectacular views of Backstairs Passage.

## Cape Willoughby National Park

### Seymour Cottage & Thomas Cottage

Beautifully restored, fully furnished lighthouse keepers' cottages.

| Facilities | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*       |
|------------|-------|--------|--------------------|
|            | Yes   | 8      | \$155 for 2 people |

## Flinders Chase National Park – Cape Borda Lightstation

### Flinders Light Lodge

Spacious lighthouse keepers' cottage set deep in wilderness.

| Facilities | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*       |
|------------|-------|--------|--------------------|
|            | Yes   | 6      | \$155 for 2 people |

### Hartley Hut

Cosy 1950s prefabricated cabin built for the relieving lighthouse keeper.

| Facilities | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*       |
|------------|-------|--------|--------------------|
|            | Yes   | 4      | \$103 for 2 people |

### Woodward Hut

Small limestone hut located beside Cape Borda Lighthouse.

| Facilities | Linen        | Sleeps | Prices from*      |
|------------|--------------|--------|-------------------|
|            | BYO/<br>Hire | 2      | \$37 for 2 people |

\* All prices shown are per night and include GST.

## Flinders Chase National Park – Cape du Couedic

### Karatta Lodge, Troubridge Lodge and Parndana Lodge

Fully furnished, circa 1907 lighthouse keepers' cottages with polished wooden floors.

| Facilities | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*                      |
|------------|-------|--------|-----------------------------------|
|            | Yes   | 6      | \$155 for 2 people (min 2 nights) |

## Flinders Chase National Park – Rocky River

### Mays Homestead

A gracious two bedroom stone cottage built in the late 1800s.

| Facilities | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*       |
|------------|-------|--------|--------------------|
|            | Yes   | 6      | \$119 for 2 people |

### Postmans Cottage

1890s limestone cottage built for the visiting mailman.

| Facilities | Linen        | Sleeps | Prices from*      |
|------------|--------------|--------|-------------------|
|            | BYO/<br>Hire | 4      | \$50 for 2 people |

# FOR MORE INFO

For more information on  
DEH accommodation options,  
including prices and facilities visit  
[www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au)





Wirreanda Bunkhouse, Naracoorte Caves National Park

## Limestone Coast

Base your stay at one of the region's most visited tourist attractions – the World Heritage-listed Naracoorte Caves, just 17 km south of Naracoorte. Nestled in a peaceful bushland setting in the national park, Wirreanda offers budget accommodation, ideal for families and groups.

### Naracoorte Caves National Park

#### Wirreanda Bunkhouse and Cottage

During school and public holidays Wirreanda offers converted bunkhouse and dormitory-style accommodation for visitors.

| Facilities  | Linen        | Sleeps | Prices from*       |
|---|--------------|--------|--------------------|
|  | BYO/<br>Hire | 45-50  | \$16<br>per person |

(08) 8762 2340  
Wonambi Fossil Centre

## Yorke Peninsula & Clare Valley

For something a little different, stay in renovated miners' cottages in Innes National Park on beautiful Yorke Peninsula. There are six cottages to choose from, ranging from a basic hut to self-contained lodges.


Martindale Hall in the Clare Valley, combines original nineteenth century charm with today's modern comforts. Experience the ambience of a bygone era with original décor including an 1878 billiard table and library.

If you're seeking peace and tranquillity, Troubridge Island Hideaway offers the perfect escape. This original lighthouse keepers' cottage at the foot of Yorke Peninsula is situated on a small island known for its bird life.

### Innes National Park


#### Engineers Lodge and Managers Lodge

Heritage-listed miners' cottages with verandah overlooking salt lakes.

| Facilities  | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*                      |
|---|-------|--------|-----------------------------------|
|  | BYO   | 10     | \$130 for lodge<br>(min 2 nights) |


#### Miners Lodge & Gatehouse Lodge

Cosy renovated miners' cottages ideal for couples and families.

| Facilities  | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*                 |
|---|-------|--------|------------------------------|
|  | BYO   | 6      | from \$100<br>(min 2 nights) |

#### Norfolk Lodge

Spacious miners' cottage with antique baltic pine furnishings.

| Facilities  | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*                      |
|---|-------|--------|-----------------------------------|
|  | Yes   | 4      | \$135 for lodge<br>(min 2 nights) |


#### Shepherds Hut

Very basic hut located near secluded Shell Beach.

| Facilities | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from* |
|------------|-------|--------|--------------|
|            | BYO   | 4      | \$37 for hut |

#### Stenhouse Bay Hall

Group accommodation with a spacious common room.

| Facilities  | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*   |
|---|-------|--------|----------------|
|  | BYO   | 28     | \$280 for hall |

Northern and Yorke District Office  
Innes NP (08) 8854 3200

### Martindale Hall Conservation Park

#### Martindale Hall

Martindale Hall is a heritage-listed Georgian mansion located in Clare Valley's picturesque countryside.

| Facilities       | Linen | Sleeps | Prices from*        |
|------------------|-------|--------|---------------------|
| Refer to website | Yes   | 18     | \$110 per<br>person |

(08) 8843 9088  
[www.martindalehall.com](http://www.martindalehall.com)

### Troubridge Island Conservation Park

#### Troubridge Island Hideaway

Unique lighthouse keepers' cottages on a secluded sand island.

To protect the park's breeding colonies of birds, access to Troubridge Island is by permit only (available from DEH) or with Troubridge Island Charters. For further details call the Yorke District Office on (08) 8854 3200.

| Facilities       | Linen        | Sleeps | Prices from*          |
|------------------|--------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Refer to website | BYO/<br>Hire | 8      | \$720 for<br>2 nights |

(08) 8852 6290  
Troubridge Island Charters  
[www.southaustralia.com](http://www.southaustralia.com)

\* Prices shown are per night and include GST.

Managers Lodge, Innes National Park



## INFO & BOOKINGS FOR ALL INNES NATIONAL PARK ACCOMMODATION

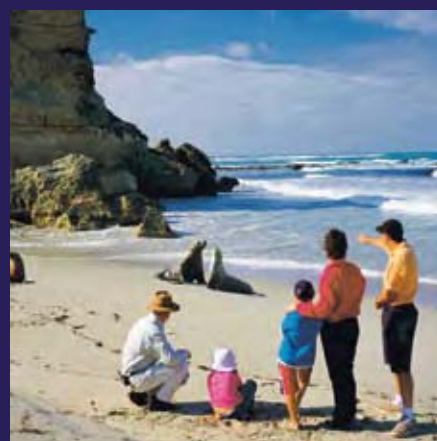
(08) 8854 3200  
Yorke District Office  
Innes National Park

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(08) 8204 1910

## VISIT

Level 1, 100 Pirie Street, Adelaide

## ONLINE

[www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au)

## EMAIL

[dehinformation@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:dehinformation@saugov.sa.gov.au)

If you have any questions about South Australia's national parks, phone the friendly staff at the DEH Information Line or drop in and see us at our retail outlet Mapland, open Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm.

We can help you with:

- Park brochures
- Bushwalking brochures
- SA National Park Passes
- Fees and charges
- Camping and entry
- Park accommodation
- Maps and books
- Park-use regulations



## HELPFUL CONTACTS

### DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE OFFICES

#### Adelaide & Adelaide Hills

**Adelaide Regional Office**, Athelstone  
Ph (08) 8336 0924

**Northern Lofly District Office**, Athelstone  
Ph (08) 8336 0901

**Southern Lofly District Office**,  
Cleland Conservation Park  
Ph (08) 8130 9051

**Belair Office**, Belair National Park  
Ph (08) 8278 5477

**Cleland Wildlife Park**, Mount Lofly  
Ph (08) 8339 2444

**Mount Lofly Summit Office**, Mount Lofly  
Ph (08) 8370 1054

**Para Wirra Office**, Para Wirra Recreation Park  
Ph (08) 8280 7048

#### Eyre Peninsula

**West Regional Office**, Port Lincoln  
Ph (08) 8688 3111

**Ceduna District Office**, Ceduna  
Ph (08) 8625 3144

**Gawler Ranges Office**, Gawler Ranges NP  
Ph (08) 8648 1883

#### Fleurieu Peninsula

**Victor Harbor District Office**, Victor Harbor  
Ph (08) 8552 3677

**Deep Creek Office**,  
Deep Creek Conservation Park  
Ph (08) 8598 0263

#### Flinders Ranges & Outback

**Port Augusta Regional Office**, Port Augusta  
Ph (08) 8648 5300

**Southern Flinders District Office**, Mambay  
Creek, Mount Remarkable National Park  
Ph (08) 8634 7068

**Wilpena Office**, Wilpena Pound, Flinders  
Ranges National Park  
Ph (08) 8648 0049

**Balcanaona Office**, Vulkathunha-Gammon  
Ranges National Park  
Ph (08) 8648 4829

**Innaminka Office**, Innamincka  
Ph (08) 8675 9909

#### Kangaroo Island

**Kangaroo Island Regional Office**, Kingscote  
Ph (08) 8553 2381

**Flinders Chase National Park Office**,  
Rocky River  
Ph (08) 8559 7235

#### Limestone Coast

**Mount Gambier Regional Office**,  
Mount Gambier  
Ph (08) 8735 1177

**Coorong Office**, Noonameena  
Ph (08) 8575 1200

**Naracoorte District Office**,  
Naracoorte Caves National Park  
Ph (08) 8762 3412

#### Riverland & Murraylands

**Murraylands/Riverland Regional Office**, Berri  
Ph (08) 8595 2111

**Murray Mallee District Office**, Lameroo  
Ph (08) 8576 3690

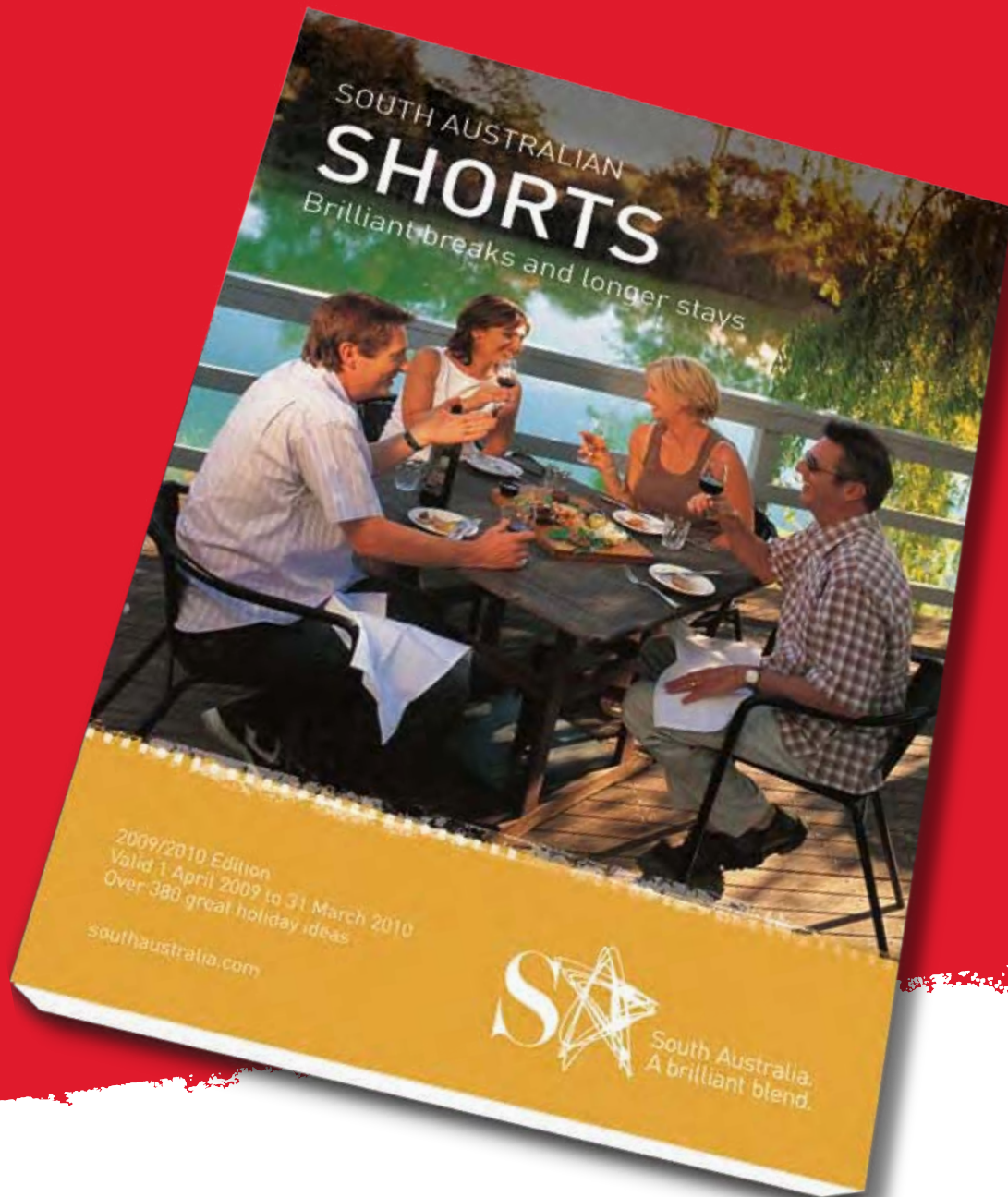
#### Yorke Peninsula & Clare Valley

**Clare Regional Office**, Clare  
Ph (08) 8841 3400

**Burra District Office**, Burra  
Ph (08) 8892 3025

**Yorke District Office**, Innes National Park  
Ph (08) 8854 3200

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