had run away from him. The river and coastline in search of his two wives, who are illustrated through dreaming stories. The Kaurna Dreaming stories from both groups illustrate a deep spiritual connection to the land. The creation of land forms on the Fleurieu Peninsula is featured through dreaming stories. The aboriginal people of the southern Fleurieu Peninsula focus on Ngurunderi, who, while on his dreaming story of Tjirbuk highlights the creation of the vegetation on the Fleurieu Peninsula, and is home to a diverse range of interesting natural environments. Due to the park’s rugged nature, a careful, responsible and well-planned approach to bushwalking is essential for your safety.

The Pages islands can be seen from Tapanappa Lookout. Willoughby on Kangaroo Island. Tunkalilla Beach on the mainland, or north-east of Cape Metalong (The Pages or the Two Sisters, opposite into Metalong. At last, fighting against waves no more, they began to walk across. When they had reached the centre, Ngurunderi called out in a voice of thunder, saying: “Pink’ul’un’urn’pranukurn” (fall waters-you). The women tried to turn their faces towards the west, wave upon wave, driving the two women from their course. The Pages islands can be seen from the Cobbler Hill lookout. From there dived into the sea and quickly out. This action was to cleanse himself of his old life. He then swam to Wakanaway (the sky). Kangaroo Island can be seen from the Cobbler Hill lookout.

3.5 hours return7 km return
Excellent views of The Deep Creek Conservation Park. On-the-spot fines apply to vehicles not authorised to enter Conservation Parks. Entry and camping permits can be obtained from any park office in the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges. Annual park passes can be purchased from the Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges office at 581 Riverton Road, Aldinga. Walks, hikes and treks are accessible to people of all ages and bushwalkers with an average level of fitness. These trails can be any length and may include moderate inclines and irregular surfaces.

Walking trails

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Trail</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Talisker Silver Lead Mine Hike</td>
<td>1 hour return</td>
<td>2.6 km return</td>
<td>WALK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Goondooloo Ridge Walk</td>
<td>2 hours return</td>
<td>4 km return</td>
<td>HIKE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deep Creek Waterfall Hike</td>
<td>1.5 hours return</td>
<td>3 km return</td>
<td>WALK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deep Creek Cove Hike</td>
<td>2 hours return</td>
<td>3.5 km return</td>
<td>HARD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blowhole Beach Hike</td>
<td>2.5 hours return</td>
<td>3.4 km return</td>
<td>HARD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deep Creek Circuit Hike</td>
<td>3.5 hours return</td>
<td>7 km return</td>
<td>TREK - CHALLENGING</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Time is generously estimated from an average walking speed varying from 1.2 to 3 km per hour - allow extra time for resting and sightseeing.

Deep Creek and Talisker Bushwalking guide


Ambulance 000

Join the community

Share your parks at parks.sa.gov.au

Further information

Natural Resources

Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges

Deep Creek Conservation Park

C/Post Office

Drummond St

5A, 8010

08 8598 4169

T: 08 8590 4669

Cottage accommodation

Southern Ocean Retreats

Further information

Natural Resources

Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges

Deep Creek Conservation Park

C/Post Office

Drummond St

5A, 8010

08 8598 4169


Ambulance 000
Deep Creek and Talisker bushwalking guide

Stringybark Loop Walk
Walk in the shade while admiring tall trees and delicate ferns in this remnant stringybark forest. These stringybark trees are some of the tallest in South Australia and provide ideal nesting hollows for a variety of birds, including the Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo. Picnic tables are provided near the beginning of the trail. An ideal family walk.
Access: This walk begins at the picnic ground near park headquarters on Tapanna Road.

Forest Circuit Walk
Ideal for an afternoon walk, while camping at Stringybark campground, the circuit walk meanders its way through beautiful, tall stringybark forest. The highlights of this walk are the trees that dominate among the trees during the autumn months.
Access: This walk begins from the Stringybark campground, opposite site 11. The campground is located on the road leading to park headquarters.

Goondooloo Ridge Walk
This trail along Goondooloo Ridge offers spectacular views of Backstairs Passage. It is an easy walk to the lookout. Along the way you can often see large mobs of kangaroos grazing in the open fields, or nesting under eucalypts.
Access: This walk begins at the Stringybark campground, opposite site 9.

Talisker Silver Lead Mine Hike
Situated in Talisker Conservation Park, this interpretive hike guides you amongst the stones and workings of a nineteenth century Cornish mining and ore-processing operation. Marvel at the enduring fertility and ingenuity of the Cornish miners and their families while walking through naturally regenerated bushland which hosts an abundance of wildlife and wildflowers.
Access: The hike is located in Talisker Conservation Park, 9 km west of Deep Creek Conservation Park. A picnic area with toilet facilities is located nearby.

Deep Creek Waterfall Hike
This trail, which forms part of the famous Heysen Trail, takes you down to a year-round waterfall nestled in the heart of the park. Lookout points have been placed along the hike, providing spectacular views of the densely vegetated hills that protect the Deep Creek on its journey towards the coast.
Access: This hike can be started from either of two points located on Tent Rock Road. One follows a fire track and the other the Heysen Trail.

Deep Creek Cove Hike from Trig picnic area
This hike offers spectacular views of the Southern Ocean. The highlight of this hike is Backstairs Passage and the south coast. It finishes at a secluded cove where the mouth of the Deep Creek finishes its journey to the ocean.
Access: This hike begins at the picnic area. Follow Tent Rock Road past Trig campground to the picnic area.

Aaron Creek Circuit Hike
The trail begins with Aaron Creek, incorporating tall gums and sclerophylls. You will pass a cascading waterfall that flows in winter. Many Western Grey Kangaroos may be seen resting under the gumnuts at the beginning of the hike. This area was once farming land. Eagle waterhole can be seen during late winter to early spring.
Access: The hike starts at the car park, 15 minutes from Goondooloo Cottage, on Blowhole Road.

Deep Creek Cove Hike from Tapanna Lookout
This hike offers spectacular views of the ocean. This walk is surrounded by dense vegetation that encloses around the trail. During this hike you will find yourself among the thick vegetation and rugged terrain that Deep Creek Conservation Park is renowned for. Only experienced and fit bushwalkers should attempt this hike.
Access: The trail begins at the Tapanna Lookout, but the hike can start from Tapanna campground.

Blowhole Beach - Crolley Hill
Marrano Creek Hike
This hike follows the Blowhole Beach hike to the sandy beach below. Here you will join the Heysen Trail and follow it up to Crolley Hill campground, crossing Marrano Creek on your travels. From this point follow the main road back to Crolley Hill picnic area. Provides excellent views of Kangaroo Island and the Pages Islands.
Access: This hike begins from the Crolley Hill picnic area on Crolley Hill campground.

Blowhole Beach Hike
Extensive views of Backstairs Passage and Kangaroo Island can be seen from the picnic area at Crolley Hill. This trail winds itself down to a steep cliff to the sandy beach known as Blowhole.
Access: This hike begins from the Crolley Hill picnic area, located on Blowhole Creek Road.

Deep Creek Waterfall Hike from Tapanna Lookout
Excellent views of the Deep Creek can be seen along the trail. During this hike you will find yourself among the thick vegetation and rugged terrain that Deep Creek Conservation Park is renowned for. Only experienced and fit bushwalkers should attempt this hike.
Access: The trail begins at the Tapanna Lookout. Alternatively you can start from the Tapanna campground (add 3 km return).

Boat Harbor Circuit Hike
Part of this unique hike is along the Heysen Trail. You will experience breathtaking views of Kangaroo Island, the Pages Islands and Tunkalilla Beach. By making a diversion off the circuit trail you can walk down to Boat Harbor Beach, which is a rocky cove where Boat Harbor Creek enters the Southern Ocean.
Access: This hike begins on Tapanna Road. Follow the road towards the Tapanna campground and turn onto the ridge on your left before reaching the campground. This hike does not start at Tapanna lookout.

Aaron Creek Hike
The upper section of this trail follows the Aaron Creek Circuit Hike. The lower section follows natural bushland, becoming more rugged near the coast. After a steep climb you are rewarded with views of Kangaroo Island before descending into a small rocky cove.
Access: This hike begins at the car park located on Blowhole Road, 15 metres from the turn-off to Goondooloo Cottage.

Deep Creek Circuit Hike
The Deep Creek Circuit hike includes some of the best views on offer in the park. The hike incorporates the waterfall and coves. Difficulties may be experienced crossing the Deep Creek during wet weather. Tackle rains at all times, and do not attempt to cross when flooded. Only experienced and fit bushwalkers should attempt this hike.
Access: You can start from the Trig picnic area or from Tapanna lookout.