From the Coorong’s sprawling beaches, powerful surf and picturesque lakes to the deep caves of South Australia’s only World Heritage Site at Naracoorte Caves, the Limestone Coast offers fantastic fishing, camping, bird watching, surfing and more.
Dive the crystal clear waters of Piccaninnie Ponds’ Cathedral cavern.

Snorkel or scuba spring-fed limestone ponds.

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

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

Kayak one of the most spectacular coastal landscapes in Australia.

Fall hook, line and sinker for Little Dip’s surf fishing beaches.
Beachport Conservation Park 875ha

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

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

Opening hours
Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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

Getting there
Access off Alternate Highway One via Beachport.

Contact
(+61 8) 8735 6053

Bool Lagoon Game Reserve and Hacks Lagoon Conservation Park 3013ha / 202ha

Bool Lagoon’s seasonal wetland is home to a wide range of endangered bird species, making it a top spot for birdwatchers. The lagoon’s boardwalk, extending 500m over the wetlands to lookout posts, gives the feeling of walking on water. Brolgas, commonly associated with northern Australia, are among the most spectacular of 150 species to be seen.

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

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

Opening hours
Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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

Getting there
Access via Millicent, Southend or Carpenter Rocks.

Contact
(+61 8) 8735 6053

Canunda National Park 9627ha

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

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

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

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

Opening hours
Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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

Getting there
Access via Millicent, Southend or Carpenter Rocks.

Contact
(+61 8) 8735 6053
Coorong National Park
48.975ha

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

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

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

Explore the park on foot via walking trails, paddle along waterways by kayak or 4WD along designated tracks and the beach.

The number of birds that visit the area provide great bird watching and photographic opportunities.

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

Opening hours
Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location
186km south east of Adelaide.

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

Contact
(+61 8) 8575 1200

Dingley Dell Conservation Park 6ha

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

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

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

Opening hours
Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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

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

Getting there
Access via Port MacDonnell Rd.

Contact
(+61 8) 8738 2221
Ewens Ponds Conservation Park  36ha

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

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

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

Opening hours
Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location
36km south of Mount Gambier.

Getting there
Access via Port MacDonnell Road.

Contact
(+61 8) 8735 1177

Little Dip Conservation Park  2150ha

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

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

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

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

Opening hours
Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location
341km south east of Adelaide.

Getting there
Access via Alternate Highway One.

Contact
(+61 8) 8735 1177
Padthaway Conservation Park 981ha

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

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

Opening hours
Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Location
254km south east of Adelaide.

Getting there
Access via Riddoch Highway.

Contact
(+61 8) 8762 3142

Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park 547ha

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

The ponds’ dramatic features have been formed over thousands of years by freshwater rising through limestone to the surface. The Chasm and The Cathedral, with its fantastic white walls of sculptured and scalloped limestone, offer a spectacular experiences even for seasoned divers. Permit required - divers must be cave dive accredited.

Opening hours
Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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

Getting there
Access via Piccaninnie Ponds Road.

Contact
(+61 8) 8735 1177

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

A walking trail through coastal wattle and beard heath leads to the ponds outlet. Heading inland via boardwalks through silky tea-tree and cutting grass, you’ll find a lookout where views of the wetland and bamboo reed and bulrush can be seen.
**Tantanoola Caves Conservation Park 14ha**

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

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

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

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

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

**Location**
29km north east of Mount Gambier.

**Getting there**
Access via Princes Highway.

**Contact**
(+61 8) 8734 4153

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**Telford Scrub Conservation Park 170ha**

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

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

**Opening hours**
Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Location**
15km north of Mount Gambier.

**Getting there**
Access via Riddoch Highway via Grundys Lane.

**Contact**
(+61 8) 8735 1177
Naracoorte Caves

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

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

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

Fossils
Providing a rare insight into Australia’s past, Victoria Fossil Cave showcases world renowned fossil deposits. Daily tours run at 10.15am and 2.15pm. The Wonambi Fossil Centre recreates the ancient world of Australia’s mega-fauna with life-size robotics in a simulated forest and swamp land. An unforgettable experience for the kids.

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

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