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Come and play outdoors with us. Whether it's paddling or water skiing, cycling or walking, racing cars or four-wheel-driving... we have it all. Plus we have one of South Australia's best wine regions in Langhorne Creek!

We've long been famous for our iconic houseboat holidays and paddlesteamer history, but there's more on offer.

Our waterways begin in the lower Murray near Swan Reach. This stretch boasts some of the River's widest expanses and most spectacular ochre cliff faces – a serene view for your evening wines, or backdrop for your morning paddle. Not to mention, we have some of the darkest skies in the world (and clearest views of the Milky Way).

From here, we follow the Mighty Murray Way towards Mannum and Murray Bridge, two of our larger river towns.

Both have large riverfront recreation areas with restaurants. These idyllic spots are home to major events, and other days they're filled with people soaking up river life.

In Murray Bridge you can also visit our quirky mythical Bunyip, or for a real-life encounter just head 10 minutes down the road to Monarto Zoo.

From here, we float south towards the Lower Lakes, Murray Mouth and Coorong – one of the most unique environments in the world – made famous again by the 2019 film remake of Storm Boy.

Along the way, you'll go through Taillem Bend, now firmly on the map thanks to The Bend Motorsport Park.

Further south, you'll start catching glimpses of Lake's Albert and Alexandrina, as they begin to open up to the Coorong National Park. The laid-back town of Meningie is set right on Lake Albert and known for having spectacular sunsets and fresh seafood.

On the other side of the Coorong, you can travel through Lake Alexandrina towns (such as Milang and Langhorne Creek) on your way to Goolwa, this is where the Murray meets the sea. ■

Our idyllic river reserves are filled with people fishing, skiing, paddling and playing.

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Kayaking on the Coorong

All terrain, all year long



Mannum

Best places to break a sweat:

- ✓ Murray Coorong Trail
- ✓ Encounter Bikeway, Goolwa
- ✓ Kinchina Conservation Park, Murray Bridge
- ✓ Mowantjie Willauwar, Tailem Bend
- ✓ Mannum Waterfalls, Mannum
- ✓ Lavender Federation Trail
- ✓ Lower Murray Canoe Trail, Wellington
- ✓ Rocky Gully Wetlands Walk, Murray Bridge
- ✓ Goolwa Barrage Walk, Goolwa
- ✓ Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park, Nildottie

Strap your boots on.

One of our region's best features is our mostly flat terrain. This, coupled with our mild winter conditions, means our trails (on and off water) are accessible all year round.

So whether you're an avid paddler, runner, bushwalker or cyclist – you've got places to break a sweat here, no matter the season. Even Monarto Zoo has extensive walking trails, meaning you can have some seriously up-close encounters with the wild, without the crowds.

Our biggest, is the 325 kilometre Lavender Federation Trail, a favourite amongst bushwalkers. It starts in Murray Bridge and winds through diverse countryside. One of the trail highlights runs through Kinchina Conservation Park, just outside of Murray Bridge. This section was upgraded in 2018 and now home to trail-running and mountain-biking events (plus it's dog-friendly).

The Mannum Waterfalls are also a great hike for the whole family.

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Paddle and explore

The Lower Murray Canoe Trail was launched early in 2019 and is gaining momentum from some of Australia's paddle community. Created to give people an up-close experience with the Lower Murray ecosystems, this trail offers options for beginner, amateurs and advanced paddlers.

The Mannum Canoe Trail has a history focus, as it shows you a view of the historic PS Marion and Mannum Dock Museum from the water.

If you're after a guided tour to some of our most pristine parts of the Coorong (many only accessible by kayak), then Canoe the Coorong is for you. This team can host all ages and abilities. If you prefer to go it alone – just hire your own – our local Visitor Information Centres can get you sorted.

Love stand up paddleboarding? Murray Bridge has a section of River, just off Long Island Reserve which is closed to motorised vehicles. So there's always calm, glassy and protected waters (and native birdlife to keep you company). Our local rowers are out on this stretch most mornings, so keep an eye out for the crews.

The Lower Lakes are shallow and great for any style of paddling (or on the blowy days, they're popular for wind and kite-surfing). If you're a morning person – we'd recommend an early start for the ultimate in flat water sunrise experience.

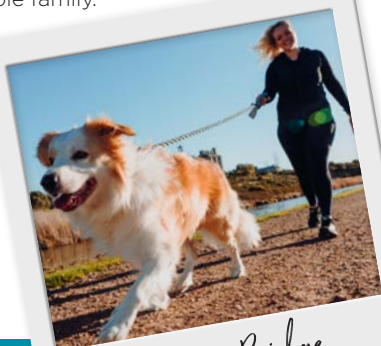
Peddle power

The Encounter Bikeway begins along the Murray River in Goolwa, and its fully sealed route takes you along the River's edge to the barrage. You'll pedal under the Hindmarsh Bridge and through the wharf precinct. Renowned for its cycling culture, Goolwa cafés will welcome serious and recreational cyclists chasing a cuppa or meal.

Anything goes

Many parts of the exciting new 450 kilometre Murray Coorong Trail are also open. This walking and mountain bike trail takes in some of the most incredible views of the River, Lower Lakes and Coorong. Sections of between 2 and 20 kilometres will take you along various surfaces, across the ferry at Mannum, through native pine forests near Tailem Bend, along the riverside at Wellington and take you from the Meningie township to the edge of the Coorong. You can also hire bikes and kayaks along the route, so no panic if you left yours at home.

Some shorter trails to explore include the Tailem Bend History Trail or Murray Bridge Discovery Trail. Or for riverside views and native wildlife, why not try the Pelican Path in Meningie, Swanport and Rocky Gully wetlands in Murray Bridge. Or try the Goolwa Barrage walk which takes in spectacular views of the Murray Mouth. ■



Murray Bridge

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If fresh food and wine is your thing, then make sure you explore our chic cafés, regional produce platters, waffle stand and the freshest Coorong seafood you'll ever experience. This, coupled with Langhorne Creek's award-winning cellar doors, means you'll always stumble across a gastronomic delight.

For decades, Langhorne Creek has quietly sat in the back blocks of our State's wine bragging rights. However, now home to some of Australia's best winemakers, the region is known as SA's emerging 'one to watch'.

With 8 unique cellar doors – the 'Creek is home to a handful of families who make some of Australia's most generous red and white wines, only matched by the cellar door hospitality. It's fast-becoming the ideal place for a wine tour, romantic weekend, family catch-up or function (and it's less than an hour from Adelaide).

Including names like Bleasdale, Bremerton, Lake Breeze and Kimbolton, Langhorne Creek is the wine region you'll wish you knew about sooner.

With its historic buildings and brilliant blends, Bleasdale is a favourite.

Just down the road, Bremerton winemaker Rebecca Willson was recently named as a finalist in the Gourmet Traveller Winemaker of the Year awards, now one of Australia's industry leaders.

Also known for its beautiful cellar door, a restored 1866 stone barn, Bremerton is the perfect place for a picnic where you don't need to bring a thing (settle in and try their regional produce platters and gourmet pizzas).

Other popular cellar doors are Lake Breeze, with its second-storey picturesque vineyard views from the deck. Plus Kimbolton – with their architecturally-designed cellar door and cheese and wine flights.

You can also indulge at Meechi Brewing – part of The Winehouse – a restaurant, cellar door and brewery.

In Murray Bridge, we've also got retro café The Davery Establishment dishing up some of the region's best brunch and coffee. These guys are a favourite amongst locals, with unique daily specials.

Top eats:

- ✓ The Davery Establishment, Murray Bridge
- ✓ Bremerton Wines, Langhorne Creek
- ✓ The Winehouse, Langhorne Creek
- ✓ Lake Breeze, Langhorne Creek
- ✓ Coorong Wild Seafood, Meningie
- ✓ Café Mannum, Mannum
- ✓ Motherduck, Goolwa
- ✓ Little Local Co, Tailem Bend
- ✓ Bombora, Goolwa
- ✓ Izzy's Ice-Creamery, Mannum
- ✓ Waffles and Jaffles, Coonalpyn
- ✓ Hector's on the Wharf, Goolwa

Heading south to Tailem Bend, you should try Little Local Co's coffee, and if you're on the highway, you can't go past Coonalpyn without indulging in the waffles.

In Meningie you can pick up a fresh Coorong Mullet sandwich, but for an immersive experience, get in touch with the crew from Coorong Wild Seafood to try their unique Catch and Eat Tour.

Over in Mannum, The Pretoria Hotel's front deck sits you on the River's edge; and towards the Murray Mouth in Goolwa, the wharf precinct is bustling with cafés, a gin distillery and Sunday markets. ■

Top drinks:

- ✓ Bremerton Wines, Langhorne Creek
- ✓ Langhorne Creek Wine Region, 8 cellar doors
- ✓ Meechi Brewing Co, Langhorne Creek
- ✓ Fleurieu Distillery, Goolwa
- ✓ Pretoria Hotel, Mannum
- ✓ Swan Reach Hotel
- ✓ Meningie Cheese Factory
- ✓ Riverside Hotel, Tailem Bend
- ✓ Murray Bridge Hotel
- ✓ Wellington Hotel, Wellington
- ✓ Willow Point Wines, Murray Bridge



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PS Murray Princess, Big Bend

Whether you like it fast or slow (and whether you want to jump in or stay dry), our lower Murray reaches are simply spectacular offering an unrivalled experience for your bucket list. From Swan Reach to Mannum, or Murray Bridge to Wellington – the views will blow your mind.

Each day you'll take in views of stunning cliff faces, towering gum trees and beautiful birdlife. Plus, if you want to get even closer, just grab the kayak from the back deck and head off for a peaceful paddle. Sounds like perfection!

Our award-winning Murray River cruising options are endless. Be your own captain with one of our own self-drive houseboat fleet options, or let someone else navigate while you relax.

Slow down

During a stay on the historic PS Murray Princess, you can cruise at a relaxed pace as the crew take care of all your needs, navigating via Murray Bridge, Mannum, Big Bend, Swan Reach and beyond.

Or indulge yourself with a short or long stay on board the award winning

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Proud Mary. Both of these cruises include on-shore excursions, on-board entertainment and all of your dining needs.

If you're looking for a day-trip, jump on board one of our historic vessels,

including the PS Marion and PS Mayflower (both based in Mannum), the Captain Proud (Murray Bridge) or the PS Oscar W (Goolwa).

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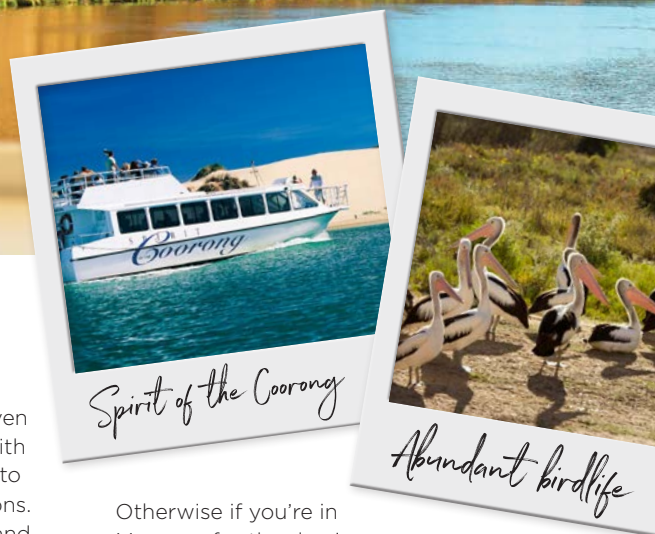


Houseboat views of the Murray River cliffs.

Speed up

Another way to experience the Murray and Coorong is by jumping on board some of our smaller vessels for a guided tour. These faster cruises take you everywhere from the Murray Mouth at Goolwa, right across Lake Alexandrina, through the Coorong National Park and further up River to townships such as Swan Reach.

Based at Goolwa, the team from Spirit of the Coorong offer everything from two-hours to seven night guided tours – and along with Cruise the Coorong will take you to some of our most magical locations. Get up close with native wildlife and walk through golden sand dunes while the team look after you.



Otherwise if you're in Mannum for the day, jump on board with the Four Knots team for a short sunset or birdwatching cruise.

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- ✓ Drink wine in a floating jacuzzi



Proud Mary



Drive yourself

Arguably the best way to experience the Murray River, is on a houseboat. Here you can grab a group of friends or family (our biggest houseboats sleep up to 12 people) and explore the best of the River, stunning scenery and unspoilt natural environment.

Whether you prefer to stay on board soaking up the jacuzzi and sundeck, or find a quiet section of the riverbank to pull up for a campfire and watch the sun set over the water – it's a holiday you must experience at least once.

With all the luxuries you'd expect, you're guaranteed to find something for your taste and budget. If you're not sure where to start, head over to the [SA Houseboat Hirers Association](#) website.

Otherwise, check out our biggest fleet from the award-winning (and SA Tourism Hall of Fame inductee) [Unforgettable Houseboats](#). These guys have nine modern houseboats, with most boasting heated jacuzzis and plenty of extra living space.

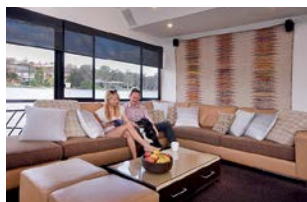


Equipment hire

Jump right in

Whatever vessel you decide to ride, don't forget to hire (or pack) your paddling equipment as well. Every day we see houseboats loaded up

with kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, tinnies, and speedboats – ensuring you can have as much action in the water as relaxing on it. A few extra toys on board means you can head out for a paddle on sunset, or into the backwaters and drop a line. ■



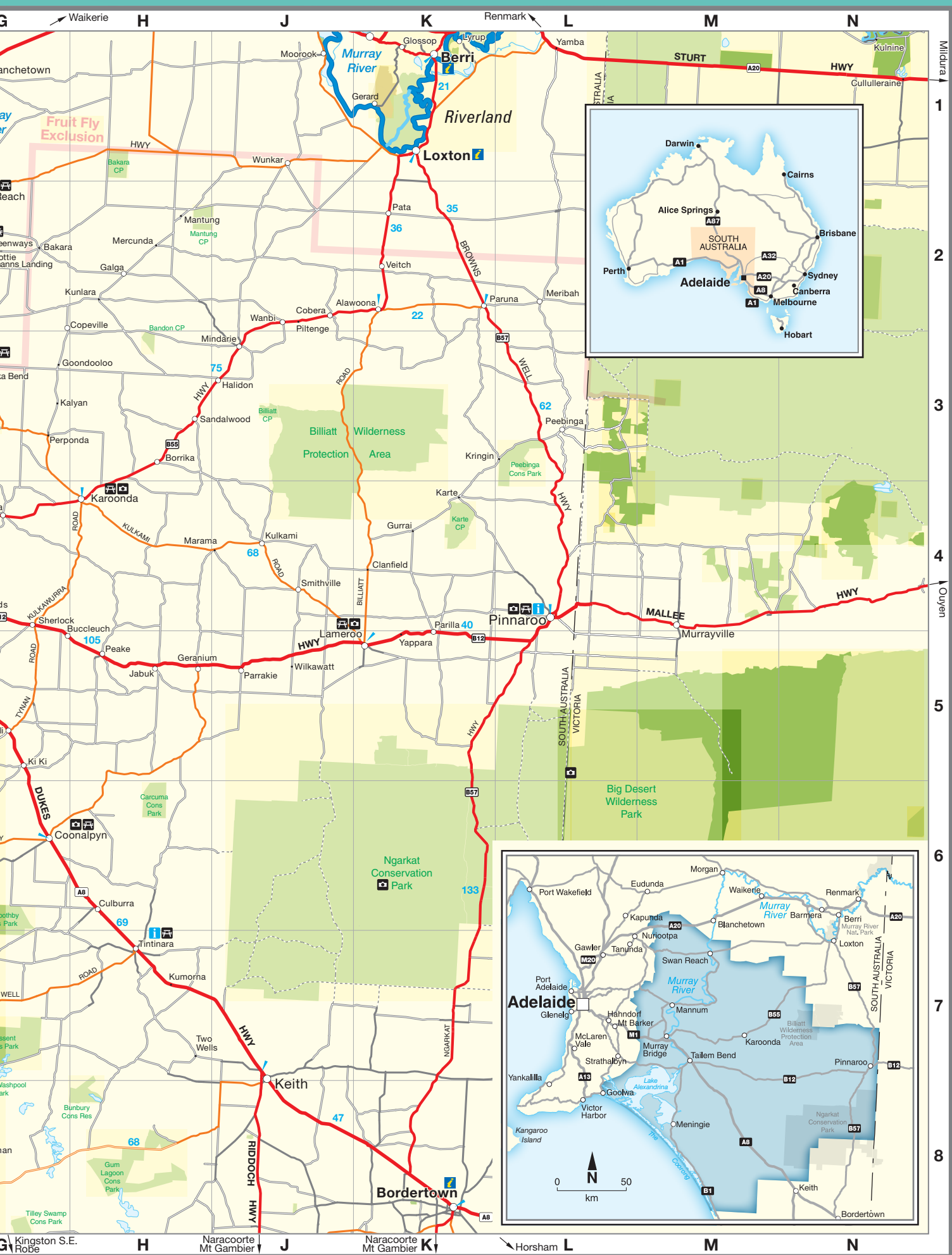
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Local info at a glance

	Accommodation	RV Friendly / Dump point	Vehicle repairs	Banking / EFTPOS	Post Office	General Store	Public Toilets	Liquor License	Hospital	Fuel	Meals	Boat Ramp	Police Station*
Bowhill	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Callington		DP		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Cambrai	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Clayton Bay	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Coonalpyn	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Goolwa	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Hindmarsh Island	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	
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Lameroo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
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Murray Bridge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	24	✓	✓	✓
Mypolonga	✓				✓	✓	✓					✓	
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Wellington	✓	RV		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
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RV = RV Friendly Only. DP = Dump point only. *NOTE: Not all police stations are open 24 hours. For more information on locations and opening times, visit police.sa.gov.au/contact-us

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National Parks, SA

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Fishing regulations (PIRSA)

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Boat and marine safety

sa.gov.au/topics/boating-and-marine

General enquiries: 122 324

Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone

Restrictions apply for bringing fresh fruit and vegetables into the region, unless purchased within SA and accompanied by a valid receipt. You must eat or properly dispose of produce at quarantine station bins before travelling through the Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone.

You should not bring any fruit or vegetables across the state border into SA unless they comply with state regulations (produce with receipts are ineligible). Fines of up to \$100,000 may apply. Visit the PIRSA website for guidelines.

pir.sa.gov.au

Fruit Fly Hotline (SA)

1300 666 010

Phylloxera

Phylloxera are a significant biosecurity threat to vineyards in South Australian wine regions. To help minimise risk of these microscopic pests causing destruction to grapevines, follow the hygiene practice of ensuring clothing, footwear and vehicles have been thoroughly washed upon arrival.

Please obtain permission before entering any vineyard.

Visit the Vinehealth Australia website for more information.

vinehealth.com.au

Mosquito Guide

Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites by covering up with long, loose fitting clothing, and using insect repellent. The most common diseases spread by mosquitos in South Australia is Ross River virus and Barmah Forest virus. Visit the SA Health website for more information.

sahealth.sa.gov.au

Police

Emergency: 000

Police assistance: 131 444

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

SAPOL website: police.sa.gov.au

Fire Services

Country Fire Services (CFS)

cfs.sa.gov.au

Emergency: 000

Bush Fire Hotline: 1300 362 361

State Emergency Services (SES)

ses.gov.au

Life threatening emergency: 000

Storm or flood emergency: 132 500

Hospitals

Murray Bridge Soldiers' Memorial Hospital

96 Swanport Road
Murray Bridge
(08) 8535 6777

Tailem Bend District Hospital

74 Princes Highway
Tailem Bend
(08) 8572 5800

Meningie and Districts Memorial Hospital

2 South Terrace
Meningie
(08) 8575 2777

Mannum District Hospital

Parker Street
Mannum
(08) 8569 0200

Karoonda and District Soldiers' Memorial Hospital

3 Stokes Road
Karoonda
(08) 8579 1111

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Our holiday homes offer an escape from reality. They're purpose-built to provide the best kind of stay the Murray River can offer, with private jetties and two-level decking so you can sit back, relax and watch the world quietly float by.

Premium provider River Shack Rentals has the biggest range of holiday homes spanning from Swan Reach to Murray Bridge. This local team can help you find the perfect place to suit your taste. You can also check out Coorong Realty.

Towards the end of the Murray at Goolwa lies a riverfront esplanade lined with beautiful holiday homes. This area has views overlooking the historic Hindmarsh Island Bridge, the barrage – and on most days, plenty of on-water action. These holiday rentals can be found by searching the popular HomeAway, Airbnb or Booking.com sites.

Our holiday homes offer an escape from reality for water lovers. Your own private riverfront paradise.

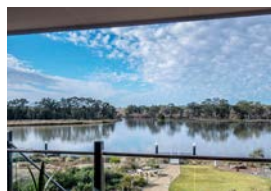
We also have unique floating accommodation. Murray Bridge's award-winning eco-pod The Cube is a

favourite, and floating cabins at Murray Bridge Marina are fun! Or, if it's on-land adrenalin you crave, then stay at The Bend Motorsport Park, with its track-view suites. All you need to do here is simply wake up, enjoy a chef-prepared breakfast and then suit up ready to race.

Or – if you want to keep things simple and low cost – we have plenty of motels, caravan parks, campsites and RV Friendly parks to choose from. ■



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Our must-see icons:

- ✓ Big Bend Cliffs, Big Bend
- ✓ Murray Princess, various
- ✓ Cruising vessels, Mannum, Murray Bridge, Goolwa
- ✓ Historic twin bridges, Murray Bridge
- ✓ Silo mural, Coonalpyn
- ✓ Bertha the Bunyip, Murray Bridge
- ✓ Point Malcolm Lighthouse, Narrung
- ✓ Mannum Waterfalls, Mannum
- ✓ Church on \$50 note, Raukkan
- ✓ Hindmarsh Bridge, Goolwa

Big Bend by Night, Swan Reach

Feed a lion, bid on a sheep race, learn how to fillet fish, or simply immerse yourself in some of the most beautiful bird sanctuaries on the planet.

It seems that whatever sort of wild adventure your heart craves, our region will have something to fulfil it.

Monarto Zoo is one of our most prominent icons, and people travel from across the globe to try out the latest animal experiences.

The award-winning Lions 360 encounter allows people a once-in-a-lifetime experience, including hand-feeding the lion pride. Or if it's a gentler family experience you crave, why not meander with the meerkats or feed the giraffes.



Experience Australia's largest open range zoo, Monarto Zoo. Explore our roaming animals and the only Lions 360 experience in Australia!

Visit monartozoo.com.au for more information!

Where to go wild:

- ✓ Monarto Zoo
- ✓ Big Bend By Night, Big Bend
- ✓ Coorong Wild Seafood, Meningie
- ✓ Murray Mouth, Goolwa Beach
- ✓ Coorong National Park, Salt Creek and Goolwa
- ✓ Ngarkat Conservation Park, Tintinara
- ✓ Goolwa Animal Farm
- ✓ Cambrai campsite, near Mannum



Hermann Gass Reserve

Near Swan Reach lies a little-known nocturnal adventure known as **Big Bend By Night**. These guys live and breathe the outback, and a few hours spent with them, will see you petting kangaroos, watching a live sheep race, and exploring wombat holes after dark. You can even enjoy a bushtucker breakfast on the banks of one of the most immaculate stretches of the Murray River cliffs.

If seafood is more your style, then head to the Coorong for a stay. Here, you'll be treated to some of the most spectacular birdlife you'll ever see (pack your binoculars), plus the Coorong National Park is home to plenty of Oz's best – including emus, kangaroos, wombats, echidnas. Coorong mullet has become pretty famous down this way, and none more so, than with fisherman Glen Hill (better known as the 'Wild Man of the Coorong'). Glen is one half of Coorong Wild Seafood, the team now delivering a unique 'catch and eat' experience from Meningie.

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Switch off, and get back to nature

Our spectacular waterways, dark skies and unique land are some of our greatest assets. Our backyard is the perfect place to switch off the phone and immerse yourself in nature.

From a morning sunrise across the Murray, to sunset views over the Lakes – and even once the sky is dark (and

we mean really dark) – we still have some of the best views in the world. During the day, you can explore conservation areas, wetlands and national parks. At night time, you can watch the stars and

Milky Way clearer than anywhere else in the State! In fact, the Mid Murray district has been measured as having some of the darkest skies in the world. So whether your perfect weekend away is a camping trip under the stars, or you're a budding astronomy photographer, this should be a bucket list location.

Camping, bushwalking, mountain biking, fishing, four-wheel-driving and kayaking all work together here. Every day we see four-wheel-drives loaded up with everything they need for the ultimate camping and off-road adventure.

Start at the freshwater end, camping along the banks of Swan Reach or Walker Flat, before you head along the Mighty Murray Way towards campsites at Mannum and Murray Bridge.



Coorong Wild Seafood Catch and Eat, Meningie

From here, you can shoot down to the unique edges of the Lower Lakes and Coorong for a saltier experience. No matter where you decide to explore though, you'll feel a million miles away from civilisation.

If you love fishing, our region is perfect too, because you can catch a giant mullet or even a fresh callop without having to board a boat!

Twitch, twitch

Twitchers love the region for its incredible variety of birdlife and conservation areas. Of course the gem of the region is the Jack's Point Pelican Observatory down near Salt Creek in the Coorong, but there is much more.

Just recently, the almost-extinct Mallee Emu Wren was released back in to Ngarkat Conservation Park near Tintinara, and is flourishing (bring your binoculars to capture a glimpse of these tiny beauties). At the other end of our region, we have the Lower Murray backwaters and lagoons which are home to a variety of ducks, herons and bitterns – with a few favourites being black-eared miners, regent parrots, red-lored whistlers, chestnut quail-thrushes, crested bellbirds, white-browed treecreepers, hooded robins and more. Places to view these birds include hides at Mannum (Hermann Gass Reserve) Goolwa and Murray Bridge (Riverglades and Swanport Wetlands). ■

All ages adventure



Goolwa

Canoeing at Murray Bridge

Think **meerkats** and **chimps**, **superslides** and **skateparks**, **waterfalls** and **nature playgrounds**, **frisbee golf** and **bunyips**, **plus all-ages boat rides**. The list goes on...

Family adventures are our thing. With a growing list of experiences, it's perfect for short or long stays. So, whether it's a quick day trip from Adelaide, or an extended getaway with friends in a riverfront holiday home, we think this might just be the perfect place for you.

Things to add to your itinerary include fishing or paddling along the River.

Whether it's an up-close wildlife experience at [Monarto Zoo](#) or the chance to roll down a sandhill in the [Coorong National Park](#), we have something to suit all ages.

If you love to explore outside, why not check out the Mannum Waterfalls, bird hides or head out to the Jack's Point Pelican Observatory Walk and create your own Storm Boy experience.

The upgraded interactive display at the [Mannum Dock Museum](#) is always a hit with kids. Your little ones can become the

'captain' and steer the wheel, blow whistles and talk through brass funnels. If you have time, consider a visit to [Big Bend By Night](#) - these guys have one of the most unique wildlife experiences, including sheep-races and nocturnal wildlife tours.

There's accommodation to suit all budgets and sizes. If you're after a premium experience, check in with [River Shack Rentals](#) or [Unforgettable Houseboats](#). Otherwise, there's plenty of great camping spots and caravan parks. The newest being a Big 4 Holiday Park at The Bend Motorsport Park. ■

There's train and paddlesteamer replicas to play on, new nature playgrounds and even a giant splash park!

Top 10 places to play:

- ✓ [Murray Bridge Water Park](#)
- ✓ [Mannum Dock Museum](#)
- ✓ [Bristow Smith Nature Play Reserve, Goolwa](#)
- ✓ [Sturt Reserve playground and skate park, Murray Bridge](#)
- ✓ [Tailem Bend locomotive playground](#)
- ✓ [Mannum skatepark and sports precinct](#)
- ✓ [Meningie nature playground](#)
- ✓ [Milang Foreshore Reserve](#)
- ✓ [Tintinara nature playground](#)
- ✓ [Karoonda Playground](#)

*For a list of all of our playgrounds, visit: themurrayriver.com/family-thing



Murray Bridge



Tailem Bend

Sing, dance, taste and rev your engines...



The Bend Motorsport Park, Tailem Bend

JANUARY

Sounds by the River Outdoor old-school rock music festival on the river's edge at Mannum.

Murray River Splash A month long festival of events on the riverfront at Sturt Reserve, Murray Bridge.

FEBRUARY

Love Langhorne Creek A celebration of our best local food and wine.

MARCH

Coonalpyn RV Festival A biennial gathering of RV goers take in the town's popular public artworks.

APRIL

Wooden Boat Festival A biennial two-day event at Goolwa with regional food, wine and entertainment. Cruise on a paddle steamer and admire wooden kayaks and classic wooden speedboats.

Karoonda Farm Fair Two-day exhibition of local, state and interstate farming and general interest products and events.

Murray Bridge Trail Running Festival Multiple distance walk/run trails through iconic local river scenery.

MAY

The Bend International MotoFest Australian & Asian Superbike Championships.

JUNE

SA Truck and Ute Show Award-winning show at Mannum displaying all ages and sizes of vehicles with festival atmosphere.

AUGUST

The Bend SuperSprint The Virgin Australia Supercars Championship over a three-day weekend.



SEPTEMBER

International Pedal Prix A 24-hour HPV street circuit race around Murray Bridge's Sturt Reserve.



NOVEMBER

Handpicked Festival A day of music, food and wine at Lake Breeze Winery in Langhorne Creek.

All Steamed Up Festival Biennial two-day celebration of boats, steam engines, blacksmiths and classic cars in Mannum.



For more events and details, drop in to a local Visitor Information Centre, follow our Murray River, Lakes and Coorong [Facebook page](#) or refer to our [website](#).

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

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Kangaroo Island Gateway - Penneshaw	08 8553 1185
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Juggle House Experiences

Best group dates:

- ✓ Jump on board a luxury limo with Juggle House
- ✓ Visit cellar doors at Langhorne Creek Wine Region
- ✓ Go karting at The Bend Motorsport Park, Tailem Bend
- ✓ Catch and Eat with Coorong Wild Seafood, Meningie
- ✓ Feed the Lions at Monarto Zoo
- ✓ Get nocturnal with Big Bend by Night, near Swan Reach
- ✓ Enjoy brunch at The Davery Establishment, Murray Bridge

Whether it's wine or wildlife, karting or cruising - we know the perfect group getaways.

For those who love the finer things in life, then a day amongst the vines at Langhorne Creek is a must, with its award-winning cellar doors, delicious grazing options and warm hospitality. Even better is that you don't need a designated driver - because you and 10 of your wine-drinking friends can travel in the Juggle House limo bus.

All good group outings must begin with a morning of exceptional food and coffee, so drop in to The Davery Establishment for one of its famous brunch meals, made from fresh local produce.

Speaking of produce, we've even got a hands-on experience for seafood lovers. Get a taste of Coorong Wild Seafood's 'Catch and Eat' fishing tour where you'll learn how to catch, fillet and prepare Coorong Mullet sustainably alongside a local fishing family (and taste your catch of course!). While you're here cruise amongst Coorong National Park's sandhills to Salt Creek, or along the beach from Goolwa to the Murray Mouth.

Get in the fast lane at The Bend to see who can conquer the karting circuit.

For adrenaline junkies, we recommend a visit to The Bend Motorsport Park for karting, hot laps and off-road adventures. Or throw yourself into the lion's den... literally. The popular Lions

360 experience at Monarto Zoo puts you within a whisker of these big cats.

If you need a place to stay, then check-in with the team from River Shack Rentals who can sleep anywhere up to 24 people. Or if you

want to float along the Murray, try the Unforgettable Houseboats fleet or Houseboat Hirers Association. ■



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The Davery Establishment, Murray Bridge

Did you know you can drive along the edges of four different waterways when you road trip here?

The Mighty Murray Way driving route will take you from the lower reaches of the Murray, past the spectacular Lower Lakes and magic of the Coorong, finishing at the Great Southern Ocean.

If you have a long weekend free, why not pack the car, and head south to the Coorong? Here you can start with a night in one of our beautiful lakeside towns like Meningie or Milang – both boast some of the best evening skies you'll ever see!

From here, navigate around Lake Albert and Lake Alexandrina, visiting Meningie's pink lake along the way. Take a drive

to nearby Goolwa (via Langhorne Creek cellar doors), where you can explore the Murray Mouth or Hindmarsh Island.

With more time, you can have a river to sea roadtrip. Starting at Swan Reach, you'll be able to cruise past the beautiful Big Bend cliffs and stop for a night or two in Mannum.

Next stop is Murray Bridge where you need to explore the beauty of Sturt Reserve (and its famous

bunyip). Sneak in a trip to Monarto Zoo, and make sure you stop for coffee or brunch at The Davery Establishment.

Further south you can spend a night at The Bend before you hit the edge of the Coorong again (and take a quick detour to the towering Coonalpyn silo art and roadside waffle stand). One thing's for sure, you won't get bored. ■

Best spots to watch the sunset:

- ✓ Big Bend cliffs, near Swan Reach
- ✓ Lake Albert, Meningie
- ✓ Lake Alexandrina, Milang
- ✓ Murray Mouth, Goolwa
- ✓ Frank Jackman Lookout, Murray Bridge
- ✓ 42 Mile Crossing, Coorong National Park (4WD)
- ✓ Palmer lookout (sunrise)
- ✓ Sturt Reserve, Murray Bridge (sunrise)

Whether by car, RV, caravan or bike, you'll be in awe as you take in the ever-changing colours, birdlife, smells and sunsets.

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Big Bend By Night

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