

Adventures in AMERICAN RIVER



Coming to Kangaroo Island for a holiday?

Make sure you visit **AMERICAN RIVER** and **PELICAN LAGOON**.

There's so many **ADVENTURES** to go on!

a day of **WALKING**

American River is a great place for those who enjoy **WALKING**. There are trails throughout the township along the edge of the calm waters. You can observe pelicans, black swans and other aquatic bird life. Great for kids riding bikes!

The **FISH CANNERY WALKING TRAIL** is a 4 km trail filled with Bush, Birds and Beach. Keep your eye open for a rare Glossy Black Cockatoo.

There is also the **INDEPENDENCE TRAIL** which is a 3.6 km trail with good paths and lovely views. Great for those who like to have a jog while on holiday.

a day of **HISTORY**

Climb to the top of **PROSPECT HILL** to see the view that Matthew Flinders observed when he stood upon the hill in 1802. The climb is worth the effort as it is a stunning view of Kangaroo Island. Have the kids count the steps as they go up!

Pop into the **REBUILDING THE INDEPENDENCE PROJECT** at the Jetty. This volunteer group is re-creating the first vessel ever built in South Australia - the 45ft US Schooner "Independence." The original was built on the banks of an inlet, where now stands the town of American River.

a day of **WATER**

The **TOWN OF AMERICAN RIVER** is a fun place to go fishing. Throw a line off the jetty or hire a kayak and paddle out into the calm waters. This part of Kangaroo Island is known for catching the prized King George Whiting, Australian Salmon Trout and Blue Swimmer Crabs. There's a lovely kids playground and tennis courts by the wharf.

Visit **PENNINGTON BAY** for a surf, boogie board, fish and stunning views. It's a magic beach. Drive out to **FLOUR CASK BAY** for a wild beach adventure. Make sure to visit **RED BANKS BEACH** for a view of the very unique cliffs. You'll soon understand why this beach got its name!

a day of **EXPERIENCES**

American River is home to the **THE OYSTER FARM SHOP AND TOURS**. Kangaroo Island Shellfish farms Pacific and native Angasi oysters. Their oyster sheds are located on the American River wharf. The Oyster Farm Shop located across the road showcasing Island Aquaculture and Sustainable Seafood including local Oysters, Marron, Abalone, King George Whiting and smoked produce. They offer a really interesting land based farm tour which happens daily from the wharf.

KANGAROO ISLAND LIVING HONEY offers a "Beekeeping Experience". You suit up and go through a live bee hive at their property on Florence Road.

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GREAT FOOD OPTIONS!

Visit one of these local spots for a tasty treat.

BEACH BARISTA

Breakfast, Lunch, Coffees
Pennington Bay and Prospect Hill

THE AMERICAN RIVER POST OFFICE AND GENERAL STORE

Snacks, Groceries and Bottle Shop
ATM Services at counter
Fill up your water bottles for free!

THE SHED

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday Dinner
Run by the Community and Sports Organisation
Fully Licensed

FLAVOURS OF PETITE PROVENCE

Farm Gate Shop
Florence Road

GLOSSY BLACK RESTAURANT AT WANDERERS REST

Breakfast and Dinner
Fully Licensed

THE DECK CAFE AT THE WHARF

Breakfast, Lunch
Fully Licensed

REFLECTIONS RESTAURANT AT THE MERCURE

Breakfast and Dinner
Fully Licensed

KI TRUE THAI

Thursday Night Dinner and Live Music
Old Salt Lake Road
Fully Licensed

THE OYSTER FARM SHOP

Lunch and Tours
Fully Licensed

FOR SPECIAL GIFTS:

BOOMERBANK GALLERY

Found objects sculptor and hat designer unite in a beautiful private studio on Pelican Lagoon.

MB STONER ART GLASS STUDIO

"Bernie" Stoner is a legendary glass artist. His Pelican Lagoon Studio is open by appointment. Go see his marbles!

INTERESTING BITS ABOUT AMERICAN RIVER

DRAGON BOATING

American River is home to the Kangaroo Island Dragon Boat team. You'll see them out paddling on Wednesdays and Sundays. One of their hand painted boats is on display by the campground.

FERAL CATS. FERALS END

Feral cats are a real problem on Kangaroo Island. The island is free of rabbits and foxes but since cats were introduced in 1844 the feral population has grown to an estimated 5000. The cats have decimated wildlife and are threatening the island's sheep industry with disease.

Barry Green, an environmentalist, has been trapping, skinning and tanning the hides of feral cats on Kangaroo Island for the past 25 years. You can visit his home and purchase his 'cat' gifts and

local jams at the end of Trethewey Court.

PELICAN LAGOON

Pelican Lagoon is a conservation park which is 449 hectares and lies immediately to the south of the town of American River. It consists of land on the peninsula of the north side of the tidal inlet of Pelican Lagoon as well as five islets within the inlet itself. It includes woodland, scrub and heath formations as well as wetland vegetation and adjoins samphire mudflats, providing habitat for several species of woodland and wetland birds and other animals.

Boating and fishing are not allowed in this area.

JOHNSONS AIR STRIP

American River has its very own light aircraft airstrip located at Muston Heights, just on the hill before you drive into the township.

GLOSSY BLACK COCKATOOS are often seen in American River



Wandering around **CYGNET RIVER** & **EMU BAY**



Coming to Kangaroo Island for a holiday?

There's so many delights to discover between **CYGNET RIVER** and **EMU BAY**.

Head over and have a **WANDER** through the area.

a day of **WATER**

EMU BAY is a beautiful 4 km beach surrounded by cliffs. It has clear waters, a long shoreline, and it is one of the few Kangaroo Island beaches with direct vehicle access.

Despite the beach's popularity, it rarely gets too crowded even during the hottest summer months. Emu Bay does have a boat ramp.

Head east of **EMU BAY** to explore the secluded waters of **BOXING BAY** and the **BAY OF SHOALS**.
Such lovely coastline and vistas!

Spend the day at **DUCK LAGOON**. Here you may observe the birdlife from the shelter of the bird hide. You can investigate old relics from the past, or just wander on the scenic walking trail which takes you along the banks of the Lagoon and the Cygnet River. Good place to spot koalas in the lofty Gum Trees.

a day of **EXPLORING**

Visit the real life studio and gallery of artist, **NEIL SHEPPARD** (alias Shep). His legacy of artwork is available for viewing and includes Originals, museum quality Limited Editions and Memorial Edition Reproductions. **SHEP'S STUDIO** can be opened by appointment.

Make sure to visit **GEORGE TURNER'S 40,000 CASTLE LIGHTS** located on the North Coast Road. It's a fantasy in day or night. Call 8553 5213 for info.

For something special, visit **THE OLD WISANGER SCHOOL** was opened in 1884. Visitors can walk through the historic building and view photos and old text books in their original setting.

a day of **ADVENTURES**

For a marine wildlife experience on the North Coast, join **KANGAROO ISLAND MARINE ADVENTURES** for a tour where you can swim with the wild dolphins. There's no age limit on their tours and there are many options to choose from...so give them a call to explore.

EMU BAY FISHING CHARTERS is a great family run fishing charter on Kangaroo Island. When you go out on their charters, you can catch the well-loved King George whiting, Snapper, Trevally, Flathead, Nannygai, Snook, Shark and Tuna when in season plus your other local reef fish. They set sail on a fully surveyed 10 meter vessel for a trip in luxury and a skipper with over 20 years knowledge fishing the area.

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TASTE BUD EXPLOSION!

If you are a foodie, then you are in luck, try one of these local spots for delicious-ness.

EMU BAY LAVENDER FARM AND CAFE

Breakfast and Lunch
Farm Gate and Gift Shop
Fully Licensed

FROGS AND ROSES

Lunch and Plant Nursery
Fully Licensed

KANGAROO ISLAND AIRPORT CAFE

Snacks, Lunch, Coffee

KI BREWERY

Crafted Beer, Local Wine, Pop Up Food
from Local Chefs and Foodies
Fully Licensed

KI SPIRITS

Distillery, Cocktails and Coffee
Fully Licensed

MINI DELIGHTS AT KI SPIRITS

Lunch
Fully Licensed

SPRINGS ROAD WINES

Cellar Door
Fully Licensed

THE ISLANDER ESTATE WINES

Cellar Door and Nibbles
Fully Licensed

INTERESTING BITS ABOUT CYGNET RIVER & EMU BAY

TRILOBITES

The dark grey shale in Emu Bay is famous for containing some of the best preserved examples of Redlichia trilobite fossils in the world. It is mind boggling to imagine that around 525 million years ago the sea floor would have been swarming with trilobite life. More than 50 species of trilobites have been identified, as well as the other interesting marine animals such as Anomalocaris, a giant

ancestral arthropod (similar to a crayfish) that was the apex predator of its time. The Emu Bay fossils prove Anomalocaris had compound eyes with 360° vision, making it a very effective hunter. These fossils are protected under state and national laws, with hefty penalties for violators. The South Australian Museum is the best place to see these creatures 'in the flesh' or within a rock in this case!

HORSE RACES

Kangaroo Island has a dedicated Horse Racing course and two popular racing events. In January, Racing at the Cygnet is a family picnic style event. In February, the Sealink Kangaroo Island Cup Carnival is spread over 4 huge days with 2 days

of racing. This is quite the event on Kangaroo Island where you can taste all the local produce and beverages. Dress in your race day best and join in with a range of festivities.

KANGAROO ISLAND DUMP

The Kangaroo Island Dump is open daily and has a little Op Shop open to the public. You never know what you might find in their treasure shed.

SALT LAKES

While driving around Kangaroo Island, you will pass by different salt lakes. On route to Emu Bay, you will notice a large salt lake. According to South Australian History... "During the early 1800s, at the time of unofficial settlement at Kangaroo Island, salt

was scraped from the surfaces of Muston Lake, White Lagoon, Salt Lagoon and some smaller ones near Kingscote. Most of this was used for domestic purposes, meat preservation and the tanning of hides which would be pegged out on wooden boards or on flat ground and coated with salt. Occasionally sealing vessels also called in to collect a supply of salt. Both hides and salt were bartered for tea, rum and sugar as these men had no need or use for money. 'Exports' of salt from Kangaroo Island to Adelaide in 1843 amounted to thirteen tons. In 1844 this had increased to eighty-two tons and by 1913 it was a massive twenty thousand tons."



DAYS on the DUDLEY

Coming to Kangaroo Island for a holiday?

Head over to the **DUDLEY PENINSULA**, located on the **EAST SIDE OF KI** for a day.

There's **SO MUCH** to do and see!

a day of **HIKING**

Walk along the **KANGAROO ISLAND SCULPTURE TRAIL** for 1.5 km of beautiful artwork, wildlife, lovely views and an amazing swing bridge.

Go for a wander on **WALLA-BY TRACK** for a 3km return bush adventure up the waterfall ravine.
Great for kids.

Head to **IRONSTONE HILL HIKE** in Baudin Conservation Park for an informative coastal hike which is 4.2 km return.

The **FIREBALL BATES WALKING TRAIL** begins at the old visitor centre and is a 3 km loop down to near the ferry and back with interpretive signs along the way.

a day of **HISTORY**

Pop into the **PENNESHAW MARITIME AND FOLK MUSEUM**, occupying the building once known as the Hog Bay Public School.

Want to see 200 year old graffiti?
Go find **FRENCHMAN'S ROCK**.
The rock was inscribed by the members of Nicolas Baudin's crew on the ship *Le Geographe* in 1803 on their expedition to map the coast of Australia. They stopped at the bay to collect meat, fresh water and collected many flora and fauna specimens.

Explore **CAPE WILLOUGHBY LIGHT HOUSE** for tours and interesting facts on the oldest lighthouse in South Australia. Coastal Heritage Hike Trail begins at the lighthouse.

a day of **WATER**

PENNESHAW BEACH, BAUDIN BEACH and **ISLAND BEACH** offer a relaxing sandy experience with beautiful, safe, calm waters.

BROWN BEACH provides interesting beautiful walks, camping and snorkelling.

Visiting **ANTECHAMBER BAY** and **CHAPMAN'S RIVER** is a magical experience. Take a kayak or fishing rods and explore for hours.

Head to **PENNINGTON BAY** for a surf, boogie board, fish and stunning views.

The **PENNESHAW JETTY** is a fun place to catch a lucky squid and watch dolphins.

a day of **EXPERIENCES**

Book a night tour with the **PENNESHAW PENGUIN CENTRE** and hike along the coast to see the little penguins nesting.

Book in with **KI OCEAN SAFARI** for a swim with the dolphins or an unforgettable coastal tour.

Book in to **ROBS SHEEP SHEARING AND SHEEP DOGS** for an interactive farm demonstration.

Hire E-Bikes from **ANTECHAMBER BAY RETREATS** and explore their trails!

PENNESHAW GOLF COURSE has 9 holes right in the middle of town. Hire some sticks from the Penneshaw Fuel and Hardware station.

Fancy some **PUTT PUTT GOLF**? There's a cute little course next to the Seafront Hotel.

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WE LOVE GOOD FOOD!

Come over to the Dudley for delicious foodie experiences.

DUDLEY WINES

Cellar Door, Lunch and Gifts
Fully Licensed

FALSE CAPE WINES

Cellar Door and Lunch
Fully Licensed

FAT BEAGLE CAFE

Breakfast, Lunch
Fully Licensed

FIRE AND SMOKE KI

Lunch, Dinner
Fully Licensed

KI FISH AND CHIPS

Dinner

MILLIE MAE'S PANTRY

Breakfast, Lunch
Fully Licensed

PENNESHAW IGA

Fantastic grocery store features
selection of produce, supplies
and many KI products

SEADRAGON CAFE

Light Meals
Sealink Terminal Cafe

SORRENTOS PIZZARIA

Dinner
Fully Licensed

SUNSET FOOD AND WINE

Hatted Chef Modern Bistro
Lunch, Dinner
Fully Licensed

THE CORRIDOR RESTUARANT

Lunch, Dinner
Fully Licensed

THE PENNESHAW PUB

Lunch, Dinner, Weekend Brunch
Fully Licensed

PENNESHAW HELPFUL SERVICES

PENNESHAW COMMUNITY BUSINESS CENTRE

Offers full Postal Services,
Banking Facilities and a KI
Information Hub.
Nice gift selection. All profits go
directly back to the
Penneshaw Community.

PENNESHAW BOTTLE SHOP

Located next to the
Penneshaw Pub, stocking all
your favourites plus the local
wines, brews and the range
of KI Spirits Gins.

PENNESHAW FUEL AND HARDWARE

Your local stop for fuel, supplies,
bait and friendly local knowledge.

ARTS, GIFTS & CULTURE

KILDEA CHEMIST

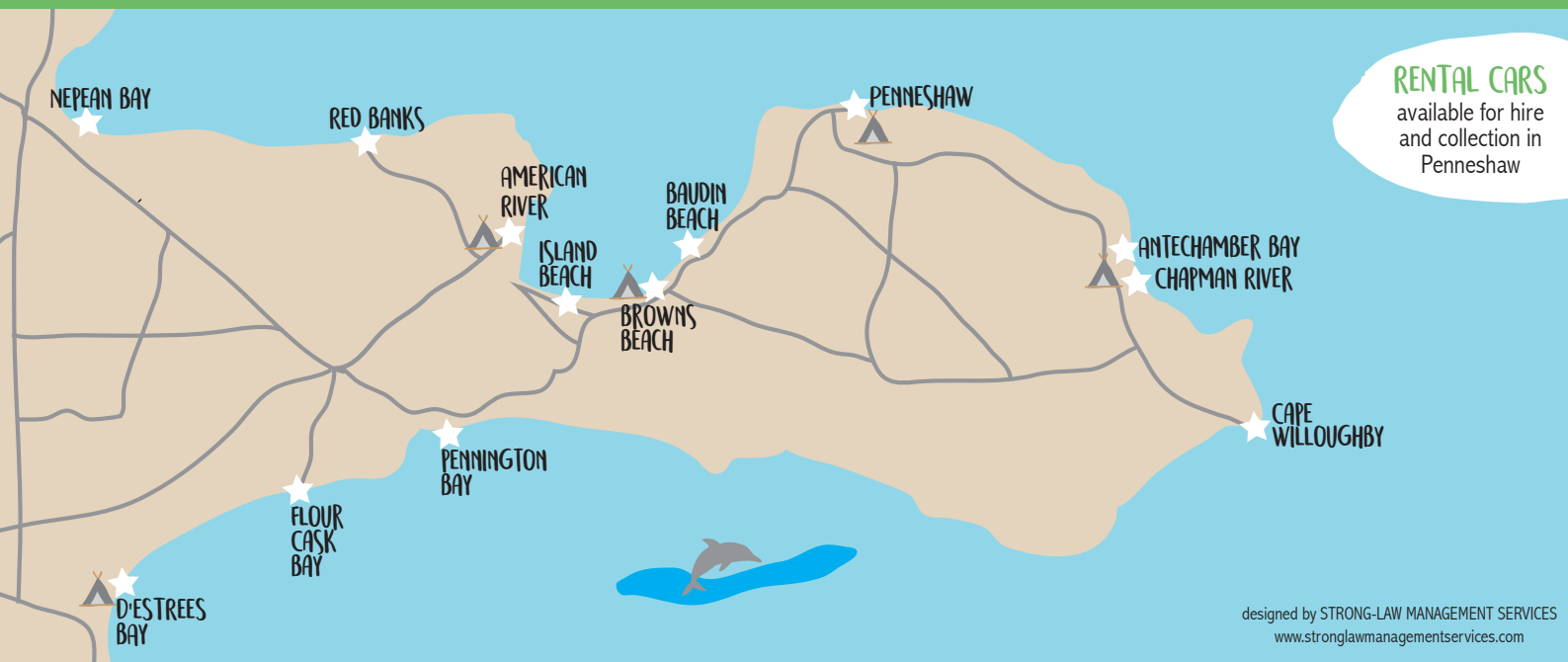
Located next to the Post office,
this local Chemist will assist you
with your medical supplies and
pharmacy needs. They also have
a lovely selection of gifts.

PENNESHAW MARKET DAYS

Held on first Sundays of the
month plus Easter Sunday from
October - April and to welcome
arriving cruise ships.

ARTWORKS GALLERY AT BAUDIN BEACH

Friendly, informal community
gallery manned and run entirely
by the artists themselves and
volunteer members of the artists
Collective KI Inc.



RENTAL CARS

available for hire
and collection in
Penneshaw



Coming to Kangaroo Island for a holiday?

The largest township on the island is **KINGSCOTE**.
It's a must visit for **ALL THOSE THINGS** you need during your stay!

a day of **HISTORY**

REEVES POINT was the first official European Settlement in South Australia. This site is loaded with history. The area was chosen for its vantage points to view Flagstaff Hill and Monument Hill. Make sure you check out the **OLD MULBERRY TREE** and the **OLD CEMETERY**.

To dive into the history of Kangaroo Island, visit **THE HOPE COTTAGE NATIONAL TRUST MUSEUM**.

The oldest public building in Kingscote is the **ST ALBANS CHURCH** built in 1884.

THE CAIRN is a historical marker that indicates where the first Post Office was located.

a day of **WALKING**

The Kingscote area has many casual walking trails. The **KINGSCOTE SCENIC WALKING TRAIL** starts at the Ozone Hotel and follows the coast to Brownlow and the mouth of the Cygnet River. It's a 11 km return walk. There is also the **HISTORICAL REEVES POINT WALK** which begins at the jetty and is a 4 km return walk. The **KINGSCOTE- A WALK BACK IN TIME TRAIL** starts at the Ozone and is 1.8 km walk to take in the historical building sites. To polish it off, you can follow the **KINGSCOTE HISTORIC SIGNS TRAIL** which takes you thorough the historic buildings around town.

If you enjoy a group run on these smooth trails, the **KANGAROO ISLAND PARK RUN** takes off from the Tidal Pool every Saturday morning at 8:00 am.

a day of **PLAYING**

The **KINGSCOTE FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET** happens on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month.

The kiddos will love the 4 different **PLAYGROUNDS** available throughout the town.

Visit the **KINGSCOTE GOLF COURSE** which offers 18 holes just outside of Brownlow. There is a strong community at the **KINGSCOTE BOWLS CLUB** which has been around since 1957.

Next to the Kingscote Football Oval is a cool, modern **SKATE PARK** with multiple levels.

THE ISLAND BEEHIVE offers an interactive and personalised tour at their shop just as you are entering into Kingscote.

a day of **WATER**

The **KINGSCOTE WHARF AND JETTY** area is great for seeing pelicans, catching fish and watching the sunset. If you dive, keep an eye out for the beautiful seadragons.

KINGSCOTE TIDAL POOL is always open and ready for swimmers. **KANGAROO ISLAND YACHT CLUB** offers sailing lessons for kids and adults.

BROWNLOW BEACH is a gentle safe beach for kids and great for casual walks.

If you head out for a drive visit the **BAY OF SHOALS** to see the amazing sand bars and protected coastal marine waters. **NEPEAN BAY** is a short drive and offers a lovely beach experience.

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PUT SOME FOOD IN YOUR BELLY!

Time to try some local grub...so many options.

AMADIO WINES

Lunch, Dinner, Cellar Door
Fully Licensed

AMANDA'S TAKEAWAY

Lunch, Dinner

BAY OF SHOALS WINES

Cellar Door and Nibbles
Fully Licensed

BELLA CAFE & PIZZA BAR

Lunch, Dinner
Fully Licensed

CACTUS

Breakfast and Lunch
Watch out for pop up Friday Dinners!
Fully Licensed

CHOCOL ART & COFFEE

Coffees, Smoothies, Chocolate

D'ESTREES BAKERY

Pop up Bakery on Tuesday
next to Cactus

DRAKES FOODLAND

Supermarket

I LOVE VIETNAM

Food Truck

KANGAROO ISLAND FRESH SEAFOODS

Fish and Chips, Fishmonger
Lunch, Dinner

LUCY'S KI KITCHEN AT THE YACHT CLUB

Friday Night Dinner

NORTHCOTT FARMLAND MEATS

Butcher

OZONE HOTEL BAR & RESTAURANT

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Bottle Shop, Fully Licensed

QUEENSCLIFFE HOTEL BAR & RESTAURANT

Lunch, Dinner
Fully Licensed

RABBIT WARREN BAKERY

Breakfast, Lunch

ROGER'S DELI & NEWSAGENCY

Breakfast, Lunch

SALTY DOG DINER

Food Truck, Foreshore

THE ISLAND BEEHIVE

Nibbles, Honey Tasting,
Farm Gate, Tours

THE LIGHTHOUSE CAFE

Breakfast, Lunch

THE ORGANIC CONNECTION

Specialty Organic Market

ARTS CRAFTS & OP SHOPS

FINE ART KANGAROO ISLAND

A privately owned, fine art gallery filled with the work of the most outstanding Kangaroo Island artists.

KANGAROO ISLAND GALLERY

A community art gallery specifically for the promotion, encouragement and exposure of artists and craftspeople of Kangaroo Island.

KI SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

Handspun and Dyed Wool,
Hand Knitted Garments

BIG QUINCE PRINT

Printing Needs, Books, Gifts

ISLAND STYLE

Sports, Fashion, Furniture, Gifts

ISLAND VARIETY

Huge selection of things and a video game room!

KANGASHOO SHOES

New Season's Fashions, Shoes,
Gifts, Lottery Tickets

KILDEA CHEMIST

Chemist, Beauty Therapy, Gifts

KINGSCOTE GIFT SHOP

Souvenirs, Books, Toys, Stationery,
Art, Homewares

LORI'S WEB

Clothing, Books, Gifts

SEASIDE BEAUTY

Beauty Therapy, Massage, Gifts

THE BAY WINDOW

Craft Supplies, Craft Lessons

THE CANCER SUPPORT SHOP

Crafts, Jams, Treasures

ISLAND NANTIQUES

Antiques, Second Hand Furniture

ISLAND CARE OP SHOP

Large Opportunity Shop

LIONS CLUB OP SHOP

Opportunity Shop and on Friday they have a furniture shed

SO MANY SERVICES AVAILABLE IN KINGSCOTE

Kingscote is the centre for services on Kangaroo Island.

In town you will find Medical Facilities, Clinics,

Dentists, Physiotherapy, Chemist, Beauty and Massage services.

There's a selection of Hardware Stores, Electrical and Home Appliance Shops, Petrol Stations, Mechanics, Agricultural Supplies and Veterinary Services.

Kangaroo Island Council Office and Public Library, Government Offices, Natural Resources and Parks Offices, Post Office, Sealink Ferry Office, Travel Agents are there for assisting.

There's plenty of food, grocery, and bottle shop options around town. You'll always find a friendly local to help you out when you have a question... just ask!



Explore PARNDANA and the NORTH COAST



Coming to Kangaroo Island for a holiday?

Make sure you visit our island "heartland" township of **PARNDANA** and the majestic **THE NORTH COAST**. It's a great place to **EXPLORE**.

a day of **ANIMALS**

The **KANGAROO ISLAND WILDLIFE PARK AND AQUARIUM** is an unforgettable experience. Make sure you plan a long visit. Experience our wildlife up close- hold koalas, feed kangaroos and wallabies, have a chat with the birds and learn about our unique animals. The little penguins are a delight to watch while they feed on fish.

WILLS RARE BREEDS FARM is a unique collection of rare and unusual breeds of domesticated farm animals. Book in a tour...it is believed to be the first of its kind in Australia.

There are 3 conservation parks in this area. They were all affected by the bushfires and are temporarily closed. **LATHAMI CONSERVATION PARK**, **PARNDANA CONSERVATION PARK** and the **SEDDON CONSERVATION PARK** are all due to reopen in the near future and will be great places to explore the regrowth of the natural landscape.

a day of **ACTIVITIES**

Visit the **PARNDANA SOLDIER SETTLEMENT MUSEUM** to experience the way life was during the early farming days. It's a fascinating look at the early 1950's challenges to transforming the KI native landscape into agriculture.

Make sure to visit **GEORGE TURNERS 40,000 CASTLE LIGHTS** located on the North Coast Road. It's a fantasy in day or night. Call 8553 5213 for info.

Time to tee up! **PARNDANA GOLF COURSE** is an 18 hole course with tree lined fairways and sand scrapes.

HIGHEST COASTAL CLIFFS ON KI are between Cape Borda and Cape Torrens. The cliffs commonly reach up to 200 metres.
What a landscape to explore!

CAPE BORDA LIGHT HOUSE is currently closed, but will reopen in the near future.

a day of **WATER**

You must see **STOKES BAY**! Make sure to get out of your car and follow the **BEACH** signs for a whimsical walk into the cliff path to the stunning hidden beach that awaits you. There's even a lovely gentle rock pool for the little ones to feel safe and have a snorkel.

Visit **WESTERN RIVER COVE** for really colourful snorkeling adventures. **SNELLINGS BEACH** is a beautiful spot for a swim or casting out for a bit of a surf fish.

Discover the natural treasures at the pebble covered **KING GEORGE BEACH**. Well worth the drive to spend a little time on this remarkable little beach.

Why not catch your own dinner? **KANGAROO ISLAND FISHING ADVENTURES** offers a variety of fishing charters out of Western River Cove. The coastline is stunning to view from the boat.

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YUM! WE ARE HUNGRY!

Visit one of these local spots for a tasty treat.

CAFE AT PARNDANA WILDLIFE PARK

Lunch

Get your fix of hot chips, toasties,
icecreams and other treats

THE PARNDANA HOTEL AND BOTTLE SHOP

Lunch and Dinner, 7 days a week

Serving traditional pub classics

The wine list showcases local wines from
the heartland region.

Fully Licensed

THE PARNDANA BAKERY AND CAFE

Breakfast and Lunch

Cafe and Groceries

THE ROCKPOOL CAFE AT STOKES BAY

Lunch

Serving seafood along with other
seasonal selections

Fully Licensed

DAVO'S DELI IN PARNDANA

Deli, Petrol Station, Post Office
and General Supplies Shop

INTERESTING BITS ABOUT PARNDANA

THE HEARTLAND

Parndana is the agricultural hub of the island where farming provides a valuable contribution to the economy, largely through prime lamb, wool, cattle and broadacre cropping. Other farmed items include marron, viticulture, potatoes, garlic and honey.

A great base to explore the North and South coast of the island, Parndana offers a small amount of accommodation from cottages to bed and breakfasts and a caravan park. Services in Parndana include a Golf Course, BMX track, Children's Playground/Picnic Park, and Museum. Mechanical & Petrol supplies, Post Office, 7 day Supermarket and 24 hour laundromat.

Parndana was established after the second world war to support the Soldier Settlement

Scheme. Parndana means 'The place of the little gums'. Returned soldiers and their families began to arrive in the area in 1948, occupying huts brought from a former internment camp, and began to move onto their farms in 1951. A total of 174 families came to live in the area, almost doubling Kangaroo Island's population by 1954.

SPEED SHEARING

The Parndana Hotel is home to the annual Speed Shearing competition. Watch while the professionals go head to head to determine who is the fastest sheep shearing team on Kangaroo Island. There are prizes to be won and bragging rights to be enjoyed. This event is a great community event with live music and great food.

BUSHFIRES OF 2020

In January 2020 bushfires impacted the heartland of KI. Many businesses and farms were lost and countless numbers of livestock, habitat and wildlife perished. Approximately 200,000 hectares were affected. Due to the remarkable work from locals, CFS, MFS, DEW and farmer fire fighting units, the Township of Parndana remains standing. The

amazing story is full of examples of community teamwork and resilience. This is the spirit that lives on through the people who live and work in this region of Kangaroo Island. Although the clean up and recovery will be a long road, the "heartland" of Kangaroo Island remains strong.

GEOLOGY AROUND PARNDANA

The characteristic outback-red colour of the land surfaces throughout the Parndana region is caused by the weathering of laterite, an iron-rich rock and soil type that forms in humid tropical environments.

The widespread distribution of laterite in central and western Kangaroo Island suggests the island had a tropical climate in its ancient geological past, most likely during the Pliocene Epoch ca. 5.3 to 2.6 million years ago. Laterite is full of marble-shaped iron concretions called 'pisoliths', which can make roads quite slippery - so drive carefully!





So much to see on the **SOUTH COAST**

Coming to Kangaroo Island for a holiday?

Head down the **SOUTH COAST** for a day of **ADVENTURES**.

There is just so much to **SEE** and **DO**!

a day of **ANIMALS**

Definitely take the time to visit **RAPTOR DOMAIN**, an environmental and educational rehabilitation centre for many orphaned, injured and sick birds of prey, snakes, lizards and other critters. They offer 3 different tours called **IN-FLIGHT**, **FANG-TASTIC**, and the **VENOM PIT**.

SEAL BAY has been home to an Australian sea lion population for thousands of years, and offers one of the most exceptional nature-based experiences in the world. This conservation park gives you an amazing opportunity to walk among the sea lions in their natural beach habitat. There is also a beautiful boardwalk option.

a day of **WALKING**

CAPE GANTHEAUME CONSERVATION PARK AND WILDERNESS PROTECTION AREA is really awesome!

This whole area is full of remarkable walking trails, beautiful beaches and examples of untouched natural environments.

MURRAY LAGOON is a birdwatchers paradise and the largest lagoon on KI. Please visit this area, take a picnic and enjoy yourself.

There is also the little **BEYERIA CONSERVATION PARK** for nice wander in the bushes with lovely wildlife encounters and interesting fauna.

VIVONNE BAY CONSERVATION PARK is currently closed, but due to reopen in the near future.

a day of **WATER**

VIVONNE BAY has often been declared one of the most beautiful beaches in Australia. It's a stunner. You can swim, fish, jetty jump, go explore hidden rock pools, watch cray fishermen bring in the daily catch and just beach comb for hours. It's a glorious white sand beach which will occupy your days as long as you stay in this area!

D'ESTREES BAY is another hidden gem of Kangaroo Island and a great place to explore, fish, surf and picnic. Take the self guided drive which begins at the 2nd boat ramp to discover birdlife, coastal habitats, whaling and farming history.

If you go out to Seal Bay, make sure to stop at **BALES BEACH** to take a deep breath and enjoy the sights.

a day of **ADVENTURE**

Oh me, oh my...go to **LITTLE SAHARA**! It's like no other adventure on KI. You get to sandboard down big sand hills! **KANGAROO ISLAND OUTDOOR ACTION** hires out gear and can also offer you some other crazy-fun tours like driving quad bikes through the bush, kayaks on the Harriet River and Fat Bike rides.

Want to ride a horse through the native KI bushland? Then contact **TIGER TRAILS** for a horse riding adventure tour.

To learn more about the produce from this region, visit **CLIFFORD'S HONEY FARM** and **EMU RIDGE EUCALYPTUS OIL DISTILLERY** for info and history of ligurian bees and the KI Eucalyptus industry.

FOR ACCOMMODATION AND TOUR OPTIONS, PLEASE VISIT
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EVERYONE NEEDS SOME FOOD!

Stop off and try some goodies at these spots.

CLIFFORD'S HONEY FARM

HONEY ICE CREAM!

Farm Gate and Gift Shop

EMU RIDGE EUCALYPTUS OIL DISTILLERY

Lunch, Farm Gate and Gift Shop

Fully Licensed

KI TUCKERBOX AT RAPTOR DOMAIN

Lunch, Snacks, Coffee



VIVONNE BAY GENERAL STORE & BOTTLE SHOP

Groceries, Petrol, Lunch, Bottle Shop

Try the famous Whiting Burger!

Fully Licensed

RUSTIC BLUE

Art Gallery and Cafe

Fully Licensed

(Currently closed, but due to reopen in the near future)

INTERESTING BITS ABOUT THE SOUTH COAST

EUCALYPTUS OIL

Eucalyptus Oil distilling was once one of KI's major industries. Distilled from the leaf of the indigenous Kangaroo Island Narrow Leaf Mallee, *Eucalyptus cneorifolia*. It began in the 1880's, and was a supplementary income for the farmers clearing their land for sheep farming. In the 1930's it reached its peak with 48 stills employing over 600 people. Over the eucalyptus distilling era there

were around 100 stills on the island. One company, F.H. Faulding & Co purchased Emu Ridge in 1923, establishing two plantations in 1938 for the purpose of systematically harvesting on a rotational basis. The Narrow Leaf Eucalypt responds well to pruning.

Most success, however, was achieved by individuals who set up stills as a seasonal sideline. In the 50's Sheep farming took over being more viable for farmers, a few stills continued operating after that time but nothing commercially, thus eucalyptus distilling became part of history. In 1991 the islands economy was bleak. Larry, a fourth generation sheep farmer and a bit of a schemer came up with a few

ideas. The thick scrub his ancestors worked so hard to clear became an unlikely saviour.

LIGURIAN BEES

Kangaroo Island is the world's oldest bee sanctuary and is home to the purest strain of Ligurian Bee in the world. A pure strain of any species is rare these days, especially in the bee world in which continental population shifts have meant the crossing of species for centuries. The Italian honey bee is thought to originate from the continental part of Italy, south of the Alps, and north of Sicily. The subspecies may have survived the last Ice Age in Italy. Kangaroo Island bee colonies have never been

exposed to other common diseases and bacteria that attack hives, as it is too far for bees to fly from the mainland.

AUSTRALIAN SEA LIONS

Australian sea lions (*Neophoca cinerea*) are part of a group known as 'eared' seals. They use their front flippers to prop themselves up and their back flippers to help them to 'walk' on land. In the water their back flippers act as a rudder. These creatures are one of the rarest species in the world and their entire population is estimated to be less than 12,000. They spend up to 3 days in the water fishing and 3 days back on the shore to rest and feed their pups.



THE WEST END WAS AFFECTED BY THE BUSHFIRES.

Flinders Chase National Park will open to tours soon. Please check with operators in regards to opening times.