Locals and travellers alike recognise Central and Southern Yorke Peninsula as a unique and varied destination; making it one of South Australia’s hidden treasures. A convenient short drive from Adelaide makes a day trip to the area possible, where visitors may choose to hit up one of our great eating spots. Though you will find a day isn’t really long enough to fully appreciate all we have to offer, and we recommend an extended stay to really get into the Peninsula groove. Families can check out one of the many local events and campers can enjoy an unhurried walk along deserted beaches. Keen fisherman know there’s a fresh feed of fish just begging to be caught from boat or beach. If you are one of our increasing numbers of ‘grey nomad’ visitors, check out the many free (or at least inexpensive!) places to park the van, get out the deckchair and relax. Information on camping areas can be found at local tourist outlets.

We proudly welcome every one of you to our special part of the world. With a heritage rich in agriculture, and surrounded by a spectacular coastline varying from safe shallow pools to pounding surf breaks, it’s no wonder the area attracts so many visitors.

Community events abound (check out the Annual Events listing), with most towns offering their own unique happenings. What better chance to mix with the locals before kicking back at one of the many quality local eateries?

We’re proud to say this Guide is truly local; now in its 23rd year of production, written and produced by volunteer members of the Central and Southern Yorke Peninsula Tourism Promotions Inc - those who know the Peninsula best. We aim to provide an indispensable local guide to attractions, events and services in our region’s many small towns. Don’t go anywhere without it or you just may miss something fantastic!

If you’re into travelling the web as well, you can’t go past www.yorkepeninsula.com.au, www.visityorkepeninsula.com.au and www.yorkeregion.on.net. These sites are well worth a visit, full of resources for planning your trip. We hope you find our “Local” Guide equally as useful to help you enjoy our fantastic part of the world.

Enjoy your stay and come back soon!

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From the Committee

A warm welcome to all visitors, from near and far, who have chosen (wisely) to explore the many spectacular locations that Central and Southern Yorke Peninsula has to offer.

Why not spend a day at Innes National Park? If you do, be sure to stroll around the old township of Inneston. This spectacular “ghost town” is a perfectly preserved example of a bustling community of the past.

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We hope you enjoy and make good use of this, our “local” edition of the Yorke Peninsula Visitor’s Guide.

Colin Franke - Chairperson
Central & Southern YP Tourism Promotions Inc.

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Love to keep fit? Enjoy experiencing birdlife, geology, history and heritage first hand? Then the Walk the Yorke project will be perfect for you! The concept, initiated by the Yorke Peninsula Council will see a 500km continuous coastal trail that will circumnavigate the Peninsula.

There are 60 kms of coastal trails that have already been constructed and sign posted on the Yorke Peninsula, many including lookouts for excellent photo opportunities. A selection of the walking trails available are listed below.

**Innes National Park** — Six walking trails ranging in length from 15 minutes to four hours. They include the Inneston Historic Walk (2km loop), Royston Head Walk (4km), Stenhouse Bay Lookout Walk (2km), Thomson-Pfitzner Plaster Trail Hike (3.8km one way) and Gym Beach Hike (11km).

**Ardrossan, Tiddy Widdy Beach Walking Trail** — This 3km trail goes along the entire length along the front of Ardrossan cliff tops to Tiddy Widdy Beach. Wheel chair accessible, easy walk.

**Barkers Rocks/Port Rickaby Walking Trail** — Situated between Barkers Rocks and Port Rickaby, this trail is about 5km each way and features a pristine coastal reserve with great coastal views and sand dunes, native vegetation and glimpses of bird life.

**Edithburgh Environmental Walks** — There are two trails near Edithburgh; Coobowie to Sultana Point (via Edithburgh) and Edithburgh Flora Park which has 2.4km of pathways.

**Hillocks Drive** — “The Sole Walk” takes five hours. A difficult walk of several kilometres of spectacular rugged coastline interspersed with quiet, sandy beaches. $5 fee payable at Hillocks Drive shop.

**James Well/Rogues Point/Pine Point** — This walk is 5.5km on a mostly sealed trail.

**Maitland Historic Walk** — Many of the fine colonial buildings from the 1880’s form part of the Maitland History Trail.

**Minlaton Walking Trail** — Allow 1½ hours for this easy 6 km walk which starts at the Visitor Information Centre on Main Street.

**Pine Point** — A recently established walking trail starts at the cairn opposite the old church and extends north towards Ardrossan along the cliff top. The trail has been leveled and includes steps.

**Port Julia** — A coastal bitumen walking trail extends from Prince Alfred College’s “Wambana Campus” for a distance of 1.5km towards the jetty or westwards toward Hardwicke Bay.

**Port Moorowie Coastal Walk** — Two walks are available, both commencing at the car park. The reef walk is 1km to the west while the coastal dune walk is 1.5 kilometres to the east.

**Port Victoria Geology Trail** — This trail runs south from the jetty to Rifle Butts Beach and highlights include volcanic action from nearly 2000 million years ago. An excellent guide book that details the sites and geological features is available from the foreshore kiosk. Allow about two hours.

**Port Vincent Walking Trails**

**Northern Walking Trail No 1** — A 2km return walk, beginning at Correll Park (corner of Marine Parade and Lime Kiln Road). Incorporates the “Alan Powell Walking Trail” down through a diversity of native plants, including the endangered silver leafed daisy.

**Northern Walking Trail No 2** — Approximately 5 km return. On the shoreline near the beginning of the trail are large granite boulders, “The Erratics” deposited by glaciers during the ice age.

**Southern Ralph Munro Walking Trail** — This trail starts at the south end of the Esplanade where steps allow you to ascend to the top of the cliffs.

**Stansbury Coastal Walking Trails**

**Stage 1** — (wheel chair access) a return walk of 2.7 km constructed in 1995 with financial assistance from Coast Care.

**Stage 2** — (wheel chair access) around 2.4km return walk of paved pathway from the town jetty along the foreshore through the Seaside Markets site to Foreshore Caravan.

**Stage 3** — A 2.4km return walk via beach side or cliff top trail.

**Mill’s Gully Lookout (wheel chair access)** — Situated on the northern town boundary, view Oyster Bay, Gulf Saint Vincent, the Stansbury jetty and the township from the cliff top. A great photo stop with interpretive signage.
Surf’s up on Yorkes

The “Bottom End” of Yorke Peninsula is one of Australia’s top surfing areas, boasting a range of excellent locations to hit the waves. Some areas are not for the faint hearted; beginners of all ages should take heed of the potentially dangerous nature of some of the surf conditions, including rips, heavy surf and undertow. Major surf competitions are held around the south-west coast.

A growth in the local interest of young people in surfing has led to the formation of Yorke’s Junior Surf Club.

The annual “Berry Bay Surf Jam” draws crowds of keen surfers from all parts of Australia.

The Yorkes Junior Surf Club was formed back in 2010 with the aim to encourage and support young local kids and families to discover the wonderful journey of surfing on the Yorke Peninsula. Qualified surf coaches and parents help juniors build surf safety and surf skills from beginner levels to more advanced levels. The club holds an annual State level junior surf contest, the “Berry Bay Surf Jam” which attracts competitors from far afield, competing in the surf at Berry Bay, near Corny Point.

It’s often wise to seek advice offered by knowledgeable locals regarding surf conditions. A general guide to the top spots is as follows. Medium surf indicates waves of two metres or more, heavy surf indicates waves above two metres and the added danger of strong rips or undercurrents. Enjoy, but take care!

Surfing around Corny Point

**Berry Bay North** – On a small swell and favourable winds, North Berry provides an excellent option for novice surfers. Always beware of rips. Medium

**Berry Bay South** – South Berry provides waves in a range of conditions. Generally a safer option than North Berry. Medium

**Daly Head** – Holds waves up to five metres. A large left hander that requires south east offshore winds and moderate swell. Experience surfers only. Heavy

**Dust Hole** – The long beach provides an option in smaller swells and north east winds. Potential sandbars can be sighted at the top of the dune before the long haul down the stairs. Medium

**Trespassers** – Near Point Margaret, this surf spot can be reached by Corny Point Road. Good quality right hand reef break, but for experienced surfers only. Heavy

Surfing around Marion Bay, within Innes National Park

**Chinamans** – A powerful left hand break of good quality. The frightening take off and sharp shallow ledge make for unpredictable conditions. Experience riders only. Heavy

**Pondalowie Bay** – Beach and reef break feature at popular Pondie. About 250m north of the main break is a right hand beach and reef combo. Medium

**West Cape** – Best tackled on north or north west winds at low to medium tide, West Cape has a mainly left handed beach break. Heavy

Innes National Park

Online payment is now required for entry, camping and accommodation in this park, located at the very tip of Yorke Peninsula– go to www.environment.sa.gov.au for bookings. The park comprises 9,415 hectares of coastal vegetation, contributing to one of the few large areas of significant vegetation on the Yorke Peninsula.

Innes offers fantastic opportunities to enjoy camping, bushwalking, fishing and surfing. Discover the park’s mining and maritime history by exploring the remnants of Inneston, once a booming gypsum-mining town, or go scuba diving among the shipwrecks that lay off the coast of the park. You can even stay overnight in one of the restored miners cottages in the historic Inneston village.

Inneston was a company town that grew from 1913 to 1930. The Yorke Peninsula Plaster Company built a plaster factory, buildings, shops and storage facilities. There were 36 dwellings in the town that were home for around 130 people. Contact with the outside world was limited and primarily by ship. Local materials were used in all buildings, with only iron, sawn timber and floorboards shipped from Adelaide.

The original Belco Chalk factory began operation at Inneston in 1922. Chalk was a by-product of the gypsum mining which was the town’s primary industry. Local school teacher, Anna Sundberg often inspected the chalk’s quality and advised on improvement.
Bush camping on Yorkes

Your alarm clock is the sound of crashing waves and birdsong. Breakfast is fresh fish, just waiting to be caught. Welcome to camping on the Yorke Peninsula.

Yorke Peninsula Council offers a broad array of coastal camping sites, situated at some of the most beautiful scenic coastal areas. While facilities are limited at these campsites, they are located close to beach views and fishing spots. The beaches offer all you could hope for... quiet strolls, relaxation and fishing, nestled in amongst Yorke Peninsula’s scenic natural seaside environment. Walkers will find a wide range of bush walks, cliff top and shoreline rambles as well as unique geology trails across the region – with a wonderful array of birdlife, history and heritage. Bring a telescope to, because the night sky is amazing.

A camping permit is required for all designated camping sites; however the following camping locations do not require camping fees to be paid: The Gap, The Bamboos, Tiparra Rocks, Wauraltee Beach and Barkers Rocks. All other locations require a permit and the payment of camping fees.

Permits can be obtained seven days a week from the Yorke Peninsula Visitor Centre, Main Street Minlaton, or by phoning them on 1800 202 445.

Campsites are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and you need to be self-sufficient, bringing your own firewood, water and toilet facilities. All rubbish must be taken with you when you leave, or use rubbish bins where provided. Leaving any type of rubbish at your campsite may result in a fine.

Camping Manners

- Don’t camp close to other campers — leave as much space between your camp and the next as the situation allows.
- Generators — running them all hours of the night is very inconsiderate, as is going out during the day and leaving them running unattended for everyone else to listen to.
- Do not walk through other people’s campsites.
- Leave no trace of your visit – take your rubbish with you, don’t throw anything in the fire that won’t completely burn away and leave the campsite spotless - or risk receiving a $315.00 expiation notice for littering from a Council Ranger.
- Where pets are allowed, ensure they are controlled — your dog may be your best friend but that doesn’t mean it will be welcome in anyone else’s camp!
- Sound travels at night, so late night gatherings around the campfire need to be toned down.
- Be friendly to everyone you come across – but don’t become an unwanted guest who hangs around and doesn’t know when it’s time to return to their own campsite.
- If a campsite has facilities, please leave them clean and tidy.
- Don’t chop down any trees or collect firewood at the site — firewood is available for purchase at various places around the Peninsula.

Control the fire, and NEVER leave a campfire unattended. When you leave the area or go to bed, ensure the fire is extinguished. Put your camp fire out with a good amount of water, not sand or dirt – if you use sand or dirt it will still be very hot for more than eight hours – if you use water, it will be less than 50°C in ten minutes. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in you receiving an expiation notice.
Annual events

Yorke Peninsula is home to a busy calendar of community events. Country shows are a regular fixture on the calendar at Maitland and Minlaton while those drawn to the coast will find various activities from the Port Vincent Gala Day on New Year’s Day to the annual surfing competitions held around the “Bottom End”.

January
Marion Bay Makers’ Market
Minlaton Bowls Tournament
Scripture Union Beach Mission, Port Vincent
Port Rickaby Beach Carnival
Port Victoria Whiting Championships
Port Vincent Gala Day, 1st
Port Vincent Sailing Classic
Stansbury Art Exhibition
Stansbury Australia Day Breakfast
Vacswim
Wool Bay Australia Day Breakfast
Yorketown Australia Day Breakfast, Weavers Flat Reserve
Yorketown 3-day Bowling Carnival
Stansbury Seaside Markets
Yorketown Women’s & Children’s Auxiliary Craft & Food Fair, Yorketown Town Hall

February
Flaherty’s Beach Golf Classic, Warooka
Stansbury Sheepdog Trials
Stansbury Seaside Markets
YP Polocrosse Carnival, Minlaton
YP Art Exhibition, Ardrossan

March
Clay Target Shooting, Minlaton, birthday shoot
Maitland Show (third Wednesday)
Stansbury Seaside Markets
YP Vintage, Veteran and Classic Motor Cycle Club Rally

Easter
Corny Point Gala Day
Hardwicke Bay, Easter Saturday, Pancake Morning, Trash ‘n Treasure
Marion Bay Makers’ Market
Port Victoria Fishing Comp., Saturday
Port Vincent Yachting Regatta
Price, Easter Sunday Fishing Competition
Stansbury Country Bazaar, Sat. & Sun
Stansbury Seaside Markets
Warooka Art Group Exhibition and Flea Market
YP Art Exhibition, Ardrossan – 2016

April
Yorke Peninsula’s Salt Water Classic – 2016
Billabong Junior Pro Surf Competition
Minlaton Bowls Tournament
Ray Smith Memorial Veteran Cycle Race
Stansbury Seaside Markets

Markets are held regularly at Maitland, Stansbury, Minlaton, Curramulka, Warooka and occasionally in other towns. To check dates and times go to www.yorke.sa.gov.au/communityevents

June
SYP Open Golf Championships, long weekend

September
Maitland Sheepdog Trials

October
Ardrossan: Biennial Golden Quilters Exhibition – 2016
Berry Bay Surf Jam
Hardwicke Bay: Long weekend Pancake Morning, Trash ‘n Treasure (Saturday)
Marion Bay Makers’ Market, long weekend
Minlaton Show, first Wednesday after long weekend
Price Fishing Competition
Stansbury Country Bazaar, long weekend (Saturday & Sunday)
Stansbury Seaside Markets
The Cutloose Ripcurl Yorke Classic Surfing Contest, long weekend
Warooka Art and Craft Fair Market, long weekend

November
Ardrossan: Hospital Christmas Fete
Christmas Toy Motor Cycle Fun Run
Maitland Craft Fair
Minlaton Uniting Church, Strawberry Fete
Stansbury Seaside Markets
Warooka Art Group Exhibition and Flea Market
YP Art Exhibition, Ardrossan – 2016

December
Ardrossan Christmas Eve-Parade
Curramulka Christmas Lights
Yorketown Carol Service
Edithburgh Carols by the Sea
Minlaton Christmas Parade
Warooka Christmas Eve Pageant
Yorketown Christmas Eve in the Park
Stansbury, New Year’s Eve Fireworks
Coobowie Country Craft Show
Stansbury Carols (Christmas Eve)
Stansbury Seaside Markets
(Fluxwax New Years Eve, weather permitting)

If you find yourself with time on your hands, call into one of our well stocked local libraries. The Yorke Peninsula Council is well served with four main libraries at Ardrossan, Maitland, Minlaton and Yorketown, which are all part of Libraries SA “One Card Network”. Many smaller towns are serviced by depots, with locations and times listed below. Visitors are most welcome. Most libraries are closed on public holidays and between Christmas and New Year.

Library services

Studying in the library

Flaherty’s Beach Golf Classic

Arthurlton: Fri., 9am to 11am
Corny Point: Wed., 1pm to 3pm
Curramulka: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9am to 3.30pm
Wednesday & Friday: 9am to 6pm

Edithburgh Institute: Friday, 3.30pm to 5pm.
Edithburgh: Wednesday, 1.30pm to 3.30pm; Saturday, 8pm to 7pm
Marion Bay, Maritime Building: Wednesday 10am to 11am
Saturday, 10am to 11am
Port Victoria Institute: Friday, 9pm to 11am
Port Victoria Institute: Friday, 9am to 11am
Yorketown: Wednesday 10am to 11am
Saturday, 10am to 11am
Stansbury Institute: Tues., 11am
Edithburgh: Wednesday, 1.30pm to 3.30pm; Saturday, 8pm to 7pm
Minlaton: 11am to 12 noon; Fri. 7pm to 8pm
Warooka Memorial Hall: Tuesday, 4pm to 5pm; Thursday, 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Ardrossan
88374134
At Area School, Second Street
During School Terms
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9am to 3.30pm
Wednesday & Friday: 9am to 6pm
Saturday: 10am to 1pm
During School Holidays
Tuesday & Thursday: 9am to 12.30pm & 1pm to 3.30pm
Wednesday & Friday: 10.30am to 1pm & 2pm to 6pm
Saturday: 10am to 1pm

Maitland
8832 2805
At Area School, Junction Road
During School Terms
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8.30am to 4.30pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 8.30am to 7pm
During School Holidays
Monday: 10am to 12.30pm
Tuesday: 3pm to 3.30pm
Wednesday: 10am to 1pm
Thursday: 3pm to 6pm
Friday: 10am to 12.30pm

Minlaton
88532339
At District School, North Terrace.
During School Terms
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8.30am to 4.30pm
Tuesday: 8.30am to 3.30pm
Tuesday & Friday: 5pm to 7pm
During School Holidays
Tuesday to Thursday: 10am to 12.30pm & 1.30pm to 4pm
Friday Afternoons: 1.30pm to 4pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 5pm to 7pm

Yorketown
8852 1647
At Area School, Stansbury Road
During School Terms
Monday: 8.30am to 5pm
Tuesday: 8.30am to 5pm & 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Wednesday: 8.30am to 5pm
Thursday: 8.30am to 5pm & 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Friday: 8.30am to 5pm

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Main Libraries and Depots are closed Sundays and Public Holidays

Dining out on Yorkes

**Ardrossan**
Royal House Hotel/Motel
1 Fifth Street, Ardrossan. Phone 8837 3007
Hosts: Graeme and Marilyn Hicks
Centrally located near the jetty. Extensive menu available for lunch and dinner seven days, with daily specials board. Motel unit accommodation available. All functions catered for. Outdoor area, big screen TV with SKY, 21 pokies, two pool tables, jukebox, TAB, Keno, letterlies.

**Coobowie**
Coobowie Hotel
Beach Road, Coobowie. Phone 8852 8143
Hosts: Travis and Trudi
Counter meals and evening a-la-carte dining with hot vegetables and fresh salads. Daily specials always available. We specialise in the freshest of seafood and steaks which are available Monday to Sunday. Meal bookings essential. TAB, SKY, pokies, ATM.

**Corny Point**
The Howling Dog Tavern
Liddiard’s Road, Corny Point. Phone 8855 3395
Salt and pepper squid our specialty. Dine in or take away meals available. Winter trading hours are Thursday to Saturday, 11am to late; Sunday, 11am to 8pm. Summer hours (September to Easter) open seven days, Sunday to Wednesday, 11am to 8pm; Thursday to Saturday 12 noon to late. All daily dining. Functions available seven days a week by appointment (seating capacity 100).

**Edinburgh**
Edinburgh Hotel
Edith Street, Edinburgh. Phone 8852 6011
Hosts: Rod and Michelle
Under new management, come in and enjoy our friendly service. Meals seven days; lunch 12pm to 2pm; dinner, 6pm to 8pm. Dinner specials available. Functions catered for in our large dining room (110 people). Relax in our beer garden with large screen TV or check out the huge TV in the front bar. Bottle shop, ATM, nine pokies, kids playroom.

The Location Cafe
Edith Street, Edinburgh. Phone 8852 6023
Hosts: Joanne & Cory
Gourmet alfresco dining, with daily lunch and dinner specials. Take-away pizzas. Fully licenced. Function enquiries welcome. Open six days from 9am. Bookings preferred.

**Troubridge Hotel**
Blanche Street, Edinburgh. Phone 8852 6013
Meals seven days with daily specials. Enjoy local seafood, steaks, schnitzels, salad bar. Motel accommodation also available. Tab, Pokies, ATM, SKY, X-Lotto, TAB.

**Yorketown**
Ventnor Hotel
Marine Parade, Yorketown. Phone 8853 7036
Hosts: Peter and Helen Green
Counter lunches 12-2pm and teas 6-8pm seven days. Beautiful dining room with superb ocean views for more than 220 dinner guests. SKY, TAB, Keno, X-Lotto, EFTPOS facilities, pokies. Accommodation available. Modern, refurbished front bar caters for all. ATM facilities available. A courtesy bus for your convenience.

**Stansbury**
The Dalymple Hotel
Anzac Parade, Stansbury. Phone 8852 4202
Hosts: Rob and Georgie Rankine
Meals available seven days; lunch specials, dinner specials each night. Outdoor decking with sea views overlooking beautiful Oyster Bay. Kids play room, SKY, TAB, Pokies, ATM, bottle shop, X-Lotto and RIO coffee.

**Warooka**
Inland Sea Restaurant
Corny Point/Marion Bay Road, Warooka. Phone 8854 5499 or 8854 5175
Hosts: Ian and Sharen Cartwright
Open five days, Wednesday to Sunday. Lunch 12-2pm and Dinner 6-8pm. Offering a fine dining experience on the Southern Yorke Peninsula, showcasing local fresh produce at its best by award winning chef and restaurateur. Specialists in weddings and functions. Dine in the modern a-la-carte restaurant, alfresco tropical beer garden or garden pavilion. Bookings essential as times may vary, or buy freshly cooked crayfish (in season), pickled seafood or smoked fish from Inland Sea Foods retail outlet next door and take home to eat. Shop open seven days during summer and five days during winter (Wed - Sun). Located 4km west of Warooka.

**Yorketown**
Ballywire Farm Licensed Cafe
Located south-west of Yorketown on the Edithburgh to Port Mooorie Road
Phone 8852 1053
Hosts: Chris, Jo and Peter
Ballywire offers an all day menu (10am-4.30pm) of enticing meal choices, snacks, desserts and drinks. The farm cafe and museum is open weekends and every day during the holidays (10am-4.30pm closed Christmas Day), and includes use of an 18 hole putt-putt golf course in the admission fee. Interact with well loved animals in a comfortable and safe environment and enjoy great food as well. Mobile event catering also available. Follow us on facebook – “Ballywire Farm Tearooms and Mini Golf”.

**Melville Hotel Motel**
Main Street, Yorketown. Phone 8852 1019
Host: Chris
The Melville’s award winning chef sources South Australia’s best ingredients and showcases Yorke Peninsula’s finest seafood, so fresh it might just still have the wriggle in its tail! With a passion for good, honest food made from premium local ingredients, you’ll love dining with us, under the grapevines in summer, or the roaring open fire during winter, but please take the time to book so we can give you the best possible dining experience.

**Yorke Hotel**
Main Street, Yorketown. Phone 8852 1221
Hosts: Rob and Jackie
Chef: Jo Minks
Quality dining available Tuesday to Saturday, Lunch & Dinner, presented by talented local chef Jo Minks. Comprehensive wine list available, takeaway bottle shop, 15 pokies, ATM and Eftpos facilities. Private functions and specialty events are always welcome.
Ardrossan

Ardrossan, situated on the east coast of the Yorke Peninsula, an easy 90 minute drive from Adelaide, is the perfect family holiday destination.

A thriving sea port and centre for agriculture, the area is serviced by a huge grain facility capable of storing up to 420,000 tonnes of grain. The port also has extensive facilities for shipping locally produced dolomite. Situated just west of the town, is a lookout with spectacular views of Gulf St. Vincent, mining operations and surrounding agricultural areas.

The cliff top lookout at the end of the main shopping street, has a modern playground, gazebo, free BBQ facilities and an example of a Smith’s “Stump Jump Plough”, an important agricultural implement developed locally during the 19th century.

Ardrossan has two excellent caravan parks, in picturesque settings, and has many other accommodation options for travellers.

Diving

On obtaining a permit from the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, divers can experience the “Zanoni” one of the most interesting wrecks in South Australian waters. Laying about 10 nautical miles southeast of Ardrossan and equipped with a mooring buoy, the “Zanoni” is one of the 85 wrecks around the Yorke Peninsula coastline.

Get Crabby

Known as “The Home of the Blue Swimmer Crab”, Ardrossan and nearby coastal areas are popular for the summer pastime of crabbing. An hour before low tide is the best time to search through the white sandy areas near the weed line, not forgetting to wear a pair of old shoes and socks. Crabs can also be easily caught using nets from the jetty or boats. The modern boat ramp makes it easy to venture out to deeper waters in search of snapper, mulloway, King George whiting, snook, squid and garfish.

Clifftop Walk

A sealed walking trail winds along the cliff top from the boat ramp to Tiddy Widdy Beach, and offers wonderful views of the gulf, and at night, the distant lights of Adelaide.

Museum

The Ardrossan Historical Museum is located on Fifth Street in the former power house for the factory that made the “Stump Jump Plough”, an ingenious invention that simplified farming in the late 1900’s. A room is dedicated to the “Zanoni”, a wheal clipper that capsized off Ardrossan in 1867. Also featured is an Old Style General Store and the history of the ketch trade to Ardrossan. The Museum is open 2pm to 4pm on Sundays and public holidays. Other times by arrangement by phoning 8837 3939.
**Art Exhibition**

This biennial exhibition is held in the Ardrossan Town Hall over four days at Easter. The exhibition is becoming well known in art circles and includes indigenous artwork and a school arts competition. Organised by the Yorke Peninsulas Council’s Arts Committee, 2014’s exhibition attracted a record number of entries in both the open competition and the school’s section, all vying for over $10,000 in prize money. The next Yorke Peninsula Art Exhibition will be held over the Easter long weekend in 2016.

**James Well & Rogues Point**

An interesting diversion for the traveler, between Ardrossan and Pine Point, are the holiday localities of James Well and Rogues Point. James Well is named for the well that can still be seen here and where early settlers obtained fresh water. There is one small boat ramp, but no water or toilet facilities.

**Tiddy Widdy Beach**

A few kilometres north of Ardrossan is the lovely swimming and crabbing beach of Tiddy Widdy, with many holiday homes and permanent residents.

There is an old well in the sand hills, one of the few reliable sources of fresh water for pioneers. Boats can be launched from the beach, but a 4WD vehicle is recommended.

**Arthurton**

This small inland town was once part of Yorke Peninsula’s main thoroughfare until the sealing of the coast road in 1962.

It was to the north of Arthurton, in the 1800’s, that the Smith brothers designed their famous “Stump Jump Plough”, a revolution to farmers of that era. The hills in this area are the highest point of the Peninsula (897 feet above sea level).

For a small town, Arthurton boasts a proud and active community through the local Progress Association. The well kept oval and netball courts, which feature modern clubrooms, are still used by local sports teams and are managed by the Arthurton War Memorial Sports Club Inc. Arthurton also has a shop, BBQ area, overnight camping area, playground, town hall and a hotel for meals and refreshments.

**Balgowan**

The small coastal town of Balgowan, is chiefly a holiday destination. Situated at Point Warrenne, between Port Victoria and Port Hughes, the closest township is Maitland. The town has a newly reopened kiosk for supplies and a small camping ground offering caravan, motorhome, tent and swag sites. It boasts a clean, renovated ablution block, disabled toilet, playground, free laundry, free electric barbecue facilities, outdoor showers and new playground equipment, all overlooking the bay and magnificent cliffs. Apart from beach launching, there is a boat ramp and small breakwater. Due care must be taken as the ramp is in need of an upgrade. During summer a pontoon is moored off the South Beach for the enjoyment of swimmers, and is also used for swimming lessons in January.

If you feel like stretching your legs, there is a 1.3km unrestricted Clifftop Memorial Walk from Balgowan towards Tiparra with some fantastic views.

A popular fishing spot, Balgowan is known for squid, tommies, garfish, mullet and whiting.

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Black Point

A popular holiday destination, Black Point lies on a spectacular stretch of north facing sandy beach 5kms south of Pine Point with numerous holiday homes.

There is a caravan park at Black Point. Bookings can be made at the Pine Point Caravan Park. A boat ramp is available for use.

Brentwood

Though small in appearance, the dedicated community of Brentwood maintains floodlit tennis courts, Community Hall and Uniting Church.

South of Brentwood is one of the oldest cemeteries in the district. It is renowned for a natural array of freesias and wild orchids and deserves a visit during spring.

Yorketown Historical Society has recorded grave sites at this cemetery. Copies of the record book can be purchased from the Society, or viewed at the council offices at Minlaton, Yorketown and Warooka.

Coobowie

Coobowie, the “Pelican Port on the Yorke” has become increasingly popular with holiday makers.

Big weekend crowds enjoy strolling along the safe sandy beach or dining out at the hotel. The township has an excellent all-year-round caravan park with an electric barbecue, playground area and bike hire.

Between Christmas and New Year there is an annual indoor market of local arts and crafts.

Opposite the hotel you’ll find a fantastic sea-side playground, which includes electric barbecues and a sheltered area for picnics. Flood lit tennis courts are also available to hire.

A walking trail along the coast to Edithburgh, takes in beautiful views of Gulf St. Vincent and abundant bird life. While on the trail, stop in at the bird hide located on the left side of the causeway heading towards Edithburgh.

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Corny Point

Corny Point, on the north-west tip of Yorke Peninsula is within a comfortable three hour drive from Adelaide.

One of Corny Point’s landmarks is its lighthouse, built in 1881 to protect the south-bound windjammers from the dangers of Webb Rock and the reefs and shoals off Berry Bay and Daly Heads.

Corny Point is a base for great surf and boat fishing, and boasts beautiful safe north-facing swimming beaches and bays for the family. Just 15 minutes drive and surfers can discover some of the best surfing spots going (see page 4).

The caravan park has cabins, units and a cottage, with additional local rental accommodation available in the town. Corny Point also has a picnic area with electric barbecues, tennis courts and a tavern for your dining needs. A small store also offers general supplies.

Berry Bay Scenic Drive

The scenic drive from Corny Point to Berry Bay has several spectacular viewpoints along the way.

Berry Bay has long expanses of beautiful white sandy beaches and rocky outcrops. Two boardwalks, with plenty of available parking make access to the beach easy for all ages. Gleeson’s Landing is great for camping and caravanning and has beach launching. The Daly Heads and Dust Hole beaches offer miles of beautiful white sand, making them very popular with beachcombers and perfect for sand-boarding.

Curramulka

Curramulka is a pleasant, relaxing place to live, or to visit with its historic churches and buildings, war veterans’ memorial and sporting facilities.

The town boasts a general store, community club and a hotel. Curramulka is unique in that it has two extensive limestone caves on its northern outskirts. They have been explored by cavers in the past but nowadays are not accessible to the public.

A large sporting community is one thing that the town is very proud of, and is home to bowls, netball, basketball, tennis, cricket, football and golf clubs.

Curramulka comes alight in a big way at Christmas time when the residents unite and provide a spectacular fairyland of twinkling Christmas lights throughout the town - well worth the drive to see.

Curramulka Farmers’ Market

Held on the first Sunday of every month at 10 am, the Curramulka Farmers’ Market offers fresh fish, fruit and veg, cakes and bakes, plants and ornaments, candles and knits to locals and tourists alike.

Proceeds from the stall holder’s fee goes back into the Curramulka community to upgrade various town facilities.
Edithburgh

Set on cliffs looking out towards the distant Troubridge Shoals, Edithburgh is full of historic charm and is a mecca for fishermen, scuba divers and families looking for safe swimming and water sports.

Once a booming salt production town and outport for local farm produce, Edithburgh has become a popular tourist town and outport for local farm produce, for safe swimming and water sports. Among them are the Edithburgh and Troubridge Hotels, museum, halls, churches and Sultana House.

The town is serviced by takeaway shops, a deli-newsagent with takeaway, a cafe and Sultana House.

Troubridge Hotels, museum, halls, churches

Adding to the town’s holiday appeal is the local tidal pool, golf course encompassing part of the seaside and Sultana Point Beach which is safe for children and popular with beachgoers of all ages. Rare Leafy sea-dragons live under the jetty and are popular with divers. The town also has excellent sporting grounds and modern playground facilities.

Scenic drives close to the town include:
- Vantage point lookout
- Native Flora Park

Edithburgh Museum

One of the best small museums in South Australia, the Museum is housed in an old stone building, formerly a produce store. The lifestyle of the early settlers is vividly portrayed with a scale model of the Edithburgh port area showing the old salt refineries, grain stacks and the jetty with ships alongside.

The museum is open 2-4pm on Saturdays and Sundays, or by appointment (08) 8852 6215.

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The Bakehouse Arts & Crafts

A community-run gallery, “The Bakehouse”, has a variety of locally made crafts and artwork. Originally housed in an old bakery the Gallery is now situated on the Edithburgh Museum site. The Bakehouse Arts & Crafts is open from 10 am to 4 pm every day during holiday periods with off-peak times as indicated by notice in the Museum window.

Walking Trails

Two walking trails, one heading north from Edithburgh to Coobowie, the other heading south to Sultana Point, form part of the “Walk the Yorke” trail. Dotted with more than 40 nautical themed mosaic rock art works, including interpretive environmental and historical signage, there is no time to be bored.

Maritime History

The unique Troubridge Lighthouse tower (30m high) was the first in Australia to be built of clay bricks. The old Troubridge Shoal tower was the first in South Australia to be built of cast iron.

A grim reminder of the many shipwrecks in the area, the anchor from the ill fated steamship “Clan Ranald”, has now being restored and been relocated to Edithburgh. The “Clan Ranald” was wrecked near Troubridge Hill in 1909 with the loss of 40 lives. One of South Australia’s worst maritime disasters, many recovered bodies are buried in a mass grave in the Edithburgh cemetery.

Fisherman’s Delight

Waters off the Edithburgh coast are a fisherman’s delight with huge schools of mullet, Yellowfin, whiting and larger fish to be found in the summer and autumn months. For the land based angler the jetty affords comfortable fishing while boat fishermen appreciate the all-weather ramp with the breakwater, making launching and retrieval a breeze.

Troubridge Lighthouse

Troubridge Shoal, the graveyard of many ships prior to commissioning the lighthouse in 1856, lies about six kilometres east-south-east off Edithburgh. The Island is a stopover for large numbers of migratory birds as far away as Warooka. Day tours or overnight stays in the lighthouse keeper’s cottage can be arranged by calling Chris Johnson on (08) 88526290. The island is under the control of the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources; further information is available from the Innes National Park office, (08) 88543200. Day tours only 3km south-west of Edithburgh, the Island is a stopover for large numbers of migratory birds as far away as Warooka.

Tidal Swimming Pool

Set in a rocky cove, this tidal pool has a sheltered observation area, an all-tide safe shallow area for young children, as well as deep water at its outer edge on high tide. The attractive terraced surrounds are enhanced by the lawn and picnic area with electric barbeque on the upper level and modern change rooms.

Wattle Point Wind Farm

Only 3km south-west of Edithburgh, the Wattle Point Wind Farm was officially opened in June, 2005. The 55 turbines generate clean, renewable energy and begin to generate electricity in a light breeze (9kmh), reaching full production in strong winds of around 47kmh. The blade tip speed can reach 222 km/h but to avoid damage the turbines are shut down during extreme winds.

A free viewing platform is located on Sheoak Beach Road, (see map at front) where visitors can marvel at the sheer size of the turbines (each blade measures 40m, making a total height of 110m!)

While well worth the drive to see the wind farm close up, on a clear day they can be seen, spreading across the horizon, from as far away as Warooka.

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Hardwicke Bay

Hardwicke Bay is a rapidly developing area with a large sandy beach, ideal for young children. A natural swimming pool and unspoilt sandhills are just south of the township. The bay is ideal for yachting and windsurfing with the area also renowned for its fishing.

The Community Hall is the venue for many regular functions, with visitors most welcome. These include weekly exercise classes, morning tea, games nights, bingo and monthly dinners.
Hillocks Drive

Privately owned Hillocks Drive, on the south coast en-route to Marion Bay, embraces several kilometres of spectacular rugged coastline with quiet sandy beaches and rock pools.

Hillocks Drive is a favourite with beach and rock fishermen, scuba divers and photographers, also a popular bush camping area for those seeking an alternative. A small store adjacent to the homestead provides treats, bait and ice, and basic necessities. Opening times are 9am to 2pm, Thursday to Monday and extended during long weekends and school holidays.

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Maitland

Maitland is the geographical centre of Yorke Peninsula, ideally placed near the fertile Yorke Valley, only fifteen minutes drive from the east or west coast.

Maitland is the main service and shopping centre for Central Yorke Peninsula. As well as a modern hospital and aged care facility, there are two schools.

The Maitland Historic Walk is a great way to get to know the many colonial buildings that grace Maitland’s streets. Situated in the main street, the Yorke Valley Hotel’s facade has changed little since being built in 1877. Guides for the Historic Walk can be obtained from the Council Office, the Chatt Centre or from several local businesses.
**Maitland Show**

This annual show is held each March at the local showgrounds. The show features all the ingredients of a great country community event with a wide variety of rides, sideshows, community run stalls, food outlets and plant stands. Maitland is assured of lots of competitors in the horse events, all trying to build up their points to attend the Adelaide Show.

**National Trust Museum**

The Museum, which is located at the site of the former Maitland School and residence, was built in 1877. The area’s first inhabitants, the Narungga people and their history are well documented. A model of the “Ynoo” Homestead is also worth a look. The Museum is open from 2pm to 4pm on Sundays, public holidays and school holidays or by appointment on 8832 2220.

**Clydesdale Sculpture**

Representing a bygone era when farmers were dependent on their horses, Maitland’s cold bronze Clydesdale sculpture was unveiled on Maitland Show Day, 2006. A result of over three months work by sculptor Ben Van Zetten, it stands near the Maitland Town Hall, and weighs more than one tonne.

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**Maitland Markets**

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**Maitland Show**

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The Corner Gallery is run by award winning professional artist, Robert J. W. (Bob) Landt. A fellow of the Royal South Australian Society of Art, Bob has lived in Maitland since his late school days and paints predominantly in watercolours. He has works in collections both in Australia and overseas. The Corner Gallery is open during normal business hours or by arrangement on 8832 2463.

**Chatt Centre**

Situated on Robert Street, adjacent the Town Hall, the Chatt Centre acts as a telecentre for the district with helpful advice on the use of computers and the internet. There is a meeting/conference room for hire and also a hall with all proceeds going back to the community. It has plenty of local tourist information. There is on-site parking and access for tourists with boats and caravans.

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Marion Bay

Marion Bay offers a range of activities for the busy and not so busy holiday maker. Fishermen can catch squid from the jetty, or mullet from the beach (March to June), salmon at Brown’s Beach or hire a charter boat for deep sea fishing and catch a large assortment of different species of fish.

Surfers have many beaches to choose from with Chinaman’s Reef or Pondalowie Bay being two of the more popular spots.

Other activities, mostly within Innes National Park, include bush and beach walking, photography and bird watching. You may see over 120 species of birds after the winter rains and when the wildflowers are in bloom during spring.

Tennis courts are available for use with a playground, public toilets and barbecue, all situated within close proximity to the Community Hall.

Award winning Marion Bay Tavern offers great meals with a lounge and bar area, and bottle shop sales.

Marion Bay Makers Market runs on the Easter weekend, October long weekend and the first Saturday of January, items for sale include local produce, arts, baked goods and gourmet lunch foods.

Marion Bay’s ideal location also offers you the chance to discover many more local pleasures and treasures. A short journey to Hillock’s Drive provides more fishing with great views of Kangaroo Island.

A 35km drive toward Corny Point is Daly Head, which is a popular surf break, and includes some of those lonely beaches that stretch as far as the eye can see. Corny Point and its historic lighthouse is only half hour drive on a sealed road from Marion Bay.
Minlaton

The district service centre of Minlaton is another of the inland townships of Southern Yorke Peninsula which have their own special charisma of rural landscapes and historic buildings. Facilities include a 7-day supermarket, banks, pharmacy, hardware, bakery, shoe and clothing stores, discount and second hand-stores, animal supplies, veterinary clinic and a number of specialty shops. The town also has accident and emergency facilities as well a medical centre.

Attractions include the “Red Devil” aeroplane, Minlaton National Trust Museum, an award winning chocolaterie, arts and crafts in the old creamery building and the Harvest Corner Craft and Gallery. Young families will be delighted to visit the newly upgraded playground near the Captain Harry Butler Memorial.

Accommodation is available at the hotel or the caravan park which is located opposite the H.J. Cook Wildlife Park.

YP Visitor Information Centre

The award wining and fully accredited Yorke Peninsula Visitor Information Centre is situated at 29 Main Street, stocking information covering the whole region, as well as the State. Tourists often comment that, “it’s the best information centre we’ve seen”. The centre can be contacted on 1800 202 445 or you can go to www.visityorkepeninsula.com.au

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Summer Sports

Minlaton is the centre for summer basketball with nine clubs from northern and southern areas, providing over 60 teams who compete on Friday nights in the stadium and surrounding courts behind the Captain Harry Butler Memorial. Currently in its 56th season, with over 25 matches every Friday night, the season runs from October through to late March.

Polocrosse under lights is another spectacular sport, played Saturday evenings during summer on grounds just out of Minlaton on the Maitland Road. There is a gun and pistol club, while golf, bowls and tennis clubs are other sports with good facilities. A skate park has been built behind the Captain Harry Butler Memorial.

National Trust Museum

Minlaton District’s National Trust Museum has many items oriented around the life of Captain Harry Butler, as well as a very interesting collection of relics from old homes in the district.

The Museum is open Tuesdays to Friday, 9.30am to 1pm or by appointment, phone (08) 8853 2248.

Harvest Corner Information & Craft

Established in 1995, Harvest Corner is located within the award winning and fully accredited Yorke Peninsula Visitor Information Centre at 29 Main Street.

Harvest Corner’s gallery is the largest permanent exhibition of local artisans and includes basket weaving, wood turning, ceramics and pottery as well as works by many well-known local artists including Allyson Parsons. A magnificent display of high quality locally made crafts makes visiting Harvest Corner a delightful affair, and we encourage you to linger in the tearooms or chat with our volunteers to complete the experience.

Mount Rat

Though hard to believe now, the intersection of the roads to Curramulka, Port Victoria and Minlaton was once a large town that included a school, hotel, blacksmith shop, post office and Wesleyan chapel. The only sign of the Mount Rat township now is an historical marker on the main Minlaton to Maitland road.

Wildlife Parks

The H.J. Cook Fauna Park, situated in the northern area of Minlaton, adjacent the Captain Harry Butler aircraft memorial hangar, is home to a variety of emus, kangaroos and wallabies.

The Park’s perimeter provides many shady areas for picnic lunches or peaceful rest stops.

Ramsay Wildlife Park, situated between Minlaton and Port Vincent, with its natural vegetation, serves as a haven for native animals which can usually be seen from the fences. Adequately signposted, the area is well worth a visit, especially in spring.
**The “Red Devil”**

Minlaton is the home of the “Red Devil”, a tiny but historic World War I monoplane flown by one of Australia’s early aviators, Captain Harry Butler.

This great World War I fighter pilot ace was born in Yorketown. After the war he made history flying a special air mail from Adelaide to Minlaton, across Gulf St. Vincent in August, 1919. This was the first air mail across the sea in the Southern Hemisphere.

His plane has been restored to its original condition and is on permanent static display in the Captain Harry Butler Memorial where it is housed in a striking building designed to resemble an aircraft hangar.

Adjacent the Memorial is a playground, public toilets and a pleasant picnic area.

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**Pine Point**

One of Yorke Peninsula’s busiest ports during the early 1900’s for shipment of wool, grain and timber, Pine Point, like its sister ports around the Peninsula’s coastline, is now a popular location for holiday makers, and a growing holiday home centre.

There is a safe beach which is great for swimming and is well known for its crabbing and fishing potential. There’s easy access to the boat ramp to keep the boating enthusiast happy. The local caravan park caters for fishing enthusiasts with a crab cooking pot complete with baskets and tongs, and a fish cleaning area - as well as free advice.

An established walking trail starts at the cairn, opposite the old church and extends northward along the cliff top towards Ardrossan. The trail has been levelled, and includes steps, seating and numerous signs.

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Point Turton

Point Turton is a peaceful seaside town overlooking beautiful Hardwicke Bay. With its excellent boat ramp and sheltered bay encouraging year-round boating and sailing, Point Turton is popular with holiday-makers.

A walking trail extends from Prince Alfred College’s Point Turton “Wambana” campus for 1.5km towards the jetty and has recently been extended east towards picturesque Flaherty’s Beach. The tavern provides great views over the jetty and caravan park area and is the perfect place for a meal or refreshment break.

The caravan park is uniquely nestled in a former flux quarry and is adjacent the jetty and boat ramp. With its lawned sites, en-suite cabins, on-site vans and sheltered location, it provides the ideal holiday destination.

Point Turton township’s social amenities include a Community Hall, playground, gazebo for shade during summer and an electric barbecue for public use. There are fish cleaning facilities at the boat ramp.

A general store offers seven day service with takeaways, gas refills, fuel and fishing bait. The nearby swimming centre is excellent in the summer months, with pontoons anchored in the sea. The annual Vacswim program is held in the area each year, usually in early January.

Point Turton is the ideal base for pleasant day trips to the magnificent “Bottom End” with its rugged coastline and native flora and fauna in Innes National Park.
Point Turton Ceramic Art
Delicate, high quality ceramic art of original design is the product of Point Turton Ceramic Art Studio and Gallery, situated in Wurlie Crescent. Visitors are warmly welcomed by the gallery's proprietors Dawn and Barry Wade who can be contacted on 8854 5120.

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Port Clinton
Situated only an hour and a half from Adelaide, the most northerly of the Yorke Peninsula towns facing Gulf St. Vincent, Port Clinton is a popular crabbing and fishing destination.

The town offers great facilities for the traveller, with a caravan park on the beachfront which provides all amenities including cabins and fully grassed powered sites. The foreshore opposite the park has just experienced a full re-development with brand new bbq and picnic facilities on the beachfront, public toilets and a playground.

The town also has a general store which caters for all travellers requirements, from petrol, ice, bait, bottle shop, post office and gas, to name a few.

The swimming pool is open during the summer months and the town also has a Sports and Community Club which has recently been redeveloped. The club provides full bar facilities, take away and dine-in meals (Thurs to Sun), pokies, pool table and outdoor dining area.

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Port Minlacowie
A boat ramp capable of handling larger craft, backed up by a spacious vehicle park, is a distinctive feature of Port Minlacowie, situated just a few kilometres north-west of Brentwood along an unsealed road.

Minlacowie was once one of Southern Yorke Peninsula’s major grain outports, where a long jetty served the “mosquito fleet” of ketches which came to take the district’s bagged grain to Port Adelaide for onward shipment.

There is a cairn that commemorates the port’s place in the grain industry of bygone years.

Port Julia
One of the old time barley and wheat ports, facing the Gulf St. Vincent on the east side of the Peninsula, Port Julia is now a quiet holiday location.

There are boat launching facilities, a floating pontoon for swimmers and a jetty catering to anglers. Public toilets, public phone and a picnic area are also provided. Popular with some campers is the Reichenbach Camping Ground. This is bush camping, and a fee is payable. Tables and chairs, allocated fires and a sheltered coin operated barbecue are available. Basic facilities are offered here (enviro toilet - no showers); a pleasant short stay may be had while travelling the coast.

Port Moorowie
If you are looking for a unique experience of natural environment and isolation, take the time to visit Port Moorowie, only 15km from Yorketown and 2km from Edithburgh.

Port Moorowie offers you 3km of award-winning walking trails, starting from McEachens Beach along the coastline to the foreshore of Port Moorowie, and then onto the western end at Point Gilbert. Beach access steps, seats and car parks have been provided along the trail. There’s a public toilet, shelter and barbecue facilities located at the Periwinkle Reef car park.

Mozzie Flat camping area, 4km west of Port Moorowie, now has a more convenient beach access and camp site. A Council permit is required for camping.

Foul Bay/Sturt Bay
Travelling towards Marion Bay from Port Moorowie you’ll find both Foul Bay, with its concrete boat ramp, and Sturt Bay, which are popular south coast fishing areas. Their long stretches of white, sandy beaches are ideal for shell collecting and beachcombing.
Port Rickaby - Port Victoria

Port Rickaby

Only 16 kms from Minlaton, Port Rickaby is a popular base for holiday-makers who enjoy camping, fishing and swimming.

The caravan park provides all facilities, including a well stocked kiosk. Near the park are two tennis courts for hire for those with energy to burn.

A boat ramp is available for launching medium sized craft for some great fishing off-shore, or try your luck off the jetty or the beautiful sandy beach.

Port Rickaby, a very popular spot with the annual Vacswim which is held each January.

There is a great walking trail and scenic lookout adjacent the caravan park giving great views over the township and bay. The local Progress Association has built two undercover barbecues with plenty of seating available.

Port Victoria

Though now a quiet place, Port Victoria was once the fourth largest port in South Australia. A memorial to the “Pamir”, which sank in 1957, is erected near the jetty.

Modern day Port Victoria has an active Progress Association and Coastal Patrol. Scuba refills are available and there are barbecues and a picnic area on the foreshore. Try your luck fishing off the jetty or take part in the local fishing competitions held in late December and on Easter Saturday.

Port Victoria walks

Port Victoria’s peaceful foreshore was once the site of active volcanoes; a brochure available from the local kiosk, guides you through this fascinating geological journey into the past. Also available is a town walk brochure and a clifftop walk guide, including information about the native flora of the region, the dune and beach system.

Maritime Heritage Trail

For scuba divers, the Wardang Island Maritime Heritage Trail guides divers around the eight ships that were wrecked in the early 1900’s. Metal plates on the ocean floor detail the history of the wrecks and a waterproof guidebook is available from Port Victoria Kiosk and the museum.

Wardang Island

Situated 11km from Port Victoria, Wardang Island has an area of 2,025 hectares.

In 1910, Broken Hill Smelters took out a lease to ship away the lime sand as flux for their smelting operations at Port Pirie. Over a million tonnes of sand were removed between 1910 and 1968 until a more suitable deposit was located at Coffin Bay on Eyre Peninsula.

It is now part of Point Pearce Aboriginal Lands, access to the island is prohibited.

Port Victoria

The placid waters of Gulf St. Vincent are an attraction for sailing and fishing enthusiasts at Port Victoria, while its deeper waters also lure those in search of a big catch of fish.

Port Victoria is one of the Peninsula’s bigger resorts, popular with families for many years because of its safe, sheltered beaches.

The town is well served with quality caravan park accommodation with its large town park on the foreshore and a nearby private park.

Port Victoria has a well appointed hotel, deli-take away and beach kiosk. The town has four scenic walks, offering beautiful views of the area, and a town heritage walk.

Brochures/maps are available from the visitor information outlet located in the Town Hall or the Yorke Peninsula Visitor Centre at Minlaton.

Marine Studies Centre

Marine life can be observed at Port Vincent School where they have a Marine Studies Centre.

The Marine Centre is open Monday to Friday for visits (by appointment only) during school terms. Where possible, students will provide a guided tour. Gold coin donation appreciated. The website is www.vincentps.sa.edu.au

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Australia’s Tidiest Town

Named “Australia’s Tidiest Town” in 2004, Port Vincent continues to be beautifully maintained by the group’s volunteer workers. In 2005, Port Vincent was inducted into the KESAB Hall of Fame.

Yorke Peninsula’s Saltwater Classic

In 2002, community-minded volunteers from Stansbury and Port Vincent began planning an event for enthusiasts of wooden and classic boats that would attract people to the region, highlight its significant maritime heritage, and promote the tourism assets of this part of our State. As a result, the Stansbury and Port Vincent Wooden and Classic Boats Regatta Association Incorporated was formed.

Yorke Peninsula’s Saltwater Classics from 2006 to 2014 attracted participants and enthusiasts from all over Australia, drawing thousands of people to Stansbury, Port Vincent and the region. The event and its associated shore-based attractions are now recognised nationally as a significant tourism drawcard.

On-water and shore-based activities include displays of vintage cars and caravans, stationary engines from the past, local craft and produce. The award-winning Stansbury Seaside Markets complement the event in spectacular style.

The next Yorke Peninsula’s Saltwater Classic is scheduled for April, 2016.

New Year’s Day Gala Day

This annual event is a great family day packed with things to see; stalls to browse, activities, displays to view and service organizations to learn about. Gala Day culminates with a spectacular fireworks display that night.

Port Vincent Aquatic Centre

The Port Vincent Aquatic Centre has been operating for more than twenty years. School groups from all parts of the State come to the centre to undertake courses in kayaking, surfing, body boarding, fishing, small boat handling, sailing, sailboarding and snorkelling under the guidance of highly qualified local instructors.
Price

Price, one of Yorke Peninsula’s east coast ports, is home to Cheetham Salt Limited, one of the Peninsula’s largest industries and the biggest salt refinery in the Southern Hemisphere.

Cheetham harvests an average of 150,000 tonnes of salt annually from its coastal evaporative pans, refining the raw product to create various grades of salt. Cheetham has customers throughout Australia and exports in bulk to many overseas countries using the nearby Ardrossan jetty.

Price is a popular holiday destination, with caravan park accommodation, barbecue and picnic areas and boat launching facilities from the town’s all-weather (tidal) boat ramp.

Of historical interest is a causeway extending through the mangrove swamps where ketches from other ports moored with supplies for the town, and back-loaded mallee roots for firewood.

Other popular attractions are the scenic drive to Winters Hill, taking in views across the Gulf and the Clinton-Price 6.2km walk weaving through mangrove and bush lands which offers the chance to view unique mangrove forests, tidal samphire flats and a huge variety of bird life.

Stansbury

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Stansbury is an ideal destination for family holidays, fishing or just relaxing the hours away.

Stansbury offers seasonal beach and jetty fishing with an all-tide three lane boat ramp for the boating enthusiasts. A swimming pontoon is situated at the jetty and a native indigenous coastal garden, with interpretive signage, has been planted along the cliff base.

There is a well-equipped, fenced playground on the foreshore together with a swimming pontoon, toilets, change rooms, bbq facilities and shaded picnic tables.

All this is just a short stroll from the town centre. There are additional beach shelters and another pontoon adjacent the foreshore caravan park.

Stansbury Seaside Markets

The award winning Stansbury Seaside Markets are held on various weekends from October through to April. A visit to the market is a great family day out with free admission and car parking including plenty of stalls to browse. Selections include local produce, home made baked goods, art works, gifts, crafts, jewellery, fashion and plenty of hot and cold food and drinks. Visit www.stansburysa.com for current dates.

Stansbury Museum

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Museum

The Stansbury Museum has many artifacts and local collections housed in the old school building on North Terrace which is worth a visit. It opens on Wednesday and Sundays 2pm to 4pm and daily during January. For more information or to organise a group tour please phone 8852 5020.

Visitor Information

Southern Yorke Peninsula Visitor Information Centre is located in the old Post Office; open from 9.30am to 4pm Monday to Friday, and from 10am to 2pm on weekends from September to May. Drop in for information, regional maps, tourism guides and accommodation listings. There is a great range of affordable gifts and souvenirs, including locally made products and produce. Take a piece of the Yorke Peninsula home with you.

Community events such as Sheep Dog Trials, Seaside Markets and The Henley Beach Surf Life Saving Club’s “Big Row” are run throughout the year. For information please contact the Southern Yorke Peninsula Visitor Information Centre on (08) 8852 4577 or visit www.stansbury.sa.com

Stenhouse Bay

Once thriving Stenhouse Bay, situated within Innes National Park and at the Western tip of Yorke Peninsula is an impressive and scenic tourist attraction.

Stenhouse Bay was a thriving gypsum mining centre until the early 1970’s when mining was scaled down and the area sold by the Waratah Gypsum Company to the South Australian Government. The town was named after Andrew Stenhouse, who in the 1920’s had a business called the Permacrete Manufacturing Company which prompted the start of the gypsum industry in this location.

The Waratah Gypsum Company had works here for the quarrying and exporting of rock gypsum for many years. Gypsum, obtained from many of the local lakes was washed, roasted and ground, and then used in the manufacturing of plaster of paris and cement. The quality of the gypsum in this area was exceptionally high class and, at one stage, most of Australia’s needs were supplied from here.

The Waratah Gypsum Company closed its works and the town was sold to the South Australian Government which demolished the town except for the few houses required for the rangers who look after Innes National Park.

Evidence of the mining era can still be seen at the Stenhouse Bay jetty, where the gypsum was shipped out, with relics dotted around.

The Innes National Park Visitor’s Centre is on the northern boundary of the Park, though entry and camping fees must now be paid online.

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The Pines

The Pines, on the northern coast near Corny Point, is a residential and holiday home area in a sheltered bush environment, with a splendid beach, safe for children.

The recently upgraded boat ramp can handle larger craft although a tractor is still required for launching.

An undulating boardwalk, about 24 metres in length, has been constructed through the sand dunes with a large viewing platform overlooking the ocean.

The Pines Progress Association has substantially upgraded the playground facilities, installing new equipment and fencing the area. New picnic areas, including tables and chairs, have been created on the beachfront.

Urania

North of the Mount Rat marker is the small town of Urania.

The playground, tennis courts, cricket pitch and school house indicate the importance of this small town in years gone by. There are public toilets behind the Uniting Church which still holds weekly services.

Warooka

Warooka is the gateway to the “Bottom End” of the Peninsula where you can experience the serenity of white sandy beaches, or the breathtaking views from majestic rugged cliffs.

Within Warooka township there are many buildings dating from the late 1800’s. The Warooka Museum, formerly the Police Station, houses a comprehensive exhibition of items originating from the surrounding area and is open Fridays 10am to 3pm or by appointment.

The visitor is well served by the town’s shopping facilities. Public toilets, free camping area, playground, tennis courts (available for hire) and barbecue area can be found at the Warooka Memorial Oval.

Warooka has a hardware store with auto and LPG gas; there are fuel, tyre and service facilities for the motorist, hotel/motel accommodation, chemist, butcher, butcher, butcher, 7 day general store and two two new art galleries; the Warooka Art Worx Gallery and the Wellness Centre Gallery.

The former paper making studio, Paper Nymph, now trades as a craft and fresh produce shop under new management.

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Wool Bay

A small seaside town between Stansbury and Coobowie, Wool Bay is built on cliffs overlooking a protected bay.

A safe, sandy beach makes it an ideal spot for families, with a floating pontoon for all to enjoy. One can dangle a line from the jetty or launch a boat at the adjacent ramp to try the many fishing spots at sea.

Low tide is a great time to explore the cliffs and cove around the beach.

Of historic interest is an old lime kiln dug into the cliffs above the jetty, a relic of the district’s once important lime burning industry.

An electric barbecue is available for use at the cliff-top shelter and picnic area.

Every Australia Day the Wool Bay Progress Association holds a barbecue breakfast on the cliff top. This is open to locals and visitors alike.

There is accommodation at the Wool Bay Units and Pickering Cottages, Coringle Road.

Yorketown

Yorketown, another of the area’s inland towns, has plenty of services and attractions for visitors to Southern Yorke Peninsula.

The town is a major shopping and service centre with many services including a large modern supermarket, financial services, ATMs, community telecentre, hospital, dental services, a large modern pharmacy and printing office.

The caravan park can cater to the needs of all couples and families. The park also offers beautiful peaceful garden surrounds, BBQ facilities, neat and tidy amenities, ensuite cabin accommodation. The park is walking distance to the town centre, giving easy access to shops, cafes, sporting grounds and more.

With only 15 to 30 minutes travelling from the beaches and coastal resorts to the east, west and south, Yorketown is ideally situated as a base for exploring Southern Yorke Peninsula.

Booklets to guide you around the town’s historical walk, as well as a booklet “A Drive into the Past”, which guides visitors to heritage areas of the district are available from the Telecentre. The Telecentre is also home to the Salt Lakes Gallery, featuring local art and craft items.
Historical Windmill

Up until the early 1900’s one of Yorketown’s old engineering shops was manufacturing windmills of its own design, which were seen on plenty of farms locally, and even in other parts of Australia. A relatively easy way of pumping water from bores in those days, but now, one sees solar panels powering a pump for the same purpose. One such windmill has been restored by the Historical Society and is working in the car park on Minlaton Road.

Bublacowie Military Museum

Uniquely located on the original Bublacowie School site, north of Yorketown and west of Stansbury.

At the museum you’ll find medals, uniforms and memorabilia, as well as the very personal photographs and memorabilia of local servicemen and women who served their country in all major conflicts.

The Museum is open Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays 10am to 4pm or by appointment, phone 0419 853 294.
Photos From The Past

The Historical Society has over 1,000 photographs depicting the area’s pioneering days. This display can be seen in the old Courthouse, on Edithburgh Road, near the town centre, on Fridays, 10am to 12 noon.

Playground, Picnic Area

Yorketown Progress Association’s hard work has paid off and they now boast an expansive, modern playground situated on Weaner’s Flat Reserve, Stansbury Road (pictured above) with electric barbecue facilities also available. Public toilets and the shaded lawned area make it ideal for picnics.

The area also serves as a day camp for visitors with caravans. A smaller, enclosed playground is next to the Historical Society’s building on Edithburgh Road.

Situated north of Yorketown is the local golf course with watered fairways making the course playable all year round. A summer competition runs from October to March with visitors welcome (green fees payable).

To the north-east is an air strip which services normal air traffic as well as air ambulance service planes undertaking medical transfers and emergencies.
Minlaton

Yorke Peninsula Visitor Information Centre, conveniently located in the Main Street of Minlaton, is the principal visitor centre for the central and southern region of Yorke Peninsula.

Convenient parking is available for caravans and motorhomes in Fourth Street, adjacent the central island.

Fully accredited, it is open seven days a week, with an excellent variety of information about the Peninsula, including brochures and maps, and the ability to source information from further afield. The staff and volunteers in the visitor centre provide a friendly service, helpful knowledge about attractions and accommodation while their local insight is invaluable to visitors.

Yorke Peninsula Visitor Centre can be contacted on freecall 1800 202 445 or 8853 2600; email: info@visityorkepeninsula.com.au or web: www.visityorkepeninsula.com.au

Open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, Saturday 9am to 3pm, Sundays and public holidays 10am to 3pm; closed Christmas Day and Good Friday.

Ardrossan

Tourism information in the form of crafts and leaflets as well as local crafts and leaflets are available in the Progress Association office, Ardrossan Town Hall, 9 First Street. The outlet is open from 9am to 2pm Monday to Friday and when volunteers are available at the weekend in summer. The office can be contacted: phone 8837 4195, email: ardprogress@netyp.com.

Coobowie

Tourism information, including maps and brochures, is available at the Coobowie General Store, open 7 days a week. Phone 8852 8090.

Maitland

The Chatt Centre at 3 Robert Street is the town's information outlet, also providing a number of services including internet, email, fax and photocopying. It is open 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. The Chatt Centre can be contacted on 8832 2174 or web: www.maitlandsa.com

Port Vincent

Information is at the Town Hall, 19 Marine Parade. Open Thursday to Monday, 11am to 2pm. The office can be contacted by email: pvpa@netyp.com.au; phone 8853 7081 and fax 8853 7417 or if unattended call Sue Pike on 0448 853 742.

Stansbury

The visitor centre, corner of Weaver and Towler Streets, is another excellent source of information including accommodation listings, brochures, maps, souvenirs, advice on town and district services and attractions.

Open 9.30am to 4pm Monday to Friday, and from September through to May, open weekends 10am to 2pm.

The contact details for the Centre are ph: 8852 4577, web: www.stansburysa.com email: tourism@stansburysa.com

Yorketown

S.Y.P. Community Telecentre on Stansbury Road, provides a range of information services and is also home to Salt Lakes Gallery. Open weekdays 9am to 5pm, call in or contact the Telecentre on 8852 1820; email sypctcadmin@sypctc.on.net.

Other Sources

Caravan parks on the Peninsula are excellent sources of information and suggestions for visitors. Additionally, many stores, staffed by knowledgeable locals are similarly able to help.