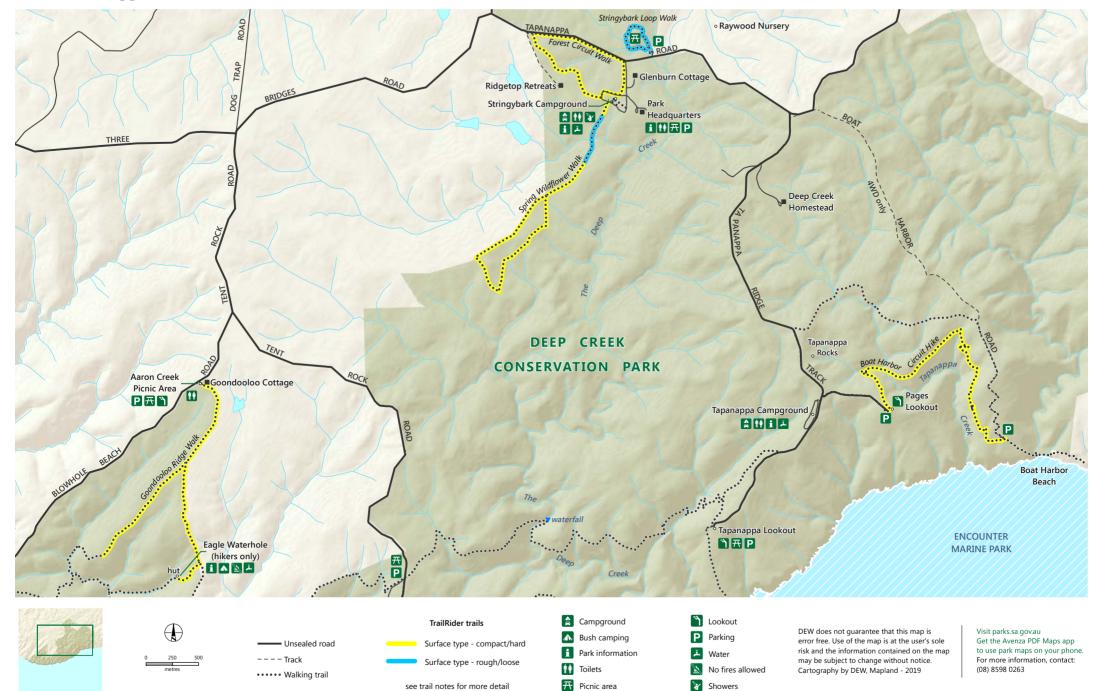
Deep Creek Conservation Park

TrailRider - suggested routes





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Aaron Creek Picnic Area to Goondooloo Ridge – (Beginner, 4.1 km and 68 m ascent)

An easy route along a wide trail which gives a good introduction to operating the TrailRider. As the trail descends and steepens slightly, there are a few small rocks that are easily avoided. The route finishes at the viewing bench. Return to the start by the same route.

Forest Circuit Walk - (Beginner, 2.6 km and 48 m ascent)

This circuit is best undertaken clockwise. There are small undulations in the trail surface which has a compact base. The section heading back to the Stringybark camp ground is on a narrow trail.

Aaron Creek Picnic Area to Eagle Waterhole - (Advanced, 4.4 km and 125 m ascent).

The first 1.5 km gradually descends on a hard packed track before steeper sections to Eagle Waterhole which provides a good lunch stop. Return to the start by the same route, don't be daunted by the ascent as the motor on the TrailRider makes light work of it.

Stringybark Loop Walk - (Advanced, 0.8 km and 31 m ascent)

This trail is relatively short but narrow with rocks, tree roots and logs that will require good handling to negotiate the obstacles.

Spring Wildflower Walk – (Advanced, 4.5 km and 90 m ascent)

The route is on mostly good tracks although the first section into the gully is steep and has some loose gravel which the TrailRider handles with ease.

Boat Harbor/Heysen Trail – (Highly advanced, 6.8 km and 160 m ascent)

Starting from Pages Lookout car park the compact trail gradually descends towards Boat Harbor. This is a narrow trail but gives few technical difficulties apart from a couple of small rock steps. Although longer with slightly more ascent it makes for an adventurous excursion with stunning scenery throughout. The route ends at the bench/ viewpoint. Parking is available at each end of this trail so you may be able to arrange to be picked up once you've reached the end. Otherwise return by the same route.

Weather

After rain, trail conditions can change making them difficult to negotiate. It is recommended that you check the weather forecast before setting out.

TrailRider - wheelchair hire

The TrailRider all-terrain wheelchair allows people with limited mobility to explore the diverse trails. The onewheeled chair is a cross between a wheelbarrow and sedan chair. The TrailRider requires a minimum of two reasonably fit people (one at each end of the chair) to control and guide the TrailRider All up, two or four fit helpers are required, depending on the trails you wish to travel and the strength and level of fitness of your helpers. The chair is motorised, making it easier to explore some steeper and longer trails.

Chair users are required to bring a bike helmet and review a chair use, short video induction. The chair weighs 25 kg, but can easily disassemble and fit in the back of most medium-sized SUVs.

The District Council of Yankalilla has a TrailRider wheelchair, for free hire, for up to three days. Bookings are essential to avoid disappointment.

To book contact: Fleurieu Coast Visitor Information Centre Phone: 08 8558 0240 or 1300 965 842 Email: cooee@visitfleurieucoast.com.au

TrailRider Grades

To complement the Australian Walking Track Grading System (AWTGS), Parks Victoria have developed a TrailRider Track Grading System (TTGS) for motorised TrailRiders. This system is independent of the AWTGS and focuses on the number, skill and fitness of TrailRider operators. Users of a TrailRider are encouraged to consider both the AWTGS and the TTGS when selecting a track. One or more additional operators are recommended for non motorised TrailRiders.

Beginner Operators

Suitable for all skill levels, including those with no or limited experience. Tracks are typically flat or undulating with gentle hills and limited obstacles. Suitable for most fitness levels. Two to three operators.

Intermediate Operators

Suitable for people with experience on undulating trails. Some obstacles, short staircases with wide landings and occasional sharp bends. A moderate level of fitness is required. Three to four operators.

Advanced Operators

Suitable for people with experience on uneven trail surfaces. Operators may encounter short steep hills, narrow sections, staircases and many sharp bends. A high level of fitness is required. Three to four operators.

Highly Advanced Operators

Suitable for people with extensive experience using a TrailRider on uneven trail surfaces. Long steep and difficult hills, rough and unformed surface with many steps, obstacles and sharp bends. A high level of fitness with strong upper body strength is required. Four operators minimum.

Parking

There is an accessible parking space at Cobbler Hill picnic area.

Toilets

There are currently no accessible toilets in the park.

Camping

There are accessible campsites (No 12 and No 13) available at Stringybark campground. Book online, visit parks.sa.gov.au or call the Customer Service Centre on (+61 8) 8207 7700

Accommodation

Southern Ocean Retreats offers fully compliant wheelchair-friendly accommodation at one of Ridgetop Retreats.

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