



Coorong National Park

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About

There is something for all ages and interests in the Coorong. The serenity, the sheer diversity, and the proximity to Adelaide make it an immensely popular park. Visitors come for bird watching, boating, kayaking, fishing, camping, walking, four-wheel driving and European and cultural history.

The Coorong is also a wetland of international importance, supporting many significant and endangered flora and fauna.

Both [Encounter](#) and [Upper South East Marine Parks](#) border Coorong National Park.

Opening hours

Open daily.

Closures and safety

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Check the [CFS website](#) or call the CFS Bushfire Information Hotline 1800 362 361 for:

- [Information on fire bans and current fire conditions](#)
- [Current CFS warnings and incidents](#)
- [Information on what to do in the event of a fire.](#)

Listen to your [local area radio station](#) for the latest updates and information on fire safety.

Contact details

Visitor information, bookings and park management:

Coorong National Park Information Office
Phone: (+61 8) 8575 1200

National Parks and Wildlife Service Mount Gambier Office
Phone: (+61 8) 7424 5770

Booking enquiries please email:
DEW.SEOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au

Emergency contacts:

Medical, fire (including bushfire) and police emergency situations
Phone: Triple Zero - 000

Police Assistance
Phone: 131 444 for non-urgent police assistance

National Parks and Wildlife Service SA - After-hours duty officer
Phone: (+61 8) 7424 5770

Injured wildlife:

Within the park
Please contact National Parks and Wildlife Service Mount Gambier Office on (08) 7424 5770

Outside of the park
Please contact a local wildlife rescue group

Marine mammals

If you find a sick or stranded marine mammal (including whales, seals, sea lions and dolphins), please contact National Parks and Wildlife Service Mount Gambier Office on (08) 7424 5770



When to visit

The weather is mostly warm and dry during summer and autumn - it's easy to travel on the roads, great for camping and perfect for beach lovers.

Getting there

The park is located 200km south east of Adelaide. The park is accessible via Meningie and Kingston off the Princes Highway. If you are arriving from the south, enter the park via Kingston. The Coorong Northern Lagoon can be accessed by boat via the Murray Mouth or by road via the Princes Highway to Narrung or Meningie.

- [Park maps](#)

Accessibility

Accessible toilets

- Long Point
- Parnka Point
- Loop Road (Lakes Nature Trail car park)
- 42 Mile Crossing Campground
- 28 Mile Crossing Campground

Accessible car parking

- Long Point
- Parnka Point
- Loop Road (Lakes Nature Trail car park)

Dogs allowed (on lead in designated areas)

Dogs are permitted at below the high water mark at Ocean Beach only. Your dog must be transported directly to and from the beach inside a vehicle. Dogs are not permitted in the waters of the Coorong Lagoon, including the area between the Murray Mouth and the Goolwa Lock.

Please ensure you:

- Keep your dog under control and on a lead no more than two metres in length.
- Stick to designated walking trails.
- Bring disposable bags to clean up your dog's faeces (please be aware there are no bins in national



parks).

Dogs are not permitted in other areas of the park.

Discover other parks you can walk your dog in on our [find a park](#) tool or read [12 dog-friendly walks in Adelaide Parks](#) by Good Living for inspiration.

Assistance dogs

Assistance dogs are permitted in most public places and are therefore welcome in South Australia's parks and reserves. Assistance dogs must be appropriately restrained on a lead and remain under your effective control at all times while in a park or reserve.

As per the dogs in parks and reserves policy, if the dog is not an accredited assistance dog, they must be trained to assist a person with a disability to alleviate that disability and meet standards of hygiene and behaviour appropriate for a dog in a public place. However, refusal may be given if the person with the disability is unable to produce evidence the dog is an assistance dog with the appropriate training.

Before taking your assistance dog into a park that does not normally allow dogs, it is highly recommended that you contact us so we can provide you with the latest information on any potential hazards within specific parks that may affect your dog. Please contact the park via the contact details provided under the contact tab or contact the visitor service centre via [email](#) or on [Facebook](#).

Facilities

There are a variety of facilities available within the park, including campgrounds, toilets, picnic tables, walking trails and boat ramps.

Useful information

- Explore what other [nature and outdoor activities](#) are available in this area on the South Australia Tourism website.
 - Mobile phone coverage can be patchy and unreliable in this park, especially if you are in low-lying areas.

Plants and animals



Flora and fauna species lists

To download flora (plants) and fauna (animals) species lists for this park, use the 'Create Simple Species List' tab under 'Flora Tools' or 'Fauna Tools' in [NatureMaps](#).

Take a virtual tour

Take a virtual tour of this park. Get a taste for the beauty of the Coorong at sunrise, the walking trails, the Jacks Point pelican observatory and more.

- [Georama virtual tour](#)

Pests and diseases

Phytophthora (fy-TOFF-thora), otherwise known as root-rot fungus, is killing our native plants and threatens the survival of animals depending on plants for food and shelter.

This introduced fungus can be found in plant roots, soil and water. Help stop the spread by using hygiene stations, staying on tracks and trails and by complying with all Phytophthora management signs.

- [Phytophthora brochure](#)

Traditional owners

The Coorong is of enormous cultural significance to the Ngarrindjeri people, with ancient mounds of discarded shells revealing archaeological evidence of Aboriginal campsites over thousands of years. 'Kurangk' (meaning 'long narrow neck') is the name given to the area by the Ngarrindjeri people. Ngarrindjeri involvement in cultural heritage is linked with current management of the park.

Aboriginal peoples have occupied, enjoyed and managed the lands and waters of this State for thousands of generations. For Aboriginal first nations, creation ancestors laid down the laws of the Country and bestowed a range of customary rights and obligations to the many Aboriginal Nations across our state.

There are many places across the State that have great spiritual significance to Aboriginal first nations. At some of these places Aboriginal cultural protocols, such as restricted access, are promoted and visitors are asked to respect the wishes of Traditional Owners.

In places where protocols are not promoted visitors are asked to show respect by not touching or removing anything, and make sure you take all your rubbish with you when you leave.

Aboriginal peoples continue to play an active role in caring for their Country, including in parks across South Australia.



- [DEW Park management](#)
- [DEW Aboriginal partnerships](#)

See and do

Rangers recommend

Storm Boy Country

The iconic Australian novel, 'Storm Boy', was originally made into a movie in 1976 and in early 2019 a contemporary reimagining of the original movie will be released. The story features the vast beaches, lagoons and sand dunes of Coorong National Park, where you can follow in the footsteps of characters Storm Boy, Mr Percival and Fingerbone Bill.

Storm Boy tells the story of Mike (Storm Boy), a young boy who has a special connection with three orphaned pelicans. It is a story about friendship, Aboriginal culture and growing up in the isolated wilderness of the Coorong. The 2019 film features Storm Boy, as an old man, reflecting on his time growing up on the Coorong.

See the spots where Storm Boy was filmed

The Storm Boy movies were shot in numerous places throughout Coorong National Park. Filming locations of the 2019 movie include Ninety Mile Beach (accessible by 4wd only) and Godfrey's Landing (only accessible by boat/kayak).

For those without a boat, kayak or 4wd, there are lots of [tour companies](#) that can help you discover the stunning wilderness of Storm Boy Country.

Prefer to explore Storm Boy country on your own? There are heaps of walking trails and campsites to explore as well as over 150km of lagoon and coastline to discover in a kayak.

Aboriginal Culture

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Find your own Mr Percival

The Coorong supports many significant and endangered flora and fauna species. The wetland system is famous for its abundant birdlife, especially Australian pelicans just like Mr Percival.

We recommend heading to Jack Point, home to a large breeding colony of the Australian pelicans. Don't forget your binoculars!

Storm Boy educational resource

The Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM) have published a study guide for the new Storm Boy movie designed for students in Years 3-9.

- [Download ATOM - Storm Boy study guide \(6 MB - PDF\)](#)

More Storm Boy inspiration:

- Check out this [Storm Boy inspired itinerary](#) by the South Australian Tourism Commission.
- Get ideas from [Fleurieu Peninsula Tourism](#) on what to see and do while you are in Storm Boy Country.
- Discover [6 facts you might not know about the Coorong](#).

Bushwalking

Bushwalking is a fantastic way to connect with nature, keep fit and spend time with family and friends. South Australia's national parks feature a range of trails that let you experience a diversity of landscapes.

Easy walks

Chinaman's Well Historic Site Journey to Gold Walk (1 hour return, 1.3km)

[Navigate this trail on Google Street View](#)

Explore the Chinaman's Well historic site to find the stone well and associated quarries, learning the history of the gold rush.

Godfrey's Landing Walk - only accessible by boat (1 hour return, 3km)

A great wildlife walk, this trail takes you through the sand dunes from the Coorong Lagoon to the ocean beach.

Jack Point Pelican Observatory Walk (20 mins return, 1.2km)

[Navigate this trail on Google Street View](#)

A great walk for families winding through the dunes to a viewing area overlooking pelican breeding islands.



Lakes Nature Walk Trail (1 hour loop, 3km)

[Navigate this trail on Google Street View](#)

A gentle, pleasant walk past ephemeral lakes, through mallee scrub and over low sand dunes.

Ngrugie Ngoppun Walk (1 hour 15 mins loop, 2.5km)

[Navigate this trail on Google Street View](#)

This means 'good walk' in the Ngarrindjeri language. This short loop offers wildlife viewing and access to some local history.

Moderate hikes

Parnka Ngoppun Trail (2 hour loop, 5 km)

Take in the spectacular beauty of the Parnka Point shoreline and stunning views of the North and South Lagoons and the dynamic dune system of the Younghusband Peninsula on this loop trail. As you go, keep an eye out for the iconic pelicans and migratory birds such as avocets, banded stilts, sharp-tailed sandpipers and red-necked stints.

Nukan Kungun Hike (2 days one way, 25km)

This 25km trail is great for school and walking groups. It starts from Salt Creek and links some of the more popular trails in the park, concluding at the 42 Mile Crossing campground. From the campground you may continue over the sand dunes to the ocean beach, a further 1.3km. Secluded bush campsites are also dotted along the trail.

Mountain biking

There are no designated mountain biking trails in this park.

- [Which parks can you ride in?](#)

Camping

Experience camping under the night sky alongside salt lagoons and white sandy beaches at one of the park's campgrounds. From the spacious, family-friendly 42 Mile Crossing campground to the secluded campsites along the Younghusband Peninsula, which are only accessible by boat, there are plenty of camping options.

Campsites must be booked prior to arrival to the park.

[Book online](#) to reserve your campsite up to 12 months in advance.



Tent camping

The campgrounds at the southern end of the Coorong provide the best shelter for tent camping. There are campgrounds with designated sites and toilets along the Loop Road, 42 Mile Crossing, 28 Mile Crossing and at Parnka Point.

Boat access only campsites

The Godfrey's Landing camping area is accessible only by boat, and you will find other secluded campsites along the Younghusband Peninsula. Remember that navigating boats in the Coorong can be hazardous because of changing weather conditions, shallow water and rocky reefs.

Caravans

The camping areas best suited for caravans are 42 Mile Crossing, Parnka Point, Long Point and Mark Point. Sites in the park are not powered. Taking a caravan below 42 Mile Crossing is not recommended because of unpredictable terrain. Tea Tree Crossing is also not recommended for caravans - there's a high risk of getting bogged and the water levels at the crossing are unpredictable.

Campgrounds

28 Mile Crossing campground

[View campground on Google Street View](#)

Suitable for: tents, camper trailers and caravans

Facilities: toilets

This campground is set amongst sand dunes that offer some protection. A walking trail from the campground leads to the beach.

42 Mile Crossing campground

[View campground on Google Street View](#)

Suitable for: tents, camper trailers and caravans

Facilities: toilets, non-potable water, picnic table and walking trail

This campground has large grassed area and is semi-sheltered by vegetation. A walking trail from the campground leads to the beach. Campsites are unallocated.

Barker Knoll campground (boat/canoe access only)

Suitable for: tents

Facilities: walking trail

This campground is only accessible by boat or canoe and is located on the edge of the Coorong Lagoon.



Godfreys Landing campground (boat/canoe access only)

Suitable for: tents

Facilities: toilets, non-potable water, shelter, small boat ramp and walking trail

This campground is only accessible by boat or canoe and is located on the edge of the Coorong Lagoon.

Kartoo Road (4WD)

[View campground on Google Street View](#)

Suitable for: tents and camper trailers

Facilities: none

There is seven camp sites spread along the Kartoo Road (4WD only). Camp sites are located on edge of Coorong Lagoon.

Long Point campground

[View campground on Google Street View](#)

Suitable for: tents, camper trailers and caravans

Facilities: toilets, picnic table, small jetty and small boat ramp

This campground has five camp sites available and offers great views of the Coorong Lagoon.

Loop Road campgrounds

[View Hooded Plover campground on Google Street View](#)

[View Malleefowl campground on Google Street View](#)

[View Sandpiper campground on Google Street View](#)

Suitable for: tents, camper trailers and caravans

Facilities: toilets and walking trails

There is 20 campsites across four campgrounds that are spread along the Loop Road. Camp sites offer a bush camping experience in a natural setting.

Mark Point campground

[View campground on Google Street View](#)

Suitable for: tents, camper trailers and caravans



Facilities: boat ramp

This campground has two camp sites available and offers great views of the Coorong Lagoon.

Ocean Beach (4WD)

Suitable for: tents

Facilities: none

Camping is allowed along the beach between the high and low watermarks, and within the designated campsites indicated by wooden posts and poly fencing between Tea Tree and 42 Mile Crossings. Ocean Beach is only accessible by 4WD and experience in sand driving is recommended.

Parnka Point campgrounds

Suitable for: tents and camper trailers

Facilities: toilets, non-potable water, boat ramp and sheltered picnic tables (located at Parnka Point)

There is 13 campsites across two campgrounds. Camp sites overlook the Coorong Lagoon and some offer shelter provided by trees.

Tea Tree Crossing campground (4WD)

Suitable for: tents and camper trailers

Facilities: none

This campground is only accessible to 4WD vehicles. There is a large grassed area which has some shelter provided by vegetation. The campground can only be accessed from the mainland during summer due to high water levels in the Coorong Lagoon during winter. At other times, the campground may be accessed via the 42 Mile Crossing and the ocean beach (subject to weather and beach conditions). Campsites are unallocated.

Wreck campground

[View campground on Google Street View](#)

Suitable for: tents and camper trailers

Facilities: none

Only accessible during summer months, this campground has five campsites that offer shelter provided by tall trees.



Attractions

Chinaman's Well

A walk around the intricate stone well, associated quarries and eating house ruins provides an insight into the history of the area when the Chinese passed through the Coorong during the gold rush era.

Godfrey's Landing

Accessible by boat from Goolwa and Hindmarsh Island, Godfrey's Landing offers a fascinating walk through the sand dunes of the Younghusband Peninsula to the ocean beach near the Murray Mouth.

Jack Point

Home of the largest breeding colony of the Australian Pelican, Jack's Point Observatory allows visitors to observe numerous birds flying back and forth to visit and breed on the nearby islands. Don't forget your binoculars!

Long Point

A jetty provides visitors with easy access to their boat to explore the Coorong. Long Point is also a great spot to go fishing as the sun sets over the Coorong lagoon on a calm evening.

Parnka Point

Parnka Point or 'Hells Gate' is the narrowest point between the northern and southern Coorong lagoon. It is noted for excellent views up and down the lagoon, and wading birds are commonly seen fossicking in the shallow and sheltered bays nearby.

Pelican Point

Pelican Point offers a great vantage point to see some of the wide variety of birdlife in the park. It is also where Lake Alexandrina enters the Coorong through the Tauwitchere barrage. There is no public access to the barrage.

Salt Creek

The longest walking trail in the Coorong (27km) starts at Salt Creek and extends south to the 42 Mile Crossing. This trail links four other interesting but shorter walks focusing on wildlife, scenery, sand dune systems and the early settlement of the Chinese. Designated camp sites are available along the nearby Loop Road.

42 Mile Crossing

42 Mile Crossing is the closest point for 2WD vehicles to access the beach. A pleasant 20 minute walk through the sand dunes along an easily accessible walking trail from the campground rewards you with the sight and sound of the endless Southern Ocean waves rolling onto the beach. To protect the breeding site of the hooded plover, access to the beach north of Tea Tree Crossing to the Murray Mouth is closed to vehicles from 24 October to 24 December each year.



Self-guided history tour

The Coorong holds great interest in relation to early European exploration of South Australia. The area was a major section of the overland stock route, mail coach route, migrant route and telegraph line route between Adelaide and Melbourne.

Join us on a self-guided tour of some highlighted historic locations and enjoy the Coorong, the scenery and its abundant wildlife which amazed early European settlers.

[Coorong self-guided history trail - map and guide](#)

Boating, kayaking and canoeing

With over 150km of lagoon and coastline to explore, the waters of the Coorong are ideal for boating, kayaking and canoeing. There are two separate bodies of water in the park - the Northern Lagoon (from Goolwa Barrage to Parnka Point) and the Southern Lagoon (Parnka Point to Salt Creek).

- [View Mundoo Channel, Godfreys Landing and the Murray Mouth on Google Street View](#)
- [Water safety](#)
- [Boating and canoeing in parks](#)

Boat launch	Type	Jetty	Draught		Affected by tide/wind
			Deep > 1m	Shallow < 1m	
Goolwa	Concrete ramp	Y	Deep		N
Marina, Hindmarsh Island	Concrete ramp	Y	Deep		N
No 19 Beacon	Concrete ramp	Y	Deep		N
Sugars Beach	Sand	N	Shallow		Y
Mundoo Channel Drive	Concrete ramp	N	Shallow		N
Mark Point	Concrete ramp	Y	Deep		N
Long Point	Sand	Y	Shallow		Y
Parnka Point	Clay	N	Deep		N
Policemans Point	Clay	N	Shallow		Y

Fishing

There is excellent surf fishing along the Coorong Ocean Beach. The steep beach offers good access to deep gutters along the shore where fish hunt for food. Between the Murray Mouth and Long Point are good spots for boat fishing - try casting a line in the lagoon for the famous Coorong Mullet and Mulloway.

Please note:

- net fishers must have recreational licences



- you must observe bag sizes and limits
- there is currently no recreational collection of cockles allowed in the Coorong (regulations are subject to change).
- no fishing is allowed within 150m of the barrages.

Fishing is not allowed in marine park sanctuary zones. Coorong Beach South and Coorong Beach North sanctuary zones border Coorong National Park.

Fishing is actively managed in South Australia by the Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA.

Check out these useful links before embarking on your fishing adventure:

- [Recreational fishing regulations](#)
- [SA recreational fishing guide app](#)
- [Aquatic reserves](#)

Bird watching

The Coorong is a birdwatchers' paradise. Over 200 species of birds have been recorded in the park, including two rare species. Many different water birds visit the wetland, particularly in summer. The distinctive landscape is an internationally renowned breeding area for the Australian pelican and a refuge for ducks, swans, cormorants, terns, grebes and numerous species of migratory birds.

When bird watching, carry binoculars and a field guide to help with bird identification. Wear clothes that blend in with the surrounds and be quiet, particularly if birds are nesting. Do not approach or interfere with nests - this can cause birds to abandon them.

- [Migratory wader birds of the Coorong and Lower Lakes](#)

4WD

With its long and challenging beach drive, narrow crossings, and secluded campsites, the Coorong is one of Australia's favourite four-wheel driving destinations.

From Goolwa it is possible to access the very top end of the Coorong, but there is no vehicle access across the barrages or the mouth of the River Murray into the main areas of the park. Primary access into the park is via the Princes Highway from Tailem Bend.

The ocean beach is a gazetted road so speed restrictions apply. Standard road rules apply when driving anywhere in the Coorong, including the laws for speed limits, drink driving, vehicle registration, drivers licences and seat belts.



Be careful if driving on the beach, and only do so at low tide. Remember tides are unpredictable and can turn quickly. You may only drive on the beach between the high and low water mark. Do not take your vehicle off the designated tracks. Precious Indigenous sites can be damaged and wildlife threatened by off track driving, and fines apply.

Only registered motorbikes are permitted in the park. Quad bikes are not permitted.

To protect the hooded plover, the ocean beach track north of Tea Tree Crossing is closed to vehicles from 24 October to 24 December every year. This closure applies to the beach from Tea Tree Crossing to the Murray Mouth.

- [4WDDriving safety](#)

View 4WD tracks using Google Street View

- [32 Mile Crossing to Ocean Beach](#)
- [42 Mile Campground to Ocean Beach](#)
- [Kartoo Road](#)

Volunteering

Want to help?

To find out how you can help in this park or nearby, please visit [Natural Resources South East](#).

Want to join others and become a Park Friend?

To find out more about Friends of Parks groups please visit [Friends of Parks South Australia](#).

You could join others to help look after a park. You can take part in working bees, training and other events.

Become a Campground Host

Combine your love of camping with doing a good deed by becoming a volunteer campground host in this park.

A campground host is a volunteer who stays at the park either for a specific peak period, like the Easter break or a long weekend, or an extended period of time (up to a few months) to support park rangers.

If you are passionate about the environment, a keen camper, like to meet people from all around the world, and are a happy to help, then hosting could be right up your alley.

- [SA's Campground Hosts Program](#)



Safety

Bushwalking

The international Trail Users Code of Conduct is to show respect and courtesy towards other trail users at all times.

Ensure that you:

- when hiking, wear sturdy shoes, a hat and sunscreen
- be aware of weather conditions and avoid walking during the hottest part of the day
- make sure you have appropriate weather proof clothing
- carry enough water to be self-sufficient
- please be respectful of other users at all times
- stay on the designated trails and connector tracks for your own safety, and prevent the spread of declared weeds to other areas in the park
- ensure someone knows your approximate location and expected time of return
- take appropriate maps.
- [Walk, hike or trek - what's the difference?](#)

Camping

When camping in a National Park, it's important to remember the following:

- Always let someone responsible know your travel plans, especially when travelling in remote areas. It's a good idea to let them know when you expect to return.
- Check the weather forecast before you leave, including overnight temperatures on the [Bureau of Meteorology](#). Even during very mild weather, the nights can get very cold.
- The quality and quantity of water cannot be guaranteed within parks. Please bring plenty of water and food to be self-sufficient.
- Always camp in designated sites (where applicable) - do not camp beneath trees with overhanging branches, as they can drop without warning. It's also a good idea to check that there are no insect nests nearby.
- Check to make sure you're not camping in a natural waterway, flash floods can happen anytime.
- If camp fires are permitted, you must bring your own firewood, as the collection of firewood within National Parks is prohibited. Extinguish your camp fire with water (not sand or dirt) until the hissing sound stops.
- Ensure that you are familiar with the [fire restrictions](#) for this park.



Fire

Can I have a fire or barbecue?

- Wood fires and solid fuel fires are prohibited throughout the year with the exceptions of Ocean Beach foreshores and 42 Mile Crossing Campground.
 - Ocean beach foreshores: wood fires or solid fuel fires are permitted between high water mark and low water mark other than on days of total fire ban. You must bring your own firewood, as the collection of firewood within National Parks is prohibited.
 - 42 Mile Crossing Campground: wood fires or solid fuel fires are permitted in designated locations except from 15 November 2021 to 13 April 2022 inclusive and on days of total fire ban.
- Gas fires and liquid fuel fires are permitted through the year, other than on days of total fire ban.
- Ensure you are familiar with the [fire restrictions](#) for this park.

Closures and safety

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Water

Before setting out, check the weather forecast. Weather conditions can change rapidly.

- Make sure your boat registration and your boat operator's license are current.
- Check your boat - make sure it is seaworthy and that you have enough fuel for the return trip.
- Check that all the required safety equipment is on board and in good condition.
- Know your boating regulations and respect the right of others to enjoy the Coorong.
- No jet skis or hovercraft are allowed in the Coorong.

Be cautious when navigating the lagoon - it can be hazardous because of currents, choppy water, shifting sands, rocky reefs and shallow water.



Do not climb on, or fish from slippery rocks.

- [Get coastal wise](#)
- [Kayak and canoe safety handbook](#)

4WD

- Take extreme care when driving in the park - be aware of soft, shifting sands, blowouts and drop offs.
- Driving on the ocean beach is only permitted between the high and low water mark.
- When driving on the beach, it is best to do so at low tide. High tides and storms can cause sections of the beach to become treacherous. Check the tide times for your forward and return journey.
- When driving on sand, deflate your tyres to 105kPa (15psi) - or as appropriate for your vehicle. Take care when lowering tyre pressure as there is a risk you could roll a tyre off a rim. Also, remember that lower tyre pressure can mean a change in how the vehicle handles. Don't forget to reinflate your tyres to the manufacturer's recommended pressure before leaving the park.
- Please consider other drivers by not obstructing the flow of traffic.

Know before you go

Every national park is different, each has its own unique environment, it is important to be responsible while enjoying all the park has to offer.

Please ensure that you:

- leave your pets at home
 - do not feed birds or other animals, it promotes aggressive behaviour and an unbalanced ecology
 - do not bring generators (except where permitted), chainsaws or firearms into the park
 - leave the park as you found it - there are no bins in national parks, please come prepared to take your rubbish with you.
 - abide by the road rules (maintain the speed limit)
 - respect geological and heritage sites
 - do not remove native plants
 - are considerate of other park users.
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- Important: Collection of firewood within National Parks is prohibited. Dead wood plays a vital role in providing shelter for animals and adding nutrients to the soil.



Dogs

Why does my dog need to be on a lead?

If your dog is off lead, it is more likely to impact on native wildlife and other visitors in a park and be at risk itself.

Risks to wildlife:

- Dogs off tracks will leave a scent in the bush that will keep wildlife away.
- Uncontrolled dogs may frighten wildlife and disrupt their natural behaviour.
- Some dogs will kill or injure wildlife.

Risks to other park visitors

- Dogs may be aggressive to other park visitors.
- Even friendly dogs can knock people over causing injury.
- Some people want to enjoy parks without dogs.

Risks to your dog

- Poison baits may be laid to control foxes. Baits can be fatal to dogs.
- Even if your dog is friendly, other dogs may not be.
- Your dog can catch parasites (such as fleas and ticks) from wildlife.
- Snake bites are a real risk in natural areas such as parks.
- Wildlife such as kangaroos and koalas will defend themselves if threatened by a dog and can cause significant injury to or the death of your dog.

Maps

Park maps

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Campground maps

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- [Coorong National Park - Tea Tree Crossing \(Oystercatcher\) campground map](#)
- [Coorong National Park - Wreck Crossing campground map](#)
- [Coorong National Park - Barker Knoll campground](#)
- [Coorong National Park - Godfreys Landing campground](#)
- [Coorong National Park - Loop Road caravan sites](#)
- [Coorong National Park - Parnka Point Pelican campground](#)

Maps on your mobile

If you have a smartphone or tablet you can download the free [Avenza Map app](#) and have interactive national park maps on hand when you need them.

The app uses your device's built-in GPS to plot your real-time location within the park onto a map. The app can be used without a network connection and without roaming charges. You can also measure area and distance, plot photos and drop placemark pins.

How to get it working on your device:

1. Download the Avenza Maps app from the app store ([iOS/Android](#)) whilst you are still in range (its free!).
2. Open up the app and click the shopping cart icon.
3. Click 'Find' and type the name of the national park or reserve you are looking for.
4. Click on the map you are after and install it (all our maps are free).
5. You will now find a list of your installed maps on the home page of the Avenza Maps app.
6. Use our maps through the Avenza Mapa app while in the park and never take a wrong turn again.

Google Street View

Want to explore a trail before you leave home or use Google Maps to navigate straight from your door to the trailhead?

We've worked with Google to film more than [600km of walking trails](#), park roads, campgrounds and waterways in some of our most beautiful places. Click to see what the parks offer and the available facilities before you go. This is an especially great tool if you have accessibility needs, are visiting with people of varying ages or fitness levels or are pushing a pram and want to view a trail before leaving home.

You can start exploring this park on Google Street View using the links below.



4WD Tracks

- [32 Mile Crossing to Ocean Beach](#)
- [42 Mile Campground to Ocean Beach](#)

Campgrounds

- [28 Mile campground](#)
- [42 Mile campground](#)
- [Kartoo Road campsites](#)
- [Long Point campgrounds](#)
- Loop Road campgrounds
 - [Hooded plover campground](#)
 - [Malleefowl campground](#)
 - [Sandpiper campground](#)
- [Mark Point campground](#)
- [Wreck crossing campground](#)

Kayaking trails

- [Mundoo Channel, Murray Mouth and Godfreys Landing](#)

Walking trails

- [Beach trail - 42 Mile Crossing campground to Ocean Beach](#)
- [Chinamans Well Historic Site - Journey to gold walk](#)
- [Jack Point Pelican Observatory Walk](#)
- [Lakes Nature Trail](#)
- [Ngrugie Ngoppun Walk](#)

Fees

Entry fees

Vehicle entry to this park is free, however fees apply for camping.

Camping and accommodation

Campsites need to be booked prior to arrival.



Click through to the online booking page for more details about individual campgrounds and fees.

Book online

[Book online](#) to reserve your campsite up to 12 months in advance.

[FAQs about booking online](#)

Book and pay in person

If you are unable to book and pay online you can do so, in person, at these [booking agents](#) across the state.

For online bookings enquiries please email:

DEW.SEOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au

Other fees and permits

There are no other fees or permits associated with this park.