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**National Parks
and Wildlife Service**
South Australia

Kinchina Conservation Park



About

At 414 ha, Kinchina Conservation Park forms the largest area of native vegetation in the Monarto Crown Lands region.

The Rocky Gully creek meanders through the park to the north, with beautiful granite outcrops forming features which can be enjoyed from the Lavender Federation Trail. In the later parts of the year the area is blossoming orchids, lilies and beautiful spring wildflowers, it is definitely worth a visit at this time! Patience might reward you with a sighting of several rare birds, including the diamond firetail, restless flycatcher or a hooded robin.

The protection of these species, which are in decline in the Mount Lofty Ranges, are amongst the reasons the park was proclaimed. The park also protects grassy woodland communities, a declining habitat across the Mount Lofty Ranges. There are populations of threatened plant species, such as Monarto mintbush (*Prostanthera eurybioides*) and Menzel's wattle (*Acacia menzelii*) in the park. In fact this park is the only area where Menzel's Wattle is formally protected, and with over 4,000 plants in the park.

Opening hours

Open daily.

This park is closed on days of Catastrophic Fire Danger and may be closed on days of Extreme Fire Danger.

Listen to the local area radio station for the latest updates and information on fire safety.

- **CFS website (<http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/>)**
- **CFS Hotline: 1300 362 361**

Contact details

Visitor information, bookings and park management:

**National Parks Wildlife Service South Australia Riverland and Murraylands Regional Office
28 Vaughan Tce, Berri**

Phone: (+61 8) 8595 2111

Email: rm.npws@sa.gov.au (<mailto:rm.npws@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: 0417 192 335

Injured Wildlife:

Within the park

Please contact the Riverland and Murraylands Regional Office on (08) 8595 2111 or the after-hours duty officer on 0417 192 335 (outside of business hours).

Outside of the park

Please contact a local wildlife rescue group

Getting there

Travel out of Murray Bridge on Maurice Road, approximately 3.5 km (from the Adelaide Road turn off), the parking bay and walking trail access is located on the right.

Alternatively travel on the Old Princess Highway to the Tower Hill Car Park and Entrance, which is around 200 m from the Adelaide Road turn off.

Dogs allowed (on lead)

Dogs are welcome in this park.

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).

Discover other parks you can walk your dog in on our [find a park \(https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/find-a-park\)](https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/find-a-park) tool or read [12 dog-friendly walks in Adelaide Parks \(http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/goodliving/posts/2017/12/dogs-part-2\)](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/goodliving/posts/2017/12/dogs-part-2) 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 \(https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/contact-us/get-in-touch-online\)](https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/contact-us/get-in-touch-online) or on [Facebook \(https://www.facebook.com/NPWSSA\)](https://www.facebook.com/NPWSSA), or you can live chat with a customer service representative on the website Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

Facilities

Please come to the park prepared to be self reliant as there is no facilities located in the park.

Useful information

- **Parks management plans** (<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/park-management/state-wide-park-strategies/park-management-plans>)
- **Trails SA** (<http://www.southaustraliantrails.com/>)
- **SA Marine Parks** (<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/marineparks/home>)
- **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.

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](https://data.environment.sa.gov.au/NatureMaps/Pages/default.aspx) (<https://data.environment.sa.gov.au/NatureMaps/Pages/default.aspx>).

European history

Kinchina Conservation Park came into existence on the 22nd of September when announced in the Government Gazette, and was opened by the Hon. Minister Ian Hunter on the 6th of November 2016.

Kinchina Conservation Park is named for the rail siding where local Monarto granite was loaded to be sent to Adelaide by Jessie and Charles Duncan from 1879. This granite was used in many buildings, including Colonel Light's statue, St Peter's Cathedral steps, Electra House on King William Street and for kerbing in Adelaide CBD.

Traditional owners

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 (<https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/park-management>)**
- **DEW Aboriginal partnerships (<https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/park-management/co-management-of-parks>)**

See and do

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. Our trails cater for all levels of fitness and adventure and our classification system makes it easy to select an experience suitable for you.

- **Walk, hike or trek - what's the difference? (<https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/know-before-you-go/bushwalking>)**
- **Bushwalking safety (<https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/parks/murray-river-national-park#safety>)**
- **Bushwalking minimum impact code**
(https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/files/sharedassets/parks/wilderness_miniumumimpactcode.pdf)
- **For park and trail maps please see the maps tab above**

Moderate hikes

- Lavender Federation Trail

This easy trial runs east to west through the park.

- Rocky Gully Link Trail (600m)

This short trail links the getaway Car Loop and Jailbreak Trails

- Cemetery Trail (1.7km)

This trail links the Jailhouse Rocks and Jailbreak Trails

- Getaway Car loop (1.9km)

Trail can be accessed via Maurice Road

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Jailhouse Rocks Loop (1.8km)

Trail can be accessed via Maurice Road

- Jailbreak Trail (4.2km)

This is the longest trail in the park. It runs north-south and can be accessed from Maurice Road or Tower Road.

Stay in the park

There is no camping or accommodation available within this park.

Mountain biking

The tracks and trails below are suggested routes only, create your own route by following any of the designated tracks. Please obey signs and observe the classification system to ensure you select trails suitable to your ability.

- [Cycling and mountain biking in parks \(https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/know-before-you-go/mountain-biking\)](https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/know-before-you-go/mountain-biking)
- [Park and trail maps \(https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/parks/kinchina-conservation-park#maps\)](https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/parks/kinchina-conservation-park#maps)

Intermediate

- Lavender Federation Trail

This easy trail runs east to west through the park.

- Cemetery Trail (1.7km)

This trail links the Jailhouse Rocks and Jailbreak Trails

- Getaway Car loop (1.9km)

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Jailhouse Rocks Loop (1.8km)

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- Jailbreak Trail (4.2km)

This is the longest trail in the park. It runs north-south and can be accessed from Maurice Road or Tower Road.

Advanced

- Rocky Gully Link Trail (600m)

This short trail links the getaway Car Loop and Jailbreak Trails

Volunteering

Want to help?

To find out how you can help in this park or nearby, please visit [Natural Resources South Australian Murray-Darling Basin – Volunteering](https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/mr/get-involved/volunteering). (<https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/mr/get-involved/volunteering>)

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](http://www.friendsofparkssa.org.au/members-list). (<http://www.friendsofparkssa.org.au/members-list>)

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

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:

- keep to defined walking trails and follow the trail markers
- wear sturdy shoes, a hat and sunscreen
- carry sufficient drinking water
- be aware of weather conditions and avoid walking during the hottest part of the day
- [Walk, hike or trek - what's the difference? \(https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/know-before-you-go/bushwalking\)](https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/know-before-you-go/bushwalking)

Mountain biking

Trail Users Code of Practice

To protect the surrounding environment and to ensure the safety of all riders and shared trail users, please be aware of the international Trail Users Code of Practice when using shared trails. Important points to remember include:

- plan your ride
- comply with all signs
- ride only on formed tracks/trails
- share the trail - obey give way rules
- avoid riding in wet, muddy conditions
- ride lightly and leave no trace or rubbish
- control your bike within your limits
- clean your bike to avoid the spread of weeds or plant diseases
- carry sufficient food and drinking water
- respect the rights of others
- tell others about the code

Fire

Can I have a fire or barbecue?

- Wood fires and solid fuel fires are prohibited throughout the year.
- Gas fires and liquid fuel fires are permitted, other than on days of total fire ban.
- Ensure you are familiar with the **fire restrictions** (https://cdn.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/docs/dew_park_fire_restrictions_2020_to_2021.pdf) for this park.

Closures and safety

This park is closed on days of Catastrophic Fire Danger and may also be closed on days of Extreme Fire Danger.

You can determine the current fire danger rating by checking the **Fire Ban District map** (https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/bans_and_ratings.jsp) on the CFS website.

Check the **CFS website** (<https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/home.jsp>) or call the CFS Bushfire Information Hotline 1800 362 361 for:

- **Information on fire bans and current fire conditions** (https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/bans_and_ratings.jsp)
- **Current CFS warnings and incidents** (https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/warnings_and_incidents.jsp)
- **Information on what to do in the event of a fire** (https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare_for_a_fire.jsp).

Listen to your **local area radio station** (<https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/public/download.jsp?id=104478>) for the latest updates and information on fire safety.

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:

- keep your dog on a lead at all times and check if there are areas of the park where dogs are not allowed
 - 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.
- **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

- **[Kinchina Conservation Park map \(https://cdn.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/docs/kinchina-conservation-park/kinchina-conservation-park-map.pdf\)](https://cdn.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/docs/kinchina-conservation-park/kinchina-conservation-park-map.pdf) (pdf)**

Maps on your mobile

If you have a smartphone or tablet you can download the free [Avenza Map app](https://www.avenzamaps.com/maps/how-it-works.html) (<https://www.avenzamaps.com/maps/how-it-works.html>) 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 (<https://apps.apple.com/au/app/avenza-maps/id388424049>)/Android (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.Avenza&hl=en_AU)) 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.**

Fees

Entry fees

Come and enjoy this park for free.

Camping and accommodation

There is no camping or accommodation available within this park.