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**National Parks  
and Wildlife Service**  
South Australia

## Kyeema Conservation Park



### About

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**Kyeema Conservation Park is located on the Fleurieu Peninsula and spans over 347 hectares.**

**Walking along the trails you will notice an overstorey of mainly messmate stringy bark (*Eucalyptus obliqua*), with some pink gum (*E. fasciculosa*) and cup gum (*E. cosmophylla*), partnered with a thick and diverse under storey.**

**The peace and tranquillity walking through this densely vegetated area is rejuvenating and the combination provides habitat for animals such as the southern brown bandicoot, swamp rat and western grey kangaroo. With more than 80 species of birds being recorded in the park, including White's thrush, beautiful firetail and the chestnut-rumped heathwren, it is a haven for birdwatchers. Other species such as superb fairywren, striated thornbill, brown thornbill, white-browed scrubwren, crescent honeyeater, yellow-faced honeyeater and grey shrikethrush are also commonly seen.**

### Opening hours

**Open daily.**

## Closures and safety

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

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- [Current CFS warnings and incidents \(https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/warnings\\_and\\_incidents.jsp\)](https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/warnings_and_incidents.jsp)
- [Information on what to do in the event of a fire \(https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare\\_for\\_a\\_fire.jsp\)](https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare_for_a_fire.jsp).

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

## Contact details

Visitor information, bookings and park management:

**Victor Harbor National Parks and Wildlife Service Office**

**Phone: (+61 8) 8552 0300**

**Email: <mailto:DEW.AMLRBlackHillOffice@sa.gov.au> [DEW.FleurieuOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au](mailto:DEW.FleurieuOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au)  
(<mailto:DEW.FleurieuOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au>)**

(<mailto:DEW.AMLRGawlerOffice@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: 0427 556 676**

Injured wildlife:

**Within the park**

**Please contact Victor Harbor National Parks and Wildlife Service Office on (08) 8552 0300 or the after-hours duty officer on 0427 556 676 (outside of business hours).**

## 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 Victor Harbor National Parks and Wildlife Service Office on (08) 8552 0300 or the after-hours duty officer on 0427 556 676 (outside of business hours)

## Getting there

Kyeema Conservation Park is located 60km south of Adelaide. The park about 15 kilometres SW of Meadows or 11 kilometres NE of Willunga Hill, both via Brookman and Woodgate Hill Roads

- [Park map \(#maps\)](#)

## Dogs not allowed

Dogs are not permitted in this park.

Discover which 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>) or on Facebook (<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 be self sufficient when visiting this park as there are no facilities available apart from a car park located on Woodgate Hill Rd, approximately 3km from Brookman Rd.

## Useful information

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

## 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 \(https://cdn.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/docs/anstey-hill-recreation-park/pa-gen-phytophthorabroch.pdf\)](https://cdn.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/docs/anstey-hill-recreation-park/pa-gen-phytophthorabroch.pdf)**

## 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 \(https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/park-management\)](https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/park-management)
- [DEW Aboriginal partnerships \(https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/park-management/co-management-of-parks\)](https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/park-management/co-management-of-parks)

## European history

Kyeema has a rich and colourful history.

The area was mined for alluvial gold for several years until it was abandoned in 1890 due to low yield. A few years later some of the area was cleared for pine plantations before being used as a labour prison reserve. This area at the western end of the park, once known as the Kyeema Prison Camp, was established in 1932. The camp was intended for well-behaved prisoners from Yatala, it held around thirteen prisoners and only two guards, with the prisoners were placed on their honour to behave. The Kyeema Prison Camp closed in the mid 1950's and today there is only a cleared area of land visible to remind us of the Prison Camp's existence.

The Park has a rich history of bushfires also, being entirely burnt out during the 1983 Ash Wednesday bushfires, and partly affected by subsequent fires in 1994 and 2001. The Friends of Kyeema Conservation Park have worked hard over the years revegetating cleared areas of the park. Due to this history, the area provides a wonderful example of the regeneration capacity of South Australia's native vegetation following fire, which you can explore as you follow one of the walking trails.

# See and do

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## Bushwalking

**Due to the history of bush fires in the park, the area provides a wonderful example of the regeneration capacity of South Australia's native. You can explore the park as you follow one of the below walking trails.**

**There are three choices to emerge yourself in nature while you amble along, all of the trails start from the Carpark on Woodgate Hill Road.**

### Moderate hikes

- **Mulurus hike (30 mins, 1.2km)**  
**A gentle loop hike that passes through Cup Gum woodland. Enjoy the wildflowers and bird life along the way.**
- **Myrtacee hike (2 hours, 6km)**  
**A loop like that follows the fire track onto an old logging track. Stop at the interpretive signs along the way and learn about the wildflowers and ecology of the park.**

### Hard hikes

- **Heysen trail section (45 mins, 1.4km one way)**  
**The Heysen Trail enters the park on the southern boundary and exits through the northern boundary into Kuitpo Forest. The trail passes through Cup Gum and stringybark forest abundant with birds and wildflowers.**

## Mountain biking

**Mountain biking is not permitted in this park.**

- **[Which parks can you ride in? \(https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/know-before-you-go/mountain-biking\)](https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/know-before-you-go/mountain-biking)**

## Stay in the park

**Camping is not permitted within this park.**

- Use **Find a Park** (<https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/find-a-park>) to discover which parks you can camp in.

## Volunteering

# Safety

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## 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>)

## Fire

Can I have a fire or barbecue?

- Wood fires, solid fuel, gas fires and liquid fuel fires are prohibited throughout the year.
- Ensure you are familiar with the fire restrictions ([https://cdn.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/docs/dew\\_park\\_fire\\_restrictions\\_2020\\_to\\_2021.pdf](https://cdn.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/docs/dew_park_fire_restrictions_2020_to_2021.pdf)) for this park.

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## 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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# Maps

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## Park maps

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

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## Entry fees

**Come and enjoy this park for free.**

## Park pass

**This park is not included in the park pass system.**

- **Which parks are included in the park pass system? (<https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/book-and-pay/parks-passes>)**

## Camping and accommodation

**There is no camping or accommodation available within this park.**

## Other fees and permits

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