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**National Parks
and Wildlife Service**
South Australia

Martindale Hall Conservation Park



About

Martindale Station was established by the Bowman family as a sheep property. Edmund Bowman built the Georgian-styled Martindale Hall in 1879 at a cost of £30,000. However, Edmund's extravagant lifestyle, combined with the 1880s depression and a fall in the price of wool, meant the family was forced to sell the property in 1891.

The property was purchased by William Mortlock and was owned by the Mortlock family until 1950, when it was bequeathed to the South Australian Government.

Today, the heritage-listed hall and surrounding land is open to the public for self-guided tours. It boasts 32 rooms and has a 7-roomed cellar.

Visit the [Martindale Hall website \(http://www.martindalehall-mintaro.com.au/\)](http://www.martindalehall-mintaro.com.au/) for more information.

Opening hours

Martindale Hall and Martindale Hall Conservation Park

Open: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm Wednesday to Monday (closed Tuesdays)

School holidays: 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, seven days a week (except Good Friday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day)

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 \(https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/bans_and_ratings.jsp\)](https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/bans_and_ratings.jsp) on the CFS website.

Check the [CFS website \(https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/home.jsp\)](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 \(https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/bans_and_ratings.jsp\)](https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/bans_and_ratings.jsp)**
- **[Current CFS warnings and incidents \(https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/warnings_and_incidents.jsp\)](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

Please contact Martindale Hall directly to enquire about group bookings or hiring the facility for a function.

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Getting there

Martindale Hall Conservation Park is located 130km north of Adelaide in the Clare Valley region. Access is via Main North Road.

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

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.

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) tool or read [12 dog-friendly walks in Adelaide Parks](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/goodliving/posts/2017/12/dogs-part-2) by Good Living for inspiration.

Facilities

There are guided tours, toilets, picnic areas and walking trails located in this park.

It is possible to hire Martindale Hall for private functions, including weddings, birthday celebrations, cocktail parties and conferences.

Visit the [Martindale Hall website](http://www.martindalehall-mintaro.com.au/) for more information and details on private functions.

Useful information

- **Read about the excess of Martindale Hall** (<http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/goodliving/posts/2015/03/martindale-hall>) on the Good Living blog.
- **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>).

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

There is currently no bushwalking information available for this park, please contact the park office for more information.

Mountain biking

There are no designated mountain biking trails in this park.

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

Stay in the park

Accommodation is no longer available at Martindale Hall.

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

Want to help?

To find out how you can help in this park or nearby, please visit **Natural Resources Northern and York – Volunteering. (<https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/ny/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>)**

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>)

Fire

Can I have a fire or barbecue?

- Wood fires and solid fuel fires are prohibited between 15 November 2020 to 30 April 2021.
- Gas 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.

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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

Fees

Entry fees

Martindale Hall self guided tour fees

Adults: \$15

Children: \$8

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

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