



# Morgan Conservation Park

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## About

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Morgan Conservation Park boasts a system of lagoons, swamps, creeks and Murray River anabranches bordered by river red gum woodlands.

There are numerous species of birdlife inhabiting the park. Look out for the regent parrots, pelicans and white-faced herons. Common brushtail possums can be seen and if you are quiet you might be able to spot skinks darting for cover under dried leaves and dead wood.

Driving off designated tracks is not permitted. The park is accessible to 2WD vehicles, however some sections of the main track are sandy or can become slippery when wet.

## 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.

You can determine the current fire danger rating by checking the [Fire Ban District map](#) on the CFS website.



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:

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)

Booking enquiries please email

[DEW.RMOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au](mailto:DEW.RMOnlineBookings@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

Morgan Conservation Park is located 178km north east of Adelaide. Access is either by ferry from Morgan (via Murraylands Road- travelling up the western side of the river from Blanchetown), via Murbko Road (travelling up the eastern side of the river from Blanchetown) or via Waikerie and Cadell.

- [Park map](#)

## 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](#).

## Dogs not allowed

Dogs are not permitted in this park.

Discover which 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.

## Facilities

There are picnic areas and campgrounds located in this park.

## 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](#).

## Useful information

- [Camping safety](#)
  - [Parks management plans](#)
  - [Trails SA](#)
  - [SA Marine Parks](#)
- 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.

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

## See and do

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### Stay in the park

Wake up to peaceful sounds of the River Murray and its water birds.

The park provides self-sufficient camping areas along the banks of the Murray River on the northern edge of the park. This area is accessible via Old Cadell Valley Road.



You must book and pay for your campsite before you arrive, as cash self-registration stations are no longer in use in this park.

- [Book before you go](#)

## 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?](#)

## Fishing

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](#)

## 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](#).

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.



# 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:

- 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:

- Never camp directly under large gum trees, especially river red gum and black box gum species. These trees are susceptible to dropping large branches at any time, especially during extended dry periods. These limbs can be extremely large and may endanger your safety or life should they fall on your campsite.
- 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. 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.



- If camp fires are permitted, you must bring your own firewood, as the collection of firewood within National Parks is prohibited. Dead wood plays a vital role in providing shelter for many animals and is essential for adding nutrients to the soil for other native plants when rotting down. 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, as they differ from fire restriction dates set by the CFS.

## Fire

Can I have a fire or barbecue?

- Wood fires and solid fuel fires are prohibited between 15 November 2021 to 13 April 2022.
- You must bring your own firewood, as the collection of firewood within national parks is prohibited.
- Gas fires and liquid fuel fires are permitted through the year, other than on days of total fire ban.
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## Water

Care must be taken when swimming in the park as there may be strong currents in the river.





## 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

- [Morgan Conservation Park map](#)

### 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 Maps app while in the park and never take a wrong turn again.





# Fees

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## Entry fees

Vehicle entry to this park is free, however fees and bookings 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.RMOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au](mailto:DEW.RMOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au)

## Other fees and permits

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