



Walk the Wild South Coast Way on the Heysen Trail

South Australia's latest multi-day walking experience, the Wild South Coast Way on the Heysen Trail is now open.

In under 2 hours' drive from Adelaide, the Wild South Coast Way on the Heysen Trail traverses the coastal landscape between Victor Harbor and Cape Jervis, connecting Newland Head Conservation Park, Ballaparudda Recreation Park and Deep Creek National Park.

Boasting some of the Fleurieu Peninsula's iconic and untouched landscapes, the trail can be walked in its entirety over five days with eight campgrounds to choose from along the way. If time is limited, design your own journey—any day, any direction, any section and a duration that suits you.

The Wild South Coast Way retraces the final footsteps of the ancient ancestor named Ngurunderi, who is said to have shaped the landscapes, spiritual identities and cultural traditions of the Ngarrindjeri palek (people). This cultural setting is coupled with a genuine sense of wilderness where you can visit up to seven beaches, native bushland, the rugged and breathtaking Waitpinga cliffs, deep gullies and you're sure to see a rich diversity of native birds and wildlife.

For those looking for just a taste of the Wild South Coast Way, a number of day-trip options are available, with a range of destinations to picnic and enjoy a short walk.



Trail access points

The Wild South Coast Way can be accessed from multiple entry points which may be accessible via car, 4WD only, and some are only accessible on foot. Check our website for the complete list and the best way for you to reach your destination.

Walking experiences

The trail will feature a series of interconnected walking experiences, ranging in length, duration and difficulty. Consider the following walking experiences:

Complete experience

5 days & 4 nights

This is the premium multi-day walk if you are an advanced walker and are looking to traverse the entire trail from Victor Harbor to Cape Jervis (or vice versa).

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74 kms 5 days, 4 nights Grade 5*

Overnight experience

2 days & 1 night

For those looking for a single overnight experience, you can walk over two days.

Cape Jervis to Tapanappa



28 kms 2 days, 1 night Grade 5

Ballaparudda Creek to Victor Harbor



29 kms 2 days, 1 night Grade 4

Day-trip experience

Easy, shorter walks are available if you are seeking a day-trip or walking as part of a small group or with those who have mixed walking abilities.

Victor Harbor to Waitpinga Cliffs



14 kms Half day Grade 4

Goondooloo Ridge Walk



4 kms 2 hours Grade 2

King Head to Waitpinga Beach



12 kms Half day Grade 4

Tapanappa Loop Walk

Opening in August 2022



1 km 1 hour Grade 1

Camping facilities

Eight campgrounds (four accessible by foot only*) are available along the Wild South Coast Way.

The walk-in-only campgrounds have been uniquely designed to meet the needs of long-distance, multi-day walkers. Each feature:

- Shelter with seating for 12 including bench and sink with untreated rainwater
- Unisex drop toilets with sinks
- 10 two-person timber or compacted earth tent pads
- Rainwater tanks

Book your campsite online before you go or make enquiries through the Victor Harbor National Parks and Wildlife Service Office on (08) 8552 0300 or email specific enquiries to: DEW.FleurieuOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au

* New 'foot-only' campgrounds are set for completion in Autumn 2022.

Need help to plan your trip?

Consider contacting the Yankalilla or Victor Harbor Visitor Information Centres for help and knowledge of the area that surrounds the Wild South Coast Way. The Friends of the Heysen Trail are also a great resource and provide opportunities to volunteer along the trail.

Attraction spotlight

Goondooloo Picnic Area – something for everyone

The new Goondooloo Picnic Area opened in September 2021, at Deep Creek National Park. The picnic area includes designated picnic nodes with tables, accessible toilets, sealed carpark and road-side bus parking. It's here you can access the 4.2 km Goondooloo Ridge Walk, an interesting trail traversing revegetated and remnant native bushland to a lookout with spectacular views of Backstairs Passage and Kangaroo Island. The viewpoint is set up with picnic tables and interpretive signs help you learn about the local area.



* The Australian Walking Track Grading System is a national standard to help you work out if a walk will suit your level of fitness and/or ability. Check the Wild South Coast Way webpage for more information.



For more information please visit parks.sa.gov.au

In partnership

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