

Ngarkat Conservation Park walking trails

- Sealed road
- Unsealed road
- Vehicle track
- Railway
- Walking trail
- State border
- Ngarkat Conservation Park
- Campground; Suitable for caravans
- Toilets; Picnic tables
- Water (may not be potable); Historic site
- Lookout; Hike
- Interpretive trail; Parking



TRAIL MAPS AVAILABLE



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
















Georeferenced interactive

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Select your walking trail

Trail class	Trail name	Distance/Time	Highlights
 Grade 2 Moderate walk	 Box Flat Walk	400m, 10 mins return	Take a short walk to the historical ruins of Garra Outstation to see a glimpse of the life experienced by early settlers.
	 Gosse Hill Hike	1 km, 20 mins return	Take your binoculars as Gosse Hill offers spectacular views of the surrounding dunes showcasing the mallee health habitat characteristics of Ngarkat Conservation Park.
 Grade 3 Moderate hike	 Mount Rescue Hike	1 km, 20 mins return	Ascend to the peak of Mount Rescue by meandering through mallee health habitat. Take your camera to capture the panoramic views.
	 Mount Shaugh Hike	2 km, 45 mins return	Hike to the highest point in Ngarkat Conservation Park with spectacular views of the largest single remnant patch of native vegetation within settle agricultural regions of South Australia.
	 Orchid Hike	2 km, 40 mins return	Ngarkat is home to over 50 orchid species. Become an orchid-hunter as you walk through this native pine woodland. Best time to see these colourful flowers is in autumn to spring.
	 Pertendi Hut Interpretive Trail	1.2 km, 40 mins return	Fire plays a major role in the ecology of Ngarkat Conservation Park. As you walk along this trail you will find signs discussing elements of fire ecology or biodiversity and how it shapes the landscape.
	 Tyms Lookout Hike	5 km, 1 hr 15 mins return	In spring, this area comes to life with a colourful display of wildflowers, attracting a variety of Mallee bird species, an excellent opportunity for birdwatching.
	Scorpion Springs Walking Trails		
	 Coxs Windmill Hike	2 kms, 40 mins	Hike along an old access route used by early pastoral leases to access much needed watering points for stock. Today, at Cox Windmill Campground you can see an old windmill as a reminder of the days gone past.
	 Fishponds Hike	500 m, 20 mins	Take this short hike to Fishponds, a low-lying claypan locked between sand dunes that fills up with water in wet periods. Surface water is rare in the mallee, so wildlife is attracted to this oasis.
	 Nanams Well Hike	2.5 km, 1 hr	The historic Nanam Well dates back to the pastoral days of the 1870's. Lined with native timber, this restored well can now safely be viewed as it might have been 150 year ago.
	 Return Loop	8 kms, 2 hrs	Use the vehicle track network to venture back to your starting location. Keep a lookout for oncoming traffic and ensure you give way.
 Grade 4 Hard hike	 Pine Hut Soak Hike	5 km, 1 hr 15 mins	This area was the location of a saw-pit for native pine logs sourced for their rot and termite resistance. Hike through the native-pine covered dunes that attracted woodcutters to this area.
	 Scorpion Springs Hike	3 km, 1 hr	A peaceful hike that wanders through stringybark, mallee and native pine. Keep your eyes open for the Malleefowl (<i>Leipoa ocellate</i>) a nationally listed vulnerable species that inhabit this area.

*Hikers can estimate the time required to walk a trail by using an average speed of 3 to 4 km per hour.

Be prepared

It is advised that you:



Wear sturdy shoes, hat, insect repellent, sunscreen and appropriate protective equipment.



Weather conditions can change quickly. Ensure you have appropriate wet-weather clothing. Check the Bureau of Meteorology website, bom.gov.au before you set off.



Carry sufficient food and drinking water. Allow four litres of water per person per day. Do not rely on water resources within the park for drinking water.



If you find yourself close to a snake, stand still and wait for it to move away from you, or slowly move away from the snake. Snakes are unlikely to attack.

Help protect the fragile landscape by staying on the trail.



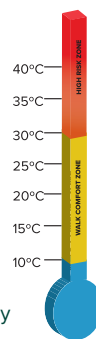
Mobile phone coverage in the park is not guaranteed.

Check the temperature

When the temperature is within the 'Comfort Zone' (10°C to 30°C) walking will be more comfortable and enjoyable. Visit bom.gov.au to find out the predicted maximum temperature for the day.

If the maximum temperature is in the 'High Risk Zone' (above 30°C) we recommend that you:

- Do not attempt a walk during the day
- Choose a cooler part of the day
- Commence walking before 9 am or after 4 pm to reduce the risk
- Remember to allow enough time to complete your hike before dark
- Consider a shorter or less difficult trail
- Consider an alternative activity. For example drive to go sightseeing.



On days of Catastrophic Fire Danger the park will be closed for the safety of everyone. For more information about Fire Danger Ratings and current warnings refer to Country Fire Service website cfs.sa.gov.au or hotline 1800 362 361.

The National Parks Code

Help protect your park by following these guidelines:



Leave no trace - Take your rubbish with you.



Camping is only permitted in designated campground areas.



Keep to defined tracks and trails



Do not remove or disturb plants, geological features, or cultural artifacts.



Wood and solid fuel fires are prohibited throughout the year. Exceptions apply in the campground.



Leave pets at home. 1080 poison, lethal to pets, is used in the park to control foxes and wild dogs.

Permits are required

Thank you for leaving the park in its natural state for the enjoyment of others.



For more information, please visit parks.sa.gov.au/parks/ngarkat-conservation-park

