

Seasonal highlights

Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail

Every season offers something different on the Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail, so no matter what time of year you visit you're sure to have an amazing experience. When planning your trip be sure to consider the seasonal challenges as well as the highlights.

Autumn (March – May)

Highlights

- Moderate temperatures and winds
- Modest rainfall starts to bring waterways back to life
- Active wildlife including platypus and seal pups

Challenges

- Fire danger season – on catastrophic fire days the track will be closed and walkers will be required to leave the trail, on total fire ban days liquid fuel stoves cannot be used
- Easter and April school holiday busy visitor period
- Rivers not yet flowing and Grassdale Lagoon may be dry

Winter (June – August)

Highlights

- Wildflowers, orchids and fungi
- Flowing rivers and lush, green vegetation
- Active wildlife including Cape Barron geese breeding, echidna trains, whale migration and seal pups
- Stunning skylines including storm clouds and rainbows
- Powerful swells crashing into towering cliffs provide breathtaking spectacles
- Quietest visitor period

Challenges

- Highest rainfall and more inclement weather
- Storm surges, king tides and fast flowing rivers
- Slippery terrain
- Less daylight hours
- Fewer tourism services on offer

Spring (September - November)

Highlights

- Wildflowers and orchids
- Flowing rivers and lush, green vegetation
- Breeding wildlife, migrating whales, frogs calling and birds nesting
- Moderate days and cool evenings

Challenges

- School holiday crowds
- Access to beaches restricted in areas due to beach nesting birds
- Fast flowing rivers
- Slippery terrain
- Lightning fires

Summer (December – February)

Highlights

- Warm weather and refreshing sea breezes
- Active wildlife including goannas, platypus, koala joeys, breeding fur seals and chirping crickets
- Spectacular summer storms and lightning

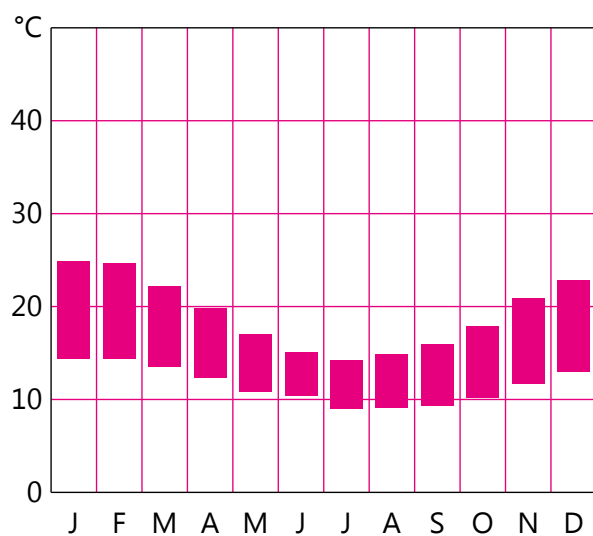
Challenges

- Peak visitor period
- Fire danger season – on catastrophic fire days the track will be closed and walkers will be required to leave the trail, on total fire ban days liquid fuel stoves cannot be used
- Snakes and bees more active
- Rivers stop flowing and Grassdale Lagoon may be dry
- Extra hydration may be needed

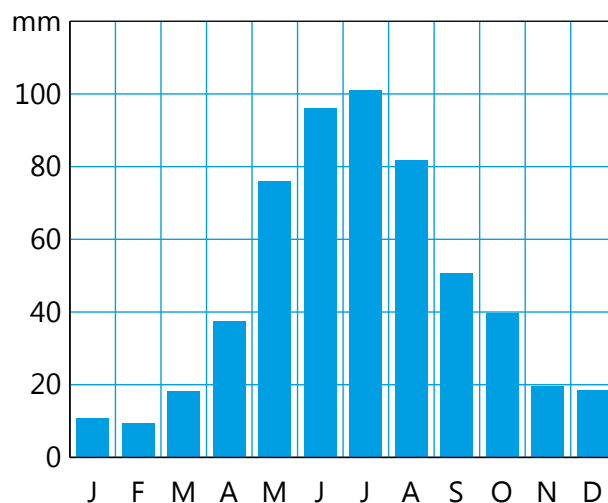


Median temperature and rainfall

Temperature

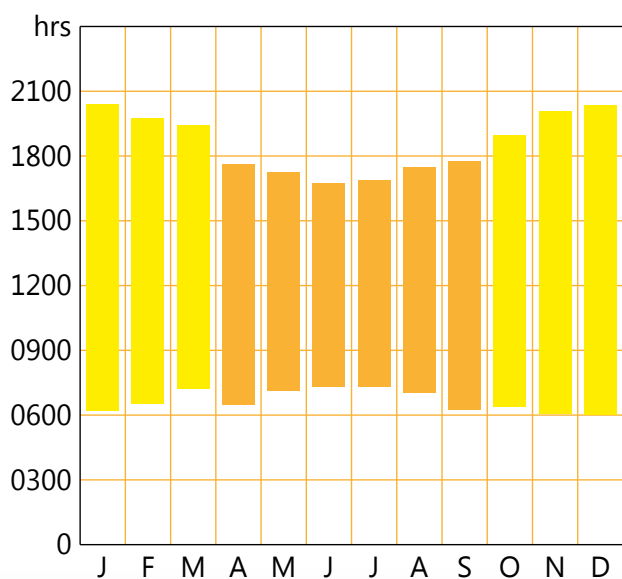


Rainfall



Station: CAPE BORDA. Warmer temperatures may be experienced on inland sections of the trail.

Daylight hours



Daylight is shown from sunrise to sunset.

- Australian Central Standard Time (ACST)
- Australian Central Daylight Time (ACDT) (daylight savings)

