

ADELAIDE HILLS READY TO WELCOME YOU BACK

SUMMER 2020 UPDATE A MESSAGE FROM THE ADELAIDE HILLS...

There has been heartache in the Adelaide Hills as we come to terms with the loss recent bushfires have caused in our community, and in many communities around Australia this summer.

Fortunately, most of our beautiful region was physically untouched by a significant fire in December, and the experiences and places visitors love about our region are ready for you to enjoy.

With the information provided here you'll be able to safely head to the Hills to visit old favourites, discover new gems and perhaps enjoy an event or two. The roads are open, the power is on, the wine is chilled, the charming main streets are unscathed and there are still so many of the beautiful lush green views we are famous for. The welcome you receive will be more heartfelt than ever.

Thank you for the outpouring of support and generosity our community has received. We are so grateful for your eagerness to assist us through donations, volunteering and buying Adelaide Hills produce and wine. Thanks also to those who continued to visit parts of the region not directly impacted.

All the directly impacted areas including Lobethal, Woodside, Lenswood, Charleston, Cudlee Creek, Gumeracha, Harrogate, Kenton Valley and Mount Torrens are safe and open for visitors.

Planning a trip to the Adelaide Hills this summer is one of the best (and most delicious) ways to help in our region's recovery. It's true that tourism will play a vital role in our region's recovery through boosting the economy and supporting jobs and livelihoods. But it's about more than your wallet. We also look forward to your smiles and company, which boost our spirits and strengthen our resolve to rebound and be even better and stronger than ever.

Our thoughts continue to be with those who felt the full force of the bushfires in the Adelaide Hills and further afield. We extend our deep gratitude to the emergency services and countless volunteers for their tireless and often heroic efforts during the bushfire response and ongoing recovery.

The resilience of nature and our communities must be seen to be believed. There are already signs of rejuvenation and recovery throughout the affected areas and we'll be sure to share these, along with our favourite summer experiences and event updates on Facebook and Instagram. Follow us at Visit Adelaide Hills and please tag us in any great images you snap while out and about enjoying the Hills in the coming months.

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1965 Lobethal B&B, Lobethal

In the main street of **Lobethal**, stop in for a beer tasting paddle or meal at Lobethal Bierhaus, enjoy more good food and wine at the brand new Hügel Wine Bar, and stay in the retro themed 1965 Lobethal B&B. Emma & Ivy is a beautiful spot for breakfast or coffee (home décor and gifts too), while Hunted Home & Vintage is a real treasure trove. Head to The Lobethal Hotel or Rising Sun Hotel for a pub meal or have a bite to eat at Lobethal Bakery or the quirky Amberlight Café. Fabrik Arts and Heritage Hub in the Old Woollen Mill is currently a local recovery centre but follow their social media for exhibitions and events including the Re:Gathered Fundraising Market (8-9 February). Golding Wines is a Lobethal highlight just out of town where, despite some vineyard losses, their cellar door, terraced area and garden are as beautiful as ever.



Barristers Block, Woodside

Head to **Woodside** for some of the region's most iconic food and wine experiences. Fill an esky with treats at Melba's Chocolates & Confectionery and Woodside Cheese Wrights before hitting some of the winery cellar doors. Wine and dine then stock your cellar at Bird in Hand, Artwine, Petaluma and Barristers Block which suffered significant vineyard damage but still has a fabulous cellar door, lawns, lush garden and accommodation. Simon Tolley lost the majority of his vineyard but the luxurious accommodation Simon Tolley Lodge was saved and would make a superb base for exploring. Satisfy your appetite at one of Woodside's pubs, bakeries or cafés, and allow time to browse the vintage, retro and antique shops. The Woodside Market is held on the third Saturday morning of the month.



Anderson Hill, Lenswood

In **Lenswood**, Anderson Hill's cellar door and restaurant (famed for wood oven pizza) are still sure to please despite their fabulous view being a bit 'charred around the edges'. Tilbrook Estate winery, cellar door and vineyard was hard hit by the fires but their quirky 'cellar door in a shipping container' will hopefully reopen the last weekend in January. Don't forget Mt Lofty Ranges Vineyard and Pike & Joyce (both unaffected) for stunning views, food and wine. Vinteloper's vineyards were destroyed but you can help them re-establish by ordering their wine online and stocking up at Lot 100 in Hay Valley.



Big Rocking Horse, Gumeracha

Head to tiny but lovely **Charleston** for a meal at the Charleston Hotel and indulge in some retail therapy at Pony where you will find funky homewares, gifts and clothing. Historic **Mount Torrens** is home to the beautifully rustic and intimate Lobethal Road Wines which had a very close call. All the winery cellar doors and attractions in the **Northern Adelaide Hills** are open and welcoming visitors including favourites such as Gorge Wildlife Park at Cudlee Creek, The Big Rocking Horse & Toy Factory and Applewood Distillery at Gumeracha, and National Motor Museum at Birdwood.

Sadly Fox Creek/Cudlee Creek mountain bike trails in Mount Crawford Forest and Lobethal Bushland Park in Lobethal are currently closed for safety reasons.



Lobethal Bierhaus, Lobethal

SUMMER TRAVEL TIPS



Glen Ewin Estate, Houghton



Beerenberg Family Farm, Hahndorf

Fruit Picking

Pick strawberries at Beerenberg Family Farm in Hahndorf until April, and figs at Glen Ewin Estate in Houghton in February and March (check their social media for additional dates and special events). If you get in quick before the end of January you might get the last of the cherry crop! Get a copy of Cherries SA's cherry map or download their Fresh Cherries app for the essential cherry lover's guide to Pick Your Own, shed door sales, markets and retail outlets.

adelaidehills.org.au/fruit



Mount Lofty Botanic Garden, Crafers

Mount Lofty Botanic Garden

Head to the cool glades and shady fern gullies of Mount Lofty Botanic Garden in Crafers. In January Hydrangeas cast blue, pink and lilac hues across the Woodland Garden. Daylilies can be seen throughout, and visit the delicate display of Echinacea, Rudbeckia, Penstemon and Agastache near the lower carpark. Please note that Mount Lofty Botanic Garden is closed on days when the fire danger rating is severe, extreme or catastrophic.

botanicgardens.sa.gov.au



Inglewood Inn, Inglewood

New Experiences

Sidewood Estate will be opening its impressive new cellar door on the outskirts of Hahndorf during the Crush Festival (24–26 January) while Saint & Scholar Wines have moved into Sidewood's former location alongside Maximilian's Restaurant in Verdun. If you're feeling more active, hire an E-bike from Bike About in Hahndorf now available from The Manna by Haus and the Adelaide Hills Visitor Information Centre. Head to historic Inglewood Inn for a gin and chocolate paddle, pairing three local craft gins and their garnishes with matched luxury chocolates.



Woodside Cheese Wrights, Woodside

Local Produce

Help local growers and producers by stocking your fridge, pantry, bar and cellar during your visit. Call in at roadside stalls, shed doors or markets including the Adelaide Hills Farmers Market (Saturday mornings in Mount Barker), Mount Pleasant Farmers Market (Saturday mornings) and Stirling Market and Laneways (fourth Sunday of the month). In Hahndorf you can support Udder Delights cheese cellar and café who lost stock at their Lobethal production facility, along with Buzz Honey, Beerenberg Farm, Chocolate @ No. 5, Ambleside Distillers, Gulf Brewery and Harris Smokehouse.

Tour Down Under, Stirling



SUMMER EVENTS

Tour Down Under 16–26 JANUARY

As the only UCI WorldTour Stage Race in the Southern Hemisphere, the Santos Tour Down Under has grown over the past twenty years to be one of Australia's premier sporting events, taking the fastest men and women in the world through some of the most iconic regions of South Australia, including exciting and challenging stages in the Adelaide Hills.

tourdownunder.com.au

Crush Wine Weekend 24–26 JANUARY

Discover what's cool about the Adelaide Hills during Crush Festival, a sensory summer weekend of cool crisp wines, regional produce, earthy music, art and theatre. You'll be soaking up the summer vibes at whichever of the 40 events you choose. 30 wineries and partner venues will be hosting experiences for everyone, from Shakespeare in the Vines to masterclasses and family friendly garden parties. Find a lush spot to settle in the shade and enjoy a sunset or dance amongst the gums.

crushfestival.com.au

Stirling Fringe 21 FEBRUARY–1 MARCH

Stirling Fringe in the Adelaide Hills is an incredible 10-day celebration of people coming together to savour the very best in Fringe-performance-art, great music, relaxed Adelaide Hills lifestyle, delicious local food, wine, beer and good times! Head to the Stirling Library Lawns for a world-class programme of comedy, cabaret, music and family entertainment featuring amazing local and international artists.

stirlingfringe.com.au

See more events at adelaidehills.org.au/events

KEEPING YOU INFORMED AND SAFE

Road Access

All roads have reopened since the fire however if you're travelling within the fire area we suggest you monitor closures via the **Traffic SA website** (www.traffic.sa.gov.au) as some roads may occasionally be closed for clean-up activities. Please take extra care due to the risk of fallen branches and trees, wandering stock and damaged road signage.

Remain Vigilant

Be alert to changing conditions and monitor current incidents, warnings, fire danger ratings and fire bans for the Mount Lofty Ranges District through the **Country Fire Service website** (cfs.sa.gov.au), **Facebook page** (@CountryFireService), **Twitter account** (@CFSAlerts) Bushfire Information Hotline on 1300 362 361 (TTY 13 36 77) or on local radio (emergency broadcasts on ABC Adelaide 891 AM).

Visitor Tips

For the privacy and wellbeing of residents please keep to the main roads and be sensitive to people's loss particularly by not entering damaged properties or taking photos. Please avoid areas where firefighters or recovery crews are active to ensure they can perform their duties without distraction. Please note some tourism businesses close on days of catastrophic fire danger rating.

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