

CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN YORKE PENINSULA WALKING TRAILS

Bush walks, cliff top and shoreline rambles, unique geology trails, a wonderful array of bird life, history and heritage...it all awaits you on peaceful, unspoiled Yorke Peninsula.



INNES NATIONAL PARK features six walking trails ranging from 15 minutes to four hours.

1. **INNESTON HISTORIC WALK** – 2 kilometre loop, allow 1 hour. A well marked trail meanders through the old gypsum mining area. Interpretative signs tell the story of the early days. Be aware of unstable ruins.
2. **ROYSTON HEAD WALK** – 4 kilometre return, allow 2 hours. Spectacular views of the rugged Peninsula and sparkling blue Southern Ocean with great photographic views from lookout at Royston Head.
3. **STENHOUSE BAY LOOKOUT WALK** – 2 kilometre loop, allow 1 hour. Starts from the jetty car park and leads around the cliff tops through low closed coastal heath. Nine lookouts with interpretive signs provide an insight on natural and cultural history of the area. Spectacular views over Investigator Strait.
4. **THOMSON-PFITZNER PLASTER TRAIL HIKE** – 3.8 kilometres one way, allow 1.5 hours one way. Start from Inneston or Stenhouse Bay. Follows the old wooden rail line that once ran from Inneston to Stenhouse Bay. Sixteen interpretive signs take walkers back in time.
5. **GYM BEACH HIKE** – 11 kilometres return, allow 4 hours. Starts at Gym Beach Hike car park just before Browns Beach. Takes in unique flora and fauna and high sand dunes between Browns Beach and Gym Beach. Good range of bird life and delicate wild orchids in spring.

ARDROSSAN – TIDDY WIDDY BEACH WALKING TRAIL – Trail goes along the entire length along the front of Ardrossan cliff tops to Tiddy Widdy Beach. Distance 3 kilometres, can be accessed at many different points. Wheel chair accessible, (dolomite) easy walk.

BARKERS ROCKS / PORT RICKABY WALKING TRAIL – Situated between Barkers Rocks and Port Rickaby, this trail is about 5 kilometres each way and features a pristine coastal reserve with great coastal views and sand dunes, native vegetation and glimpses of bird life.

EDITHBURGH ENVIRONMENTAL WALKS

1. **COOBOWIE TO SULTANA POINT (via Edithburgh)** – a 5 kilometre walk that takes you right along the coast to Edithburgh then snakes its way for 4 kilometres from Edithburgh to Sultana Point. It's an easy walk with a beach or cliff top option. Dotted along the trail are mosaic rock art and interpretive signs. On a clear day you can see the Adelaide Hills across the gulf.
2. **EDITHBURGH FLORA PARK** – Take a walk or guided tour around this lovely park of 17.5 hectares of parklands. There are 2.41 kilometres of pathways with many Australian plants and bird life.

HILLOCKS DRIVE – 'The Sole Walk' is a linear walk of 5 hours. A difficult walk, and part of "Walk the Yorke", it embraces several kilometres of spectacular rugged coastline interspersed with quiet, sandy beaches. Walk over sandy beaches, rock hop the rocky outcrops, and stop to bathe in emerald rock pools. See native birds and animals, flora and sea mammals in their natural habitat. \$5 fee payable at Hillocks Drive shop.

JAMES WELL, ROGUES PINE POINT – Walk is 5.5 kilometres along coast road featuring natural cliff tops and the original windmill that supplied the town with mains water. The trail is mostly sealed.

MAITLAND HISTORIC WALK – Many of the fine colonial buildings from the 1880s form part of the Maitland History Trail. Wander around and enjoy the town's heritage and hospitality. A walk through the streets of Maitland is a walk through history, telling the story of the district's pioneer beginnings.

MINLATON WALKING TRAIL – Allow 1½ hour for this easy 6 kilometre walk which starts at the Visitor Information Centre on Main Street. There is a Fauna Park, pumping station, bridges, a stand of river red gums, the only one on Yorke Peninsula, after which Gum Flat was named. Also aboriginal wells and historical horse dip can be seen.

PINE POINT – A recently established walking trail starts at the cairn opposite the old church and extends north towards Ardrossan along the cliff top. The trail has been leveled and includes steps, seating and numerous signs.

POINT TURTON – A bitumen walking trail extends from the Salesian Camp (where there is car parking) for a distance of 1.5 kilometres towards the jetty and caravan park. An interesting scenic walk along the beach front to the caravan park.

PORT JULIA – LOOKOUT – Access by driving or easy walk. 1 kilometre from jetty south of town, with excellent views of coast and nearby Dipper Beach.

PORT MOOROWIE COASTAL WALK – Two walks are available. Both walks commence at the central car park. The reef walk is 1 kilometre in length to the west while the coastal dune walk is 1.5 kilometres to the east. The reef walk is more suitable for wheelchair access. Both walks have seating along the way and stair access to beaches.

PORT VICTORIA GEOLOGY TRAIL – This trail runs south from the jetty to Rifle Butts Beach and highlights include volcanic action from nearly 2000 million years ago. An excellent guide book that explains in detail the sites and geological features is available from the foreshore kiosk. Allow about two hours.

PORT VINCENT WALKING TRAILS

1. NORTHERN WALKING TRAIL NO. 1 – This trail, approximately 2 kilometres return, begins at Correll Park (corner of Marine Parade and Lime Kiln Road) with excellent views of the foreshore. Almost back to Lime Kiln Road, follow the 'Alan Powell Walking Trail' down through a diversity of native plants, including the endangered silver leafed daisy. There are 4 seats for resting and admiring the views.
2. NORTHERN WALKING TRAIL NO. 2 – Approximately 5 kilometres return. From the marina car park head for the north-eastern corner of the residential area. On the shoreline near the beginning of the trail are large granite boulders, 'The Erratics' deposited by glaciers during the ice age. At low tide it is possible to return to the marina along the beach.
3. SOUTHERN RALPH MUNRO WALKING TRAIL – This trail starts at the south end of the Esplanade where steps allow you to ascend to the top of the cliffs. Here you pass the Federation Tree Plantation where over 2,000 trees were planted by local school children and the Tidy Towns members in 2001. At its end there are steps that lead down into a gully and let you walk along the beach. At low tide the return to the Esplanade can be made along the beach. Great scenic coastal views. Pelicans and wading birds love this beach area.

STANSBURY COASTAL WALKING TRAILS

1. STAGE 1 – (wheel chair access) a return walk of 2.7 kilometres constructed in 1995 with financial assistance from Coast Care. This trail links the Foreshore Caravan Park and town cemetery. The walk offers great views of Gulf Saint Vincent, the Adelaide Hills and Giles Point jetty and silos. The ore carrier 'Accolade 2' can be seen daily sailing from Adelaide Brighton Cement's Klein Point Quarry, crossing the gulf to Birkenhead. Pelicans and black swans can be seen gracing the shallow waters. Interpretive signage of the many different bird species is set out along the trail.
2. STAGE 2 – (wheel chair access) approximately 2.4 kilometres return walk of paved pathway from the town jetty along the foreshore through the Seaside Markets site to Foreshore Caravan Park was completed in 1999. Dolphins can often be seen gracing the shallow waters of the bay in the early morning and late afternoon.
3. STAGE 3 – A return walk of approximately 2.4 kilometres via beach side or cliff top trail. An extension of stage 1 this trail commences adjacent to the turning point of the stage 1 walking trail behind the Stansbury cemetery. This new section of trail was developed in 2001 as a Tidy Towns Project, on behalf of the Stansbury Progress Committee. Appreciate the elevated Coastal views from the many vantage points along the cliff top. During late winter and spring natural vegetation can be seen in full bloom.
4. MILL'S GULLY LOOKOUT (wheel chair access) Situated on the northern town boundary, this area was originally the town rubbish tip until the 1960's and was redeveloped for the Stansbury Progress Committee by the Green Corps group in 2001. View Oyster Bay, Gulf Saint Vincent, the Stansbury jetty and the township from the cliff top. A great photo stop. Interpretive signage depicts some local history and a picnic setting amongst the natural bush completes this small reserve.

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