

LIMESTONE COAST OFFROAD GUIDE

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Welcome to the Limestone Coast

If you are looking for a special four-wheel driving experience, then look no further than the Limestone Coast. Many of the regions landscapes are best explored in a 4WD, as it gives you the opportunity to appreciate the beautiful, rugged environment up-close.

All it takes is a bit of planning, an understanding of the local requirements, a well-equipped 4WD vehicle and responsible actions. With all this, you're set for an unforgettable experience. And let's face it – you'll also feel that you played your part in ensuring the continued preservation of this special natural environment for future generations to enjoy.

Four-wheel driving isn't the only activity on offer. The Limestone Coast provides a wide variety of other recreational opportunities. You can find a top fishing spot, relax on a secluded beach, or discover the natural wonders to break your driving.

The region has an extensive range of camping and accommodation options. Contact Limestone Coast Tourism toll-free 1800 087 087 to get a copy of the current Limestone Coast Visitor Guide. Inside you'll find a long list of accommodation, festivals and events, and plenty of information about the many other activities that can be enjoyed on the Limestone Coast.

[Enjoy our region!](#)



Cape Douglas Conservation Park

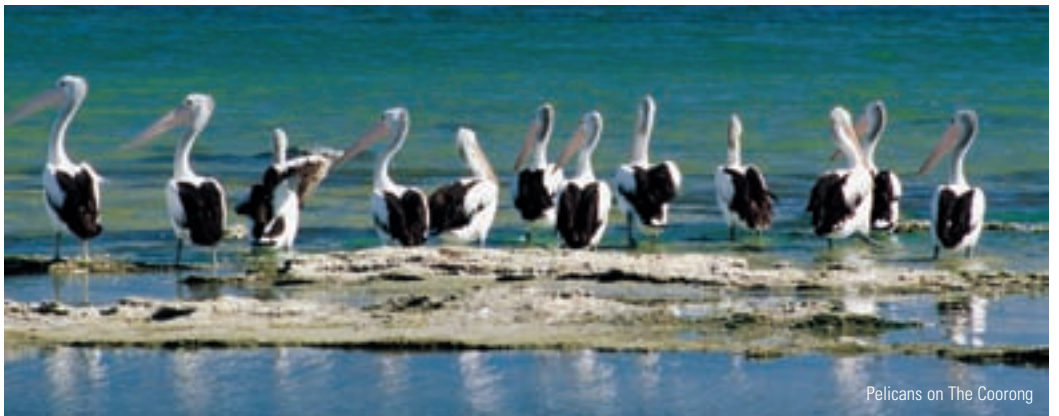
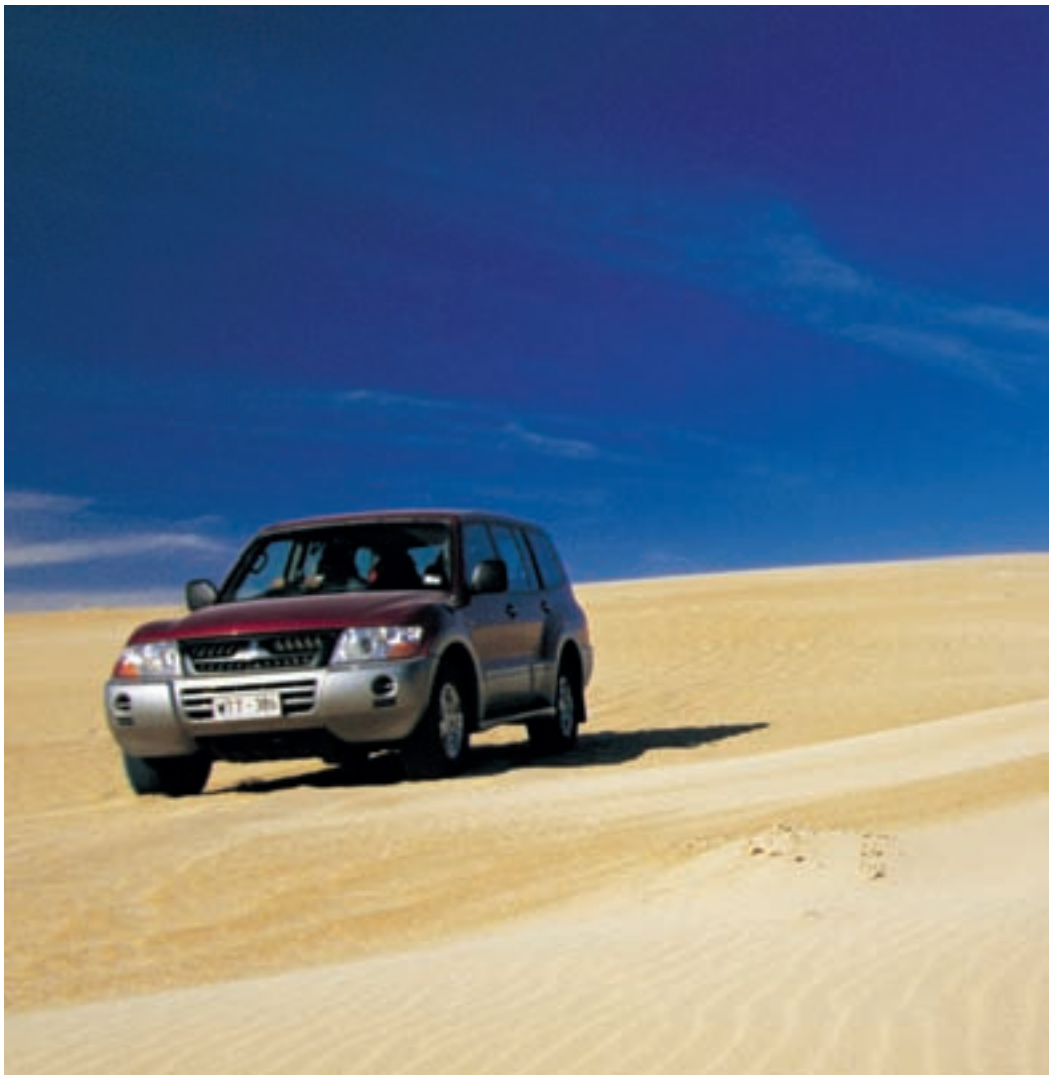


Coorong National Park

Get your Bearings

The Limestone Coast lies between Melbourne and Adelaide, covering the coastal regions from the mouth of the Murray River to the edge of Glenelg National Park on the Victorian border.

- It includes the World Heritage listed wonders of Naracoorte Caves National Park, where you can discover one of the richest fossil deposits in the world. There's adventure caving, the World Heritage Tour (led by a palaeontologist) and the Wonambi Fossil Centre, where fossil displays and life-sized reconstructions of mega fauna are on show.
- Heading north, you can experience nature when exploring Ngarkat Conservation Park in the mallee region. Learn the history of this harsh land and maybe even witness nature's way of restoring life after wildfire. The best time to visit is during the cooler months, and for wildflowers, from September to November.
- On the south coast visit Cape Douglas and the Douglas Point Conservation Park, a great spot for surfing.
- The Coorong National Park is on the western side of the region. The waters from Australia's largest river system enter the Southern Ocean from Lake Alexandrina.



Pelicans on The Coorong

The Coast

Our region has been blessed with large areas of the coast that are protected national and conservation parks.

Our coastal parks are among the most weathered in Australia. Here you will find eroded limestone cliffs, sand dunes, bird life of international significance, and outstanding surf fishing with a wide range of catches.

5 of the Best

- Beachport Conservation Park; take a 4WD track past Two Lakes in the northern section of the Park, or to Woolley Point in the northeastern section of the park where fantastic views of Lake George. (Map ref D7)
- Coorong National Park; cross the Coorong at Tea Tree or 42 Mile Crossings or access via the granites north of Kingston S.E. to explore the Southern Ocean beach. Be sure to visit Jack's Point Observatory, a great spot for viewing the pelicans. (Map ref C3)
- Canunda National Park; drive the full length of the park, following the marker posts that create a 4WD trail through the dunes to Geltwood Beach, see rock formations, offshore reefs and diverse coastal flora. (Map ref D8)
- Little Dip Conservation Park; drive from the Park's southern boundary to its northern boundary along Erringtons Hole Track. Take the Bishops Pate track for a diversion to Lake Robe. (Map ref C7)
- Long Beach; Robe (have a picnic right on the beach) (Map ref C6)



Cape Douglas Conservation Park



Coorong National Park

Being Responsible

Protecting our dynamic coastal dunes

1. The low shrubby vegetation on coastal dunes is easily destroyed by inappropriate use of recreation vehicles and the collection of wood for fires in these areas.
2. The scarring of the dune systems often causes 'blowouts' of sand dunes. These blowouts have serious consequences as they change the dune systems and this leads to vegetation and cultural heritage sites being irreparably damaged.
3. How can you be a responsible recreational driver?
 - **Stay on marked tracks.** Use existing tracks. Under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*, it is an offence to drive off any clearly marked, existing tracks.
 - **Have a registered vehicle.** All vehicles that operate in parks and other public lands must be road registered. Penalties apply for unregistered vehicles.
 - **Always look for and follow the marked track.** Use the latest map and look for the marker posts.
 - **Think before you act.** If you see one set of tyres heading off the main track, make sure you think before you follow. It may not be a permitted trail. If the tracks look like they are leading into an area that should be protected please do not follow. Check it out on foot, then continue along the marked track.
 - **Plan your trip.** Make sure you have a good, up to date map and have an understanding of the level of difficulty of the track. Know what facilities are or are not available on the route you plan to take; especially drinking water. If you are unsure obtain more information from one of the park offices.



Beachport Conservation Park



Canunda National Park

Dune & Beach Driving

It is best to drive at low tide. Deflate your tyres to around 105kPa (15 psi). Always make sure you reinflate your tyres when leaving the coastal area.

Some areas on the beaches are closed. Do not enter these sections, as they are protecting native flora and fauna, to allow vegetation regrowth and for your own safety. Many beaches are steep and soft and may be hazardous, especially during winter months. 4WD tracks running parallel with some of the beaches provide a safer alternative.

Please Tread Lightly

The Department for Environment and Heritage and local private landholders remind you that recreational users have a special responsibility to care for our environment and to use it in a responsible and sustainable manner. Damage takes a long time to repair. The landscapes of the Limestone Coast have evolved over millions of years and are constantly changing. The most important thing that we need to ensure is that the area is left in the same condition as we found it. Without this commitment from all users, access to these areas will be under threat and access to these special places will become restricted.

By observing protective measures and being responsible users visitors can help avoid degradation and maintain access to these special places for themselves and others.



Malleefowl



Ngarkat Conservation Park

The Mallee

Ngarkat Conservation Park was declared to protect mallee scrubland and associated wildlife. The area covers approximately 270,000 hectares, which comprises 4 conservation areas - Scorpion Springs, Mount Rescue, Mount Shaugh and Ngarkat - and adjoins the Big Desert Wilderness Park in Victoria.

Being relatively inaccessible, it offers outstanding wildlife opportunities with frequent sightings of emus, kangaroos and birdlife. If you are patient you can even see the endangered pygmy possum and mallee emu wrens. Base yourself in Bordertown, Keith or Tintinara for easy access to a wide range of experiences.

3 of the Best Mallee 4x4 Experiences

- Centre Track, Ngarkat Conservation Park. The track takes you through the heart of Ngarkat Conservation Park. Stretch your legs on one of the walking trails at Scorpion Springs. In the Ngarkat conservation zone you can also see the remaining walls and chimney of a three-roomed, local stone hut that was once an outstation of Garra Station, which was later named Box Flat. (Map ref E2)
- Mount Rescue, Ngarkat Conservation Park bush camp sites at Rabbit Island Soak with a walking trail to Goose Hill. Excellent loop road adventure past Mount Rescue. (Map ref E3)
- Mount Shaugh, Ngarkat Conservation Park can be accessed by offroad vehicle via Shaugh Track and return along Emu Flat Road. Experience the park's vast terrain and fascinating wildlife; echidnas, pygmy possum and kangaroos. (Map ref F3)

For up to date track information contact Lameroo National Parks office on (08) 8576 3690.



Beachport Conservation Park



Cape Douglas Conservation Park

Further Information

Limestone Coast Tourism produces a range of publications on the region's attractions, accommodation and experiences. Please contact us for any further information you need to plan your holiday.

1. Contact

www.thelimestonecoast.com

Please email: tourism@thelimestonecoast.com

Freecall 1800 087 087

2. Limestone Coast Regional Guide

Published annually, this free guide details the range of accommodation, local attractions and tour operators. It is available from Limestone Coast Tourism and Visitor Information Centres throughout the Limestone Coast.

3. Tattler and Tracks of the Mallee

These free Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH) publications provide details of all coastal and southern mallee parks on the Limestone Coast. Contact the DEH Information Line on 08 8204 1910 for further information on the parks of South Australia or visit www.parks.sa.gov.au. They are also available from Limestone Coast Tourism and Visitor Information Centres.

Mount Gambier	08 8735 1177
Robe	08 8768 2543
Southend	08 8735 6053
The Coorong	08 8575 1200
Lameroo	08 8576 3690



4. Discover the Limestone Coast

A complete guide to the region. It provides full detailed maps, including 4x4 tracks, local natural and heritage sites, town maps and important contact information. Available for purchase from Limestone Coast Tourism, local Visitor Information Centres, and Hema Maps outlets across Australia.

5. Mallee Tracks

This is a complete guide to the mallee region in the northern Limestone Coast. As well as excellent details about offroad tracks and camping facilities it tells the story of the people who came and established a strong community. It can be purchased from Limestone Coast Tourism, local Visitor Information Centres, and Hema Maps outlets across Australia.



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Limestone Coast Visitor Information Centres

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Beachport Visitor Information Centre

Open Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm
Weekends (summer) 10.00am - 4pm. Weekends (winter) 10am - 1pm. Closed Christmas Day.
Millicent Road, Beachport, SA 5280
Telephone 08 8735 8029
Facsimile 08 8735 8309
beachport@wattlerange.sa.gov.au
www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au

BORDERTOWN



Bordertown Visitor Information Centre

Open Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm, Weekends/Public Holidays
10am - 4pm. Closed Christmas Day
81 North Terrace, Tolmer Park
Bordertown, SA 5268
Telephone 08 8752 0700
Facsimile 08 8752 0644
btowninfo@lm.net.au
www.tatiara.sa.gov.au

THE COORONG AND TINTINARA



Heart of the Parks

Becker Terrace,
Tintinara, SA 5255
Telephone 08 8757 2220
www.coorong.sa.gov.au

KEITH



Keith Mobil Service Station

Cnr Dukes Highway and
Riddoch Highway, Keith, SA 5267
Telephone 08 8755 1700

KINGSTON S.E.



Littles BP Roadhouse Kingston S.E.

1 Princes Highway,
Kingston SE, SA 5275
Open daily 6am - 8.30pm
Telephone 08 8767 2404

LUCINDALE & AVENUE RANGE



Lucindale Office

Open Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm
34 Musgrave Avenue,
Lucindale, SA 5272
Telephone 08 8766 2002
Facsimile 08 8766 2001
After Hours 0408 847 026
lucindale@nlc.sa.gov.au
www.naracoortelucindale.com

MENINGIE



Meningie Visitor Information Outlet

The Chambers
14 Princes Highway
Meningie SA 5264
Telephone 08 8575 1770

MILLICENT



Millicent Visitor Information Centre

Open Mon to Fri 9am- 5pm
W/ends and P/H 10am - 4pm.
Summer W/ends 9.30am - 4.30pm
Closed Christmas Day
1 Mount Gambier Road,
Millicent, SA 5280
Telephone 08 8733 0904
Facsimile 08 8733 3205
millicent@wattlerange.sa.gov.au
www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au

MOUNT GAMBIER



'The Lady Nelson' Visitor & Discovery Centre

Open daily 9am - 5pm
Closed Christmas Day
Jubilee Highway East
Mount Gambier, SA 5290
Telephone 08 8724 9750
Freecall 1800 087 187
theladynelson@mountgambier.sa.gov.au
www.mountgambiertourism.com.au

NARACOORTE



Naracoorte Visitor Information Centre

Open daily 9am- 4pm
Closed Christmas Day
36 MacDonnell Street,
Naracoorte, SA 5271
Information Desk 08 8762 1399
Free call 1800 244 421
Facsimile 08 8762 0745
naracoortevic@rtm.com.au
www.naracoortetourism.com.au

NELSON



Nelson Visitor Information Centre/Parks Victoria

Open daily 9am - 5pm
Closed Christmas Day
Leake Street, Nelson,
Victoria 3292
Telephone 08 8738 4051
Facsimile 08 8738 4356
nelsonvic@hotmail.net.au

PENOLA & COONAWARRA



Penola/Coonawarra Visitor Centre

Open Mon to Fri 9.00am - 5pm,
W/ends & P/H 10am - 4pm.
Closed Christmas Day,
27 Arthur Street, Penola, SA 5277
Telephone 08 8737 2855
Facsimile 08 8737 2751
penola@wattlerange.sa.gov.au
www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au

PORT MACDONNELL



Port MacDonnell Visitor Information Outlet

Open Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am - 3pm,
7 Charles Street,
Port MacDonnell, SA 5291
Telephone/
Facsimile 08 8738 2576
www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au

ROBE



Robe Visitor Information Centre

Open Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm
Saturday and Sunday 10am - 4pm
Public Holidays 10am - 1pm
Closed Christmas Day
Mundy Terrace, Robe, SA 5276
Telephone 08 8768 2465
Facsimile 08 8768 2863
robetourism@plain.sa.gov.au
www.robe.com.au

TAILEM BEND



Tailem Bend Visitor Information Outlet

Open daily 10am - 4pm,
closed Good Friday
and Christmas Day
Telephone 08 8572 4277
Facsimile 08 8572 4277
Tailem Bend Railway Station,
Tailem Bend, SA 5260

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