

LIGHTHOUSES

The Yorke Peninsula Council coastline stretches for over 500km and is bordered by Gulf St Vincent to the east, the Investigator Strait to the south and Spencer Gulf to the west.

Perched upon the clifftops, or upon islands just offshore, are six lighthouses of Southern Yorke Peninsula (SYP), warning ships of dangerous waters. They can be found on Althorpe Island, Cape Spencer, Corny Point, Troubridge Hill, Troubridge Island and West Cape.

All grounds are open to the public, except for Althorpe Island (which is only accessed by authorized persons). The interiors of all towers are closed to the public, however accommodation is available in the original Troubridge Island Lighthouse Keeper's cottage.

CORNY POINT

Location: Corny Point, Yorke Peninsula

Operation: 1882—2002

Height: 14m (30m above sea level)

Tower: Limestone, locally quarried

Light: 4 white flashes, every 20 seconds with fixed red light

Range: 35km

Power: Originally powered by mineral oil, it changed to acetylene in 1920 and was automated. The lighthouse keeper cottages were demolished. Converted to electricity in 1978, inactive from 2002.

Access: Short drive west from Corny Point. Base accessible, interior not open to public



Corny Point | Kelvin Wong

Cape Spencer Lighthouse | Adam Bruzzone



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SOUTHERN YORKE PENINSULA

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Troubridge Island: 1855 - 2002

Corny Point: 1882 - 2002

Althorpe Island: 1879 - Still Active

Cape Spencer: 1875 - Still Active

Troubridge Hill: 1980 - Still Active

TROUBRIDGE ISLAND

Location: Gulf of St Vincent (6km ESE of Edithburgh, Yorke Peninsula)

Operation: 1855— 2002. It was the 2nd lighthouse built in South Australia

Height: 24m

Tower: Prefabricated cast round iron pieces, shipped from England and bolted onsite. Painted with red and white horizontal bands

Range: 40km

Light: Inactive

Power: Manned from 1856 to 1981. Automated light was extinguished in 2002; replaced with beacon and Marion Reef.

Access: Now part of Troubridge Island Conservation Park, managed by National Parks South Australia as a Bird Sanctuary. Charter and Lighthouse Keeper accommodation available through Troubridge Island Escape

Now: In danger of falling into the sea, as the sand island continues to move further south



ALTHORPE ISLAND

Location: Investigator Straight, 8km southeast of Cape Spencer, Yorke Peninsula

Operation: 1879 - Still Active

Height: 19.5m (91m above sea level)

Tower: Limestone and sandstone

Range: 43.5km

Light: 1 white flash every 5 seconds

Power: De-manned in 1991, when solar replaced the diesel generators

Access: Althorpe Island was declared a conservation park in 1996. Althorpe Island National park is managed by National Parks South Australia and 'Friends of Althorpe Island'. Neither grounds nor tower are accessible to the general public

CAPE SPENCER

Location: Cape Spencer, Innes National Park, Yorke Peninsula

Operation: 1975—Still Active. It replaced a small navigation beacon that had been in place since 1950

Height: 9m tall—on a 78m tall cliff

Tower: Concrete, surfaced with gypsum mosaic

Range: 30 km

Light: 3 white flashes every 15 seconds with a fixed red light

Power: Mains electricity with standby generator

Access: Short walking trail to base provides an extensive view of Investigator Straight & Althorpe Island. Interior not open to public

WEST CAPE

Location: West Cape, Innes National Park, Yorke Peninsula

Operation: 1980—Still Active

Height: 9m (67m above sea level)

Tower: Stainless Steel

Range: 34km

Light: 2 white flashes every 6 seconds

Power: Fully automated, solar powered since 1986

Access: Short hike to base. Interior not open to public

Troubridge Hill | AdBe



TROUBRIDGE HILL

Location: Southwest of Edithburgh, Yorke Peninsula

Operation: 1980—Still Active

Height: 32m (62m above sea level)

Tower: Wedge-shaped, custom-made red bricks—to create unusual curved shape

Light: 3 white flashes, every 15 seconds

Range: 35km

Power: mains electricity with backup diesel generator. When Troubridge Hill Lighthouse opened, Troubridge Island Lighthouse was eventually de-manned

Access: Follow Troubridge Scenic Drive, south of Edithburgh. The unsealed road leads to the base, interior not accessible

