

**Beachcombing:** While you're walking the beaches of Yorke Peninsula, keep your eye out for 'treasure' that might drift ashore. Beaches and coves along the South Coast Road are good places to find driftwood, ocean buoys and other beach treasure. Bonus points for helping to clean up our oceans!

**Birdwatching:** Yorke Peninsula is a great spot for birdwatching, with low population density and a wide range of environments—clifftops, beaches, dunes, salt lakes, and natural vegetation. Innes National Park, as well as our many flora parks and natural reserves are good places to start. Also consider visiting one of our many salt lakes during winter and spring, when birds such as the Australian Shell Duck and Cape Baron Geese decide to visit. If you're lucky you can also spot Wedge-tailed Eagles, Boobook Owls, White-bellied Sea Eagles, Malleefowl, Sacred Kingfishers, Black-shouldered Kite, Musk Lorikeets and more, all year round. Serious birdwatchers should consider purchasing the 'Birds of the Heel' book—a more comprehensive guide to the birdlife of Yorke Peninsula.

**\*Coobowie Bird Hide:** If you like bird watching, the Coobowie Bird Hide is a must – especially in Spring when the inlet is full of black swan cygnets.

**Crabbing:** The not so well kept secret of Yorke Peninsula, is the abundance of Blue Swimmer Crabs that frequent the eastern coastal towns of Yorke Peninsula. Locals know that months with an 'r' (September-April) are the months for crabbing! Raking is often successful in the shallows of Stansbury, Ardrossan or Port Vincent—or try your luck with a crab net from the jetties. There are guides on legal crab sizes and bag limits (and how to cook them) available at most Visitor Information Outlets.

**Dogs on Leashes:** We love dogs and dogs love Yorke Peninsula... But our endangered Australian native shorebirds (Hooded Plovers and Pied Oystercatchers) definitely don't! The chicks are very vulnerable, it takes 5 weeks for them to be old enough to fly out of harm's way. Even before the chicks hatch they are in danger; if the adult birds are frightened from their nests, they can take too long to return and the eggs will die in the sun. Please consider our wildlife by keeping your dog on the leash or choosing an off-leash area that is bird free.

*\* More information available at Visitor Information Outlets*

West Cape Beach | Peter Fisher



# EXPLORE

## CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN YORKE PENINSULA

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*Use all of your Senses to Explore...*

***Watch*** the whales,

***Smell*** the flowers,

***Listen*** to the wildlife,

***Taste*** the ocean,

***Touch*** the ancient geology



**Flying a Kite:** It only takes a breath of wind and open space to raise a kite, and there's a supply of both on Yorke Peninsula. Flaherty's Beach near Warooka, and Sultana Point are two beaches ideal for flying a kite.

**Flora & Conservation Parks & Nature Reserves:** Visit one of our many parks! Edithburgh Flora Park, Minlaton Fauna Park, Clinton Conservation Park, Troubridge Island Conservation Park, Coobowie Estuary, Point Davenport, Leven Beach Conservation Park, and Weaner's Flat (Yorketown).

**Innes National Park:** The jewel of Yorke Peninsula provides dramatic coastline views, an abundance of wildlife, rare native orchids, historical lighthouses, buildings and ruins. Explore the park by fishing, surfing, photographing, walking or just sitting on a glorious beach. An overnight stay, or a few days camping will give you time to explore the historic town of Innes, a gypsum mining settlement with restored stone buildings, ruins and remnants of its mining history. Entry Permits must be purchased from the Visitor Centre (at park entrance) or online at [parks.sa.gov.au](http://parks.sa.gov.au)

**Geology:** In Port Victoria you can walk the 'Geology Trail' from the jetty to Rifle Butts Beach and see evidence of volcanic action from nearly 2000 million years ago (Guide can be purchased from the kiosk). Near Port Vincent, north of the marina, are large granite boulders, deposited during the Ice Age, known as The Erratics.

**Jetties & Fishing:** Not all fishing needs to be from a boat. Yorke Peninsula Council has many jetties in its district, and they're a great place to 'throw in a line' (or just sit and admire the view). Jetties can be found at Point Turton, Port Vincent, Stenhouse Bay, Ardrossan, Stansbury, Wool Bay, Port Julia, Port Giles, Edithburgh (x 2), Marion Bay, Port Rickaby and Port Victoria.

**\*Lighthouses:** Yorke Peninsula has six lighthouses to visit and their locations provide magnificent views of the coastline.

**Lookouts:** Looking for a perfect vantage point? Discover one of the many lookouts around Yorke Peninsula: Kangaroo Island Lookout, Mills Gully, Pitt's Cutting, Stenhouse Bay Lookout, Ardrossan Lookout and Daly Head.

**\*Walking & Biking:** Both are a great way to explore the Yorke Peninsula. Refer to Town Trails and Walk the Yorke brochures.

**Photography:** If you're interested in photography, the Yorke Peninsula provides many opportunities for that perfect picture – clifftop lookouts, sandy beaches, stone ruins, historical buildings, wooden jetties, salt lakes and winding back roads. There are scenic frames distributed around the peninsula to help you get the perfect shot. Keep in mind, you can watch both sunrises and sunsets over the ocean in one day. Just drive to the eastern coast in the morning and the western coast in the evening!

**Rock pools:** Peering into rock pools at low tide is a fun activity. These reef environments are a haven for small crabs, hermit crabs, sea anemone and starfish. Remember to only look and not touch the creatures and their habitat (for your protection and theirs). There are great rock pools in the Point Turton swimming centre (north of the town and around the corner), or at Wool Bay (up the beach and around the cliff at low tide)

*\* More information available at all Visitor Information Outlets*

**Sand Castles:** Water, sand, a bit of creativity.. and hey presto! We have plenty of the first two, if you have the last!

**Skate Park & BMX Tracks:** For the bigger kids, try the BMX Track at Yorketown, Skate Park and BMX Track at Minlaton, Maitland Apex BMX Track (with Tennis Court with half basketball court alongside) and the Point Turton Nature Playground and Bike Track.

**Wattle Point Windfarm:** The Wattle Point Wind Farm has been operating near Edithburgh since 2005. Over the 11.5km<sup>2</sup> area, there are 55 turbines, each measuring 67m high, with blades 40m long. The Wind Farm can be seen at a distance from Edithburgh, although on Sheoak Beach Road (follow Old Honiton Road out of Edithburgh) you'll find a viewing and information bay. An even better view is to take the scenic Wattle Point Road and see them right up close!

**Whale Watching:** Yorke Peninsula isn't well known for whale watching, but if you head to Port Moorowie and the South Coast Road during July and August, you might be lucky enough to see the whales.

**Wildflowers:** Flowers bloom all year round on the Yorke Peninsula, although the most spectacular displays are in winter and spring. Golden Wattles, Coastal White Mallee, Templetonia, Common Fringe Myrtle and Rice Flowers to name just a few. Of particular note are the native orchids that only grow on Yorke Peninsula (spider orchids flower in August). Visit Innes National Park in spring to see these rare beauties. The carcalla plant (or Pigface as it's commonly known), was once bush tucker for the Narungga (Nharangga) people. This can be seen throughout the dunes on Yorke Peninsula, and/or from the boardwalk at Pondalowie Bay.

**Wildlife:** Kangaroos, emus, wombats and dolphins are some of the wildlife commonly seen on and around Yorke Peninsula. If you're lucky you might even spot an echidna, penguin or Tamar Wallaby! The Yorke Peninsula is in the process of reintroducing native animals as part of the 'Marna Banggara' Project. The species to be reintroduced include the Brush-tailed Bettong, Southern Brown Bandicoot, Red-tailed Phascogale and Western Quoll. Keep an eye out for the Rewilding Fence (designed to keep native species in, and feral species out) which stretches across the width of the peninsula, just east of Warooka.