

BEACHES

Yorke Peninsula's whole coast is worth exploring, but we've listed a few spots below to get you started. Remember, due to the unique shape of the peninsula, if the breeze is blowing from one direction, you can simply drive 10-30 minutes to the protected side of the peninsula.

Whether you like sand, (or no sand), waves, reefs, tidal pools, fishing, surfing, snorkeling, or just enjoying the sun - we've got you covered!

Port Vincent (east coast): Facing NE, the town beach is great for walking, swimming, crabbing or sunning yourself. You can fish off the jetty, or pop the boat in at the boat ramp near the caravan park.

Edithburgh Tidal Pool (east coast): Perfect spot for parents to watch their kids play safely in the water. The tidal pool is perfect for younger swimmers, outside the walls is more suited to experienced swimmers.

Sultana Point (south & east coast): Sultana Point is situated right on the south eastern corner of Yorke Peninsula, and thus has coastline that faces both south and east. The eastern facing beach has protected shallows that you can wander, or paddle across with your kayak or paddleboard. The southern facing beach has long expanse of soft sand, and is a good spot for kite surfing.

Berry Bay (west coast): Berry Bay has two access points—Berry Bay North and Berry Bay South. Both have dramatic landscapes, oodles of soft white sand big waves. Second home to many surfers!

Flaherty's Beach (north coast): 'Flaherty's' is situated halfway between Hardwicke Bay and Point Turton and faces northwest. When the tide is out, expanses of white sand banks are revealed, surrounded by beautiful aqua water. Great spot for kids, dogs, kite flying and kite surfing.

NOTE: Beaches on Yorke Peninsula do not have flags or life savers. Always take notice of the signs on the beach and be aware of unstable cliffs, rips, slippery rocks, submerged objects and changing conditions.

Ethel Beach | Adam Bruzzone



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breaking surf,

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rocky reefs,

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SNORKELLING

Ardrossan Jetty: This small jetty is in shallow water and close to town, making it easily accessible to all snorkellers.

Edithburgh Tidal Pool: The area directly outside the tidal pool contains a myriad of sea life around the concrete walls, base of the cliffs and pylons. A safe place for beginner snorkelers—parents can supervise and still stay dry!

Hardwicke Bay: Just south from the sandy Hardwicke Bay Boat Ramp (with tractors often all in a row), you'll find a horseshoe shaped reef ideal for snorkeling at low or high tide. Wade in to a comfortable depth—the reef runs from the warm shallows to a deeper area and provides a good variety of fish and sea life.

Point Gilbert (Port Moorowie): Follow the coast road right through Port Moorowie and you'll find Point Gilbert (west end of town). Timber stairs take you down to a small bay, protected by reef. Snorkel in the shallows at the base of the cliff or head out further to the reef.

Magazine Bay (Point Turton): A pebble beach, just north of Point Turton, accessed down timber stairs. Hosts a variety of marine life—including the occasional Fur Seal!

Parsons Beach Reef (West of Minlaton): Great for beginners, the reef runs the length of the beach and provides protected shallows and a diversity of life.

Wool Bay Jetty: A hidden gem, the Wool Bay Jetty provides access to acres of seagrass, which also provides the perfect habitat for the rare Leafy Sea Dragon. Hard to spot, but worth it if you find one.



Port Vincent | Peter Fisher

DIVING

Yorke Peninsula has many jetties and shipwrecks that are great for divers to explore. Please remember it is an offence to damage or disturb historic shipwrecks.

Edithburgh Jetty is a spectacular dive spot and is world renowned. The underside of the jetty and its pylons looks like a coral covered cathedral, and lucky divers will see endangered Leafy Sea-Dragons, Blue Swimmer Crabs, the reclusive Striped Pajama Squid (night time dives), and a wide range of fish life.

Point Turton Jetty provides a shallow dive with a wide range of juvenile fish and shellfish. The dive can be extended north, around the base of the cliffs, past Magazine Bay and around to the swim centre.

Stenhouse Bay Jetty is for experienced divers only, with the only access being down a steep cliff. However the water is clear and the marine life abundant, including many rare species not often found elsewhere.

Windara Reef—near Ardrossan (7km off coast): Windara Reef is a 20 hectare shellfish restoration reef, first opened to fishers in 2017. Created from custom-made concrete structures and locally picked limestone, it has since been layered with oyster shells, seeded with juvenile native oysters.

***Zanoni Shipwreck—near Ardrossan (18km off coast):** Now protected by a 550m radius exclusion zone; entry into zone by any vessel or conducting any underwater activities is illegal without a permit. Permits and more information are available from the Department of Environment and Water.

***Wardang Island Heritage Trail:** There are 8 shipwrecks located around Wardang Island including small local schooners, coastal steamers and 3-masted square-riggers.

***Investigator Strait Trail:** The Investigator Strait runs between Yorke Peninsula and Kangaroo Island and has claimed at least 26 ships between 1849 and 1892.

**More information available at www.environment.sa.gov.au*

SURFING

Yorke Peninsula is well known nationally and internationally as a great spot for surfing. You'll often find locals and visitors in-the-know heading to 'Yorkes' or 'Down the Bottom End' for a surf.

Popular surfing spots are scattered around Marion Bay and Corny Point and everywhere in between. Driving around early in the morning, you're sure to see a few dark wetsuits sitting out on their boards, waiting for the right wave.

If you're already a surfer, you know where the spots are or how to watch a place and get to know it. If you are not a surfer or not familiar with the area, we recommend you talk to someone that is before jumping in the Yorkes' surf. There are no flags or lifesavers on the peninsula, but there are rips, reefs and other dangers for the unwary. But don't be disheartened, Yorkes is an awesome surf spot, so we've included a few contacts below to get you started.

Neptune's Surf Coaching: Based in Corny Point, Neptune's Surf Coaching provides a range surfing lesson options for beginners, advanced, individuals, schools and groups. They also provide other services such as surf board hire, footage, analysis and paddle board hire. Children between 5 and 12 years of age can also sign up for 'Surf Groms' a surf coaching program. For more information, call or check out their website at: neptunessurfcoaching.com

Yorkes Junior Surf Club: Surf Club every Sunday Sept-May. Qualified surf coaches and parents helping juniors to build surf safety and skills. For more information, contact Brian 'Squizzy' Taylor on 08 8854 4143 or on email at yjsc@internode.on.net

Berry Bay Surf Jam: Organised by the 'Yorkes Junior Surf Club', it is one of the largest junior competitions in South Australia. Held in February every year, it encourages beginner surfers and holds a 'white water' event, aimed at new competitors.

Yorkes Classic: First started in 1983, The Yorkes Classic is now a nationally and internationally recognised surfing event. To check out the latest on upcoming dates, check out the Surfing Australia website— surfingaustralia.com