MINLATON MUSEUM

Located on Main Street, in the old General Store, the Minlaton Museum is home to historical collections from the area. It is also a branch of the National Trust. The large front window was originally the access for horse drawn delivery vans.

CAPTAIN HARRY BUTLER ROOM

The Minlaton Museum has devoted a whole room to Captain Harry Butler, where his letters, photos, diaries, personal items and more are displayed.

Captain Harry Butler was a locally born 'farm lad' who became an accomplished aviator. He delivered the first airmail over water in Australia, by flying over the Gulf St Vincent in a howling gale. This was just one of his many feats. Discover more at the museum.

THE RED DEVIL

Harry Butler's famous plane 'The Red Devil' is located north of the Museum at the Harry Butler Memorial inside a purpose-built hangar. Take a short walk to marvel at the historic WWI Bristol monoplane.

MINLATON MUSEUM OPENING HOURS

The Museum is open most mornings, subject to volunteers being available. Special viewing outside these times can be arranged in advance.

Or by appointment
Joyce Yeomans - 0427 792 271
Robert Martin - 0417 839 114

ENTRY FEES:
Adults: $6.00 - Concession: $5.00
Children (6-12 years): $1.00

Acknowledgment of Country

Yorke Peninsula Council acknowledges the Narungga (traditionally spelled Nharangga) people as the traditional owners of Country (Banggara), and recognises their continuing deep connection to land and sea throughout Yorke Peninsula (Guuranda). We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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SELF-GUIDED TOURS

MINLATON SELF-GUIDED TOUR

1. MINLATON MUSEUM

Visit the museum before venturing out to explore all of Minlaton.

2. HARRY BUTLER MEMORIAL

Stand next to Captain Harry Butler's statue, see his famous 'Red Devil' in its purpose built hangar, and read all about his life on the display boards.

3. H.J. COOK FAUNA PARK

Emus and kangaroos abound within this park and are easily viewed through the boundary fence.

4. WOODEN BRIDGE

Tucked into a small nook of native scrub is a wooden bridge which was constructed from timber taken from the old Port Julia Jetty.

5. PICNIC AREA

The corner of Old Port Vincent Road and Gum Flat Road is a great place to rest or picnic. You'll find a large shelter with tables and natural log seating.

6. MINLAGAWI WATERHOLES

Minlagawi is Windara Country, home of the garrdi (emu) totem. 'Gawi' means water, and 'minla' describes its taste. It was fresh, good quality and historically these waterholes would have been covered by rock lids to keep them clean. They are now marked by fencing and visitors are asked to only look from outside.

7. HORSE DIP

The cement horse dip (built 1936) is sloped, which allowed horses to be led down into the dip and back out. It was part of Gum Flat Station.

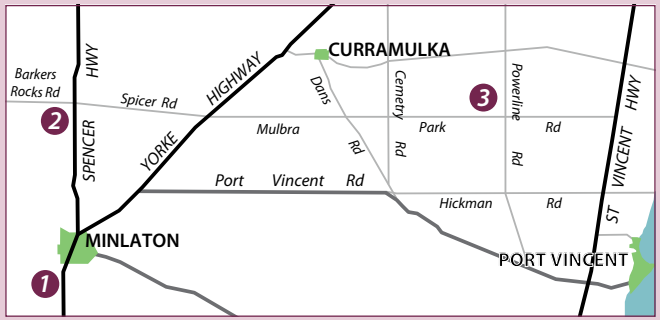
8. MINLATON BIRD HIDE

On Lake View Road is a stone wall that provides bird watchers camouflage to observe the local birdlife. It is best viewed in winter and spring, when the lake is full of water and visited by native birds such as the Australian shelduck, black swans and teal ducks.

9. HARVEST CORNER

Harvest Corner is a hub for visitor information and local arts and craft. It also has homemade jams and biscuits for sale. The perfect place to call in to find out more about the local area, purchase a souvenir or pick up some tasty local products.

NATIONAL TRUST SELF-GUIDED DRIVING TOURS



1. HARRY BUTLER CRASH SITE (1km)

Head 1km south from Minlaton, along Yorke Highway, and you'll find the commemorative board that marks the spot of Captain Harry Butler's plane crash.

2. KOOLYWURTIE (13km)

Koolywurtie is a tiny community that holds a lot of history. The Koolywurtie School is on the National Trust register, and is where Harry Butler went to school. The remains of the Koolywurtie tennis court, National Trust listed Pioneer Park and the Koolywurtie Church, are all within walking distance. *Head north from Minlaton 10km and turn left onto Koolywurtie Church Road and continue for 3km to the school.*

3. MULBURA PARK RESERVE (29km)

Located on Mulbura Park Road, this reserve consists of 19ha of native Sheoak woodland and Mallee. In 1994, a survey revealed the area to have the highest level of biodiversity in the region. Over 136 indigenous species have been identified with some being rare, vulnerable or even endangered.

National Trust Mulbura Park

Head NE from Minlaton, along Yorke Hwy, for 3km and turn right onto Port Vincent Road (changes into Hickman Road) and follow for 20km until St Vincent Highway. Turn left and head north for 3km and then turn left onto Mulbura Park Road for another 3km. The Park is on the left.