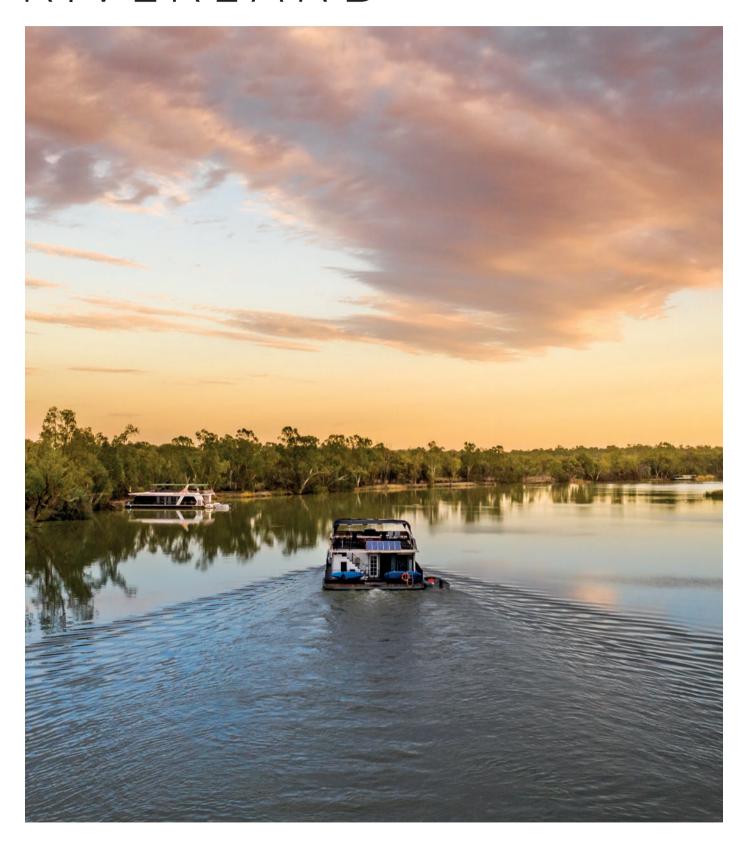
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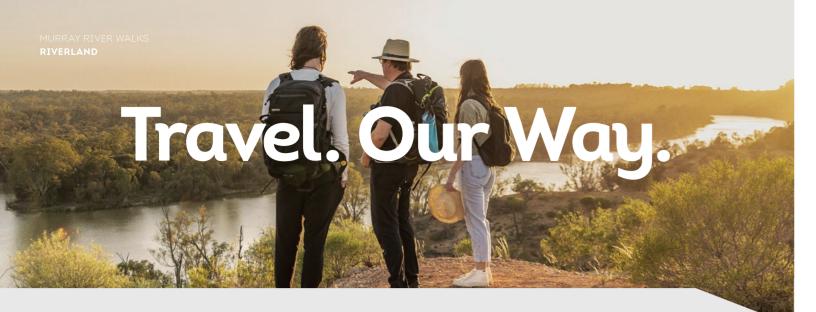
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Acknowledgement of Country

The Riverland Tourism Industry acknowledges that the First Peoples of the Murray River and Mallee are the Traditional Owners.

We acknowledge the seven tribes of the Riverland and Mallee, under the Meru language group of our region. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live in and visit this beautiful region.

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THE RIVERLAND IS...

Drinking coffee at dawn on the deck of your houseboat. It's warm wetsuits hung over a rail and the kids' eagerness for the wakeboarding to begin.

It's exploring a historic river town, where the community's love for the Murray survives everything.

It's indulging in the produce of local graziers, growers and grapelovers – sitting at a waterside bar with a sundowner.

It's planning your tomorrows in an ancient landscape. Will it be canoeing silent backwaters? Casting a lazy line beneath a river red gum? Sitting around a crackling fire with starlight reflected on still lagoons?

It's charting a course for horizons filled with memories.







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Make it fun, fresh and fabulous!

We're still known for our bonza pub grub but the Riverland eating scene has come a long way! Do the locavore thing at Earth Restaurant in Berri, serving dishes like Murray cod cake, with black truffle, roasted leek aioli and samphire, paired with local wine. Eleni's Greek restaurant at Mallee Estate Wines salutes the region's longstanding settler heritage. And at the Hotel Renmark's new restaurant, 'Temperance', you'll find eight-course paired degustations with a farm-to-plate focus!



Murray River Trails, Renmark

Disappear into another world

The 'backwaters' are the river's secret places – the mystical, ancient spaces, enclosed by trees and ringing with birdlife, where dark, mirror-still waters reflect the sky. Enter the backwaters on a kayaking tour with a Riverlander and you'll discover a part of the planet you didn't even know existed.



Riverland Wine Centre, Lyrup

Discover tomorrow's wines today

The Riverland is Australia's largest and most sustainable wine-producing region – it's also home to 85 different wine grape varieties with more than 30 emerging varieties. Delicious wines like Fiano, Montepulciano and Nero d'Avola flourish in the local terroir; much like the growers themselves, you'll find these varieties interesting, lively and ahead of the curve.





Rivergum Cruises, Waikerie

The Riverland is just two hours' drive from Adelaide and makes for the perfect holiday destination. It's beautiful, diverse and welcoming; it's also easily seen, measuring only 150 kilometres from east to west and with little more than 40 minutes' drive separating most towns and attractions.

This sample seven-day driving itinerary shows you just how much is on offer...

Day 1

Start the day in **Morgan**, a charming town that enjoys broad river frontage on a substantial bend. It was once the busiest inland port in Australia. Relive the town's history at the original Station Master's House (now the Visitor Information Office), the Landseer Building (housing the museum) and the Heritage-listed 12-metre-high Morgan Wharf. A fab playground with a play-sized paddle steamer (the PS Morgan) makes a great stop if you have kids.

Head to Waikerie, home to lavish birdlife (including the huge Regent Parrot painted on the town's silos) as well as one of the largest fruit-processing operations in the Southern Hemisphere. Join a two-hour evening river cruise with Rivergum Cruises to find out more about the local ecology and history, with a glass of wine and local grazing platter served on board. Overnight Waikerie.

Day 2

Start the day with a pre-breakfast walk from Waikerie town centre along the clifftop, following in the steps of the region's pioneers courtesy of a signed trail; you'll be rewarded with magnificent riverscapes and a healthy appetite, which can be easily satisfied at the fabulous Illalangi providore or the Waikerie Bakery.



Lake Bonney, Barmera

Drive 50 kilometres to Barmera, stopping at Banrock Station where you can explore the famous winery and wetlands. You can also detour to the Overland Corner Hotel, a must-visit historic pub.

Barmera is on the shores of Lake Bonney, a substantial lake offering safe swimming beaches and plenty of space for on-water recreation. The Pioneer Museum is located in an old fire station; and the Loveday Internment Collection is dedicated to WWII internees an unusual historical insight. Watching a sunset over the lake is a must, as is a drink at the lakeside Barmera Club. Overnight Barmera.

Day 3

On the way to **Berri**, you'll find prime wine-growing country, home to boutique wineries such as Bassham, Top Block and 919. Berri enjoys



Berri Hotel, Berri

a lovely stretch of riverfront and is home to the popular Berri Hotel, River Jack's Café and Canoe Adventures Riverland. It has a wetland walking trail and is the gateway to the stunning Murray River National Park (Katarapko). The town of Loxton offers a great range of shops, a huge pioneer playground and the famous Loxton Historical Village. The village features 45 reclaimed 1900s buildings; on 'Alive Days', volunteers quite literally bring the past to life. Overnight Berri or Loxton.

Day 4

With a population of 5000, Renmark is the largest town in the region and offers distractions galore. It also has one of the best public river frontages along the Murray and is the perfect place to hire a houseboat.



23rd Street Distillery, Renmark

Be sure to experience the National Trust Olivewood Historic Homestead (home of Riverland pioneer, Charles Chaffey), the PS Industry (a working 1910 paddle steamer), and the distilleries at 23rd Street, Rustons and Angove Family Winemakers (owners of St Agnes). The surrounding land is home to wineries (including Mallee Estate) as well as plenty of farmers growing fruit, vegetables and nuts. Nearby **Murtho** is home to Canoe the Riverland (for wilderness canoe tours) and the Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery. Don't miss an excursion to Headings Cliff Lookout for one of the best views in the Riverland. Overnight Renmark.

Day 5-7

Hire a houseboat, don your skipper's hat and make like a river captain! If you'd prefer someone else to do the skippering, try Murray River Trails for a guided multi-day walking and houseboating experience.





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Enjoy a peaceful stay at the **Waikerie Hotel Motel** when passing through
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a spacious family room off-site but
close to local shops and attractions.

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Berri Newsagency

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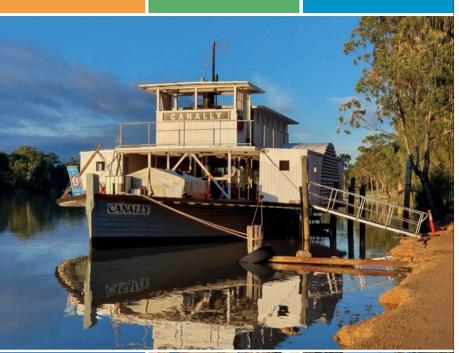
Monash Adventure Playground

Relive your childhood or make new memories!

Monash Adventure Playground has been renovated but remains renowned for having tonnes of equipment to keep the family entertained. A giant maze, leaning towers and rope bridge are set in beautiful gardens with barbecue and picnic facilities. Open daily from 10am—5pm, excluding Christmas and Boxing Day.

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Visit Morgan, Cadell and Blanchetown – River History and Majestic Scenery

Begin in Morgan with a self-guided walk on the heritage trail and enjoy the old wharf souvenir and gift shop filled with local produce and gifts. Morgan's Landseer Museum has the amazing "Windows in Time" mural and many original artefacts from bygone eras. Playgrounds in Morgan and Cadell are fantastic stops for families with free barbecues and open space. Blanchetown has the first lock on the river and is a great spot to throw in a yabby net or line. Graham Claxton Reserve in Cadell is surrounded by breathtaking cliffs, playgrounds, barbecue, and wildlife.

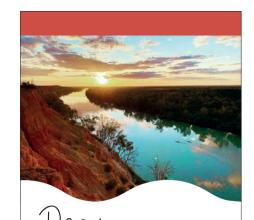
If you are after family fun, and the beautiful night skies, then the Riverland west towns of **Morgan**, **Cadell** and **Blanchetown** are welcoming places for you.





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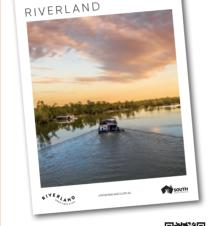




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popular Sunset Cruise. You can even design your own cruise to suit what you want to do; stop for a swim and enjoy a barbecue lunch with striking views of the Murray and surrounding landscape. Contact Rivergum Cruises today about getting on board for a memorable experience!









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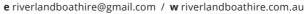
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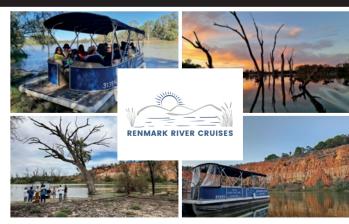




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THE MURRAY

AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST RIVER IS AT THE HEART OF OUR REGION. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO ENJOY IT?



The Riverland is home to 362 kilometres of Murray River. That's the main watercourse – the mighty Murray herself – winding through a landscape of soaring cliffs, towering gum trees and fertile floodplains. But the Murray also comprises a whole other world of 'backwater' beauty, filled with wetlands, lagoons and creeks. Ready to immerse yourself?

Cruise it

Renmark River Cruises offers fully catered tours including a 'Beer and Backwater Cruise', a sunset cruise out to Headings Cliffs and a cruise to the Riverland Wine Centre. Rivergum Cruises out of Waikerie has two- and three-hour river cruises as well as day cruises taking in popular lunch spots like Banrock Station and Overland Corner Hotel.

The **PS** *Industry*, built in 1910, offers cruises once a month as well as on long weekends and special occasions. It's also available for private charters. And for a nimble little backwater tour, **Canoe The Riverland** near Renmark offers popular dinghy tours.

The **Murray Princess** operates out of Mannum, running cruises into the Riverland lasting three to seven nights, with all meals, excursions and entertainment included.

Play on it

Riverland towns are famous as places to indulge in water sports. Most are equipped with landing facilities for your watercraft. Don't have a boat? Don't worry! Riverland Boat Hire has multiple options including a 12-person pontoon boat (driver's licence required), tinnies and ski boat (boating licence required), and kayak and paddle boards.

Fish on it

What are the secrets to the perfect fishing spot? Riverlanders especially love waters with deep holes, sandbars, submerged-log hidey holes and a slight current; they also like below the locks and beneath the willows.

The most popular angling and eating fish is callop. The legendary Murray cod can grow to more than a metre and is a prized catch, complete with bragging rights, but they must be returned to the water after you've taken the photo! Conversely, carp (a pest species) cannot be returned to the water; the annual SA Carp Frenzy fishing competition at Lake Bonney is a popular March event that actively (very actively!) contributes to its reduction.

You'll find bait and tackle in all major Riverland towns; fishing gear is also on sale at **Morgan Roadhouse** and **Waikerie United Servo**.



Canoe Adventures Riverland, Berri

Eat and drink beside it

Question: If the Riverland's Murray section winds for 362 kilometres, how many kilometres of riverfront does it have? Answer: 724 kilometres – because there's two banks! This is why so many of the region's restaurants, cafés, pubs, clubs and cellar doors are in a position to serve river views with their fine foods.

Some of the well-known waterside places to eat and drink are Waikerie's Viewpoint Café, the Renmark Club, the Barmera Club, River Jacks Café (Berri), The Lakes Café (Barmera), Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery and the Berri Hotel. Cellar doors on the river include Banrock Station and Whistling Kite; the Riverland Wine Centre has more than 25 local wines on offer and enjoys stunning views.

Finally, don't forget the humble picnic, as much an institution as any. Thanks to fabulous local producers and providores (try **Illalangi Gourmet Foods**), you can make your riverbank feast as fancy as you please! (See Eat & Drink section.)

Canoe it

Canoe The Riverland near Renmark does kayak tours for all ages and abilities. Travelling at your pace, they'll show you secret creeks and lagoons, as well as remarkable birdlife.

They do a morning tour, a popular sunset tour and a unique moonlight tour.

Canoe Adventures Riverland out of Berri offers kayak tours tailored to you. Explore the wonders of nature, the backwaters and the banks. Between sunrise and sunset, where you head and when you set off is up to you. Canoe Adventures also offers overnight and multi-day canoe-and-camp adventures and a 'Gourmet Kayak Tour' which includes sparkling non-alcoholic wine and a picnic box of local produce.

Want to go your own way? Riverland Boat Hire and Canoe Adventures both hire out kayaks and PFDs. Roonka River Adventure Park, a Scouts property open to all near Blanchetown, also has kayaks for hire.

Walk it

The Riverland is a walker's paradise, one where you can follow the river on huge stretches of trails and tracks. We especially love Katarapko, Paringa Paddock, Martin Bend, Wilabalangaloo, the Sarnya Parker Walk and Waikerie Rotary Cliff Top Walk. Follow your instincts — or follow in the footsteps of a local guide and gain insights while you make tracks. Murray River Trails leads multi-day river-based experiences with plenty of local food along the way.

Banrock Station does guided tours of its famous wetlands

Live on it

We're talking houseboats! We're talking cruising between towns, navigating gorgeous stretches of wild river and tying up at a shady mooring to enjoy a sundowner. The good news? You only need a driving licence to rent a houseboat... (See Stay section.)

Fly over it

Country Aviation offers 30-minute flight-seeing tours out of Renmark airport; and if you're really feeling adventurous, Waikerie Gliding Club offers introductory flights in a glider!

See it through the eyes of a Riverlander

There's no shortage of wonderful vantage points along the length of the river, from shady lawns to lofty cliff-top lookouts. But joining with a local to see the river as they see it always guarantees a different perspective... Bellbird Tours out of Berri specialises in birdwatching tours. And Riverland Classic Limousines can have you travelling in style between local food and wine producers.



Roonka River Adventure Park, Blanchetown

LOOKING FOR MORE ADVENTURE?

Loveday 4x4 Adventure Park: This rugged, stay-and play 4WD adventure park is situated on 8000 acres of private property with 14 kilometres of riverfront. The park has a range of experiences on offer including 'The Turbo Can-Am Hot Lap', 'The Ultimate Off Road Experience' and kids rally driving. The park also has camping facilities and a tavern.

Golf courses: It's no surprise that the Riverland has some of the lushest golf courses in Australia! They also represent excellent value for money and many offer dining options and accommodation. Highlights include 18-hole courses at Barmera (Brian Crafter designed), Berri (one of SA's oldest clubs, established in 1924), Waikerie (with stunning villa accommodation) and Loxton (ranked in the Top 100 Australian country courses).

Monash Adventure Park: Providing fun for all ages, Monash Adventure Park has crazy leaning towers, a Burmese rope bridge, a huge maze, mini basketball, flying fox, slippery dip and barbecue facilities. Kids' adventures also await at Loxton Pioneer Playground, Barmera Playspace and Morgan Rail to River Adventure Park.

Water and Nature Play Park:

Located in Waikerie, this park provides a combination of nature play, water elements and playground. Kids enjoy a six-metre-high teepee, a 40-metre double flying fox, six water play areas a climbing wall and a wheelchair-friendly merry-go-round.

Roonka River Adventure Park:

Located on the banks of the Murray
River, Roonka specialises in creating
memorable experiences through the
great outdoors. Guests of all ages are
encouraged to immerse themselves in
the old-school camp experience with
plenty of bunkhouse accommodation,
camping, caravan sites and a launching
facility. Expect a wide range of
recreational activities, plenty of water
sports and fully-equipped kitchens—

Connect with adventurous spirits at Lake Bonney: Lake Bonney in Barmera makes for a perfect aquatic playground. Known for its calm waters and striking landscapes, it's been huge with water skiers and speed boat owners – including Donald Campbell who attempted to break the water speed record here, reaching 347.5 kilometres in 1964. It's also one of the best spots in the Riverland to watch a sunset.

RIVERLAND BY THE NUMBERS

362km The length of the Murray River as it loops and meanders through the Riverland region from east to west.





Six That's six locks and weirs along the river in our region.

Locks are awesome to cruise through and just as interesting to watch as they empty and fill.

(Six also happens to be the number of excellent golf courses along the river!)

200 (at least!) We're talking species of birds. Even if you're not one of the passionate twitchers who visit the region, you'll love spotting the like of kingfishers, whistling kites, spoonbills and shimmering rainbow bee-eaters.





First! The Riverland and Mallee areas have been home to First Nations people for millennia; there are important Indigenous sites along the length of the river, including canoe trees, middens, burial sites and other sacred places. (Please be respectful!)



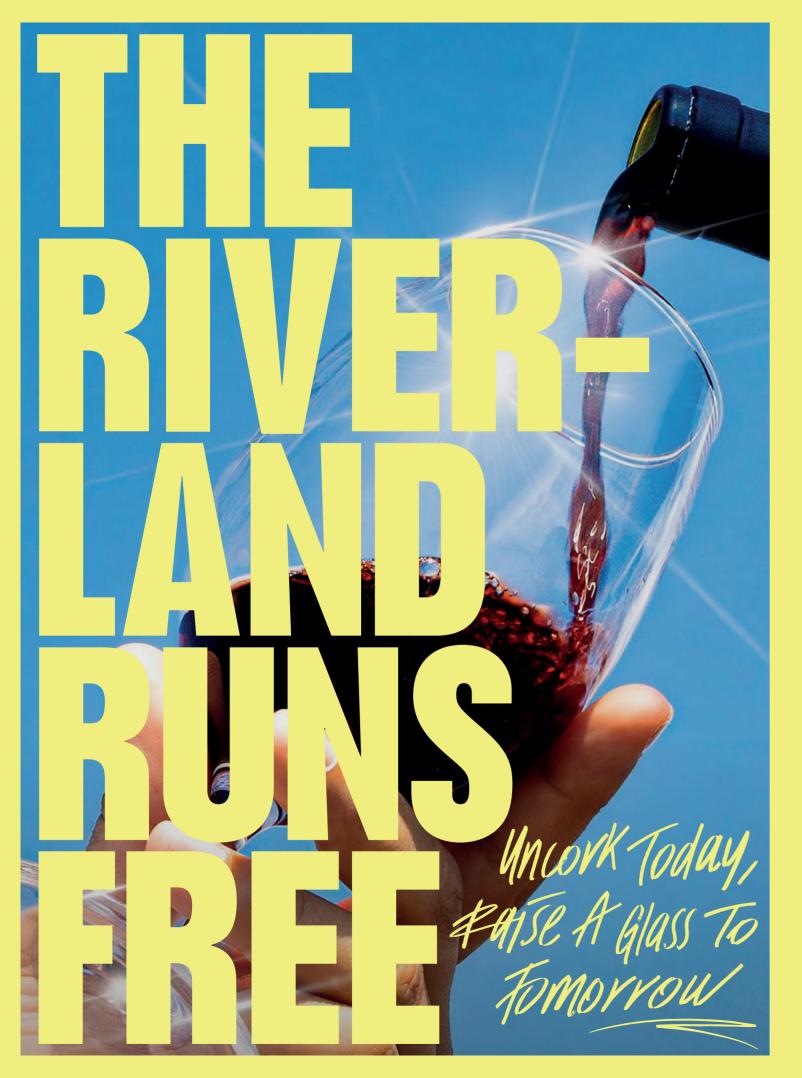
370,055ha

The sum hectarage of 18 National Parks, nature reserves and wilderness protection areas. That's a *lot* of wild country...

32% The share of the national grape-crush. Yep – a third of the national crush is done right here in the Riverland, making us the biggest wine producer in the country!



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With more than 35 wineries to explore, you can savour a glass at the on-site cafe, which serves locally sourced Riverland produce. The Wine Centre boasts one of the most extensive assortments of Riverland wines from the region's cellar doors, and you'll also discover a variety of other wineries, including:

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Starrs Reach

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And grapes? We have no shortage of those! The Riverland is the nation's largest producer of wine and is fostering a growing number of boutique producers. Be sure to enjoy the classic wine varieties, but don't miss trying emerging alternate varieties such as Montepulciano, Vermentino, Touriga Nacionale and Tempranillo – much of it sustainably grown.

The region supports a flourishing restaurant and café scene. Look out also for growers and producers selling their wares at small providores, collectives and cellar doors - you'll arrive to a warm welcome and leave with something sure to satisfy!

Cellar door dining

Banrock Station has a beautiful dining area, elevated to afford views over the wetlands. There's a breakfast and lunch menu offering the likes of baked Murray cod and Jachmann cider-glazed pork. Whistling Kite Wines serves delicious wood-fired pizzas. Eleni's Restaurant at Mallee Estate in Renmark offers authentic Greek Cuisine, and Cucina 837 at Salena Estate, Loxton, serves fine Italian fare (and a celebrated homemade Limoncello!). 23rd Street Distillery offers a relaxed, contemporary dining experience with dishes inspired by the region.

Most cellar doors offer grazing plates. (See Cellar Door panel on page 32.)



Riverland Wine Centre, Lyrup











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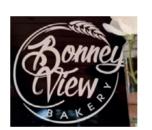


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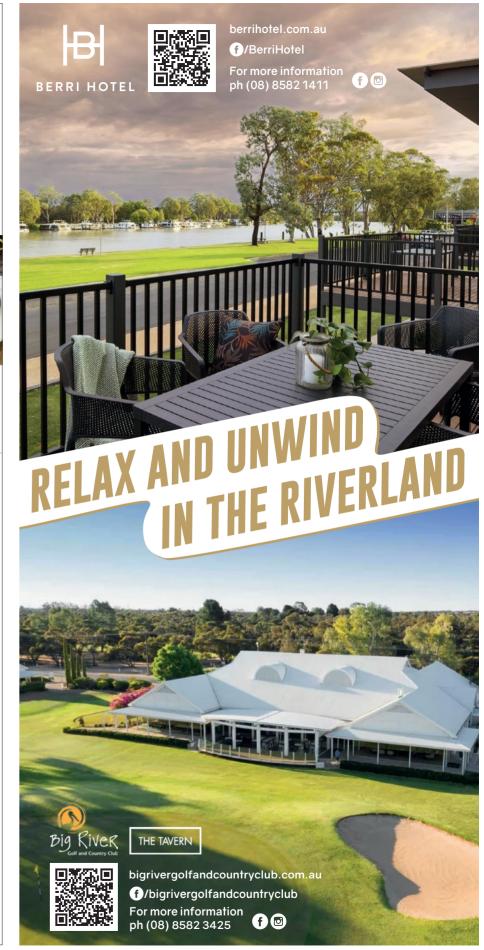


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Woolshed Brewery, Murtho

Growers and producers

Illalangi Gourmet Foods in Waikerie is known for its olive tapenades, homemade relishes, award-winning wattle seed balsamic and local gourmet grazing boxes (perfect for picnics). Quirkeychocs are delicious chocolate-covered apricot bits, made by third-generation apricot growers in Loxton. Almondco, near Renmark, is the place for locally grown nuts. **Nippy's** in Waikerie is a Riverland institution: it's family-owned, famous for its juices and 50 years old!

All types of dining

The Murray River is lined with historic pubs and clubs, offering bistro dining and awesome views. The Renmark Club offers

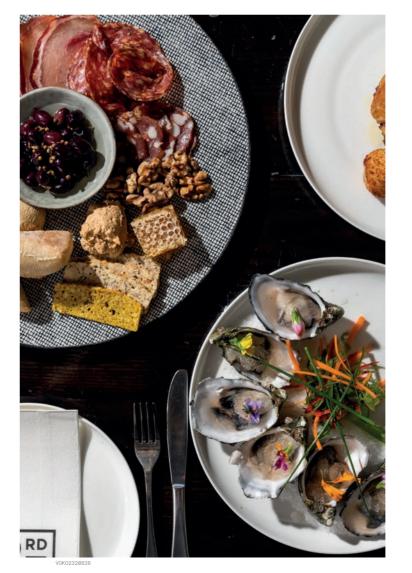
a much-loved riverside deck, perfect for locally-inspired dishes like Rosedale kangaroo. The gorgeous art deco Hotel Renmark has four dining areas and a menu featuring local Riverland produce; try their new restaurant, 'Temperance'. Earth Restaurant in Berri offers the best of Riverland producers in a relaxed setting. The Barmera Club provides all your pubstyle favourites (and awesome views of Lake Bonney) while the Berri Hotel on the riverfront is the place to relax and enjoy a delicious meal. The newly renovated Loxton Hotel offers delicious breakfast and lunch in their charming 1908 Café. Steeped in history, the **Historic Overland Corner** Hotel is open for lunch and dinner and has live entertainment on weekends.

With home-style meals, a large outdoor dining area and original dining room, the 150-year-old heritage-listed Blanchetown Hotel (overlooking Lock 1) is a treat for history buffs. The Waikerie Hotel offers modern hotel-style fare and a contemporary, cosy fireplace, while the Paringa Hotel Motel serves a great pub meal. The Lavender Café in Glossop has a generous menu featuring Italian staples; look out for occasional pig-on-a-spit weekends at River Jacks Café in Berri; The Lakes Café in Barmera lives up to its name with mouthwatering views; and Flavours of the Riverland in Barmera is the place to be for gourmet regional food. The Mallee Fowl Restaurant is an institution, loved for its quirky interior.

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Arrosto Coffee, Renmark

Cheers!

There are 20 pubs and clubs in the Riverland. Don't miss the Overland Corner Hotel (established in 1859 with lashings of history and a resident ghost) and The Hotel Renmark (a huge art deco pub that was the first community-owned hotel in the British Empire; it still returns profits to the town). Try also the Loxton and Waikerie Hotels (both beautifully renovated), the Renmark Club and Berri Hotel (overlooking the river) and Barmera Club for views of Lake Bonney.

The very cool Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery opened in 2009 and is now a firm waterside favourite for a brew with a view. It was fashioned from an old shearing shed on historic Wilkadene Station north of Renmark. Today, it serves its premium craft beers and 'hard lemonade' on a huge deck, as well as picnic packs featuring Riverland olives, chutneys and mettwurst.

The Riverland Wine Centre in Lyrup represents more than 25 Riverland wineries in their extraordinary riverside cellar door. Call into this amazing one-stop-shop and purchase a tasting paddle – ideally enjoyed on the deck overlooking the river!

Renmark's 23rd Street Distillery offers a gin-blending masterclass. Rustons, famous for its stunning rose gardens, is now home to a vodka and gin distillery – and offers especially fragrant tastings! St Agnes Distillery and Barrel Halls (within Angove's cellar door, Renmark) has been distilling since 1925. All St Agnes brandies are aged in small oak barrels in their historic cellars. Tours run daily, but bookings are essential.

Don't forget the coffee...

Arrosto Coffee is based in the old Renmark fire station! It's also an award-winning brewery. It supplies the region with its very own bean-blends and roasts, and has a popular café serving cake and coffee, and gourmet breakfast burgers on weekends. HeBrews Coffee Co. also roast their own beans in their cosy Waikerie café.



CELLAR DOORS

include boutique tastings, local Popular winery tours book out, so be sure to book ahead.

Riverland Wine Centre (Lyrup): one roof! Taste the wines, discover stellar river views from the lofty deck.

Angove Family Winemakers (Renmark): This 1886 winery is home Angove Wines, St Agnes Brandy and Stones Green Ginger wine. Taste them all at the evocative cellar door.

Mallee Estate Wines (Renmark): Taste wines at this family-owned a trip to the top of the tanks!

919 Wines (Glossop): This organic Manseng, Vermentino, Sangiovese,

Burk Salter Wines (Blanchetown): aboard a gorgeous 1927 Chevrolet Truck. Enjoy local bird life, flora, history – and award-winning wines.

Bassham Wines (near Barmera): This family-owned business

Whistling Kite Biodynamic Wines (near Loxton): Producing traditional and emerging varieties (like Petit Mencia), Whistling Kite is a certified organic winery on the Murray River.

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RIVERSIDE RETREAT

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PUB FAVOURITES

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Blanchetown Hotel

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8am - 3pm

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Brown's Well Tavern



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Arrosto Coffee

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The Lavender Café

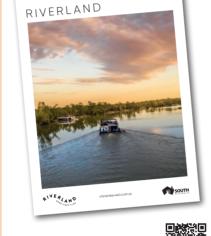
The Lavender Café is a unique dining experience for the entire family to enjoy. Set amongst a lavender farm and surrounded by vineyards, our authentic Italian café truly offers something for everyone. As a family-owned and operated business, we pride ourselves on offering

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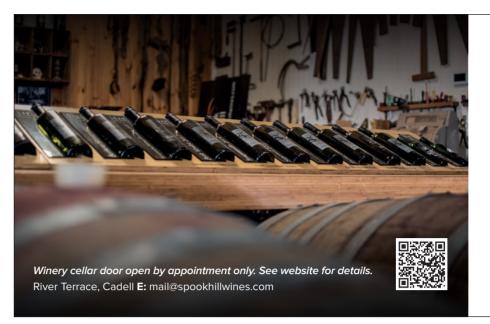
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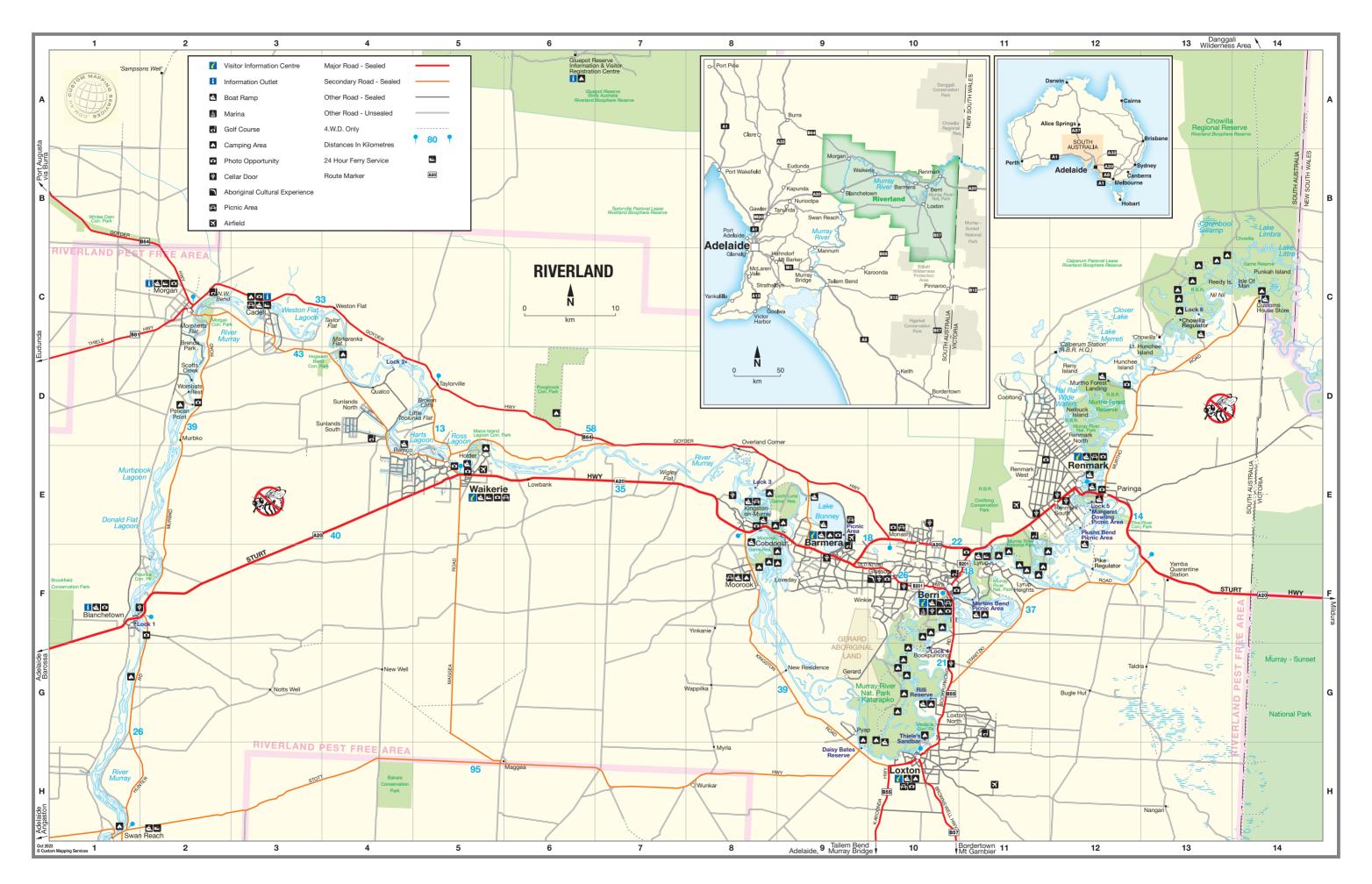
Discover the art of small-scale, boutique winemaking at our Riverland winery and cellar door. Using time honoured, traditional winemaking methods of open fermentation, basket pressing with barrel ageing, Spook Hill Wines produce a diverse range of emerging varieties.

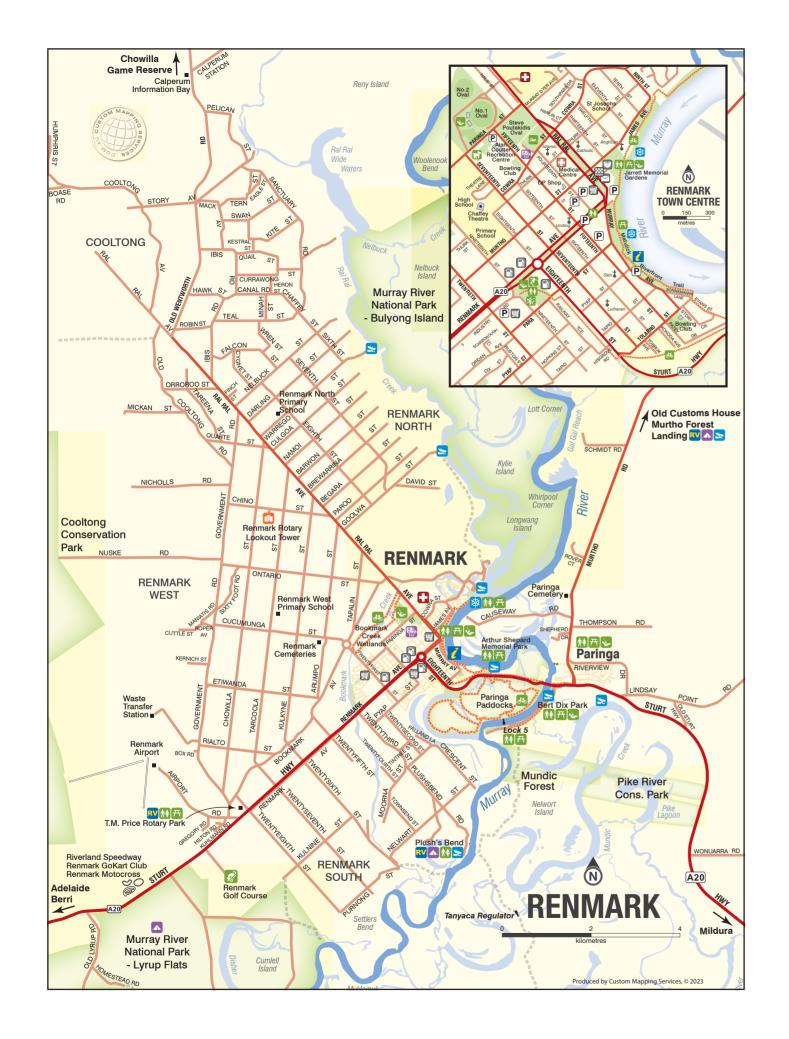
Spook Hill Wines can be found at selected Riverland outlets or online at www.spookhillwines.com

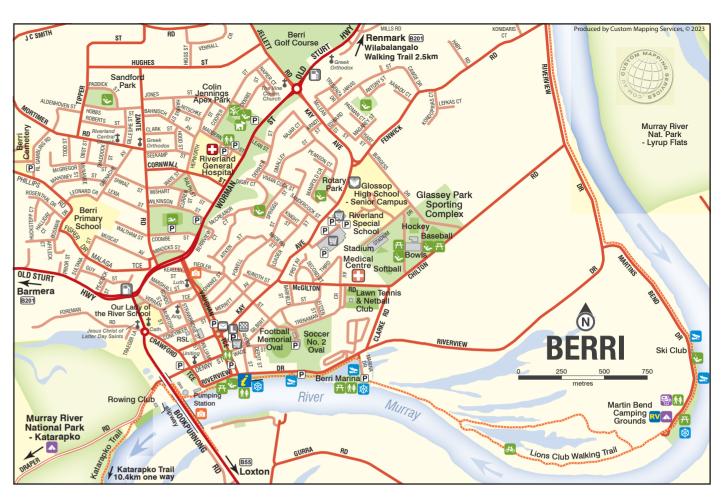


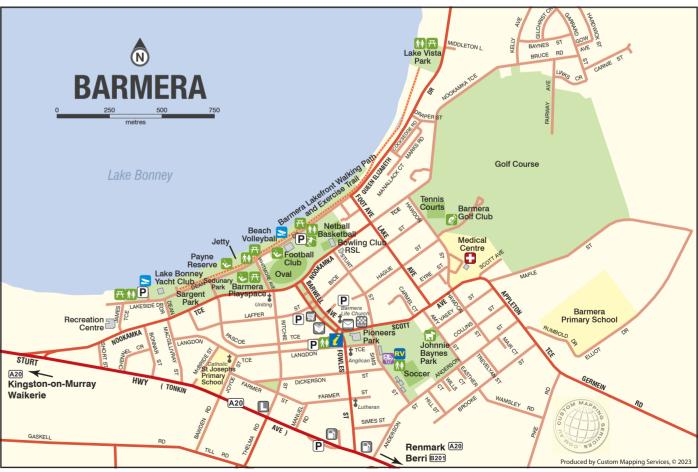


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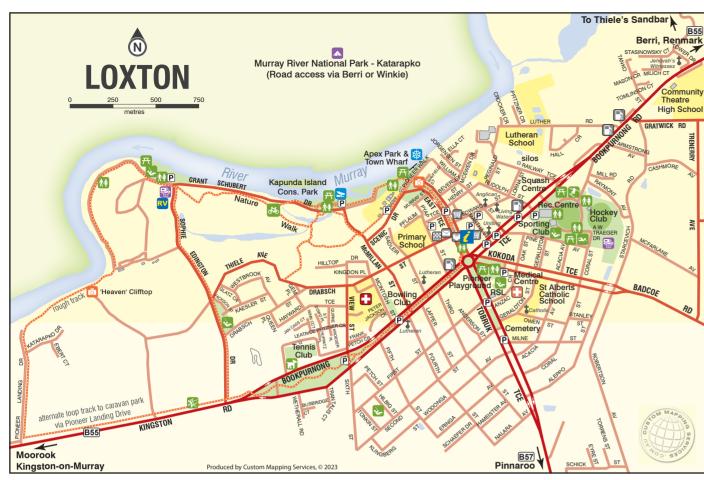


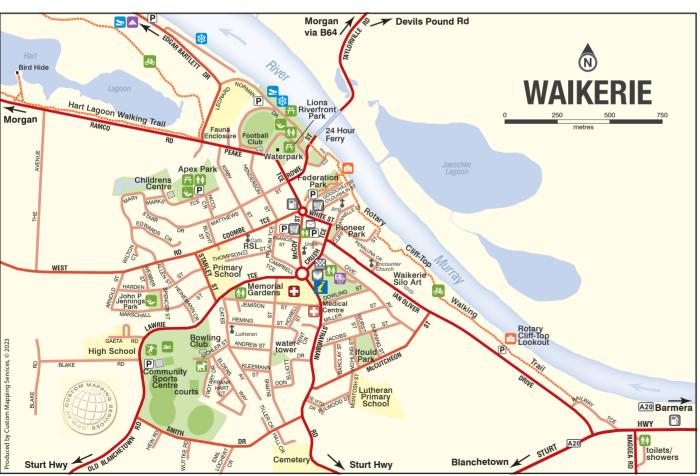


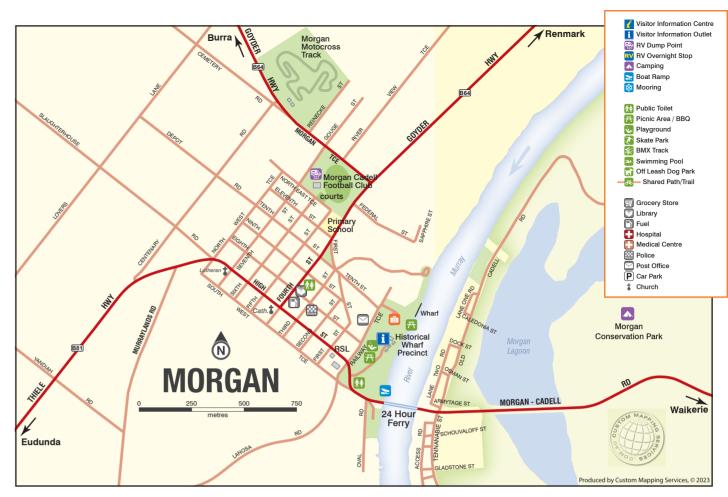


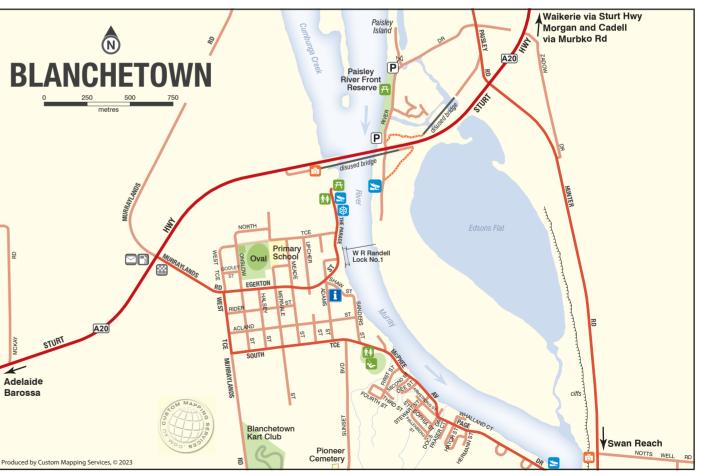


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Barmera Lakes Resort

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The Frames – Montage Retreat, Paringa

Luxury in the Riverland

The past 10 years has seen a growth in the number of operators offering luxury escapes. Pike River Villas in Lyrup has five self-contained eco-villas in a striking yet sensitive build on 15 private acres. All enjoy river views and feature elegant, bespoke interiors and in-deck spas. The Frames in Paringa is a tourism Hall of Fame winner for its three super-luxe, statement structures set on a clifftop. The property has a menu of luxury experiences for guests. The Villas in Waikerie is a series of urban-chic villas accommodating two to 12 guests. They're located between vineyards and the fairways of the Waikerie Golf Course; complimentary golf and continental breakfast are included in all bookings. River Hamptons offers an elegant retreat complete with private pool and tennis courts. It sleeps up to 12 guests across two dwellings, the main Homestead and the Barn.

Time capsules

The Riverland's many historic homes offer a slice of yesteryear elegance and amazing views. Try Crossfield Cottage, Barmera (a 1920s cottage surrounded by vineyards and orchards); The River **Block**, Bookpurnong (a stunning stone homestead on a quiet lagoon); or The River Vista, near Monash (a spectacular cliff-top retreat that used to be a radio station!).

Hotels, motels and holiday houses

There's accommodation to suit all budgets in all the larger towns and right along the river. Most of the major hotels (pubs) in the region have beds for the night: check out Berri Hotel's new Riverview Villas; you'll also find comfortable hotel accommodation at Waikerie, Renmark and Loxton.

After catering to travellers for decades, the region is well-provided with budget motels; there's also a huge portfolio of cottages, holiday rentals, B&Bs and shacks - no small number of them enjoying river frontage. Good times guaranteed!

Moored: rooms with a difference

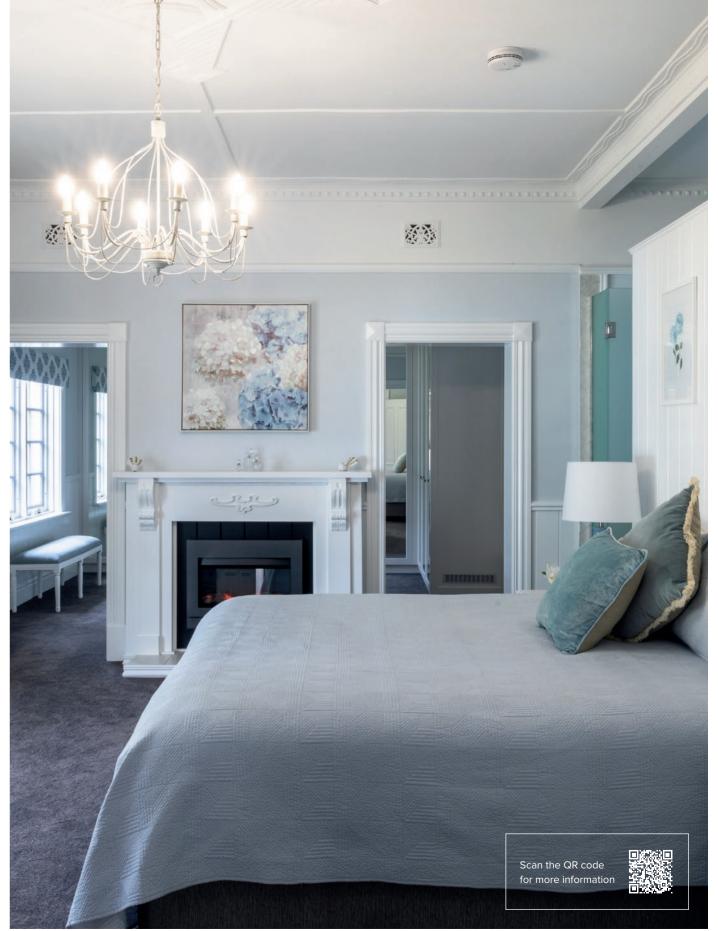
For a riverside retreat with a difference, try a permanently moored boat or houseboat. The Murray River Queen is one of the oldest and largest paddleboats on the Murray and offers 11 rooms over three decks. Moving Waters and The Murray Dream are contemporary designed houseboats moored in Renmark. Gorgeous PS Julie Fay is a two-person moored paddleboat near Paringa.

Hire a houseboat

Houseboats offer the ultimate freedom to explore and indulge in the Riverland. You might be piloting a top-of-the-range floating mansion or a humble houseboat for two – regardless, the Murray's sweetest pleasures are just the same! Houseboat hire is surprisingly straightforward: whether you're hiring for two days or two weeks, you don't need a boating licence. There are some rules of navigation and some basic etiquette to follow, which you'll learn about before you set off. After that, it's all yours.

Houseboats are generally equipped not unlike a small apartment (usually with a kitchenette and TV at their most basic), but more luxury fit-outs see houseboats equipped with all mod-cons, including spas, coffee machines and dishwashers.

Large hiring companies include Riverfun Houseboats, River Murray Houseboats and Renmark Houseboats (Renmark/ Paringa); hire companies also operate in Waikerie, Morgan and Blanchetown.



River Hamptons, Berri

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In the larger towns, caravan parks sophisticated offer the like of mini golf and 'splash parks'.

A few things to bear in mind...

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Our national parks are beautifully kept, some have facilities available and they can be easily booked ahead

River levels in late 2022/early 2023 affected several campgrounds and again, it can really pay to visit or call through to a Visitor Information Centre.

For a full list of local facilities

These websites have updated lists





Loxton Waikerie



Mid Murray Council



Renmark Paringa Council



GUIDED TOURS

Explore the meandering Murray River with award-winning ecotourism company, Murray River Trails. Discover the region's rich Aboriginal culture, wetlands, wildlife and forests on one of the region's many multi-day guided tours.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

You'll find quality dried fruit, nuts, yiros and pizzas at Riverland Sunfresh, the Renmark-based family business stocking and serving local goods. Pop past early for a coffee and freshly made Greek pastry.

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Renmark Holiday Apartments

Four star apartments

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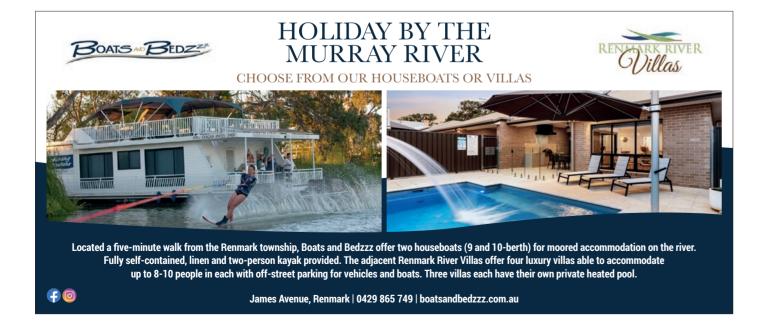
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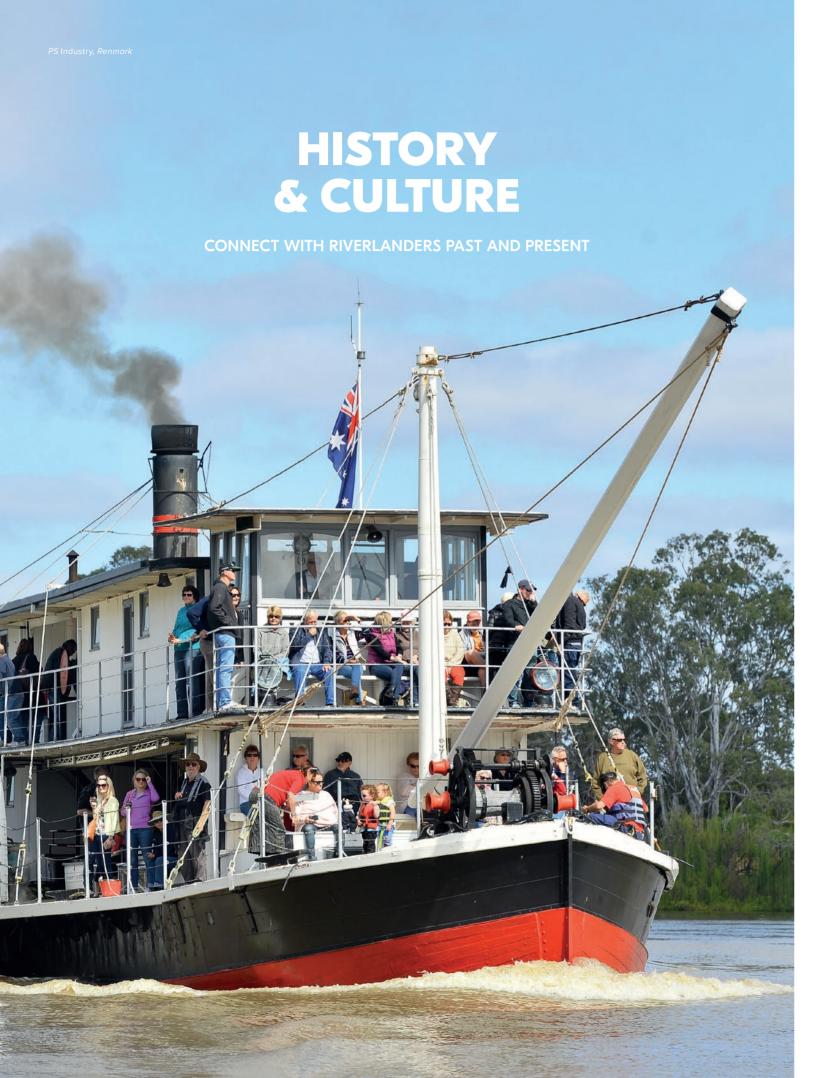
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Historical Village, Loxton

Riverlanders have the most extraordinary stories to tell. Visit these local attractions and you'll get a deeper understanding of their lives and their legacies...

Look out from the top of Headings Cliff, Murtho

Sure, it's a sublime sight – but look a little deeper. These 20-million-year-old limestone cliffs are old, uplifted seabeds that have been carved by a river flowing for 600,000 years. The uppermost layer of soils are sands that blew in 40,000 years ago, sustaining the life you see around you.

Footnotes: Renmark River Cruises do a sunset cruise out to Headings Cliff.

Explore Katarapko, part of the **Murray River National Park**

This is the homeland of Erawirung People, the First People who have lived on the abundant floodplains of the Murray River for many thousands of years. The Ngarrindjeri (traditional owners of the lower Murray and Lake areas) share creation stories of how Pondi - the giant Murray cod – sculpted the landforms that comprise the river. The floodplains, backwaters and forests of Katarapko (located between Berri and Loxton) are rich with fish, flora and native animals – the sort of resources that sustained Indigenous peoples before the Europeans arrived.

Footnotes: Shara Coulthard is a ranger working for National Parks & Wildlife in the Riverland.

Visit the Wilkadene **Woolshed Brewery**

The popular brewery has its origins in the old 1859 cottage made of locally quarried limestone. It was the head station of the 'Murtho run' - a pastoral lease

acquired by Edward Bagot, where he ran cattle and then sheep. Though suffering cycles of boom and bust, pastoralists stimulated economic growth in fledgling towns and later supported rail and river transport hubs.

Footnotes: The present brewerv has been fashioned from 100-year-old shearing sheds on the banks of the river, with original sheep pens still visible. An evocative place to enjoy a beer.

Visit the Morgan Landseer Museum in Morgan

After the mid-1800s, the Murray River became a bustling highway for river trade. Morgan ended up as both a port town and a railhead - a place for goods to be offloaded from paddle-steamers and then freighted by steam train to Port Adelaide. By the 1880s, it was the busiest river port in South Australia.

Footnotes: The Landseer Museum is a lovely stone agent's building housing historic displays. And if you want to experience a real paddlesteamer, the PS Industry (built 1910) has her boiler stoked and paddles turned once a month for short cruises out of Renmark.

Go back in time at the Loxton Historic Village

With more than 45 recreated buildings and exhibits on the banks of the Murray, the Village invites visitors to see how Riverland families lived from the 1870s through to the 1950s. See the chapel school, shops, bank, railway station, bakery, telephone exchange and an irrigated fruit block – the precursors of what you see in the Riverland today.

Footnotes: 'Alive Days' see volunteer Riverlanders dressed and working just as their forebears did!

CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

The Rain Moth Gallery (Waikerie): See locally produced arts, crafts,

Storytowns: Download the app for tour between the two.

Silo Art: Look up! You'll find stellar Waikerie; the Berri Bridge mural

Riverglen View Art Studio (near Waikerie): Make an appointment to visit the lovely cliff top studio of artists Clint and Liz Frankel to see

The Chaffey Theatre (Renmark):

Bonney Theatre (Barmera): This art deco showpiece was

Loveday Internment Collection (Barmera Visitor Centre): Marvel at the stories of Australian residents

Renmark Paringa Community Museum: This outdoor museum implements in a riverside setting.

Waikerie RSL Military Museum: All welcome – and the RSL has a bar!

Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum (Renmark): This stunning

Scan the QR code to enjoy Shara Coulthard's itinerary for Murray River National Park (Katarapko)



DRIED FRUIT GOODNESS

Indulge in locally grown dried apricots from QuirkeyCots, the thirdgeneration Riverland fruit farmers based in Loxton. Be sure to try their Quirkeychocs – dried apricot chews in premium milk and dark chocolate.

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RIVERFRONT EXCELLENCE

Park the caravan along the majestic Murray River at **BIG4 Loxton Riverfront**

Holiday Park. The BIG4 site is spacious and lush, featuring cabins, powered camping sites, barbecue facilities and stunning river views.

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Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum

The original homestead of Charles Chaffey built in 1889 is now a museum surrounded by expansive gardens, Heritage-listed Olive Grove, and Washingtonia Palm Drive.

The Chaffey Brothers established the first irrigation systems in Australia at Renmark and Mildura. There is also the Charles Chaffey Centre,

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Loveday Internment Collection and Display

Come and learn about this unique part of regional wartime history with an audio visual display including original colour footage and a collection of memorabilia. An internment camp housed international residents who they thought were a threat to Australia during the war. A very important part of Barmera's history. Housed in the Barmera Visitor Information Centre.

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Rocky's Hall of Fame and Pioneer Museum

Two museums in one!

Find out about the history of both Australian country music and local pioneers. Rocky's features the 35-metre-long big guitar and more than 190 hands of fame inductees while the Pioneer Museum showcases local history including Donald Campbell's K7 water speed record. Please check Facebook for current times and private viewing options. Entry is \$2 per person.

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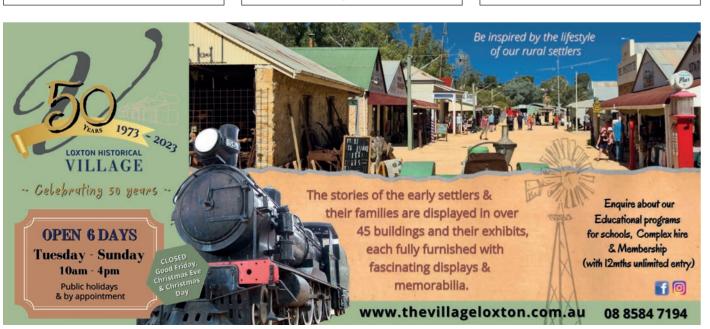


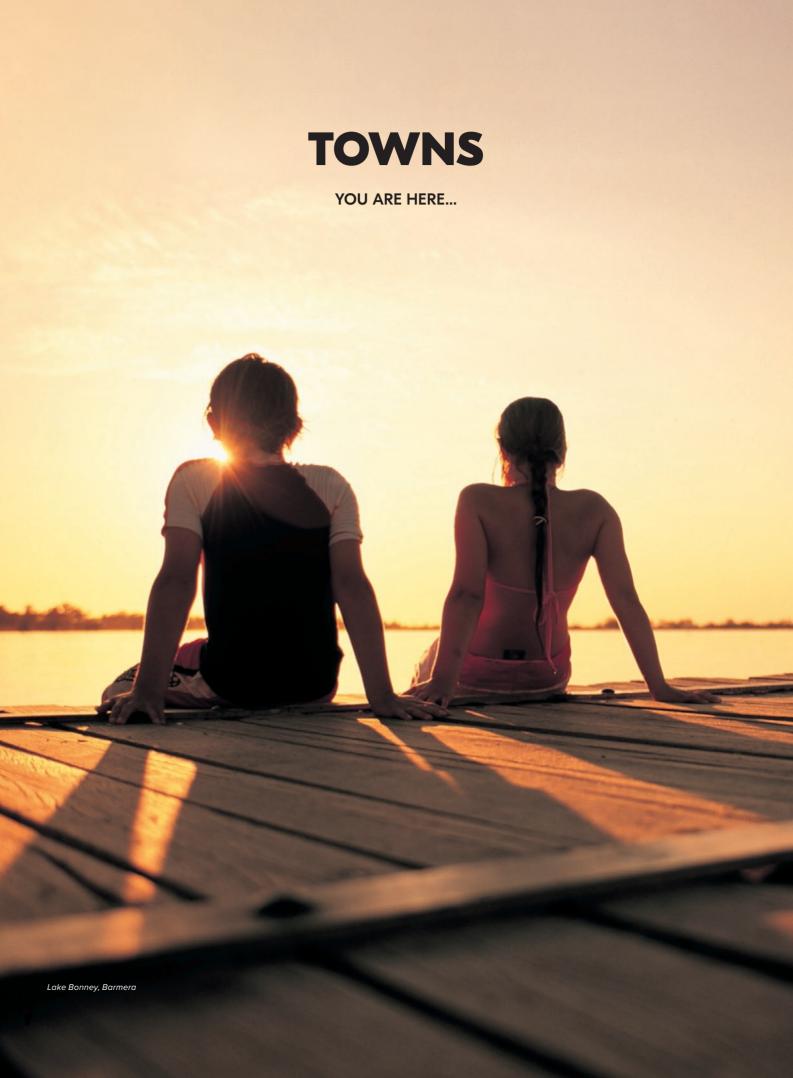
"The Pines" Loxton's Historic **House and Garden**

Built in 1909, this beautifully preserved sandstone villa was bequeathed to the people of Loxton in 2002 by Mrs Ella Kingdon. The homestead houses a collection of family possessions and historical artefacts. The vast gardens are open daily to the public and guided tours of the homestead are conducted every Sunday at 2pm.

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BARMERA

The name **Barmera** comes from the Aboriginal word 'Barmeedjie' meaning 'lake'. The lake itself was named after Charles Bonney who saw it on the first overland trek from Sydney to Adelaide in 1838

Lake Bonney is popular with yachting enthusiasts, water skiers, windsurfers, paddleboarders and kite-surfers, and has excellent safe swimming areas for the family. Canoeists and boaters enjoy superb fishing and sightseeing. Outdoor lovers also enjoy the beautiful Barmera Golf Course, a skate park adjacent to the lake and the Barmera Playspace. Not surprisingly, Discovery Parks' Lake Bonney caravan park, with its host of fun-filled facilities, is huge with families.

The **Bonney Theatre** on Barmera's main street has a fine art deco façade. On selected nights, the theatre lights up as the Riverland's only permanent outdoor projection site, screening beautiful digital works from sundown.

Visitors can get a country music fix throughout the year by visiting Rocky's Country Music Hall of Fame. Don't miss the 'Big Guitar' and the 'Hands of Fame', displaying the handprints of famous C&W artists.

Located on the north side of Lake Bonney, Napper's Ruins was once the Lake Bonney Hotel, built for former workers of Cobdogla Station. An interesting place to visit, it has interpretive signage.

In 1964, Barmera received notoriety when Donald Campbell and his dedicated team attempted to break the World Water Speed Record in *The Bluebird*. Campbell reached speeds of up to 347.5 kilometres per hour on Lake Bonney.

Discover more about Barmera's history and its charming between-war architecture on the Barmera Heritage Walk. Visit the Barmera Visitor Information Centre for details.

Throughout the year, the town comes alive for many festivals and events including the Barmera Markets, SA Carp Frenzy, SA Sheep Dog Trials, Riverland Field Days and the Murray Man Triathlons.



BERRI

Start with the perfect overview by climbing to the top of the Berri Lookout Tower: The 15.8-metre water tower has been repurposed and furnished with 97 steps to provide a 360-degree view of the town!

Berri is not only one of the Riverland's most productive heartlands, it enjoys a beautiful riverfront location and is a gateway to the Murray River National Park. The town takes its name from the Aboriginal word 'bery bery' meaning 'bend in the river' and was proclaimed in 1911.

Immerse yourself in the unique river environment with a number of walking trails within minutes of the town centre including the Martin Bend Wetland Walk, Murray River National Park (Katarapko) and the Wilabalangaloo nature trail. For a stunning on-water experience, join Canoe Adventures **Riverland**, one of the best ways to witness the magic of the river. Katarapko, part of the Murray River National Park, is on Berri's doorstep and provides a beautiful location for fishing, boating, birdwatching, kayaking, walking and cycling.

Tee off at **Berri's golf course**, enjoy a spot of fishing or, if you're feeling adventurous, hit the Murray for waterskiing or wakeboarding.

The town provides a great selection of shops and the magnificent riverfront offers plenty of green spaces for barbecues, picnics and recreation. It's also the starting point for

Berri's Heritage and Art Walks and home to the Berri Visitor Information Centre, where you'll find a fabulous range of local products. Inspect the **mural** under Berri's bridge that depicts the Aboriginal heritage of the area and visit the installation that stands in tribute to Australia's famous Aboriginal tracker, Jimmy James.

Berri has a range of cafés and restaurants. River Jacks Café offers one of the best water views in the Riverland (as well as a host of home-cooked delights) and the Berri Hotel boasts a gorgeous riverfront position. Berri is also close to a variety of wineries and local produce stalls to round out your experience.



BLANCHETOWN

This relaxed holiday town is nestled on the cliffs of the Murray and features two bridges spanning the river. It's made up of river shacks and uncrowded stretches of calm water ideal for activities all year round.

Learn about Blanchetown's involvement in the lock and weir system or visit Brookfield Conservation Park, a breeding ground for the southern hairy-nosed wombats that graze on the western side of the river. At the end of the day, drop into the Blanchetown Hotel for a drink on the deck overlooking Lock 1.

As you cross the Murray on the Sturt Highway, be amazed by the breadth of the Murray River, bordered by spectacular creamy limestone cliffs more than 20 million years old. The old bridge provides a superb viewing area for the fleets of pelicans gathered below the lock, waiting for their catch

Sample wine at Burk Salter Cellar Door or hop on board their immaculately restored 1927 Chevrolet Truck for a private tour of the vineyard and adjoining wetland area.

Griffens Marina is home to a range of luxury houseboats for hire; in years gone by it was a popular mooring spot for paddle steamers. The **PS** *Pyap* built in 1896 would regularly tie up at the riverbank to sell goods from further upstream. You can still see the word 'Pvap' engraved on the old river red gum next to the hire boats.

Blanchetown has some fantastic riverfront holiday homes for hire and River Shack Rentals manage some of the best.

CADELL

A rich citrus-growing area near Morgan, the town of Cadell was named after Captain Francis Cadell, the first Riverboat Captain to navigate the Murray River in 1853. It features one of the most amazing natural limestone cliff amphitheatres overlooking the Murray River, as well as accessible wetlands and significant native plant life.

'Twitchers' love Cadell for its bird hides, while international botanists are drawn to the unique varieties of prickly bottlebrush. The trail through the wetlands is marked with informative signs about the birdlife and the ecosystem.

Houseboaters and visitors can enjoy the riverfront lawned area with majestic river cliffs as a backdrop - the perfect place for a lazy riverside picnic. There's also a playground, barbecues and camping facilities available.

The Cadell Club is where you'll enjoy country hospitality - and the best fish and chips you've ever tasted! Campers. RVs and caravanners are welcome at the oval; and be sure to visit the Cadell Historic Interpretative Centre.

Cadell is home to the annual Cadell Harvest Festival on Easter Saturday which features quirky events such as cockroach racing, the hay bale Easter Egg Hunt and the famous **Giant Pumpkin Competition**

COBDOGLA

It's a tongue-twister, but the small town of Cobdogla (an Aboriginal word meaning 'land of plenty') is also home to historical treasures.

Cobdogla is a small irrigation settlement about five kilometres west of Barmera, It's home to the



Barmera Markets

The award-winning Barmera Markets cater for the whole family. The markets comprise a large variety of stalls including clothing, craft, iewellery, woodwork, artwork, homewares, plants, condiments and local produce Enjoy meeting the locals and enjoy a variety of foods and areat coffees. Join in the entertainment or exhibitions which may include motorbikes, cars, petting zoos, or live music.

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A short distance from the centre of Berri, this 2.8 kilometre loop of the local wetlands begins at the Berri maring and extends to Martin Bend. The trail includes five lagoons and a permanent connection to the river. An amble along this mainly flat loop takes about one hour and is a great way to appreciate the local ecosystem and diversity of flora and fauna populations.

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original pumping station that kept the district's vineyards and horticultural crops watered.

Cobdogla is now a great family getaway, with a riverfront caravan park and museum. For keen fishermen, there is also a boat ramp at Bruno Bay and some great fishing spots.

The **Cobdogla and District Club** was officially opened as a community club in 1958, eight years after the community started work on developing and funding the project. Today the spirit of the 'Cobby Club' endures and provides a family-friendly environment.

GLOSSOP

Take the scenic drive from Berri past lush vineyards and roadside produce stalls to the town of **Glossop**, home to one of Australia's largest wineries.

The town was named after Vice Admiral J.C. Glossop, Commander of HMAS *Sydney*, the vessel that sank the German raider *Emden* in World War I. An anchor at the front of the motel stands as a memorial.

Stroll through the lavender garden of the **Lavender Café**, before enjoying a game of putt putt. The café serves delicious woodfired pizza as well as an impressive array of authentic Italian pasta dishes.

Visit Berri Estates Winery and Cellar Door and marvel at the size and storage capacity of the largest single operating winery in the southern hemisphere. Part of the Accolade Wine Group, it crushes around 220,000 tonnes of grapes a year. Tours are available. At **919 Wines'** cellar door, sample their award-winning hand-crafted wines (the vineyard is home to 21-year-old Durif and 18-year-old Touriga Nacionale vines). You can also try their fortified wines for which they are developing guite a reputation.

KINGSTON ON MURRAY & MOOROOK

Home to the iconic **Banrock Station Wine and Wetland Centre**, the Kingston on Murray and
Moorook area is a pristine natural environment
and one of the most popular stretches of the
Riverland for campers and RVs.

Named after Charles Kingston and originally called 'Kingston', the town was part of the new village settlement scheme started in the 1890s. The tag 'on Murray' was added to distinguish it from the town of Kingston on the Limestone Coast. One of Australia's great explorers, Captain Charles Sturt, landed near the town on his river expedition of 1830. A lookout off **Kingston Bridge** marks the spot and offers fabulous scenic views. History buffs can learn more by booking a time to view the museum in the beautiful **Kingston on Murray Hall**.

One of the area's biggest attractions, **Banrock Station Wine and Wetlands Centre** combines internationally recognised wetlands with an amazing food and wine experience. Join a tour or self-guide through the restored

wetlands to better appreciate these special and important ecosystems.

If you'd like to get on the water, take a leisurely cruise or paddle the backwaters of Chambers Creek. Other places to explore include the Loch Luna and Moorook Game Reserves, which consist of multiple water bodies and a maze of narrow creeks.

A public walking trail also runs along the river and lagoons of the Moorook area towards Kingston on Murray.

For simpler pleasures, be sure to grab some fish and chips from the **Moorook General**Store to enjoy on the riverfront!

LOVEDAY

Loveday is most well-known for its **Internment and Prisoner of War camp**, established during World War II.

The internment camp was one of the largest in Australia covering approximately 180 hectares. The site was selected in 1941, benefiting from rail and road connection, irrigated fields and availability of both electricity and telephone communications. The camp was closed at the end of the war, but a few original buildings still remain — they can be viewed by contacting the Berri or Barmera Visitor Information Centres.

Loveday is also home to the popular Loveday 4x4 Adventure Park which includes campsites, 4WD tracks, children's playground and its own tavern.



Riverland Wine Centre, Lyrup

LOXTON

Where the Mallee meets the Murray River, Loxton is the ideal hub for food, wine, events, sport and all-year-round fun.

Loxton has a significant pioneering past, which has been kept alive at Loxton Historical Village, open Tuesday to Sunday. Experience the early 1900s at one of their regular Village Alive Days, when blacksmiths, shearers and bakers get to work.

Other attractions include the magnificent old river red gum, the **Tree of Knowledge**, which marks the depth of the 1956 flood, and **The Pines**, a 1909 homestead that houses the family artefacts of Ella Kingdon (tours operate regularly). More history is on offer via the **Storytowns app**, which offers in-depth, podcast-style tours while you self-guide around the town. The main street has some lovely homeware shops and a brilliant bakery renowned across the Riverland.

Enjoy kayaking, walking trails, birdwatching, fishing and more, against a backdrop of towering red gums, abundant wildlife, wetlands, and floodplains. Marvel at sweeping views of the Murray River and Katarapko Island from on top of the Heaven clifftop lookout, next to Habel's Bend Landing.

Loxton is the perfect destination for adventure-driven families. **The Loxton Pioneer Playground** has a giant rope tower and a 15-metre paddle steamer climbing feature (named the PS *Jolly Miller*) and a double flying fox. There's also a riverfront

pump track, and BMX and mountain bike trails as you head along Sophie Edington Drive.

Loxton Golf Club is eight kilometres from town. The 18-hole course has been ranked among the Top 10 courses in South Australia and among the Top 40 Australian public access courses. Visitors are welcome, and the club has on-site powered caravan and camp sites.

Check out the delicious menus at the Loxton

Hotel or Cucina 837, serving authentic Italian dishes alongside the award-winning wine from Salena Estates. Or try the Country Bakehouse bakery for outstanding, scrumptious treats. You can also fill your glass at Whistling Kite Wines' cellar door overlooking the river or grab a bottle of Jachmann's cider at the Loxton Hotel or Loxton Club. If you're after something a little stronger, Lock 4 Distillery offers tastings within Salena Estates (think dry and navystrength gin and unique chilli vodka!).



LYRUP

Lyrup is a small riverside community downstream from Renmark. It's home to the acclaimed Riverland Wine Centre which showcases some two dozen regional wine producers and has a range of accommodation options. The riverside RV Park at SS Ellen Park is very popular among independent travellers.

Lyrup Flats (part of the Murray River National Park) comprises 2000 hectares of floodplain on the northern side of the Murray River opposite the township. The park is easily reached by turning off the Sturt Highway between Renmark and Berri. The area provides opportunities to birdwatch, fish, camp, moor a boat or walk along the floodplain. The Lyrup village settlement was established in 1894, one of 13 village settlements and the only one surviving.

The site is also home to accommodation (including luxury villas and a converted woolshed) and Australia's first and largest privately-owned sun farm.

MONASH

Home to one of South Australia's favourite family playgrounds, Monash was proclaimed in 1921 and named after General Sir John Monash.

The renowned **Monash Adventure Park** is a free park that includes a maze, leaning towers and other fun activities, as well as free barbecues and shady trees. Opposite the park you will find a chocolate shop and a community club (the **Monash Club**) for bistro-style dining. Monash is also home to **Top Block Wines** and a general store.

A little out of town is the **Mallee Fowl Restaurant**, set in 24 acres of picturesque bushland with chooks, geese, emus and its own quandong plantation. The eclectic restaurant with its endearing collection of Australiana has earned it the title of best themed restaurant in Australia. It serves

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Murray River Trails, Renmark

Aussie country-style meals, complemented by an excellent range of wines, South Australian beers and ciders.

MORGAN

Morgan has one of the largest riverside open spaces on the Murray, combining excellent river access, family-friendly spaces and rich river heritage.

At its heart is **Morgan's historic wharf precinct** which captures and depicts the early river and rail trading days of the 1870s. Take a self-guided tour of the town's historic icons on the **Morgan Historic Walk** featuring 46 points of interest.

The Landseer Building was once a shipping agent's warehouse and is now a museum filled with a remarkable collection of old horse-drawn wagons and a display showing the history and development of the Morganto-Whyalla Pipeline.

Grab a brochure from the **Morgan Museum** and go on an adventure trail dedicated to the 'Disappearance of Henry Bryan', a mystery that starts in 1839 on a Murray River expedition led by Governor Gawler and Captain Charles Sturt.

Visit the Morgan Visitor Information Centre in the old station master's house on the Morgan Wharf. Built in 1878, the wharf stretches along the picturesque riverfront down to the underground powder magazine. Take a stroll to the Billy Goat Hill Lookout for the panoramic Murray River view.

Looking for something for the kids? Check out the **Morgan Rail to River Adventure**

Park located on the banks of the river. A replica paddle steamer offers the kids hours of enjoyment, with barbecue and shade facilities for the adults; there's also the Old Wharf Souvenir and Craft Shop in the railway ticket office.

The town offers plenty of accommodation, including Morgan Riverside Caravan Park, holiday homes, the comfortable and affordable Morgan Colonial Motel, two magnificent old hotels (don't miss the gorgeous Terminus Hotel) and several bed and breakfasts. River Shack Rentals manage a range of shacks along the river, ranging from basic to luxurious; and Cordola Camping is a popular spot with a stunning location. You'll find takeaway at the Xross Roads Pantry and Marr's Bakery. Each year sees two major events, Morgan Lions Christmas Pageant and Fair and Morgan Lions Easter markets on the riverfront.

For an attraction of a different sort, head 20 kilometres southwest to Mt Mary – a dot on a map that's home to a great little hotel! We're talking old stone walls, big burgers, and bags of old-school hospitality. And yep, it's called the **Mt Mary Hotel**...



OVERLAND CORNER

Famous for its Heritage-listed hotel, 'the OC' (as the locals know it) is a must on your Riverland holiday

For two centuries, the **Overland Corner** area has been popular with weary travellers. Its expanses of flat land, accessible riverbanks and towering cliffs made it a convenient place for drovers to rest while moving thousands of sheep across South Australia to New South Wales during the first half of the 1800s. Then, to service both road and river traffic, John Chambers (a successful pastoralist) commissioned the building of the **Overland**

The hotel was built by William, Henry and George Brand in 1859. In the early 20th century, the hotel also served as the local mail exchange and, due to its historic significance, is now owned by the South Australian National Trust. Today, you can visit the hotel and enjoy local fare and local beer brewed in the Riverland.

The Heron's Bend Reserve area is popular for camping and bushwalking. You'll find some excellent examples of red gum, black box and river coolibah trees, plus several species of mallee and acacia, along with cliffs of fossiliferous limestone surmounted by massive oyster beds.

The National Trust Overland Corner Walking Trail is a great way to explore the area's European and Indigenous heritage – trail maps are available at the Barmera Visitor Information Centre.

PARINGA

Paringa was named by the local traditional owners to mean 'big bend in the river'.



Holder Bend Reserve, Waikerie

It lies between the Murray River and local backwaters and is marked by the 96-year-old Paringa Bridge; the bridge features advanced engineering which allows for a section to be lifted twice daily to allow large river traffic to pass through. This is best viewed from **Bert Dix Park**.

The painted **Paringa Silos**, titled 'The River at Renmark', feature silhouettes of local characters with stories of Renmark and Paringa within the profiles.

Visit the Renmark Paringa Community
Museum, which displays small and large
stationary engines, old farm machinery,
tractors and static displays. The displays are
always evolving and families are encouraged
to interact with them. For historic and rustic
treasures you can buy, stop in and browse
through the collection at Cammies Antiques.

The town centre offers the Paringa Hotel
Motel, a bakery, an IGA general store and
accommodation including houseboats,
Paringa Caravan Park, a range of selfcontained options (try Mundic Waterfront
Cottages) and PS Julie Fay B&B (in nearby
Murtho). The jewel in the crown is the
multi-award winning The Frames Luxury
Accommodation – three super-luxurious,
self-contained retreats, offered with bespoke
experiences including sunset cruises and
food safaris.

Canoe the Riverland is based in Murtho. You can join a guided kayak tour or guided dinghy tours through the Murray River backwaters. Houseboat fleets include River Murray

Houseboats, **Riverfun Houseboats** and **Houseboat Heaven**.

From Paringa, take Murtho Road to **Headings**Cliff Lookout, where you can admire stunning river views and golden limestone cliffs. After stopping at Headings Cliff, the Wilkadene
Woolshed Brewery is a popular riverside venue for locals and visitors alike. Sample their huge range of award-winning craft beer, coffee stout and hard lemonade.

PARUNA

Paruna is an Aboriginal word meaning 'stopping place'. The town is located midway between Loxton and Pinnaroo on the Browns Well Highway and was proclaimed in 1914.

Some 50 residents are served by the **Brown's Well Tavern** which plays host to the likes of shearing competitions and a menu loaded with country pub favourites! Make sure you say hello to Blue, host of one of the friendliest pubs in the region.

The **Paruna Caravan Park** is a pleasant and convenient retreat, popular with travellers.

RENMARK

The riverfront comes alive in Renmark!

Renmark was named after an Aboriginal word meaning 'red mud'. It lies on a sweeping river bend and has one of the most beautiful and accessible riverfronts on the river, with an abundance of wetlands and backwaters.

upstream. It was the first irrigation settlement in Australia.

The town is a popular destination for houseboat holiday makers and RV travellers seeking a diverse landscape and long stretches of river frontage. It's big for watersports, including water skiing, wakeboarding, tubing and kneeboarding. Bring your own boat and equipment or hire from local hire company, **Riverland Boat Hire**.

The town is home to **Renmark River Cruises**, one of the region's most acclaimed and popular tour companies – choose from six different tour options. It's also the starting point for the award-winning **Murray River Trails**; with three tour packages to choose from, they help visitors discover the magic of the river.

Align your visit with a scheduled steaming of the historic paddle steamer, **PS** *Industry* or unearth Renmark's history at the Canadian-born Chaffey brothers' original home, **Olivewood Estate**. The brothers were instrumental in establishing Renmark as the first irrigation settlement in Australia.

'Possum Parade' is when the possums emerge at dusk from the riverfront palms — always popular with families! The acclaimed Chaffey Theatre arts centre regularly has performances and shows.

Renmark is a terrific destination for lovers of food and drink. Diners can choose from pub and club options, cafés and restaurants. Popular favourites include the Hotel Renmark, Renmark Club and Ashley's Restaurant.

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Warburton's Butchers is super-popular with caravanners, campers and barbecue lovers!

Rustons, originally famous for its rose gardens, is now home to a vodka and gin distillery. Twenty Third Street Distillery is a must visit, offering tastings, a contemporary food menu, gin blending and cocktail mixing masterclasses. St Agnes Distillery (located at Angove's) has been making premium brandy and whisky since 1910. All three offer tours.

Wine lovers will be impressed by awardwinning wines at both **Angove's** and **Mallee Estates Wines**. Also located at Mallee Estate Wines is **Eleni's**, a traditional Greek cuisine restaurant serving up authentic family recipes.

Visit local roasters **Arrosto Coffee**, in the old Renmark fire station. It has a long list of awards thanks to their sell-out coffee blends and cold-drip speciality. The **Renmark Patisserie** is the place for cakes and bakes. **The Visitor Centre** stocks an extensive range of local farm gate produce, perfect to nibble on or take home as a gift. You can come face to face with the Murray River's most famous resident on a tour of **Parker's Cod Farm**.

Riverland Sunfresh does awesome groceries (and fresh pizza!). And finally, don't leave Renmark without visiting Almondco Almond Hut and stocking up on fresh almonds and almond base products not seen elsewhere in the Riverland.

Big4 Renmark Riverfront and Riverbend Caravan Park and Plush's Bend riverside RV park have a range of accommodation options. The town also offers apartments, houseboat hire as well as hotel, motel and self-contained options.

Renmark hosts a range of events throughout the year including **Dinghy Racing**, **Renmark Rocks On**, **Riverland Rose and Garden Festival**, **Winter Glow** and **Riverfront Markets**.



WAIKERIE

The name Waikerie is derived from 'wei kari', meaning 'many wings' in the local Aboriginal people's language. It refers to the giant rain moths, emerging after heavy rain.

Waikerie is known for its iconic citrus industry, magnificent artscapes, birdwatching, golfing and of course a beautiful stretch of the Murray River – a perfect base for your Riverland adventure.

The town is home to one of the longest stretches of accessible riverbank and the width of the river makes it popular for water sports and fishing and is excellent for

houseboats. The main riverfront reserve has beautiful lawns with barbecue facilities, shelters, shady trees, swimming jetty and Nature Play Park. There's also a pump track, sensory track, amphitheatre and walking path the length of the riverfront. Check the event calendar for the regular riverfront markets.

For an indulgent river experience, cruise the Murray with Rivergum Cruises, taking in views of the 30-metre limestone cliffs. Lunch cruises stop at destinations like Banrock Station and Overland Corner Hotel. You can also hire kayaks from Woody's Variety Store and explore the river and Waikerie's backwaters and lagoons. The two-kilometre Rotary Cliff Top Walk offers spectacular views. If you're after something for the kids, the Waikerie Water and Nature Play Park by the riverfront features a climbing wall, 40-metre double flying fox, six water play areas, a six-metrehigh teepee and a wheelchair-friendly merrygo-round; the Lion's undercover playground is located next door. And if everyone fancies a free trip across the water, don't forget the 24-hour ferry!

Waikerie is a home of the Riverland's arts, including the famous Waikerie Silo Art, the Rain Moth Gallery and Riverglen View Art glass studio. Public artworks around town celebrate the rain moth; look out also for a giant yabby and regent parrot on the silos, as well as a giant Murray cod. You can follow Waikerie Art Tour via the downloadable Storytowns app.

Waikerie has a long and proud history and three museums share the town's stories with extensive displays: Waikerie RSL War Museum; Waikerie and Districts Machinery Preservation Society Museum; and National Trust Doris Odgers Reserve.

The Waikerie Golf & Country Club has a long and undulating course; rev-heads will enjoy the adrenaline rush that comes with visiting local motorsport events like the Riverland 300 or the Waikerie Sunline Speedway.

Famous for its thriving citrus industry,
Waikerie is a fruit-lover's haven. A stop at
the **Nippy's** factory is essential to try the
best orange juice there is (freshly squeezed
while you wait); they also sell flavoured
milk. Foodies and home cooks love **Illalangi Gourmet Foods**; owner Keryn creates her
own award-winning products and offers
grazing boxes for your Riverland picnic.

To eat like the locals, pick up award-winning sausages, barbecue meats and produce from iconic **Rollbusch Quality Meats**, breads from the bakery and enjoy your feast in the sunshine at one of the free riverfront barbecues.

For a traditional pub-style feed, head to the Waikerie Hotel or the Waikerie Club.

Hart Lagoon and Gluepot Reserve are both famous with birdwatchers. Gluepot is internationally recognised and home to some 200 species of bird; it also has bush camping and walking trails.



WINKIE

The small, welcoming town of Winkie is in grape-growing country south of Glossop.

Winkie provides access to the **Murray River National Park (Katarapko)**, a popular recreation area catering for camping, fishing, walking and birdwatching, as well as canoeing and kayaking.

'The Kat', as it's known to locals, comprises 9150 hectares of tree-covered floodplains and wetlands. It is alive with bird species and an important habitat for native fish.

Katarapko Creek is a significant creek that flows through the park and provides great cance adventuring. The Ngak Indau walking trail is ideal for viewing wetland birdlife.

Katarapko is divided into three: Lock 4 section, Eckert's Creek section and Katarapko Creek section. Each has a separate entrance. **Katfish Reach** is a community environmental rehabilitation project that encompasses the Katarapko and Eckert Creek area. The area has been identified as a priority floodplain for environmental flows, and for broad-scale rehabilitation works for native fish.

WUNKAR

The small town of Wunkar is located 27 kilometres west of Loxton and was originally a station. The town was surveyed in 1926

Why go to Wunkar? Well, it's home to a very cool little pub called the **Wunkar Golden Grain Tavern**. As well as a warm welcome, you'll find an awesome pub menu that loves to mix it up. The pub is especially popular for its live music and Indian curries!

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Murray River, Murray Bridge





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Mildura, Wentworth & Surrounds

Mildura is a vibrant city located in the northwest of Victoria on the border of New South Wales. It offers great food, wine, arts, culture and a wide range of accommodation. While Mildura thrives as its own destination, it also serves as the perfect gateway to iconic natural wonders that bring together red earth and mighty rivers, national parks and a cultural heritage more than 45,000 years in the making. Just 30 minutes to the north-west of Mildura

is the township of Wentworth, home to the spectacular junction of the Murray and Darling Rivers and a charming town centre brimming with history, attractions and a quirky arts scene. Wentworth is also home to the breathtaking Perry Sandhills

– in places up to 12 metres high and spanning 400 acres – a great day of free entertainment for the family.



Murray River, Lakes & Coorong

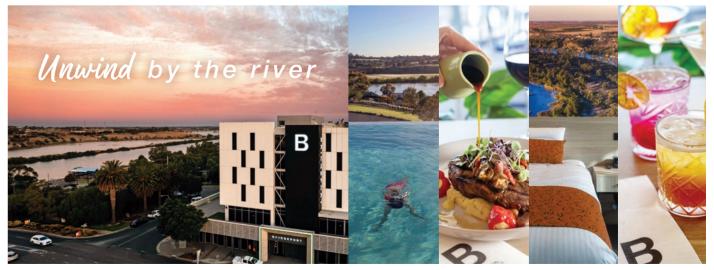
Enjoy more of the mighty Murray River's natural splendour and wildlife! This diverse, family-friendly region offers houseboat holidays, water sports, immersive scenic tours, cycling and walking trails, four-wheel driving, cruises, paddle steamer history and a range of annual events.

Australia's greatest waterway turns south from Morgan and ends at the Murray Mouth near Goolwa.

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Murray Bridge and Mannum are the region's two largest and most popular towns with riverfront recreation areas with restaurants. The new Bridgeport Hotel in Murray Bridge makes for a great base and is close to key attractions including Monarto Safari Park and The Bend Motorsport Park. Mannum is home to a huge fleet of houseboats as well as the Murray River Princess and Proud Mary cruise operations and a swag of river history.

Immerse in the culture, history and adventure waiting amongst the diverse environments of South Australia's Mallee, Murray Mouth and Coorong National Park, or sip your way through the awardwinning Langhorne Creek Wine Region.



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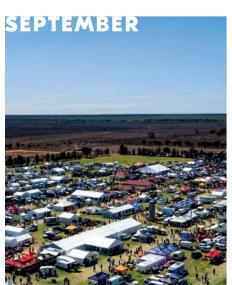


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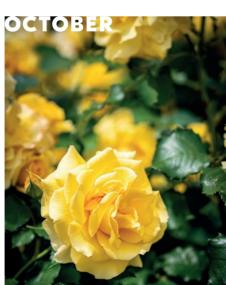


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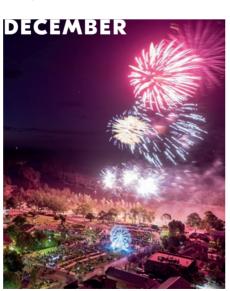
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TOP TRAVEL TIPS

Plan ahead

Allow as much time as possible to explore the Riverland – and book your accommodation in advance!

Leave fruit and veggies at home

The Riverland is a fruit fly free zone and we want to keep it that way! To find updates on fruit fly restrictions head to fruitfly.sa.gov.au or call the hotline on 1300 666 010.

Watch for animals on the road

Animals can come out of nowhere! Keep your eyes peeled, especially after dusk or before dawn – apply brakes gently, don't swerve as this can be dangerous.

Water safety

Water safety is paramount in and around the Murray River, its backwaters and Lake Bonney. Please understand and be aware of the dangers. It is also strongly recommended to wear personal flotation devices.

Minimise your environmental impact

Ecosystems are delicate so please be environmentally thoughtful and responsible! Keeping waterways clean is important to us all, so discharge your waste appropriately. Don't leave rubbish behind and ensure no trace of your visit remains when you depart. And never remove plants or animals.

Fire danger

Fire season generally runs from 15 November to 15 April, when there are strict conditions on lighting fires. On Total Fire Ban Days all fires are banned, including campfires. On days of high-fire danger know your risk and have a plan to stay safe. Download the Country Fire Service (CFS) App or use the CFS Facebook page to stay informed. Observe daily weather forecasts and Fire Danger Ratings and listen for warning messages from the CFS on local radio stations. Bushfire safety information is available by contacting the Bushfire Information Hotline on 1300 362 361 (TTY 13 36 77) or visit cfs.sa.gov.au

Keep that carp

European carp are a common and invasive species in the river and cannot be thrown back in once caught (or a fine will apply). Significant works are being undertaken to manage carp in the river and regenerate our native species of fish for us all to enjoy. If you are keen on carp fishing, the SA Carp Frenzy held on Lake Bonney might be a great reason to visit!

Don't walk amongst the vines

Soil borne pests and diseases are easily transferred by shoes and an outbreak could seriously damage the Riverland's wine industry. If you are joining a vineyard tour, please follow your guide's instructions closely. If you are not on an organised tour, please don't walk amongst our vines.

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