



PARs - Public Access Routes

What is a PAR?

These are public routes that cross private property to an area of public interest (eg historical sites). Permission is not required per se, but note that PARs can be closed for a variety of reasons (eg stock movement or weather).

PARs are situated in remote areas of South Australia's Outback. Travellers must ensure they carry adequate food and water in case of an emergency. PAR tracks are signposted as such, and caution should be exercised while driving as road conditions may vary. Please note that PARs are located on working pastoral properties so please ensure that stock is not disturbed, and assume that pets not allowed. Allow roads to dry out after rain before traversing them.

As at August 2002, there are 18 PARs (as a result of the focus created in 2002 by the Year of The Outback), totalling 649 kilometres.

Camping rules

Unless otherwise specified, a PAR is a corridor 100m in width; and with the track as a centre line, camping is allowed only within this corridor except the Copper King Mine Route and the Tallaringa Route. On the former route, camping is only allowed along the gum creek. No camping is allowed on the Tallaringa PAR while traversing Mabel Creek Station. Other rules do apply - refer to the Pastoral Program website and look for the general conditions of use and requirements (Camping, Wet Weather Use, Station Improvements, Heritage Sites etc).

How is a PAR created?

The Pastoral Board identifies and formally delineates public access to points of interest on and through land held under pastoral lease (as needs and resources permit). The process of identification involves consultation with lessees, conservation interests, tourism, operators, 4WD vehicle clubs, and other interested groups. Tracks are signposted before being formally gazetted.

How to find out more about PARS

Visit the Pastoral Program (SA Government site) at <http://www.rangelands.sa.gov.au/> where you will find a brochure that describes the 18 PARs.

Important Notes: *Existence of a Public Access Route (PAR) does not in any way imply that it is possible to traverse it at all times, by either 2 or 4WD vehicles.*

Routes may be closed by the Department or station owner if weather conditions or stock management requirement necessitate such action.

If any fencing, gates or signage is noticeably damaged or vandalised, please inform the station owner and/or the Pastoral Program.

Warning: Most states now have large fines for driving on closed tracks.

The South Australian unsealed road network is one of the state's greatest assets. These roads are often closed after rain to prevent damage and to ensure the safety of road users. New legislation has increased penalties for motorists travelling on closed roads. The fine is \$1250 if caught travelling on a closed road.



An informative NRAU fact sheet, *“Public Access to Pastoral Lands in SA, Facts and Responsibilities”*, may be downloaded from the SAAFWDC website. Please read and comply with it when seeking access to pastoral lands, as the future of access lies in your hands.

Track information - Signage should be in place by now on the Walkers and the K1 Warburton Crossings PARs. The former (226 km) runs from north of Moomba, north west across the Strzelecki Desert to the Birdsville Track, and the latter (80km) gives access from the Birdsville Track to the K1 Line in the Simpson Desert.

Fire Regulations



What are ‘fire regulations’?

Fire regulations are legally enforced restrictions for the use of fire during the Fire Danger Season. These restrictions apply throughout the whole State, including metropolitan Adelaide.

When is the ‘Fire Danger Season’?

The Fire Danger Season is a period from mid Spring to late Autumn when fire restrictions apply. South Australia has 15 fire ban districts and the Fire Danger Season for each district differs slightly.

(SA NPWS has strict regulations on the use of BBQs and campfires in their reserves during the Fire Danger Season. Fires are only allowed in those reserves which have signs at entrances stating that fires are permitted. If fire is permitted the following conditions apply:

- the fire must be lit in a designated area especially set aside for this purpose,
- an area of 4m around and above the BBQ or campfire must be cleared of all flammable material,
- a responsible person must be in attendance while the BBQ or campfire is alight and have sufficient water or other extinguishing agent on hand to put it out.

For advice on the use of fires in national parks contact NPWS).

What is a ‘Total Fire Ban Day’?

Total Fire Ban Days may be declared on days when extreme weather conditions (high temperature, high wind and low humidity) could cause fires to become uncontrollable. On a Total Fire Ban Day severe fire restrictions apply.

A ban may be declared in one or more fire ban districts and may even be declared across the whole State. Bans apply for 24 hours from midnight to midnight the following day. They are broadcast on television and radio from 6:00pm the day before.

EARLY FIRE SEASON IN MT LOFTY RANGES - the starting date of the Fire Danger Season in the Mt Lofty Ranges has been brought forward by one month due to severe fire dangers in the Adelaide Hills. The season will start on November 1 instead of the usual starting date of December 1.

Fire Danger Season restrictions will also begin on November 1 in the following districts: North West Pastoral, North East Pastoral, Flinders, West Coast, Eastern Eyre Peninsula and Lower Eyre Peninsula.

At this stage restrictions in other districts will begin on their usual dates – *for more information, contact the CFS.*

National Parks Passes – current fees

Parks Passes offer value for money and convenience for the park visitor. When you purchase a Parks Pass you receive a pack, filled with information about the parks you can visit and a vehicle windscreen sticker or entitlement card. The money raised from Parks Passes goes towards the management of our park system, protection of the environment and the development and maintenance of visitor facilities. For further information phone: (08) 8204 1910.

Four Week Holiday Parks Pass (No camping included) - A holiday in South Australia is not complete without exploring the beauty of the natural landscape. The parks included in the Holiday Pass reveal the diversity of the States environment and offer a variety of wildlife experiences.

The Parks include Lincoln NP, Coffin Bay NP, Belair NP, Para Wirra RP, Mount Lofty Summit, Deep Creek CP, Innes NP, Mount Remarkable NP, Flinders Ranges NP, Gawler Ranges NP, and Bool Lagoon GR, but excludes the Desert Parks and Kangaroo Island. The price (including GST) is \$20 per car.

Statewide Parks Pass - With over 300 parks in South Australia, you need time to explore them all. The Annual Statewide Parks Pass is valid for 12 months and is ideal for people who regularly plan trips and camping holidays in national parks. This pass can be purchased with or without the Desert Parks Pass.

The Parks include Strzelecki RR, Innamincka RR, Simpson Desert CP, Simpson Desert RR, Witjira NP, Lake Eyre NP, Belair NP, Para Wirra RP, Mount Lofty Summit, Deep Creek CP, Newland Head CP, Innes NP, Lincoln NP, Coffin Bay NP, Mount Remarkable NP, Flinders Ranges NP, Gammon Ranges NP, Gawler Ranges NP, Bool Lagoon GR, Flinders Chase NP, but not Kangaroo Island. The price (including GST) is \$180 per car, \$145 renewal per car, or \$125 excluding the Desert Parks.

Desert Parks Pass - Covering over twelve million hectares, it is one of the largest arid region park systems in the world. The Outback Region (also known as the Desert Parks Region) totals 9 National Parks and Wildlife SA Reserves. To assist in making the most of your expedition, the Desert Parks Pass includes a handbook, park maps and wildlife information. People visiting the Desert Parks are required to purchase this pass for entry.

The Parks include Strzelecki RR, Innamincka RR, Simpson Desert CP, Simpson Desert RR, Witjira NP, and Lake Eyre NP. The price (including GST) is \$85 per car, or \$55 renewal per car. *For more information contact Desert Parks Hotline on 1800 816 078.*

**Merry Christmas, & a happy
and safe New Year to all**