



# FOUR WHEEL DRIVE SOUTH AUSTRALIA NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY UNIT Access Guide and Newsletter



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A good inclusion on a one day trip to SA's Fleurieu Peninsula, 80km or so south of Adelaide. Ingalalla Waterfalls are a beautiful spot for a short visit or a picnic. Situated 10km south-east of Normanville. It is accessed from Hay Flat Rd, which runs from Normanville, reaching Range Rd. just west of Parawa.

A short walk from the carpark and picnic ground along a narrow ravine, the lower falls are set amongst impressive rocky cliffs and tall eucalypts. The upper falls are reached along a walking trail around the rim of the ravine. This trail starts at the carpark and follows the edge of the adjacent Second Valley Forest section.

Finches, Robins, Wrens and more provide for good birdwatching. After rain you'll probably get water over the waterfall(s). Don't expect toilet facilities. For more accurate detail visit the local Information Centre at Yankalilla (this also holds a variety of information on walks in the area, including those in the Deep Creek Conservation Park).



Five South Australian wetlands are included on the List of Wetlands of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention, out of the 64 currently in Australia. These are; The Coorong, and Lakes Alexandrina and Albert Wetland; Bool and Hacks Lagoons; Riverland; Coongie Lakes; Banrock Station Wetland Complex. But what is Ramsar?

Ramsar is a town in Iran where in 1971, 18 nations (including Australia) met to adopt an intergovernmental treaty known as the "Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat" which provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources. This is more generally known as the Convention on Wetlands or the Ramsar Convention. There are presently 154 Contracting Parties to the Convention, with 1674 wetland sites, totaling 150 million hectares. A wetland should be considered internationally important if:

1. It contains a representative, rare, or unique example of a natural or near-natural wetland type found within the appropriate biogeographical region.
2. It supports vulnerable, endangered, or critically endangered species or threatened ecological communities
3. It supports populations of plant and/or animal species important for maintaining the biological diversity of a particular biogeographical region.
4. It supports plant and/or animal species at a critical stage in their life cycles, or provides refuge during adverse conditions.
5. It regularly supports 20,000 or more waterbirds
6. It regularly supports 1% of the individuals in a population of one species or subspecies of waterbird.

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7. It supports a significant proportion of indigenous fish species, species or families, life-history stages, species interactions and/or populations that are representative of wetland benefits and/or values and thereby contributes to global biological diversity.
8. It is an important source of food for fishes, spawning ground, nursery and/or migration path on which fish stocks, either within the wetland or elsewhere, depend

Ramsar Mission Statement: "The Convention's mission is the conservation and wise use of all wetlands through local, regional and national actions and international cooperation, as a contribution towards achieving sustainable development throughout the world" (Ramsar COP8, 2002).

Sources:

- Bool Lagoon Game Reserve and Hacks Lagoon Conservation Park Management and Ramsar Plan 2006  
- Dept for Environment and Heritage SA
- Wetlands of South Australia - International Convention on Wetlands - Dept for Environment and Heritage SA  
<http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/biodiversity/wetlands.html#convention>
- Text and Logo courtesy of the 'The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands' website at <http://www.ramsar.org>



### Canning Stock Route – Permit System



**Public Access** - The Canning Stock Route (CSR) traverses land held under title by the traditional owners, the Martu people. The CSR is a public access easement, and as such no permission is required to travel along it. However there exist within the easement springs and other sites, including many wells, which are subject to native title rights. Also because of the varying width of the easement, problems have occurred with unauthorised entry into native title land. Consequently movement off the track for camping should be limited to less than two kilometres.

**Permit System** - To enable the protection of the Martu people's native title rights and interests in the adjoining lands a permit system has been introduced as from the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007. Permits are for the length of the CSR from wells 5 to 40. They allow entry to approved sites upon and adjacent to the CSR easement as listed in the permit document, ie.

**Permit Site Access Allowed**

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| Sunday Well                            | Durba Springs                |
| Diebel Springs                         | Onegunyah Rockhole           |
| Lake Winifred                          | Lake George                  |
| Helen Hill                             | Turtle Hill                  |
| Slate Range                            | Ural Native Well             |
| Libral                                 | The Track to McFadden Ranges |
| Western Section of Lake Disappointment |                              |

**Permit Site Access Not Allowed**

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Mt Shoemith       | Wandurba Rockhole   |
| Billigilli Well   | Jenkins Track       |
| Callowa Track     | Savoury Creek Track |
| Killagurra Spring | Biella Spring       |
| Calvert Ranges    |                     |

The Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council (ANFWDC) has been contracted by the Nganyatjarra Council Native Title Unit & Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation, to issue permits on behalf of the Martu people.

**Permit Availability, Period and Costs** - Permits are arranged electronically on the ANFWDC website, or by writing to the ANFWDC Postal Address. Individual Permits for tourism purposes only are valid for one month from the date nominated and cost \$50 by internet. The Commercial Operators Permit for conducting tour groups only are valid for one year from the date nominated and cost \$250 by internet. For a Print and Mail Permit package (20 pages) mailed to your nominated address within Australia add \$15 - for addresses outside of Australia add \$27

**Permit Coverage & Inspection** - The non-transferable permits cover the permit holder, passenger(s) and nominated vehicle. If commercial operators have multiple vehicles or concurrent tours, individual Commercial Operators Permits are required for each vehicle. The permit and document package must be carried at all times within the vehicle and must be provided for inspection on request by representatives of the traditional owners or law enforcement officers.

*Access to the CSR from the south and north, or through adjacent properties is not provided by this permit and compliance with existing arrangements for passage through these roads and properties is the responsibility of the traveller.*

**References -**

- Acknowledgement to ANFWDC President Rob Kelly and Treasurer Lee Smith
- General Enquiries for non-electronic information or payment arrangements - ANFWDC GPO Box 79 Canberra ACT 2601
- See the website <http://www.anfwdc.asn.au> for
  - Application Form
- ANFWDC Canning Stock Route Scheme
  - General Enquiries address details
- ANFWDC Canning Stock Route Expedition and Public Access
  - Refund Policy
- ANFWDC Code of Conduct - Camping / Off Road Driving
  - General Policies
- ANFWDC Disclaimer
  - Martu Code of Conduct

**Who has never lacked appreciation of Earth's beauty  
or failed to express it; Who leaves the world better than he found it,**

**Poem That Man Is A Success**

That man is a success, Who has lived well,  
 Laughed often and loved much;  
 Who has gained the respect of intelligent men and  
 women and the love of children.  
 Who has filled his niche and accomplished his task;  
 Who leaves the world better than he found it,  
 Who has never lacked appreciation of Earth's beauty  
 or failed to express it;  
 Who looked for the best in others,  
 and gave the best he had.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

**When have you failed**

- to Speak Up and Share your knowledge and feelings beyond the Four Wheel Drive Experience. That is to tell others of the countryside, rocks, trees, creeks, birds, caravanning, camping, fishing, hiking, climbing, etc which we buy our Four Wheel Drive to see and do. To encourage others to join us in our pastime. **Try it - it's infectious**

**Nothing great was ever achieved without  
enthusiasm - Ralph Waldo Emerson**



Courtesy Lusitania Online - [www.lusitania.net/images/kitchener.jpg](http://www.lusitania.net/images/kitchener.jpg)

**South Australian unsealed Outback road network**

**Warning:** most States now have large fines for driving on closed tracks. The South Australian unsealed Outback road network is one of the State's greatest assets. They can be dusty when dry, or prone to flood damage after rain. The roads are often closed after rain to prevent further damage and to ensure the safety of road users. Severe penalties apply for motorists travelling on closed roads. **Road Conditions Hotline - 1300 361 033.**

**NB - Just because a track is shown on a map does NOT mean the public can access that track - tracks shown on the RAA Map No 13 "Outback" are open to the public (latest edition is March 2005).**



**New Clean Up Australia Co-ordinator Wanted**

A person or persons or a club is wanted to take over the FWDSA annual Clean Up Australia event as a documented going concern with assistance in the transition.

For more information, contact **John Caldecott** at [johncald@chariot.net.au](mailto:johncald@chariot.net.au) or **83966817.**

## **Ngarkat Conservation Park**

### **Report of Ngarkat Border Track Interclub Working Bee : 28-29<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

The weekend's activities were preceded by a Friday day trip into the Big Desert State Forest. This was enjoyable new ground for most, but quite difficult in places.

Despite soaking rain on Friday and additional showers on Saturday, this was an excellent working bee. The whole work force was concentrated on the Border Track and numerous goals were achieved. All participants enjoyed the weekend, and made a huge contribution to the maintenance and sustainability of the Border Track.

Present were 12 clubs, 40 vehicles and 70 volunteers - probably the best ever attendance. The large numbers enabled the formation of several work groups, each charged with separate tasks. There were,

- The Murray Bridge group determining track monitoring requirements (installation commenced on several sites)
- A 'resupply group' delivering pre-cut and drilled fence posts as required along the track,
- Three 'maintenance groups' re-opening several previously closed sections of the original Border Track, closing numerous 'undesirable' finger and bypass tracks, delineating two camping areas (including a new site just north of Hensleys Trig) and performing other general track maintenance.

**The Ngarkat Track Maintenance Committee, and the Senior Park Ranger thank you all for your attendance and the many jobs well done.**

*Footnote: The rain provided made northern access to the park a 4WD experience with water over the road in several places and very slippery conditions. Several groups returning to Adelaide went south via the Centre Track & Pertendi Hut, increasing the trip by 50km and 1½ hours.*

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