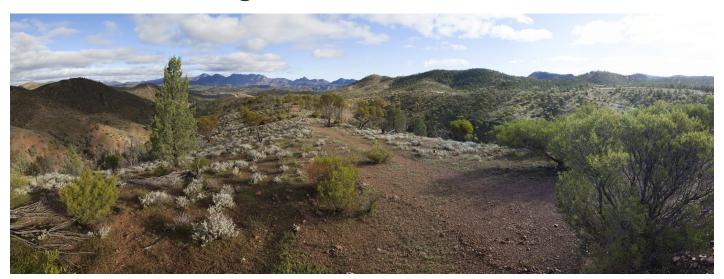
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Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park



About

Ancient and rugged mountain landscapes, peaceful tree-lined gorges and a seasonal wealth of wildlife. The sense of space unique to the semi-arid zone combine to make Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park one of South Australia's iconic destinations.

The park comprises approximately 95,000 hectares. It includes the Heysen Range, Brachina and Bunyeroo gorges and the vast amphitheatre of mountains that is Wilpena Pound. Experience the native wildlife, rich cultural heritage, impressive geological features, camping opportunities and a range of activities including bushwalking, four-wheel driving, birdwatching, photography and mountain biking.

As part of the Parks 2025 strategy, <u>improvements to our parks (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/park-management/improving-sa-national-parks)</u> is well underway and includes upgraded facilities at <u>Arkaroo Rock (https://engagementhub.parks.sa.gov.au/ikara-flinders-ranges)</u> and in the future, at other locations such as the Brachina Gorge Geological Trail.

Before you visit, download the Discover the Flinders Ranges free mobile app (<u>iOS</u> (https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/discover-the-flinders-ranges/id1252160121?mt / Android (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mytoursapp.android.app1235)). The app includes narrated driving and walking tours, guides to geology, birdlife and wildflowers, information and special offers. The app is

produced by the Friends of Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park (http://www.friendsofflindersranges.org.au/).

Opening hours

Open daily.

Wilpena Pound Visitor Information Centre is open 8am-5pm daily.

Please note that seasonal closures may occur during summer months, please refer to the <u>Ikara-Flinders Ranges</u>

National Park (Wilpena Pound) summer closures map

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park/ikara_flinders_ranges_np_wilpena_optimised.pdf?mtime=20210114074350&focal=none) for more information.

Old Wilpena Station is open 8am-5pm daily, with the 'Living with Land' walk only open during daylight hours.

On days of Catastrophic Fire Danger all walking trails are closed for safety purposes.

Fire safety and information

Listen to your <u>local area radio station (https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/public/download.jsp?id=104478)</u> for the latest updates and information on fire safety.

Check the <u>CFS website (https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/home.jsp)</u> or call the CFS Bushfire Information Hotline 1800 362 361 for:

- Information on fire bans and current fire danger ratings (https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/bans_and_ratings.jsp)
- Current CFS warnings and incidents (https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/warnings_and_incidents.jsp)
- Information on what to do in the event of a fire (https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare_for_a_fire.jsp)

Contact details

Visitor information and bookings

Wilpena Visitor Centre

Phone: (+61 8) 8648 0048

 $\pmb{Email: Visitors Centre@wilpenapound.com.au\ (mailto: Visitors Centre@wilpenapound.com.au)}\\$

Park management:

Port Augusta National Parks Wildlife Service South Australia office

Phone: (+61 8) 8648 5300

Email: (mailto:DEWflindersandoutback@sa.gov.au)dew.flindersandoutback@sa.gov.au

(mailto:dew.flindersandoutback@sa.gov.au)

(mailto:DEW.AMLRGawlerOffice@sa.gov.au)Emergency contacts:

Medical, fire (including bushfire) and police emergency situations

Phone: Triple Zero - 000

Police Assistance

Phone: 131 444 for non-urgent police assistance

National Parks and Wildlife Service SA - After-hours duty officer

Phone: 0408 378 284

Injured wildlife:

Within the park

Please contact Port Augusta National Parks Wildlife Service South Australia office on (08) 8648 5300 or the afterhours duty officer on 0408 378 284.

Outside of the park

Please contact a local wildlife rescue group

When to visit

Mild temperatures from April to October make this period the most comfortable for bushwalking and cycling. During the summer months, maximum temperatures range from 30° C to 45° C.

Getting there

Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park is situated approximately 450 kilometres north of Adelaide, in the central Flinders Ranges.

From Adelaide, take one of several routes to Hawker, then follow the signs to Wilpena.

If travelling from Leigh Creek in the north, head south to Parachilna, and enter the park from either the north or the west. You can also head east from Leigh Creek towards Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park, then follow the signs south to the park.

If approaching from Broken Hill, turn north at Yunta on the Arkaroola Road and follow signs to Blinman.

The main road through the park and into Wilpena Pound is sealed. Unsealed roads with changing surfaces occur throughout the park and may be affected by weather conditions. All public roads are accessible by two-wheel drive vehicles, caravans and trailers.

Please drive slowly and respect other road users.

Up to date information on road conditions can be found on the <u>Department of Planning, Transport and</u> Infrastructure (DPTI) website

(http://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/OutbackRoads/outback_road_conditions/area_1_flinders_and_gammon_ranges).

Dogs not allowed

Dogs are not permitted in this park.

Discover which parks you can walk your dog in on our <u>find a park (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/find-a-park)</u> tool or read <u>12 dog-friendly walks in Adelaide Parks (http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/goodliving/posts/2017/12/dogs-part-2)</u> by Good Living for inspiration.

Assistance dogs

Assistance dogs are permitted in most public places and are therefore welcome in South Australia's parks and reserves. Assistance dogs must be appropriately restrained on a lead and remain under your effective control at all times while in a park or reserve.

As per the dogs in parks and reserves policy, if the dog is not an accredited assistance dog, they must be trained to assist a person with a disability to alleviate that disability and meet standards of hygiene and behaviour appropriate for a dog in a public place. However, refusal may be given if the person with the disability is unable to produce evidence the dog is an assistance dog with the appropriate training.

Before taking your assistance dog into a park that does not normally allow dogs, it is highly recommended that you contact us so we can provide you with the latest information on any potential hazards within specific parks that may affect your dog. Please contact the park via the contact details provided under the contact tab or contact the visitor service centre via <a href="mailto:emai

Facilities

There are a variety of facilities available in the park, including: toilets, disabled toilet, an information office, showers, accommodation, picnic areas, kiosk, campfire areas, caravan sites, BBQ areas, guided tours and campsites.

Old Wilpena Woolshed is available to hire for a fee.

Wilpena Pound Resort

Facilities include toilets, showers, fuel, a visitor information centre, public phone, ATM, internet access, picnic tables and shelters, laundry facilities and a general store. You can also access a swimming pool, bar and restaurant at the nearby Wilpena Pound Resort.

Bookings are taken for powered sites and permanent tents at <u>Wilpena Pound Resort</u> (http://www.wilpenapound.com.au/) or the Wilpena Pound Visitor Information Centre.

Useful information

- Read about the <u>5 treasures of Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park</u>
 (http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/goodliving/posts/2016/06/5-treasures-ikara-flinders) on the Good Living blog.
- Read the <u>Insider Guide: Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park</u>

 (http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/goodliving/posts/2016/06/insider-guide-ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park)
 on the Good Living blog.
- Explore what other <u>nature and outdoor activities</u> (https://southaustralia.com/places-to-go/flinders-ranges-and-outback/things-to-do/nature-and-outdoor) are available in this area on the South Australia Tourism website.
- Visit the Walking Trails Support Group (http://www.walkingtrailssupportgroup.org.au/flindersindex.htm) for maps, leaflets and walking notes produced by park volunteers.
- Read about the <u>Changes to the management of Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park</u> (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/ifrnp-changes-to-management-gen.pdf?mtime=20210114074350&focal=none).
- Mobile phone coverage can be patchy and unreliable in this park, especially if you are in low-lying areas.
- Wilpena Pound Resort (http://www.wilpenapound.com.au/)
- Remote area travel information (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/coorong-national-park/psagen-remote-area-travel-information-brochure.pdf?mtime=20210114074340&focal=none)
- Parks management plans (https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/park-management/state-wide-park-strategies/park-management-plans)
- Trails SA (http://www.southaustraliantrails.com/)

Outback Road Report

1300 361 033 (24-hour automated service)

Northern and Western South Australian Outback Roads Temporary Closures, Restrictions and Warnings Report (http://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/OutbackRoads)

• Important: Collection of firewood within National Parks is prohibited. Dead wood plays a vital role in providing shelter for animals and adding nutrients to the soil.

Plants and animals

Plants

An abundance of plants and animals can be found throughout the park, including many rare species. Spring brings a carnival of colour, with wildflowers carpeting the plains and footbills.

Animals

Thanks to conservation programs such as Bounceback, the rare yellow-footed rock-wallaby can be seen in Brachina and Wilkawillina gorges.

Bounceback is a major ecological restoration program operating in the semi-arid Flinders and Olary bioregion of South Australia. This program established a series of targets including evidence of signs of recovery of yellow-footed rock-wallabies. It also has quantifiable targets such as reductions in pest species to certain levels or increases in the extent of treatment areas.

- Bounceback Ikara-Flinders Ranges (https://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/aridlands/plants-and-animals/native-plants-and-animals/bounceback)
- <u>Possum and quoll reintroduction in Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park</u> (http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/goodliving/posts/2016/04/reintroduction-possums-quolls)

Flora and fauna species lists

To download flora (plants) and fauna (animals) species lists for this park, use the 'Create Simple Species List' tab under 'Flora Tools' or 'Fauna Tools' in NatureMaps (https://data.environment.sa.gov.au/NatureMaps/Pages/default.aspx).

Virtual tour and mobile apps

Take a virtual tour

Take a virtual tour of this park, see what the Flinders Ranges have to offer you with views of Wilpena Pound, the Aroona and Pug, Pine Hut, Parachilna Gorge and more.

Georama virtual tour (http://www.georama.com.au/flindersranges/)

Discover the Flinders Ranges mobile app

Before you visit South Australia's famous Flinders Ranges, download (\underline{iOS} (https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/discover-the-flinders-ranges/id1252160121?mt) / Android

(https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mytoursapp.android.app1235)) this free app. The app includes narrated driving and walking tours, guides to geology, birdlife and wildflowers, information and special offers. The app is produced by the Friends of Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park (http://www.friendsofflindersranges.org.au/).

Flinders Ranges Walks mobile app

Download the Flinders Ranges Walks app (<u>iOS (https://itunes.apple.com/app/id1275979433)</u>, <u>Android (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.org.rgssa.frw&hl=en)</u>) before you leave for walking notes for 16 walks in the Flinders Ranges. This app is produced by the <u>Walking Trails Support Group</u> (http://www.walkingtrailssupportgroup.org.au/index.htm).

Pests and diseases

Phytophthora (fy-TOFF-thora), otherwise known as root-rot fungus, is killing our native plants and threatens the survival of animals depending on plants for food and shelter.

This introduced fungus can be found in plant roots, soil and water. Help stop the spread by using hygiene stations, staying on tracks and trails and by complying with all Phytophthora management signs.

• Phytophthora brochure (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/anstey-hill-recreation-park/pa-gen-phytophthorabroch.pdf?mtime=20210114074323&focal=none)

Traditional owners

Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park has a rich and complex cultural heritage combining Aboriginal and pastoral history. The park is co-managed by a board consisting of Adnyamathanha and Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources representatives. The Adnyamathanha people (meaning hills or rock people) are the traditional custodians of the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park. Their connection with the land stretches back many thousands of years. Ancient rock paintings and engravings can be seen at Arkaroo Rock, Sacred Canyon and Perawurtina Cultural Heritage Site.

Words from the Adnyamathanha people

As the traditional owners of this amazing part of the country, we have a cultural responsibility to ensure your physical and spiritual wellbeing is well-looked-after during your stay. There are many cultural treasures to be found whilst you visit our Yarta. We invite you to learn about our culture and social history; however, we ask that you

exercise your role as a respectful and responsible traveller to assist us in protecting them for future generations. Take your time, walk in our footprints, and share our story. Familiarise yourself with the richness of our Yarta and appreciate the wildlife, landscape, cultural richness and more. We will do our best to highlight areas of strong cultural importance and we ask that you treat them with the respect and reverence they deserve.

Aboriginal peoples have occupied, enjoyed and managed the lands and waters of this State for thousands of generations. For Aboriginal first nations, creation ancestors laid down the laws of the Country and bestowed a range of customary rights and obligations to the many Aboriginal Nations across our state.

There are many places across the State that have great spiritual significance to Aboriginal first nations. At some of these places Aboriginal cultural protocols, such as restricted access, are promoted and visitors are asked to respect the wishes of Traditional Owners.

In places where protocols are not promoted visitors are asked to show respect by not touching or removing anything, and make sure you take all your rubbish with you when you leave.

Aboriginal peoples continue to play an active role in caring for their Country, including in parks across South Australia.

- <u>DEW Park management (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/park-management)</u>
- DEW Aboriginal partnerships (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/park-management/co-management-of-parks)

European history

Early settler heritage

When European settlers moved into the Flinders Ranges in the 1840s their arrival was not welcomed by the Adnyamathanha people. However, the settlers discovered that the land was rich enough to fatten their stock, and so colonisation of the northern Flinders Ranges began.

The settlers established themselves in the areas of Wilpena, Arkaba and Aroona. These were the choice areas with easy access to water. Conflicts soon arose between the settlers and local people who were now denied the water that had always been available to them. In retaliation, the Adnyamathanha people stole the settlers' sheep which resulted in murders and reprisal killings. However, despite these clashes Aboriginal stockmen and housekeepers later became an integral part of station life.

Today many Adnyamathanha people live and work in the area. Nepabunna in the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges, Leigh Creek and Port Augusta are central settlements for the Adnyamathanha people. Rock art, stone arrangements, occupation sites, graves and ochre quarries are reminders of the area's cultural heritage and are of significance to the Adnyamathanha peoples' connection to country.

By 1863, European settlement had spread far beyond the ranges. Copper mining was booming and the track from

Port Augusta was busy with bullock teams heading north with mining equipment and stores, and south with copper and wool.

From 1864 to 1866 no rain fell over the ranges causing the widespread saltbush plains to be stripped bare. Huge stock losses were recorded and several species of native animals became extinct. Many runs were deserted and mining came to a standstill.

When the rain returned, grasses replaced the saltbush, deserted runs were reoccupied and fences and boundary riders replaced shepherds.

Today, the pastoral industry continues with greatly improved practices and sustainable quantities of stock. Fluctuating commodity prices have forced pastoralists to diversify in recent years, with many local pastoralist families developing tourism operations on their own properties.

Old Wilpena Station

There are many historical remains from pastoral and mining activities, dating back to 1851 at the restored Old Wilpena Station. The award-winning interpretive trail tells the stories of early pastoral life.

Old Wilpena Station is one of the most scenically spectacular pastoral settlements in South Australia. A working station for 135 years, Old Wilpena Station slipped into retirement in 1985. The settlement is now a tranquil archive of pastoral history.

Old Wilpena Station is also an important Aboriginal heritage site. Wilpena Pound and the Wilpena Station lands have enduring cultural significance for the Adnyamathanha people of the Flinders Ranges.

See and do

Rangers recommend

Further inspiration:

- Admire Adnyamathana rock etchings at Perawurtina cultural heritage site.
- Setting up camp at Aroona or Koolamon Campgrounds and viewing early morning light on the Heysen Range
- Visiting Brachina Gorge in the late afternoon to view a colony of yellow-footed rock-wallabies at Scree Slope.
- Check out <u>Ranger tips: Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/insider-tips/ranger-tips-ikara-flinders-ranges)</u> on Insider tips.
- Check out <u>How to spend a few days in Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/insidertips/ikara-flinders-ranges-itinerary)</u> on Insider tips.

Bushwalking

There are four walks and 14 hikes within the park. The maps on this website are a guide only. Please collect further maps, brochures and information on the walking trails from the Wilpena Visitor Centre.

Please note: On days of Catastrophic Fire Danger all walking trails are closed for safety purposes.

- Walk, hike or trek what's the difference? (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/know-before-you-go/bushwalking)
- Bushwalking safety (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/parks/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park#safety)
- <u>Bushwalking minimum impact code</u> (https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/files/sharedassets/parks/wilderness_miniumumimpactcode.pdf)
- Park map (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/parks/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park#maps)
- Visit the <u>Walking Trails Support Group (http://www.walkingtrailssupportgroup.org.au/flindersindex.htm)</u> for maps, leaflets and walking notes produced by park volunteers.
- Download the Flinders Ranges Walks app (<u>iOS (https://itunes.apple.com/app/id1275979433)</u>, <u>Android (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.org.rgssa.frw&hl=en)</u>) before you leave for walking notes for 16 walks in the Flinders Ranges. This app is produced by park volunteers.

Where to start?

- 1. Select a walk or hike to suit your ability.
- 2. Allow enough time to comfortably complete your hike before dark.
- 3. Be prepared, and carry relevant maps, a compass, whistle, jacket and plenty of water (at least four litres of water per person for walks of more than two hours).

- 4. Enter your details into the Bushwalkers Register at the Wilpena bushwalking trailhead if you are planning a walk of three or more hours.
- 5. Inform a responsible person of your planned route and expected time of return. Searches will only be initiated if staff are informed that walkers are overdue.
- 6. Study the trailhead signs and familiarise yourself with the checkpoints and landmarks. Hint: take a photo of the map and refer to it while hiking.
- 7. Follow the markers, keep to the trail and enjoy!

Easy walks

Hills Homestead Walk (2 hrs return, 6.6km)

Navigate this trail with Google Street View

(https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-

31.5468685, 138.5889072, 3a, 75y, 19.85h, 91.03t/data = !3m10! 1e1! 3m8! 1sy9 lveLDfTYpsT6RuqWB6cg! 2e0! 6s%2F%2Fgeo1.ggphyddiae + 19.03t/data + 19.03t/da

Pioneering heritage inside Wilpena Pound.

Living with Land Walk (2 hrs return, 1km)

Navigate this trail with Google Street View

(https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-

31.5143545,138.6134029,3a,75y,22.1h,87.2t/data=!3m9!1e1!3m7!1sqO_niXX64Ak7nmyneY57NQ!2e0!7i13312!8i6656!9m2!1b

Aboriginal people, European settlers and their descendents share the pastoral heritage of the Flinders Ranges. This self-guided walk discovers the themes of self-sufficiency, improvisation and survival in the remote and isolated pastoral settlements of the Flinders Ranges.

Access: Old Wilpena Station.

Wilpena Solar Power Station Walk (30 mins return, 500m)

Discover the large Solar Power Station which supplies Wilpena with energy. A short walk to the lookout will give you a view of the set up.

Access: begins from the Solar Power Station car park, one kilometre from Wilpena on the main road.

Moderate hikes

Trezona Hike (4 hrs return, 8km)

Magnificent views of the open grassland country of Heysen Range. Discover some of the earliest life forms on earth in the Trezona geological formation. This area was heavily grazed when the park was a pastoral property.

Access: begins from Trezona Campground, 40 kilometres north of Wilpena along the Brachina Gorge Road.

Map and trail brochure (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/psagen-flindersranges-haywardshut.pdf?mtime=20210114074352&focal=none)

Boom and Bust Hike (1 hr 30 mins, 2km)

This loop trail contains a wide array of flora with a colourful display of wildflowers present in spring months.

Access: begins from the bushwalking trailhead at the Wilpena Visitor Centre complex.

Arkaroo Rock Hike (2 hrs return, 3km)

Navigate this trail with Google Street View

(https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-

Admire Adnyamathanha rock paintings featuring ochre and charcoal images that tell the creation story of Wilpena Pound. Enjoy spectacular views of the Chace Range at sunset. The rock paintings are best seen in morning light.

Access: begins from the Arkaroo Rock car park, 17 kilometres south of Wilpena on the Hawker-Blinman Road.

Bunyeroo Gorge Hike (3 hrs 30 mins return, 7.5km)

This peaceful gum-lined gorge is framed by rugged rock formations. The gorge provides great opportunities for observing the native wildlife. Bullock teams and coaches transporting copper, mail and produce used the gorge in the 19th century to access the western plains.

Access: begins from the Bunyeroo car park, 18 kilometres north of Wilpena along the Bunyeroo Gorge Road.

Bunyeroo and Wilcolo Creek Hike (2 hrs 30 mins return, 7.5km)

"Enjoy views of Wilpena Pound, escape the heat under the shade of native pine groves along the hilltops of the ABC range.

Access: begins from the Bunyeroo car park, 18 kilometres north of Wilpena along the Bunyeroo Gorge Road.

 $\underline{Map\ and\ trail\ brochure\ (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/bunyeroo_wilcolo_hike.pdf?mtime=20210114074350\&focal=none)}$

Bridle Gap Hike (6 hrs, 18.8km)

The trail, which forms part of the famous Heysen Trail, bisects the floor of Wilpena Pound. A variety of mallee, native pine and heath habitats provide excellent opportunities for keen naturalists to observe local birds including wrens, robins, parrots and raptors.

Access: begins from the bushwalking trailhead at the Wilpena Visitor Centre complex.

Hard hikes

Aroona to Youngoona Hike (7 hrs one way, 15.4km)

This day walk tells the story of pastoral heritage with beautiful views and contrasting rock formations. You will follow the footsteps of early shepherds and discover the ruins of old pastoral runs. Pass through contrasting rock formations and plant communities while enjoying views of the ABC, Heysen and Trezona ranges.

Access: begins from the Aroona car park, 50 kilometres north of Wilpena.

Map and trail brochure (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/psagen-flindersranges-haywardshut.pdf?mtime=20210114074352&focal=none)

Malloga Falls Hike (9 hrs, 23.2km)

A long flat trail that traverses the floor of Wilpena Pound to the spectacular rock faces of Edeowie Gorge and the stunning Malloga Falls. Bushwalkers need to be experienced and possess navigational skills.

Prior to commencing this hike, bushwalkers must discuss their route with the Wilpena Visitor Centre staff. Please note, this trail is closed during summer months of December, January and February.

Access: begins from the bushwalking trailhead at the Wilpena Visitor Centre complex.

Mount Ohlssen Bagge Hike (4 hrs, 6.4km)

Steep rocky inclines followed by rewarding views of Wilpena Pound and the surrounding area. Spot the diverse reptiles which frequent this area whilst being surrounded by the magnificent view.

Access: begins from the bushwalking trailhead at the Wilpena Visitor Centre complex.

Please note, this trail is closed during summer months od December, January and February

Red Hill Lookout Hike (4 hrs return, 9km)

Take in the view of Aroona Valley and beyond.

Access: begins from the Aroona car park, 50 kilometres north of Wilpena. Quite steep in sections.

St Mary Peak Hike - Ngarri Mudlanha (Direct route: 6 hrs return, 14.6km. Loop route: 9 hrs, 21.5km)

St Mary Peak (1171m above sea level) is central to the Adnyamathanha creation story. For this reason the Adnyamathanha people of the Flinders Ranges would prefer that visitors do not climb to the summit of the peak. The shorter option to Tanderra Saddle also affords spectacular views.

Access: begins from the bushwalking trailhead at the Wilpena Visitor Centre complex. Rangers recommend you leave on this hike no later than 9 am (or 10 am during Daylight Saving hours).

Please note, this trail is closed during summer months of December, January and February

Wangara Lookout Hike, including Hills Homestead Walk (Lower Lookout Hike: 3 hrs return, 7.2km. Upper Lookout Hike: 3 hrs 30 mins return, 7.8km)

Navigate this trail with Google Street View

(https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-

31.5425488,138.5866227,3a,75y,205.41h,87.19t/data=!3m10!1e1!3m8!1sAomuhdhhteuJgKK5hUtfCA!2e0!6s%2F%2Fgeo1.gg

Follow Wilpena Creek through towering River Red Gums, native pines, scented acacias and a seasonal array of wildflowers for spectacular panoramic views of Wilpena Pound. 'Ikara', the local Adnyamathanha peoples' name for Wilpena Pound, is a natural rock formation resulting from millions of years of erosion. The lower lookout is 300m on from Hills Homestead. Continue on another 300m to the upper lookout.

Wilkawillina Gorge Hike (6 hrs one way, 11.4km)

This gorge is the habitat of the native Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby. Spot the wallabies on the unique geological features of this gorge. The permanent water source is in contrast to its drier surrounds.

Access: begins at the Wilkawillina car park. 45 kilometres north-east of Wilpena off the Oraparinna – Wirrealpa Road.

Yuluna Hike (4 hrs return, 8km)

From the historic Aroona homestead and the restored pug and pine hut experience the landscape which inspired the famous artist Hans Heysen.

Access: begins from the Aroona car park, 50 kilometres north of Wilpena.

Map and trail brochure (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/psagen-flindersranges-haywardshut.pdf?mtime=20210114074352&focal=none)

Treks

The Heysen Trail

This is a long distance walking trail, which traverses the state's principal mountain ranges between Cape Jervis, on the tip of the Fleurieu Peninsula in the south, to Parachilna Gorge in the Flinders Ranges in the north. This trail passes through some of the most diverse areas in Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park.

Many of the walking trails within the park utilise parts of this long-distance trail. Walkers may choose to undertake whole sections of the Heysen Trail. It is important that walkers purchase the relevant 1:50 000 topographic maps

before commencing the following hikes: - Wilpena to Yanyanna Hike (Hard) - Yayanna to Trezona Hike (Moderate) - Tezona to Aroona Hike (Moderate)

Camping

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Scenic mountain views, kangaroos browsing on grasslands, cries of cockatoos and shaded woodland sites are some of the features on offer at the 10 campgrounds in Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park.

Several campgrounds provide a base from which you can explore the park and take in the landscape. Many sites cater for vehicle-based camping, while others can only be accessed by foot.

Campsites need to be booked prior to arrival. Book online (/booking#Ikara-

<u>Flinders%20Ranges%20National%20Park)</u> to reserve your campsite up to 12 months in advance.

FAQs about booking online (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/entry-fees/online-booking-information/desert-parks-frequently-asked-questions)

National Parks South Australia campgrounds

Acraman (4 sites)

View campground on Google Street View

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Suitable for: tent, camper trailer.

Nestled between the Heysen and ABC Ranges, this small campground surrounded by native pine trees is a short walk from Bunyeroo Gorge. Toilet facilities are located on site.

Aroona (13 sites)

View campground on Google Street View

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Suitable for: tent, camper trailer and caravan.

Located at the northern-most point of the park, this campground is the starting point for several loop walks. Situated on the Aroona Creek between the ABC Range and Heysen Range, the Heysen Trail runs close to the area. Toilet facilities are located on site.

Brachina East (6 2WD sites, 7 4WD sites)

View Brachina East (2WD) campground on Google Street View

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View Brachina East (4WD) campground on Google Street View

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eAFdQ!2e0!7i13312!8i6656!9m2!1b1!2i38?hl=en)

Suitable for: tent, camper trailer and caravan.

This campground offers two different camping experiences on the banks of Brachina Creek and Aroona Creek. The 2WD section is located high on the southern bank while the 4WD section is reached by a rugged track across the creek. Toilet facilities are located on site.

Cambrian (13 sites)

View campground on Google Street View

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Suitable for: tent, camper trailer and caravan.

Between the Heysen and ABC Ranges at the northern end of the Bunyeroo Road, this campground is surrounded by native pine trees interspersed with river red gums along the creek line. Toilet facilities are located on site.

Dingley Dell (8 sites)

View campground on Google Street View (https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-

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A4IWDA7Gjuc1dT4XqQ!2e0!7i13312!8i6656!9m2!1b1!2i38?hl=en)

Suitable for: tent, camper trailer, caravan.

Set into the curve of the Oraparinna Creek with a dramatic cliff-face on the opposite side of the river red gum-lined

creek. The nearby Perawurtina Cultural Heritage site is popular for its Adnyamathanha rock carvings. Toilet facilities are located on site.

Koolamon (6 2WD sites, 8 4WD sites)

View Koolamon (2WD) campground on Google Street View

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View Koolamon (4WD) campground on Google Street View

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Suitable for: tent, camper trailer, caravan.

Situated on the Aroona Creek at the base of the ABC Range this campground offers stunning views of the landscape that inspired artist Sir Hans Heysen. The 4WD section is surrounded by river red gums and acacias. There is a small area for 2WD vehicles. Toilet facilities are located on site.

Teamsters (5 sites, 2 suitable for buses)

View campground on Google Street View (https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-

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Oz736FxgvCb95ps37Gg!2e0!7i13312!8i6656!9m2!1b1!2i38?hl=en)

Suitable for: tent, camper trailer, caravan and bus.

This campground sits high on the cliffs of the Brachina Creek, near to where it flows onto the plains, on its way to Lake Torrens. Examples of fossil worm burrows and Wilkawillina limestone fossils can be found nearby. Toilet facilities are located on site.

Trezona (15 sites)

View campground on Google Street View

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Suitable for: tent, camper trailer, caravan.

This peaceful campground along Brachina Gorge Road is ideally located for several loop walks. The campground is

a short walk from the internationally-significant geological Ediacaran Golden Spike. Toilet facilities are located on site.

Wicolo (limited walk-in sites)

Unallocated Camping for hikers (walk-in).

Suitable for: tents

The walk-in only campground offers picturesque views and camping for park visitors travelling the Heysen Trail, Mawson Trail and Flinders Ranges by Bike trail. Toilet facilities are available onsite.

Youngoona (4 sites)

View campground on Google Street View

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Suitable for: tent, camper trailer, caravan.

This campground is located at the Eastern end of the Brachina Gorge Road, where Oraparinna Creek joins the Enorama Creek. Toilet facilities are located on site.

Privately operated campgrounds

Wilpena Pound (46 powered sites and numerous unpowered sites)

Located in the heart of Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park, the privately run Wilpena Pound campground offers designated powered and unpowered sites nestled among the native pines.

Facilities include toilets, showers, fuel, a visitor information centre, public phone, ATM, internet access, picnic tables and shelters, laundry facilities and a general store. Access to a swimming pool, bar and restaurant at the nearby Wilpena Pound Resort is also available. Bookings are taken for powered sites and permanent tents at Wilpena Pound Resort (http://www.wilpenapound.com.au/accommodation/camping/) or the Wilpena Pound Visitor Information Centre (https://www.wilpenapound.com.au/do/visitors-centre/).

Accommodation

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From resorts to working sheep stations, you'll be sure to find an accommodation experience to suit you where you can enjoy the rugged outback. Your accommodation provides you with an ideal base to explore the network of bush

walking trails that wind through the park's rolling hills.

Wilpena Pound Resort

Offers motel, chalet and self-contained units within the park. Facilities include a bar, restaurant, swimming pool,

BBQs and a general store. The resort also offers 4WD tours and scenic flights.

Phone: 1800 805 802

Wilpena Pound Resort website (http://www.wilpenapound.com.au/)

Rawnsley Park Station

Accommodation offered includes self-contained holiday units, park cabins and on-site vans on its neighbouring property. Facilities include a restaurant, swimming pool, BBQs and a local store. Rawnsley Park offers scenic flights,

horse riding and 4WD tours. Mountain bikes are available for hire. Rawnsley Park Station has its own network of

walking trails.

Rawnsley Park Station website (http://www.rawnsleypark.com.au)

Willow Springs Station

Located on the eastern boundary of the park Willow Springs offers cottages and shearers quarters for hire. This working sheep station offers true bush hospitality in a quiet secluded setting. Willow Springs Station is home to

Skytrek, a self-guided 4WD tour boasting great views of the region's landscape.

Sky Trek Willow Springs website (http://www.skytrekwillowsprings.com.au/)

Gum Creek Station

Gum Creek Station adjoins Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park along its northern boundary and provides accommodation including Shearer's Quarters and Rose Cottage, a restored native pine cottage located in Blinman.

There is also Ridge Top Lodge overlooking the incredible Heysen Range.

Phone: (+61 8) 8648 4883

Gum Creek Station website (http://gumcreekstation.com.au/)

Mountain biking

Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park has fantastic mountain biking opportunities for visitors. The Mawson Trail and several roads provide access to some of the most stunning scenery in the park.

For a great cycling experience, the long distance cycling trail, the Mawson Trail, traverses the park uses many fire access trails that offer spectacular views. The Mawson Trail is accessible from Wilpena, Yanyanna and Trezona.

The park also contains sections of the Flinders Ranges by Bike loop. Contact the Visitor Centre for information on the cycle loop. Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park partners with neighbouring land holders to promote the Flinders Ranges by Bike loop.

Learn more about cycling in SA's parks, including other parks offering cycle tracks, trail classification and read the trail user code of practice for important points to remember when planning your bike ride.

- The Mawson Trail (http://www.southaustraliantrails.com/trails/mawson-trail/)
- Cycling and mountain biking in parks (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/know-before-you-go/mountain-biking)
- Flinders Ranges by Bike (http://www.flindersrangesbybike.com.au/)

Scenic drives

There are several spectacular scenic drives on offer in the park. Highlights include the Brachina Gorge Geological Trail, a 20km self-guided trail that passes through 130 million years of earth history. Trail signage provides an insight into past climates, the formation of the ranges and the evolution of early forms of life.

Another popular scenic drive is the Bunyeroo-Brachina-Aroona Scenic Drive. This route combines the best the park has to offer - spectacular scenery, great opportunities for observing wildlife, interpreted geological history and European heritage.

View scenic drives on Google Street View

- Brachina Gorge
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- Bunyeroo Gorge
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Events

The Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park events program occurs in the autumn and spring school holidays each

year. The program incorporates activities such guided walking tours, outback slide nights, stargazing tours and fun junior ranger activities for the kids.

For enquiries about next season's activities visit the <u>Friends of Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park website</u> (http://www.friendsofflindersranges.org.au/).

Sites of interest

Wilpena Pound

Come and discover the natural rock formation of Wilpena Pound. This spectacular landform is a must see when visiting the central Flinders Ranges and can be appreciated along one of the many well-established bushwalking trails.

The landmark of Wilpena Pound is a remnant valley floor from an ancient range of mountains that have been eroding away over millions of years. The higher walls of the pound are quartzite, a rock which is very resistant to weathering. Wilpena Pound, including the ranges, is approximately 17km long by 8km wide and covers an area of some 100km. The level floor of the Wilpena Pound is approximately 8km long and 4km wide.

'Pound' is an old English word that means 'an enclosure for animals', which was how the pound was in fact used by early pastoralists. Today, the Adnyamathanha people translate the word Wilpena as Ikara meaning 'meeting place'.

Extend your stay by spending a night at the Wilpena Pound Resort. Enjoy the comforts of self-contained accommodation and the Resort's restaurant bar and swimming pool or make the most of the outdoors by setting up camp at one of the designated campgrounds on offer. For added comfort, permanent tents with beds and electricity are available for holiday rental.

Wilpena Pound Resort website (http://www.wilpenapound.com.au/)

Arkaroo Rock

Arkaroo Rock is an important Aboriginal art site in the Flinders Ranges featuring ochre and charcoal images depicting the creation of Wilpena Pound.

Sacred Canyon

Sacred Canyon is a small chasm where ancient Aboriginal rock engravings representing animal tracks, people, waterholes and other symbols are found on sandstone walls. Join a Adnyamathanha guided tour as they provide you with a rich cultural experience as your guide interprets the engravings, the country and Adnymathanha culture. Adnyamathanha guided tours of Sacred Canyon can be booked through Wilpena Pound Resort (https://www.wilpenapound.com.au/do/cultural-tours/).

Old Wilpena Station

An important pioneering pastoral run, Wilpena Station was established in 1851 and had a working life of 135 years, before slipping into retirement. Today the Old Wilpena Station Historic Precinct is one of South Australia's most significant pastoral settlement sites due to its well-preserved condition, wealth of heritage and spectacular natural setting. Visitors can enjoy self-guided tours of the Old Wilpena Station.

Aroona Valley and ruins

Framed by the Heysen and ABC ranges, the Aroona Valley is one of the most scenic locations in the park. Aroona was settled on a permanent spring. Above the spring are the remains of Haywards head station for the Aroona run of the 1850s. The site has strong links to the renowned Australian landscape painter Sir Hans Heysen.

Wilpena Eating House and the Cazneaux Tree

A mound of stone is all that remains of the Wilpena Eating House. Built in 1862 of native pine slabs with a thatched grass roof, it served the passing trade until it dwindled in the 1880s and the eating house was abandoned. The river red gum nearby was photographed by a legendary Sydney photographer Harold Cazneaux in 1937. The photograph, titled 'Spirit of Endurance', gained international recognition.

Blinman

In the second half of the 19th century, the historic township of Blinman, 50km north of Wilpena, was a thriving copper mining centre home to some 1,000 residents. Some of the pug and pine huts and stone buildings erected close to the old mines remain today.

Appealinna ruins

The Appealinna ruins are reached by a track about 1km north of the Wirrealpa turn-off on the Blinman Road. Joseph Wills, a local pastoralist in the 1850s, built the homestead and stockyards on the southern side of the creek, while the ruins on the north side were once a busy mining settlement. The flat stone quarried on-site was used in the construction of these buildings remains a unique feature of Appealinna.

Bunyeroo Valley

The scenic Bunyeroo Valley road with its impressive razorback ridge and lookouts starts 4km north of the Wilpena junction on the main Hawker-Blinman Road. Visit the Yanyanna Hut and stockyards before entering Bunyeroo Gorge where you follow the creek bed to pass through the gorge.

Brachina Gorge

Brachina Gorge is one of the park's most popular and spectacular tourist attractions. The gorge is an important refuge for the yellow-footed rock-wallaby as well as many species of birds and reptiles. Drive along the Brachina Gorge Geological Trail to learn about the area's fascinating geological history.

Wildflowers

An abundance of plants and animals can be found throughout the park, including many rare species. Spring brings a carnival of colour, with wildflowers carpeting the plains and foothills.

The Flinders Ranges Walks app (<u>iOS</u> (https://itunes.apple.com/app/id1275979433)/Android (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.org.rgssa.frw)) provides walking notes, maps and pictures of flora and fauna found in the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park. This app is produced the <u>Walking Trails Support</u> Group. (http://www.walkingtrailssupportgroup.org.au/index.htm)

Volunteering

Want to help?

To find out how you can help in this park or nearby, please visit <u>Natural Resources Adelaide South Australian Arid</u>
Lands – Volunteering. (https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/saal/get-involved/volunteering)

Want to join others and become a Park Friend?

To find out more about Friends of Parks groups please visit <u>Friends of Parks South Australia.</u> (http://www.friendsofparkssa.org.au/members-list)

You could join others to help look after a park. You can take part in working bees, training and other events.

Become a Campground Host

Combine your love of camping with doing a good deed by becoming a volunteer campground host in this park.

A campground host is a volunteer who stays at the park either for a specific peak period, like the Easter break or a long weekend, or an extended period of time (up to a few months) to support park rangers.

If you are passionate about the environment, a keen camper, like to meet people from all around the world, and are a happy to help, then hosting could be right up your alley.

• SA's Campground Hosts Program (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/volunteer/campground-hosts-program)

Safety

Aerial baiting

Aerial baiting with 1080 meat baits occurred across Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park on Wednesday 10 May 2017.

This baiting targets feral cats and aims to reduce the impact of cat predation on reintroduced quolls and possums.

These baits are toxic to domestic animals, which are in any case not permitted in the park.

The baits may be active for some months until rain causes the active agent to breakdown.

Areas such as Wilpena resort, campgrounds, roads and major walking tracks will not be baited but, in the unlikely event that you come across a bait, please do not handle it.

If you have any questions please contact Ranger-in-Charge, Alan Harbour on (08) 8648 0049.

Bushwalking

Ensure that you:

- when hiking, wear sturdy shoes, a hat and sunscreen
- be aware of weather conditions and avoid walking during the hottest part of the day
- make sure you have appropriate weather proof clothing
- carry enough water to be self-sufficient. Take extra in case of delays of any nature, and do not to rely on any water sources such as tanks and springs
- please be respectful of other users at all times
- stay on the designated trails and connector tracks for your own safety, and prevent the spread of declared weeds to other areas in the park
- ensure someone knows your approximate location and expected time of return
- take appropriate maps.
- Walk, hike or trek what's the difference? (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/know-before-you-go/bushwalking)

Please note: On days of Catastrophic Fire Danger all walking trails are closed for safety purposes.

Camping

When camping in a National Park, it's important to remember the following:

- Always let someone responsible know your travel plans, especially when travelling in remote areas. It's a good idea to let them know when you expect to return.
- Check the weather forecast before you leave, including overnight temperatures on the <u>Bureau of Meteorology</u> (http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/). Even during very mild weather, the nights can get very cold.
- The quality and quantity of water cannot be guaranteed within parks. Please bring plenty of water and food to be self-sufficient.
- Always camp in designated sites (where applicable) do not camp beneath trees with overhanging branches, as they can drop without warning. It's also a good idea to check that there are no insect nests nearby.
- Check to make sure you're not camping in a natural waterway, flash floods can happen anytime.
- If camp fires are permitted, you must bring your own firewood, as the collection of firewood within National Parks is prohibited. Extinguish your camp fire with water (not sand or dirt) until the hissing sound stops.
- Ensure that you are familiar with the <u>fire restrictions (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/know-before-you-go/fires-and-bbqs)</u> for this park.

Fire

Can I have a fire or barbecue?

- Wood fires and solid fuel fires are prohibited between 1 November 2020 to 15 April 2021.
- Wilpena Pound: wood fires, solid fuel and gas fires are prohibited throughout the year.
- You must bring your own firewood, as the collection of firewood within national parks is prohibited.
- Gas fires and liquid fuel fires are permitted through the year, other than on days of total fire ban.
- Ensure you are familiar with the <u>fire restrictions</u>
 (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/dew_park_fire_restrictions_2020_to_2021.pdf?mtime=20210401165249
 for this park.

Closures and safety

This park is closed on days of Catastrophic Fire Danger and may also be closed on days of Extreme Fire Danger.

You can determine the current fire danger rating by checking the <u>Fire Ban District map</u> (https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/bans_and_ratings.jsp) on the CFS website.

Check the <u>CFS website (https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/home.jsp)</u> or call the CFS Bushfire Information Hotline 1800 362 361 for:

- Information on fire bans and current fire conditions (https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/bans_and_ratings.jsp)
- Current CFS warnings and incidents (https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/warnings_and_incidents.jsp)

• Information on what to do in the event of a fire (https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare_for_a_fire.jsp).

Listen to your <u>local area radio station (https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/public/download.jsp?id=104478)</u> for the latest updates and information on fire safety.

4WD

When 4WDriving in the park, it is important to be aware of the following:

- Standard road rules apply when driving anywhere in the park, including the laws for speed limits, drink driving, vehicle registration and seat belts.
- Take extreme care when driving in the park be aware of blind corners, crests and narrow two-way tracks.
- Observe all track and safety signs, especially 'No public access' signs.
- Do not take your vehicle off the designated tracks. Wildlife can be threatened and precious habitat and indigenous sites can be damaged by off track driving.
- Make sure you know what to do in the event of getting bogged and always carry a shovel.
- When driving on sand, deflate your tyres as appropriate for your vehicle. Don't forget to reinflate your tyres to the manufacturer's recommended pressure before leaving the park. Take care when lowering tyre pressure as there is risk you could roll the tyre off its rim. Also, remember that lower tyre pressure can mean a change in how the vehicle handles.

Public Access Routes (PARs)

- Public access routes are established under the Pastoral Land Management and Conservation Act 1989 to provide public access over pastoral land without the need for travellers to ask permission from the lessee.
- Public access routes are not roads or part of the formal road network. They are unimproved and unsurfaced dirt tracks intended to provide four wheel drive access in dry conditions only
- For further information see <u>Public access routes to pastoral land in South Australia.</u>

 (http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/files/sharedassets/sa_arid_lands/land/rangelands-public-access-routes-fact.pdf)

Rock climbing and abseiling

Please be aware:

- Rock climbing and abseiling have the potential to be dangerous and care must be taken.
- That if you do not have the skills required, please ensure you are guided by a qualified trainer.
- If you are planning a rock climbing or abseiling trip please be aware that you do so at your own risk and are responsible for your own safety.

- The reliability of any existing fixed protection (bolts, etc.) or rock surfaces is not guaranteed.
- Rock faces may have loose rocks that could fall.
- Climbers are reminded to take adequate safety precautions.

If you want to learn more about rock climbing, why not connect with like-minded people in the <u>Climbing Club of</u> South Australia (https://climbingclubsouthaustralia.asn.au/).

Mountain biking

Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park is a rugged and remote landscape. Mild temperatures from April to October make this period the most comfortable for bushwalking and cycling. During the summer months, maximum temperatures range from 30°C to 45°C. Mobile phone coverage can be patchy and unreliable in this park, especially if you are in low-lying areas.

Riders should ensure they carry appropriate equipment including a puncture repair and first aid kit. Information on water availability is available at the Wilpena Visitor Centre.

Trail Users Code of Practice

To protect the surrounding environment and to ensure the safety of all riders and shared trail users, please be aware of the international Trail Users Code of Practice when using shared trails. Important points to remember include:

- plan your ride
- comply with all signs
- ride only on formed tracks/trails
- share the trail obey give way rules
- avoid riding in wet, muddy conditions
- ride lightly and leave no trace or rubbish
- control your bike within your limits
- clean your bike to avoid the spread of weeds or plant diseases
- carry sufficient food and drinking water
- respect the rights of others
- tell others about the code

Know before you go

Every national park is different, each has its own unique environment, it is important to be responsible while enjoying all the park has to offer.

Please ensure that you:

- leave your pets at home
- do not feed birds or other animals, it promotes aggressive behaviour and an unbalanced ecology
- do not bring generators (except where permitted), chainsaws or firearms into the park
- leave the park as you found it there are no bins in national parks, please come prepared to take your rubbish with you.
- abide by the road rules (maintain the speed limit)
- respect geological and heritage sites
- do not remove native plants
- are considerate of other park users.
- Important: Collection of firewood within National Parks is prohibited. Dead wood plays a vital role in providing shelter for animals and adding nutrients to the soil.

Maps

Park maps

The maps on this website are a guide only. Please collect further maps, brochures and information on the walking trails from the Wilpena Visitor Centre.

- <u>Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park map (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park-map.pdf?mtime=20210114074351&focal=none)</u>
- (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/ikara_flinders_ranges_np_wilpena_optimised.pdf?mtime=20210114074350&focal=none)Ikara-Flinders_Ranges National Park Wilpena Pound map (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park-wilpena-map.pdf?mtime=20210114074351&focal=none)
- Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park Bunyeroo Valley to Aroona Valley map

 (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/ikara-flinders-ranges-bunyeroo-aroona-map.pdf?mtime=20210114074351&focal=none)
- Ikara-Flinders Ranges Rock climbing zone map (%7Basset%3A1195%3Aurl%7D)
- <u>Haywards Huts Hike Network information and map (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/psa-gen-flindersranges-haywardshut.pdf?mtime=20210114074352&focal=none)</u>
- Bunyeroo and Wilcolo Creeks Hikes information and map (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/bunyeroo_wilcolo_hike.pdf?mtime=20210114074350&focal=none)

Campground maps

- Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park Acraman campground map

 (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/ikara-flinders-ranges-npacraman-campground-map.pdf?mtime=20210114074351&focal=none)
- <u>Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park Aroona campground map</u>
 (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/ikara-flinders-ranges-np-aroona-campground-map.pdf?mtime=20210114074351&focal=none)
- Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park Brachina East campground map (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/ikara-flinders-ranges-np-brachina-campground-map.pdf?mtime=20210114074351&focal=none)
- <u>Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park Cambrian campground map</u>
 (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/ikara_flinders-ranges-np-cambrian-campground-map.pdf?mtime=20210114074351&focal=none)
- Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park Dingley Dell campground map (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/ikara-flinders-ranges-np-dingley-dell-campground-map.pdf?mtime=20210114074351&focal=none)
- Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park Koolamon campground map

 (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/ikara-flinders-ranges-np-koolamon-campground.pdf?mtime=20210114074351&focal=none)

- <u>Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park Teamsters campground map</u>
 (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/ikara-flinders-ranges-npteamsters-campground-map.pdf?mtime=20210114074351&focal=none)
- <u>Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park Trezona Campground Map</u>
 (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/ikara-flinders-ranges-np-trezona-campground-map.pdf?mtime=20210114074351&focal=none)
- <u>Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park Wilcolo campground map</u>
 (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/ikara-flinders-ranges-np-wilcolo-campground-map.pdf?mtime=20210114074351&focal=none)
- <u>Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park Youngoona Campground Map</u>
 (https://d35s2bz2fw949f.cloudfront.net/parks/docs/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/ikara-flinders-ranges-np-voungoona-campground.pdf?mtime=20210114074351&focal=none)

Maps on your mobile

If you have a smartphone or tablet you can download the free <u>Avenza Map app</u>
(https://www.avenzamaps.com/maps/how-it-works.html) and have interactive national park maps on hand when you need them.

The app uses your device's built-in GPS to plot your real-time location within the park onto a map. The app can be used without a network connection and without roaming charges. You can also measure area and distance, plot photos and drop placemark pins.

How to get it working on your device:

- 1. Download the Avenza Maps app from the app store (<u>iOS (https://apps.apple.com/au/app/avenza-maps/id388424049)/Android (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.Avenza&hl=en_AU)</u>) whilst you are still in range (its free!).
- 2. Open up the app and click the shopping cart icon.
- 3. Click 'Find' and type the name of the national park or reserve you are looking for.
- 4. Click on the map you are after and install it (all our maps are free).
- 5. You will now find a list of your installed maps on the home page of the Avenza Maps app.
- 6. Use our maps through the Avenza Mapa app while in the park and never take a wrong turn again.

Google Street View

Want to explore a trail before you leave home or use Google Maps to navigate straight from your door to the trailhead?

We've worked with Google to film more than 600km of walking trails (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/get-inspired/google-street-view-trekker), park roads, campgrounds and waterways in some of our most beautiful places. Click to see what the parks offer and the available facilities before you go. This is an especially great tool if you have accessibility needs, are visiting with people of varying ages or fitness levels or are pushing a pram and want to view a trail before leaving home.

You can start exploring this park on Google Street View using the links below.

Campgrounds

• Acraman campground

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31.4096255,138.5613455,3a,75y,155h,99.2t/data=!3m10!1e1!3m8!1sq92X2dXR0_0tnsiPt7PuAg!2e0!6s%2F%2Fgeo3.ggpht 20%26thumbfov%3D100!7i13312!8i6656!9m2!1b1!2i38?hl=en)

• Aroona campground

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• Brachina East campground

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• Brachina East 4WD campground

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eAFdQ!2e0!7i13312!8i6656!9m2!1b1!2i38?hl=en)

• Cambrian campground

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31.3573122,138.5826749,3a,75y,107.39h,95.27t/data=!3m9!1e1!3m7!1stBLAVjPiKtDwIHj7pGJNlA!2e0!7i13312!8i6656!9n

• Dingley Dell campground (https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-

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Koolamon campground

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31.2922195,138.5873745,3a,75y,16.84h,94.09t/data=!3m10!1e1!3m8!1s9EA_DwyFbyqhkgV1slcD5w!2e0!6s%2F%2Fgeo2.g

• Koolamon 4WD campground

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31.2928331,138.588629,3a,75y,115.55h,90t/data=!3m10!1e1!3m8!1sAMfHfJXQJrko5j6crruERA!2e0!6s%2F%2Fgeo2.ggpl

• Teamsters campground (https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-

31.3379629,138.5500096,3a,75y,341.56h,87.48t/data=!3m9!1e1!3m7!1sx7-

Oz736FxgvCb95ps37Gg!2e0!7i13312!8i6656!9m2!1b1!2i38?hl=en)

• Trezona campground

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• Youngoona campground

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Park Roads

• Brachina Gorge

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• Bunyeroo Gorge

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Walking trails

• Arkaroo Rock hike

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31.6111832,138.6367646,3a,75y,352.95h,85.08t/data=!3m9!1e1!3m7!1sBe3n2XCcUZallAeyyxv55g!2e0!7i13312!8i6656!9m2

• Hills Homestead walk

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31.5468685,138.5889072,3a,75y,19.85h,91.03t/data=!3m10!1e1!3m8!1sy9lveLDfTYpsT6RuqWB6cg!2e0!6s%2F%2Fgeo1.g

• Living with the Land walk

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• Wangara Lookout hike

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31.5425488,138.5866227,3a,75y,205.41h,87.19t/data=!3m10!1e1!3m8!1sAomuhdhhteuJgKK5hUtfCA!2e0!6s%2F%2Fgeo1

Fees

Entry fees

Vehicle entry needs to be paid prior to arrival.

Click through to the online booking page for vehicle entry fees.

Book Online

Book online (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/parks/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/booking/vehicle-entry-fees) to buy day entry for your vehicle.

FAQs about booking online (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/book-and-pay/frequently-asked-questions)

Book and pay in person

If you are unable to book and pay online you can do so, in person, at these <u>booking agents</u> (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/book-and-pay/where-can-i-book) across the state.

For online bookings enquiries please email:

DEWDesertParks@sa.gov.au (mailto:DEWDesertParks@sa.gov.au)

Camping and accommodation

Campsites need to be booked prior to arrival.

Click through to the online booking page for more details about individual campgrounds and fees.

Book online

<u>Book online (/booking#Ikara-Flinders%20Ranges%20National%20Park)</u> to reserve your campsite up to 12 months in advance.

FAQs about booking online (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/book-and-pay/parks-passes)

Book and pay in person

If you are unable to book and pay online you can do so, in person, at these <u>booking agents</u> (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/book-and-pay/where-can-i-book) across the state.

For online bookings enquiries please email:

DEWDesertParks@sa.gov.au (mailto:DEWDesertParks@sa.gov.au)

Wilpena Pound campground

The powered campsites and permanent tent sites at Wilpena Pound campground are privately run and must be booked through Wilpena Pound Resort (http://www.wilpenapound.com.au/) or Wilpena Pound Visitor Information Centre. (http://www.wilpenapound.com.au/do/visitors-centre/)

Park pass

If you intend to visit often, you may like to purchase any of the below park passes.

12 month vehicle entry for a single park

Is this your favourite park? If you visit more than five times a year, it's more economical to purchase a 12 month vehicle entry for a single park pass.

- Buy a 12 month vehicle entry for single park pass now (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/book-and-pay/parkspasses/park-passes-online)
- Buy in person at a Park Pass outlet (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/book-and-pay/where-can-i-book)
- Park Passes FAQs (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/book-and-pay/frequently-asked-questions#park-pass-faqs)

2 and 12 month vehicle entry for multiple parks pass

Are you wanting to explore a number of SA's national parks? Purchasing a 2 or 12 month vehicle entry for multiple parks pass can offer you value for money and convenience.

The 2 and 12 month vehicle entry for multiple parks pass entitle you to vehicle entry for not just this park, but up to an additional 10 parks as well!

- Buy a Park Pass now (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/book-and-pay/parks-passes/park-passes-online)
- Buy a park pass in person (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/book-and-pay/where-can-i-book)
- Park Passes FAQs (https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/book-and-pay/frequently-asked-questions#park-pass-faqs)

Other fees and permits

Facilities hire fees

Old Wilpena Woolshed

First day or part thereof: \$128.00

Subsequent days or part thereof: \$77.00

Portable toilet hire, day or part thereof: \$50.00

Visitor information and bookings

Wilpena Visitor Centre Phone: (+61 8) 8648 0048

Email: VisitorsCentre@wilpenapound.com.au (mailto:VisitorsCentre@wilpenapound.com.au)

Park management:

Port Augusta Natural Resources Centre

Phone: (+61 8) 8648 5300

Email: DEW.SAALOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au (mailto:DEW.SAALOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au)

(mailto:DEW.AMLRGawlerOffice@sa.gov.au)Emergency contacts:

Medical, fire (including bushfire) and police emergency situations

Phone: Triple Zero - 000

Police Assistance

Phone: 131 444 for non-urgent police assistance

National Parks and Wildlife Service SA - After-hours duty officer

Phone: 0408 378 284

Injured wildlife:

Within the park

Please contact Port Augusta Natural Resource Centre on (08) 8648 5300 or the after-hours duty officer on 0408 378 284.

Outside of the park

Please contact a local wildlife rescue group