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Trail		Time*	Distance	Notes	
	Stringybark Loop Walk	30 minutes return	1.5 km return	Tall shady stringybark trees and delicate ferns	
	Forest Circuit Walk	1 hour return	2.6 km return	Relaxing stroll through stringybark forest	
	Goondooloo Ridge Walk	2 hours return	4 km return	Stunning views of Backstairs Passage	
	Spring Wildflower Walk	2.5 hours return	5 km return	Colourful wildflower display September to November	
	Talisker Silver Lead Mine Hike	1.5 hours return	3 km return	19th century Cornish Mine Ruins	
	Deep Creek Waterfall Hike	2 hours return	3.5 km return	Year-round waterfall in a beautiful gully	
	Deep Creek Cove Hike	2.5 hours return	6.4 km return	Spectacular ocean views to secluded cove at mouth of creek	
	Aaron Creek Circuit Hike	3 hours return	5.5 km return	Cascading waterfall in winter	
	Deep Creek Cove Hike	2.5 hours return	3.4 km return	Rugged coastal hike with spectacular views of The Deep Creek	
	Blowhole Beach Hike	2.5 hours return	3 km return	Beautiful sandy cove	
	Blowhole Beach - Cobbler Hill	3.5 hours return	6.7 km return	Breath-taking coastal views	
	from Tapanappa Lookout	3.5 hours return	7 km return	Excellent views of The Deep Creek	
	Boat Harbor Circuit Hike	4 hours return	7.3 km return	Rocky cove at the mouth of Boat Harbor Creek	
	Aaron Creek Hike	6 hours return	11 km return	Follows creek to coast, stunning views	
	Deep Creek Circuit Hike	7 hours return	10.9 km return	Combining rugged coastal and spectacular creek views	

* Time is generously estimated from an average walking speed varying from 1.2 to 3 km per hour - allow extra time for resting and sightseeing.

Dreaming trails

The aboriginal people of the southern Fleurieu Peninsula fall into two language groups, the Kaurna and Ngarrindjeri. Dreaming stories from both groups illustrate a deep spiritual connection to the land.

The creation of land formations on the Fleurieu Peninsula are illustrated through dreaming stories. The Kaurna dreaming story of Tjirbuk highlights the creation of the western side of the Fleurieu Peninsula.

The Ngarrindjeri focus on Ngurunderi, who, while on his journey, created many landforms which we can now see along the River Murray and the south coast.

These landforms were made while he was travelling along the river and coastline in search of his two wives, who had run away from him.



Western Grey Kangaroo
Macropus fuliginosus

Ngurunderi dreaming

The two women hurriedly walked down Tunkalilla Beach to Tjirbuk (Blowhole Beach). From there they could see Kangaroo Island, the spirit land. At that time Kangaroo Island was almost connected to the mainland and it was possible to walk across. Picking up all their belongings, consisting of nets (for fish) and mats (to carry food in) they began to walk across.

In the meantime, Ngurunderi hurried up to Tjirbuk, and could see them going across. When they had reached the centre, Ngurunderi called out in a voice of thunder, saying: “Pink’ul’un’urn’pranukurn” (fall waters-you). Immediately the waters (sea) began to come in from the west, wave upon wave, driving the two women from their course.

So rough, so strong were the tempestuous waves, that the women tried to turn their faces towards the mainland. At last, fighting against waves no more, they were carried into the open sea, taking their net baskets with them. But again, as the water grew calmer, they tried to swim to Tunkalilla Beach, but could not and were at last drowned. They were, however, metamorphosed into Metalong (The Pages or the Two Sisters, opposite Tunkalilla Beach on the mainland, or north-east of Cape Willoughby on Kangaroo Island).

The Pages islands can be seen from Tapanappa Lookout.

The larger rock or island is the elder sister, who with her basket tried to struggle on but could not. The next in size is the younger sister, who threw off the basket she carried. She was drowned a little before her sister. While the smallest rock, a little in front of the latter, is the basket she cast off. Ngurunderi then went across to Kangaroo Island and walked down the coast towards the west until he reached Kingscote, where he created a huge casuarina and rested under its shady boughs.

He then walked down to the western end of Kangaroo Island, and threw his remaining spear out into the sea. Where it struck the water, rocks emerged immediately. He walked onto these rocks to where his spear was, and from there dived into the sea and quickly out. This action was to cleanse himself of his old life. He then went up to “Waieruwar” (the sky).

Kangaroo Island can be seen from the Cobbler Hill picnic area.



Spider Orchid
Caladenia patersonii

- using boot cleaning facilities where provided.
 - removing soil from footwear before leaving an area (boots or shoes should not be taken home to clean)
 - clean footwear
 - starting and finishing bushwalks with or muddy
 - avoiding bushwalking when the soil is wet
 - keeping to designated roads and walking trails at all times and obeying 'trail closed' signs
 - parking cars in designated car parks only
 - on suitable bushwalking areas
 - contacting local DEWNR parks office for information
- The spread can be minimised by:

sticking to footwear.

can spread the disease by moist soil and plant material

plant species, exotic fruits and vegetables. Bushwalkers

waterborne fungi that impact on a wide variety of native

Phytophthora (ty-TOFF-thora) species are soil and

Phytophthora

in a Trip Intentions form.

Please discuss your desired route with a ranger prior to

commencing a trek. School groups and trekkers must fill

Cross-country walking is not permitted.

five access tracks and main roads.

Conservation Park by linking up existing walking trails,

Extended treks can be made within Deep Creek

route with a ranger and fill in a Trip Intentions form.

commencing a trek, bushwalkers must discuss their

remote areas where the trail is unmarked. Prior to

require several days to complete, and pass through

bushwalkers with good navigational skills. Treks often

demanding, therefore users should be experienced

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Trek - Challenging: a trek is generally physically

The national parks code

Help protect your national parks by following these guidelines:

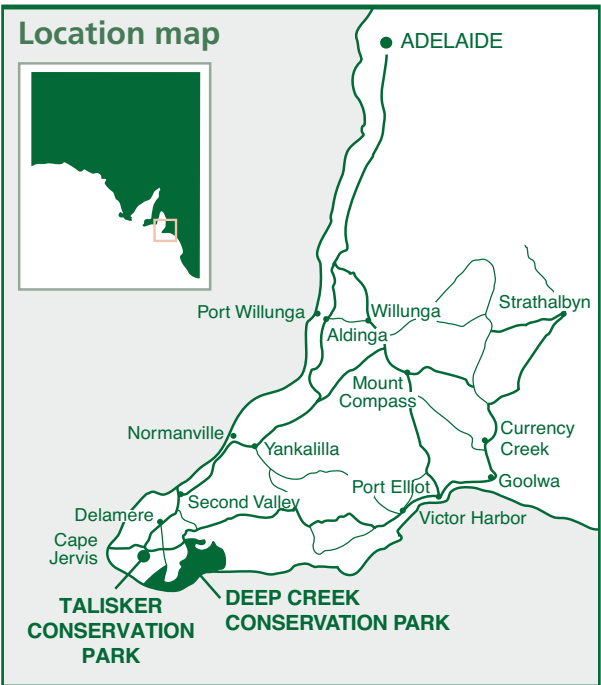
- leave your pets at home
- take your rubbish with you
- observe fire restrictions, usually 1 November to 30 April – check CFS hotline 1300 362 361.
- conserve native habitat by using liquid fuel or gas stoves
- camp only in designated areas
- respect geological and heritage sites
- keep our wildlife wild – do not feed or disturb animals, or remove native plants.
- keep to defined vehicle tracks and walking trails
- generators, chainsaws and firearms are not permitted
- be considerate of other park users.

Thank you for leaving the bush in its natural state for the enjoyment of others.

Walk safely

Be prepared when bushwalking:

- wear sturdy shoes, hat and sunscreen
- carry sufficient food and drinking water – allow four litres of water per person per day
- do not rely on tanks or creeks in the park for drinking water
- keep to the defined walking trail
- inform a responsible person of your proposed route and expected time of return
- weather conditions can change quickly, ensure you have appropriate wet weather clothing.



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Road to Talisker Road and follow the signs to the mine.

Creek Conservation Park. Travel along Three Bridges

Talisker Conservation Park is located 9 km west of Deep

Flinders Ranges.

Cape Jervis west of the park to Parachilna Gorge in the

It traverses the state's principal mountain ranges from

Conservation Park is a long-distance walking trail.

The Heytes Trail, passing through Deep Creek

approach to bushwalking is essential for your safety.

rugged nature, a careful, responsible and well-planned

of fascinating natural environments. Due to the parks

network of trails allows walkers to explore a variety

challenging bushwalking areas in the state. An extensive

The park provides some of the most scenic and

and Southern Emu-wrens.

Short-beaked Echidnas, Southern Brown Bandicoots

healthy populations of Western Grey Kangaroos,

vegetation on the Fleurieu Peninsula, and is home to

It preserves the largest portion of remaining natural

south-west of Adelaide on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Deep Creek Conservation Park is located 100 kilometres

Deep Creek and Talisker Conservation parks

Bushwalking guide



National Parks
South Australia

Deep Creek and Talisker bushwalking guide

Stringybark Loop Walk

Walk in the shade while admiring tall trees and delicate ferns in this remnant stringybark forest. These stringybark trees are some of the oldest in South Australia and provide ideal nesting hollows for a variety of birds, including the Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo. Picnic tables are provided near the beginning of the trail. An ideal family walk.

Access: This walk begins at the picnic ground near park headquarters on Tapanappa Road.

Forest Circuit Walk

Ideal for an afternoon walk, while camping at Stringybark campground. The circuit walk meanders its way through beautiful, tall stringybark forest. The highlights of this walk are the fogs that settle among the trees during the autumn months.

Access: This walk begins from the Stringybark campground, opposite site 11. The campground is located on the road leading to park headquarters.

Goondooloo Ridge Walk

This trail along Goondooloo Ridge offers spectacular views of Backstairs Passage. It is an easy walk to the lookout. Along the way you can often view large mobs of kangaroos grazing in the open fields, or resting under eucalypts.

Access: This walk begins at the Aaron Creek picnic area located on Blowhole Road, 15 metres from Goondooloo Cottage.

Spring Wildflower Walk

This is a perfect stroll for botanists, or if you just enjoy admiring nature's colours. A beautiful array of wildflowers can be seen on display during late winter to early spring throughout this regenerating sclerophyll forest.

Access: This walk begins at the Stringybark campground, opposite site 9.

Talisker Silver Lead Mine Hike

Situated in Talisker Conservation Park, this interpretive hike guides you amongst the stories and workings of a nineteenth century Cornish mining and ore processing operation. Marvel at the enduring lifestyle and ingenuity of the Cornish miners and their families while walking through naturally regenerating bushland which hosts an abundance of wildflowers and wildlife.

Access: The hike is located in Talisker Conservation Park, 9 km west of Deep Creek Conservation Park. A picnic area with toilet facilities is located nearby.

Deep Creek Waterfall Hike from Tent Rock Road

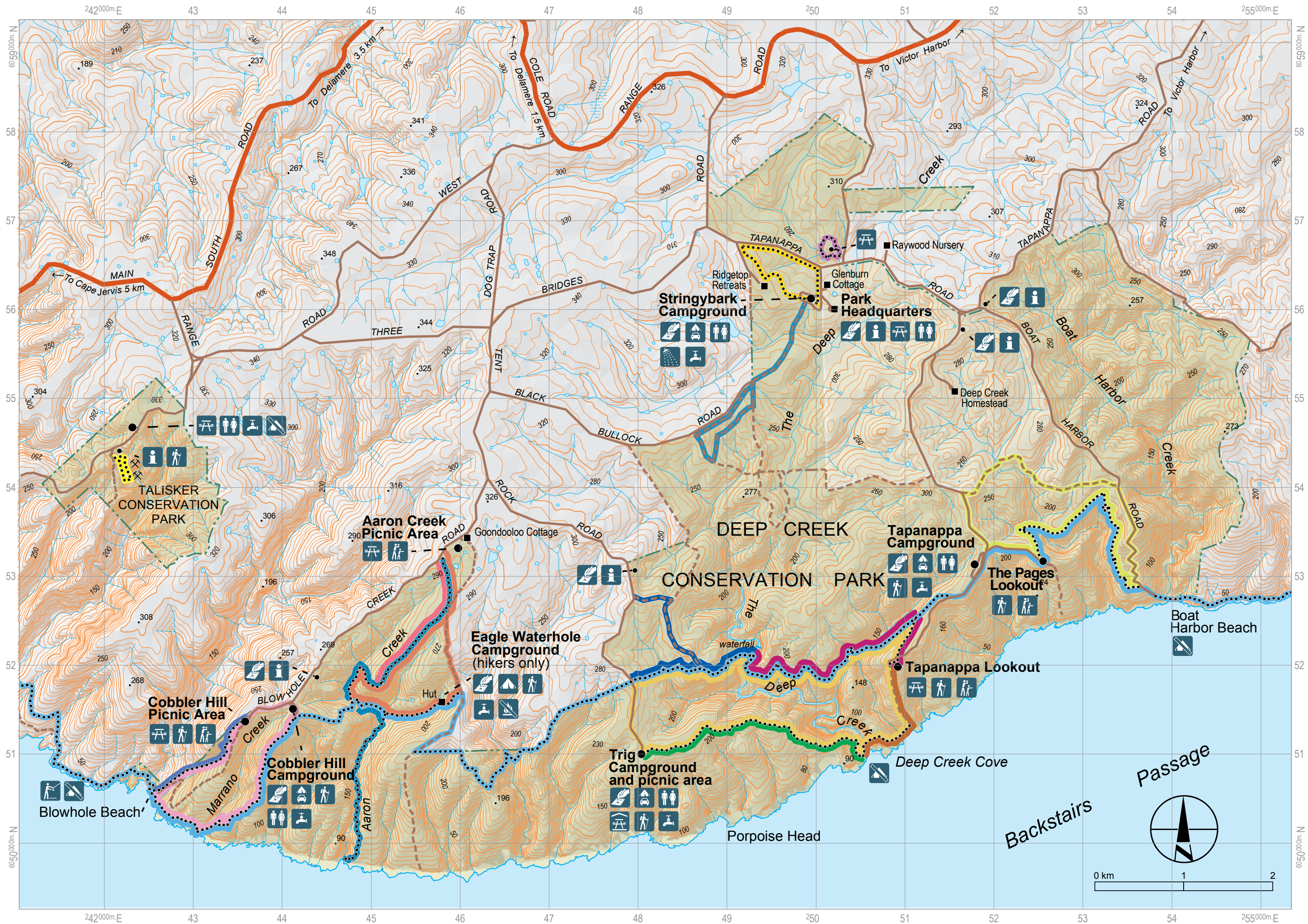
This trail, which forms part of the famous Heysen Trail, takes you down to a year-round waterfall nestled in the heart of the park. Lookout points have been placed along the hike, providing spectacular views of the densely vegetated hills that protect the Deep Creek on its journey towards the cove.

Access: This hike can be started from either of two points located on Tent Rock Road. One follows a fire track and the other the Heysen Trail.

Deep Creek Cove Hike from Trig picnic area

This hike offers spectacular views of the Southern Ocean. The highlight of this hike is Backstairs Passage and the south coast. It finishes at a secluded cove where the mouth of the Deep Creek finishes its journey to the ocean.

Access: This hike begins at Trig picnic area. Follow Tent Rock Road past Trig campground to the picnic area.



Aaron Creek Circuit Hike

The trail meets with Aaron Creek, incorporating tall gums and scented wattles. You will pass a cascading waterfall that flows in winter. Many Western Grey Kangaroos may be seen resting under the gums at the beginning of the hike. This area was once farming land. Eagle waterhole campground is on this trail.

Access: The hike starts at the car park, 15 metres from Goondooloo Cottage, on Blowhole Creek Road.



Eastern Spinebill
Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris

Deep Creek Cove Hike from Tapanappa Lookout

A rugged coastal hike through steep terrain offering spectacular views of the Deep Creek. The cove is surrounded by dense vegetation that encloses around you along the trail. Only experienced and fit bushwalkers should attempt this hike.

Access: The trail begins at the Tapanappa Lookout, but the hike can start from Tapanappa campground (add 3 km return).



Southern Brown Bandicoot
Isodon obesulus

Blowhole Beach - Cobbler Hill Marrano Creek Hike

This hike follows the Blowhole Beach Hike to the sandy beach below. Here you will join the Heysen Trail and follow it up to Cobbler Hill campground, crossing Marrano Creek on your travels. From this point follow the main road back to Cobbler Hill picnic area. Provides excellent views of Kangaroo Island and The Pages islands.

Access: This hike begins from the Cobbler Hill picnic area or Cobbler Hill campground.



Superb Fairy-wren
Malurus cyaneus

Blowhole Beach Hike

Extensive views of Backstairs Passage and Kangaroo Island can be seen from the picnic area at Cobbler Hill. This trail winds itself down a steep hill to the sandy beach known as Blowhole.

Access: This hike begins from the Cobbler Hill picnic area, located on Blowhole Creek Road.

Deep Creek Waterfall Hike from Tapanappa Lookout

Excellent views of the Deep Creek can be seen along the trail. During this hike you will find yourself among the thick vegetation and rugged terrain that Deep Creek Conservation Park is renowned for. Only experienced and fit walkers should attempt this hike.

Access: The trail begins at the Tapanappa Lookout. Alternatively you can start from the Tapanappa campground (add 3 km return).

Boat Harbor Circuit Hike

Part of this unique hike is along the Heysen Trail. You will experience breathtaking views of Kangaroo Island, The Pages islands and Tunkallilla Beach. By making a small diversion off the circuit trail you can walk down to Boat Harbor Beach, which is a rocky cove where Boat Harbor Creek enters the Southern Ocean.

Access: This hike begins on Tapanappa Ridge. Follow the road towards the Tapanappa campground and turn to the ridge on your left before reaching the campground. This hike does not start at Tapanappa Lookout.

Aaron Creek Hike

The upper section of this trail follows the Aaron Creek Circuit Hike. The lower section follows natural bushland, becoming more rugged near the coast. After a steep climb you are rewarded with views of Kangaroo Island before descending into a small rocky cove.

Access: This hike begins at the car park located on Blowhole Road, 15 metres from the turn-off into Goondooloo Cottage.

Deep Creek Circuit Hike

The Deep Creek Circuit hike includes some of the best views on offer in the park. The hike incorporates the waterfall and cove. Difficulties may be experienced crossing the Deep Creek during wet weather. Take care at all times, and do not attempt to cross when flooded. Only experienced and fit walkers should attempt this hike.

Access: You can start from the Trig picnic area or from Tapanappa Lookout.

