

THE HINDMARSH RIVER WALK

Length: 7 km Return
Type: Loop
Terrain: Easy

1 The Hindmarsh River walk (Start 1)

The walk can be started at the carpark at the end of Bridge Terrace. Walk across the railway line and turn right over the bridge (Paperbark Trail), turn left and walk further under the bridge.

2 Anzac Bridge

The river, estuary and surrounding vegetation provide foraging, roosting, refuge and nesting habitats for a range of bird groups, including waders, open water species, opportunistic predators, nectivores and insectivores.

3 Boating on the river

In the 1870s seaside holidays were already quite fashionable in Victor Harbor and a boating lake was created. During the 1910s and 1920s picnic trains ran to Victor Harbor 3 times a day in the summer high season, carrying up to 2000 passengers.

4 Historic Homes

In the second half of the 1800s, summer residences became very popular with the wealthy of Adelaide and three outstanding examples still exist today; Adare House, Mt. Breckan House and Castlemaine House.

5 Harry's Hole boardwalk

This picturesque walk follows the Hindmarsh River through to where a small swamp can be seen. Stop and listen to the birds and frogs.

6 Aboriginal net making

The Ramindjeri clan were very skilled at making nets. They used these nets to catch animals, fish and birds. Nets were made from plants, animal fur and human hair.

The McCracken Trail continues along the river. This trail takes you further up the river to the alternate starting point.

7 The Hindmarsh River Walk (start 2)

Cootamundra Reserve on Coromandel Parade – the alternate starting point.

8 Castlemaine

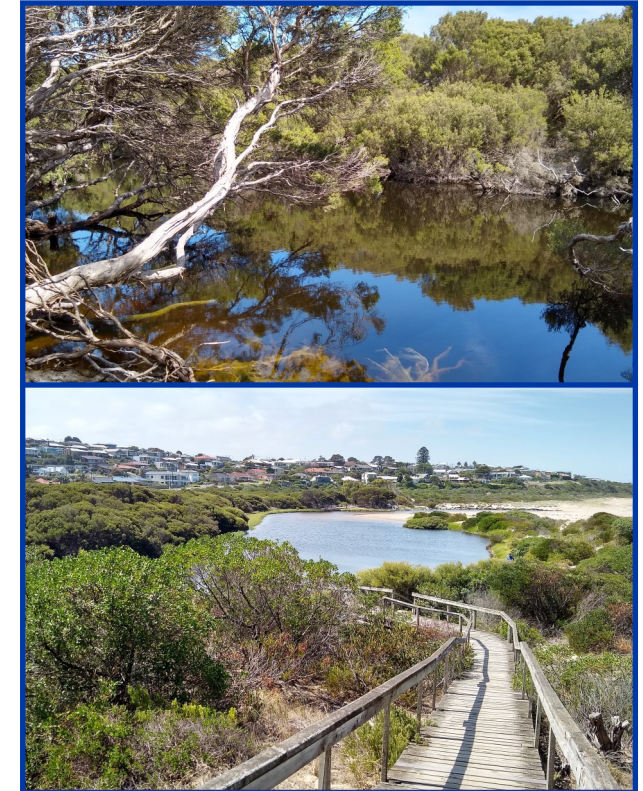
Built as a summer residence for Sir William Sowdon, the former editor and part proprietor of the Register, which is now incorporated with The Advertiser.



Remember the bush walkers code:

- leave behind only footprints
- take only photographs
- respect the flora and fauna around you so that others may also enjoy the pleasure.

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THE HINDMARSH RIVER WALKING TRAILS

These walks are an easy stroll following the banks of the Hindmarsh Rivers and the lagoon. It is home to river red gums and rare swamp paperbark trees as well as birdlife. There is a choice of 5 trails in a series of loops, which offer a variety of scenery, points of interest and distances. The walks last from 20 minutes to 3 hours.



We suggest wearing good walking shoes, especially in warmer months, being alert to the possibility of snakes on or near the path. Please carry enough water during the warmer months – approximately 1 litre per hour.

We ask walkers to respect private property in the area and report any damage to the path and surrounds to the Victor Harbor Council or Visitor Information Centre, so that it may be repaired for the safety and enjoyment of others.

For more walks in the area see other brochures in the Victor Harbor Visitor Information Centre or ask one of the volunteers there.



Waggon Trail —
crosses the Hindmarsh River and continues via Waggon and Yalladoola Roads around the edge of the Primary School to the school bridge. Allow 1 hour to complete.

McCracken Trail —
follows the Hindmarsh River to McCracken playground and picnic area. Allow 1 hour return.

Wattle Trail —
commences at the Primary School Bridge and follows the Hindmarsh River. Allow 1 hour to complete.

Paperbark Trail —
is a loop, which crosses the Primary School Bridge, through a revegetated floodplain and back over the main road to Bridge Terrace. Allow 30 minutes to 1 hour return.

Lagoon Trail —
takes you through beautiful paperbark woodlands over a series of boardwalks and around a lagoon. This lagoon is a remnant of what was once the route of the river. The walk is relatively easy and you should allow 20 to 30 minutes return.

