

Getting around the region

WELLINGTON

It is said that Charles Sturt may have stopped here on the 9 February 1839, to take some time out to enjoy a picnic. The place became so popular a ferry was installed to allow visitors from across the border access to this great picnic area. The ferry remains and it is still a great spot to have a picnic and get a taste of early living.

The Wellington Hotel, on the banks of the Murray River was licensed in 1848 and is one of the oldest working hotels in South Australia. Its delightful location offers panoramic views overlooking the river.

CALLINGTON

Situated on the Bremer River a great stop-over to check out a great Australian Pub that holds one of the State's oldest licenses.

WILLOW POINT

Your delicious picnic food can be complemented with a drop of a crisp dry white wine or a bold red for the BBQ from Willow Point Winery, just outside Woods Point. You can taste before you buy to ensure the perfect match.

FERRIES MCDONALD CONSERVATION PARK

There is an easy walk that meanders through the remnant Mallee. The park is especially interesting in spring, when it is alive with native orchids and flowering blossoms that attract wonderful bird life. No pets are allowed and the park has no facilities so you will need to be prepared.

MONARTO

Home of the famous Monarto Safari Park one of the largest open-range zoos in the world. It spans over 1,500 hectares with more than 50 species of exotic and native mammals, birds and reptiles. The Safari Park has a number of picnic areas and walking trails – just add a picnic basket and enjoy a safari picnic, talk, walk and eat with the animals. You can also picnic at the Monarto Recreation Centre where you will find public BBQ's, lots of shade and a children's playground.

PERFECT PICNIC PLACES

PICNIC HOTSPOTS

Pack the car - bring food for the barbie, find a rug and maybe a kite and head down to the river for your perfect picnic. Whether a romantic picnic for two, a lazy lunch with friends or the ultimate day out with the family; we can add a few more ingredients – fresh air, stunning views and lots of things to do. Some spots have picnic tables, some have BBQs, but all offer a great outdoor eating experience.

1. AVOCA DELL

MURRAY DRIVE, MURRAY BRIDGE

A popular water recreation area, this reserve offers plenty of parking, BBQ facilities, picnic tables and a great playground. There's something for everyone to enjoy.

2. RIVERGLADES WETLANDS

AVOCA DELL DRIVE, AVOCA DELL

Get back to nature and marvel at the wildlife, but please don't feed the birds.

3. THIELE RESERVE

THIELE ROAD, MURRAY BRIDGE

On the water front with great view. This reserve features sheltered BBQ facilities.

4. ROCKY GULLY WETLANDS

LAGOON ROAD, MURRAY BRIDGE

Need a bit of exercise after a great picnic? Here's a great place for bird watching while taking a leisurely stroll around this 2 km circuit.

5. STURT RESERVE

CHARLES STURT DRIVE, MURRAY BRIDGE

Plenty of space and plenty to do, this mecca for outdoor pleasure is the perfect place for that special family picnic. The park features an under cover children's playground, barbecues and shelters, skate park, lawn tennis courts, community club, dining, jetties and is a haven for local wildlife.

6. WHARF HILL

EAST TERRACE, MURRAY BRIDGE

Here's the place to stop and smell the roses, enjoy the views and the gardens.

7. LONG ISLAND RESERVE

LONG ISLAND ROAD, MURRAY BRIDGE

This protected area is a spiritual place of the Ngarrindjeri people with the island representing a lentlin (spear) thrown by Ngarrindjeri at Ponde (the fish) as it made its way to Wellington creating the river. It's also a great place to spread out your picnic blanket.

8. SWANPORT RESERVE

LIONS ROAD, SWANPORT

This lovely shaded reserve is ideal for fishing and swimming with barbecue facilities to cook your catch.

9. SWANPORT WETLANDS

ACCESS FROM THE FRANK JACKMAN LOOKOUT OFF PRINCES

HIGHWAY MURRAY BRIDGE

Teaming with wildlife, the perfect spot to connect with nature with a viewing platform and boardwalk providing easy access.

10. MURRAY BRIDGE SWIMMING CENTRE

58 ADELAIDE ROAD, MURRAY BRIDGE

A picnic and a dip can be had at the Murray Bridge Swimming Centre. It features an abundance of grassy, shaded with seating areas for picnics and a water slide! Patrons can enjoy free use of barbecue facilities with seating.

