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When using the trail, please:

- › Stay on the trail
- › Respect geological and heritage sites
- › Keep our wildlife wild – do not feed or disturb animals or remove native plants
- › Take your rubbish home with you
- › Be considerate of other trail users
- › Clean up after your dog, and keep under effective control.

How to get there

Public Transport

Take the Noarlunga Line (rail) to the stations below, or buses as indicated below.

Take the 640 bus from Marion Shopping Centre to:

- › **Marino Railway Station.** Then turn right into Bandon Terrace, left into Strickland Road and continue via Burnham Road to the end of Marino Esplanade (about 1km) where you will find the Marion Coast Park entrance and 'Contemplation' artwork (access the Art Walk).
- › **Marino Rocks Railway Station.** The 640 bus will take you to Stop 46, which is 400m from the station. At Jervois Terrace, walk about 400m towards the beach to get to the car park, mosaic artwork and café (access the Art Walk or the Murto Gully Walk).

Take the 681 bus from Marion Shopping Centre and Hallett Cove Shopping Centre to:

- › **Hallett Cove Railway Station.** Then walk down Fryer Street and Central Avenue to the Conservation Park entrance (access the Geology Circuit) or down Kurnabinna Terrace (access the Kurnabinna Walk).
- › **Hallett Cove Beach Railway Station.** Then walk down Cherub Street, Gwen Street and about 750m down Dutchman Drive to Heron Way Reserve (access the Geology Circuit and the Headland Walk).



The Coastal Walking Trail is a City of Marion initiative, assisted by the State Government through Planning SA.

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Explore Marion's unique coast!

- › Stunning views
- › Walks for all abilities
- › Rare native plants
- › Coastal wildlife
- › Sculpture, mosaics and community art
- › Cafés

The Marion Coast Park

The **Marion Coast Park** extends 7.2 km from **Marino** in the north to **Hallett Headland Reserve** in the south. A part of the Adelaide Coast Park, its environment is unique in the metropolitan area, with its rugged cliffs, small coves and a rocky coast.

It also features world famous geological formations at Hallett Cove, important sites of remnant coastal vegetation and the significant cultural presence of the Tjilbruke Dreaming.

The walking trail enables access to this fragile environment while providing:

- › Protection for local indigenous coastal vegetation and wildlife habitats
- › A link between natural open spaces and environmental corridors
- › Recreation and educational opportunities for schools and other groups.



You can walk the whole coastline using the **Marion Coastal Walking Trail** (approx. 3 hour walk one way), or chose a section which suits your fitness level (see map overleaf).

Contemplate your journey



The *Contemplation* artwork at Marino Esplanade is a great spot to start or finish your walk – or just to sit and watch the sun go down over the water. Completed in December 2005, this striking major contemporary work by local artist **Marijana Tadic** marks the northern gateway to the Marion Coast Park.

Take a break at Marino Rocks

Stop for a drink and something to eat at Marino Rocks (end of Jervois Terrace).

See the community mosaic by local residents (completed in June 2006) which takes the theme 'Celebrating Our Coast'. Wrapped around the outer wall of the Exeloo toilet is a stunning geometrical mosaic by **Michael Tye** providing a panorama of the coastal environment.

The design reflects the cycle of life and the nature of edges; the coast being the edge between land and water.

Can you spot the coastal housing, walking trail, cliffs, rocks, beach, fish, boats, leafy sea dragons, sea birds and seals hidden in the mosaic?



Signs of art

As you walk, watch out for colourful **interpretive signs** which provide a wealth of information on the environmental and cultural heritage of the area.

Community artist **Barbary O'Brien** worked with local schools, residents groups and members of the Kaurna Aboriginal community to develop the designs.

For more information, phone:

(08) 8375 6891 – Coastal arts

(08) 8357 5900 – Kaurna heritage (Living Kaurna Cultural Centre)



Time out at the Hallett Cove foreshore

The new commemorative space at the Hallett Cove foreshore is a place for reflection and remembering. Featuring a memorial wall, it is a poignant reminder of ANZAC Cove at Gallipoli.

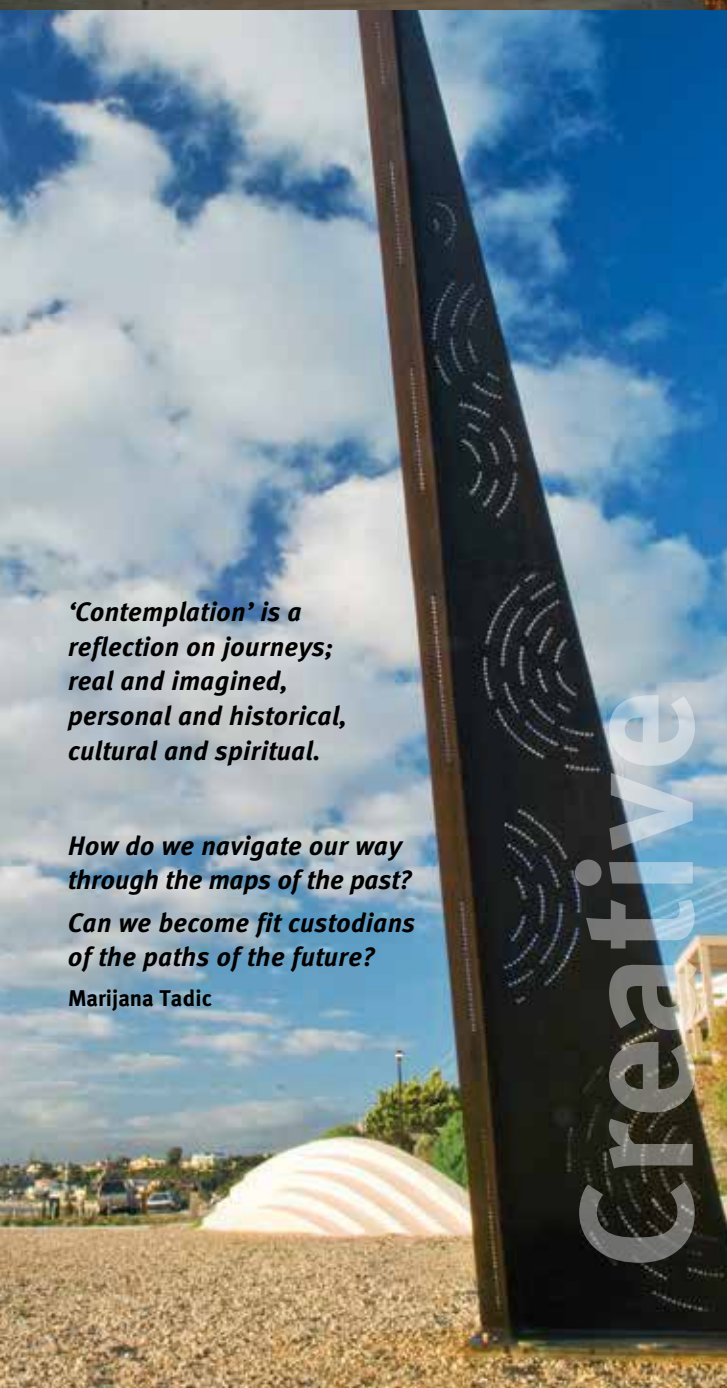
Completed in early 2015, the site includes a shelter, BBQ and picnic facilities, memorial wall, flag poles, commemorative seats and garden beds.

You can also grab a drink and something to eat at the Boatshed Café, located at the northern end of the Hallett Cove foreshore (which also marks the southern entrance to Hallett Cove Conservation Park).

ANZAC



a unique metropolitan environment of rugged cliffs, small coves and a rocky coast



Creative

'Contemplation' is a reflection on journeys; real and imagined, personal and historical, cultural and spiritual.

How do we navigate our way through the maps of the past? Can we become fit custodians of the paths of the future?

Marijana Tadic



The Marion Coast Park artworks have been developed by the City of Marion working with local people through the Marion Coast Park Interpretive Project.

The project was assisted by the State Government through Planning SA and Arts SA Public Art and Design Program.



Coastal Walks

All the following recommended walks feature stunning cliff-top coastal views, and can be undertaken in either direction.

Take care of your safety

Some parts of this walk are remote. Please make sure you look for and follow any warning signs. We advise you to take your own water and to wear appropriate walking clothes, shoes and sun protection. Weather conditions can change quickly, so be prepared and take wet weather gear if required.

Protect rare plants by sticking to the path

The coastal cliff vegetation along the walking trail is almost entirely endemic (unique) to South Australia. Some plants are incredibly rare and precious, so please stick to the path. Rare species include the Bundled fan-flower (*Scaevola linearis subsp confertifolia*), which has only ever been recorded twice in the Adelaide region, and the Regal Pussy Tails (*Ptilotus nobilis*), a species considered to be vulnerable to extinction in the Mount Lofty Ranges, plus more.

Walk 1: The Art Walk

End of Marino Esplanade to Jervois Terrace car park. Allow **30 minutes** return. Explore the Contemplation public artwork at the Coast Park entrance, interpretive art signage (all along the whole trail) and community mosaics at Jervois Terrace, near the Marino Rocks Café. The section from Jervois Terrace to the viewing platform is equal access.

Level – easy (no steps).

Walk 2: The Murto Gully Walk

Jervois Terrace to Cove Road car park (opposite Marion Conservation Park). Allow **25 minutes** for first section return trip (no steps and equal access) or allow **40 minutes** for the whole return trip. If you are fit and eager, climb down (and up!) the 95 steep steps to the beach at Murto Gully – and add at least another **20 minutes** to your return trip time.

Level – ranges from easy (equal access section) to hard (steps).

Walk 3: The Kurnabinna Walk

Cove Road car park to Kurnabinna Gully (end of Kurnabinna Terrace). Allow **90 minutes** return. If you go down the steps at Kurnabinna Gully to explore the rocky foreshore, add another **20 minutes** to your return trip time.

Level – moderate (less steps than Murto Gully).

Walk 4: The Geology Circuit

This walk loops from the Boatshed Café (north end of Heron Way) via the cliff-top and glacial striations to Fryer St Reserve, and then back past the Sugar Loaf and Amphitheatre through the Hallett Cove Conservation Park. The geological features are of international significance, recording an ice-age 280 million years ago, whilst the whole area dates back to over 600 million. It provides a fascinating walk through Earth's far distant past. Allow **70 minutes** to complete the circuit.

Level – easy/moderate (some steps).

Walk 5: The Headland Walk

Start at the southern end of Heron Way and walk to Hallett Cove Headland and back via the Field River mouth. Allow **1 hour** return. Watch out for areas of remnant vegetation and some rare plants, such as *Eucalyptus porosa* 'Mallee Box' and *Hakea rugosa* 'Dwarf Hakea', as well as extensive indigenous replanting. Don't miss the spectacular views looking north up the coast from the Headland.

Level – hard, for experienced walkers.

Walk 6: The Marion Coast Park Walk

You would need to be fairly fit to tackle the whole length of the Coast Park. Start at the end of Marino Esplanade, or from Hallett Cove – it's a great work out! Allow **2.5 – 3 hours** one way (7.2 km).

Level – hard, for experienced walkers.



Native Coastal Plants

The following coastal plants are indigenous to the Marino to Hallett Cove coastal area and are recommended for garden plantings.

For more information on what plant species are suitable for the Adelaide metropolitan area, including coastal gardens, visit www.urbanforest.on.net



Vanilla Lily
(*Arthropodium strictum*)



Twining Glycine
(*Glycine rubiginosa*)



Blue-grass Lily
(*Caesia calliantha*)



Milkmaids
(*Burchardia umbellata*)



Yellow Tails
(*Ptilotus nobilis*)



Photography by Jerry Smith

On the cliffs

The cliffs along the Marion coastline contain coastal heathlands. Dense shrubs of Turpentine Bush and Shining Ground Berry grow as a tightly packed thicket. They live with a myriad of smaller herbaceous wildflowers, lilies, daisies, pea-flowers and fan-flowers, which grow on the ground underneath and twining over the shrubs. In spring when the wildflowers bloom, a walk along the coast can reveal a sea of colour from flowers such as Vanilla Lily, Twining Glycine, Blue-grass Lily, Yellow Tails and the Milkmaids.

On the beach

Rocky beaches along Marion's coastline are different to the sandy beaches further north. They provide a different habitat for creatures that are not found in the sandy areas. Numerous endangered birds use this rocky shore. For example, the Rare Darter and Sooty Ostyercatcher are often spotted on the rocks foraging for food in the water. The Rare Rock Parrot is also occasionally found in the area, and Peregrine Falcons can be seen flying over the cliffs and shore.

In the water

The rocky reefs of the southern coastline are special. Up to 85 per cent of South Australian marine species are endemic (unique to the area). This is significant when compared to the Great Barrier Reef, which only has 15 per cent endemic species. Geographically, South Australia is at the centre of both eastern and western oceanographic influences, contributing to the high endemism. Keep your eyes peeled and you might catch a glimpse of dolphins, the Australian Sea-lion or even a shark.



Scan the QR Code for more information about the types of coastal plants you might find on your walk.

Local groups involved in caring for the coast:



- › Friends of Marino Conservation Park – Ph: 0499 933 331
- › Friends of Hallett Cove Conservation Park – Ph: (08) 8381 8029
- › Friends of the Lower Field River – Ph: 0466 529 538
- › Reefwatch – Ph: (08) 8223 5155
- › Trees for Life – Ph: (08) 8406 0500

For further information, please contact the City of Marion. Ph: (08) 8375 6600 or www.marion.sa.gov.au