

Adventures in AMERICAN RIVER



Coming to Kangaroo Island for a holiday?

Make sure you visit **AMERICAN RIVER** and **PELICAN LAGOON**.

There's so many **ADVENTURES** to go on!

a day of WALKING

American River is a great place for those who enjoy **WALKING**. There are trails throughout the township along the edge of the calm waters. You can observe pelicans, black swans and other aquatic bird life. Great for kids riding bikes!

The **FISH CANNERY WALKING TRAIL** is a 4 km trail filled with Bush, Birds and Beach. Keep your eye open for a rare Glossy Black Cockatoo.

There is also the **INDEPENDENCE TRAIL** which is a 3.6 km trail with good paths and lovely views. Great for those who like to have a jog while on holiday.

a day of HISTORY

Climb to the top of **PROSPECT HILL** to see the view that Matthew Flinders observed when he stood upon the hill in 1802. The climb is worth the effort as it is a stunning view of Kangaroo Island. Have the kids count the steps as they go up!

Pop into the **REBUILDING THE INDEPENDENCE PROJECT** at the Jetty. This volunteer group is re-creating the first vessel ever built in South Australia - the 45ft US Schooner "Independence." The original was built on the banks of an inlet, where now stands the town of American River.

a day of WATER

The **TOWN OF AMERICAN RIVER** is a fun place to go fishing. Throw a line off the jetty or hire a kayak and paddle out into the calm waters. This part of Kangaroo Island is known for catching the prized King George Whiting, Australian Salmon Trout and Blue Swimmer Crabs. There's a lovely kids playground and tennis courts by the wharf.

Visit **PENNINGTON BAY** for a surf, boogie board, fish and stunning views. It's a magic beach. Drive out to **FLOUR CASK BAY** for a wild beach adventure. Make sure to visit **RED BANKS BEACH** for a view of the very unique cliffs. You'll soon understand why this beach got its name!

a day of EXPERIENCES

American River is home to the **THE OYSTER FARM SHOP AND TOURS**. Kangaroo Island Shellfish farms Pacific and native Angasi oysters. Their oyster sheds are located on the American River wharf. The Oyster Farm Shop located across the road showcasing Island Aquaculture and Sustainable Seafood including local Oysters, Marron, Abalone, King George Whiting and smoked produce. They offer a really interesting land based farm tour which happens daily from the wharf.

KANGAROO ISLAND LIVING HONEY offers a "Beekeeping Experience". You suit up and go through a live bee hive at their property on Florence Road.

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GREAT FOOD OPTIONS!

Visit one of these local spots for a tasty treat.

BEACH BARISTA

Breakfast, Lunch, Coffees
Pennington Bay and Prospect Hill

THE AMERICAN RIVER POST OFFICE AND GENERAL STORE

Snacks, Groceries and Bottle Shop
ATM Services at counter
Fill up your water bottles for free!

THE SHED

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday Dinner
Run by the Community and Sports Organisation
Fully Licensed

FLAVOURS OF PETITE PROVENCE

Farm Gate Shop
Florence Road

THE DECK CAFE AT THE WHARF

Breakfast, Lunch
Fully Licensed

GLOSSY BLACK RESTAURANT AT WANDERERS REST

Breakfast and Dinner
Fully Licensed

REFLECTIONS RESTAURANT AT THE MERCURE

Breakfast and Dinner
Fully Licensed

KI TRUE THAI

Thursday Night Dinner and Live Music
Old Salt Lake Road
Fully Licensed

THE OYSTER FARM SHOP

Lunch and Tours
Fully Licensed

FOR SPECIAL GIFTS:

BOOMERBANK GALLERY

Found objects sculptor and hat designer unite in a beautiful private studio on Pelican Lagoon.

MB STONER ART GLASS STUDIO

"Bernie" Stoner is a legendary glass artist. His Pelican Lagoon Studio is open by appointment. Go see his marbles!

INTERESTING BITS ABOUT AMERICAN RIVER

DRAGON BOATING

American River is home to the Kangaroo Island Dragon Boat team. You'll see them out paddling on Wednesdays and Sundays. One of their hand painted boats is on display by the campground.

FERAL CATS, FERALS END

Feral cats are a real problem on Kangaroo Island. The island is free of rabbits and foxes but since cats were introduced in 1844 the feral population has grown to an estimated 5000. The cats have decimated wildlife and are threatening the island's sheep industry with disease.

Barry Green, an environmentalist, has been trapping, skinning and tanning the hides of feral cats on Kangaroo Island for the past 25 years. You can visit his home and purchase his 'cat' gifts and

local jams at the end of Trethewey Court.

PELICAN LAGOON

Pelican Lagoon is a conservation park which is 449 hectares and lies immediately to the south of the town of American River. It consists of land on the peninsula of the north side of the tidal inlet of Pelican Lagoon as well as five islets within the inlet itself. It includes woodland, scrub and heath formations as well as wetland vegetation and adjoins samphire mudflats, providing habitat for several species of woodland and wetland birds and other animals.

Boating and fishing are not allowed in this area.

JOHNSONS AIR STRIP

American River has its very own light aircraft airstrip located at Muston Heights, just on the hill before you drive into the township.

GLOSSY BLACK COCKATOOS are often seen in American River



SORRY, BUT THERE ARE NO PETROL STATIONS IN AMERICAN RIVER.

Make sure to fill up in Pennesshaw, Kingscote, Parndana, Island Beach or Vivonne Bay.