



Roonka Water Activity Centre

McBean Pound, SA 5357
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INFORMATION

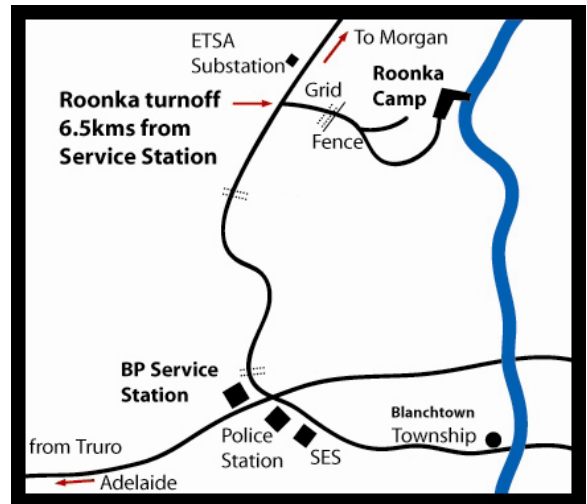
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Directions to Roonka

Roonka is located north of Blanchetown on the banks of the River Murray. Follow the signs on left from the BP Service Station at Blanchetown towards Morgan.

Blanchetown is 134kms from Adelaide along the Sturt Highway.

Travel time of approximately 100-130 minutes from Adelaide.



To assist in maintaining the camp and for the comfort of all occupants, the following rules apply:

Camping areas: camping is only allowed in the designated camping areas south of Kitchen 1.

Billabong: This is for canoeing and rafting (scouts only) and usually not used for swimming due shallow water.

Boundaries: Campers and visitors must keep within Roonka fenced boundaries.

Camp Fires: FIRE RESTRICTIONS USUALLY APPLY FROM 1ST NOVEMBER TO 31ST MARCH EACH YEAR (it is subject to change each year).

Two camp fire locations are available for use depending on the time of year and weather conditions. Please discuss these with the Duty Warden/Caretaker. Bring your own wood if possible. Fees apply for wood purchased on-site but supplies are limited.

Canoe Hire: Treat canoes with care as they damage easily. Rinse them inside and out using the hoses on the lawn before returning to storage. Buoyancy Safety vests provided must be worn at all times when canoeing.

Camp site courtesy: all campers are asked to respect the privacy of others. You are requested not to run through camp or caravan sites or cooking/bbq areas of other campers. We ask you to reduce all noise after 10.30pm to allow fellow campers to enjoy a peaceful night's sleep.

Cleaning Up: Campers: before leaving you will be required to clean your campsite and other facilities you have used, including Kitchen/Dining Rooms, Bunkhouses and ablution facilities. Follow the clean-up procedure listed at each facility. Roonka is a site developed and improved for your use over many years by dedicated volunteers. We request that you do your part to assist us in maintaining the property for everyone to enjoy.

Dogs: These are only permitted on a leash and under strict control at all times. Failure to control dogs and collect any faeces etc may cause removal from the Roonka campsite. Any dog found in nearby stock paddocks can expect to receive an adverse reaction from the farmer and camper and pet may be asked to leave the campsite.

Fees: Pay the Warden/Caretaker prior to departure with either cash, cheque or credit card (small additional charge applies). **EFTPOS facilities not available.**

Flying Fox: We now have our new double line flying fox in operation across the billabong.

Water Slide: our new waterslide into the River is now available for use

Mobile phone/TV coverage: mobile phone coverage is very limited and TV reception is not available.

Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone: Roonka is located within the Riverland Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone. Only fruit and vegetables purchased within South Australia, accompanied by a detailed store purchase docket, may be brought into the area. Random roadside checks may occur, so please ensure you bring proof-of-purchase to avoid loss of your fresh foodstuffs. Further information may be sought from the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010.

Motor Vehicles: Car Park provided. No vehicles are allowed to park on the riverfront, in or around campsites. Speed limit is 10 KPH.

Rubbish: Bins are provided around the site for small rubbish. For bulk disposal, place rubbish bags in the rubbish bin trailer at the rear of the Wardens Cottage. Please assist us to recycle by separating bottles, cans, paper and cardboard from rubbish and deposit them in the containers by the Kitchen/Dining Rooms or at the rear of the Wardens Cottage.

Swimming: The river with its jetty area, water slide and boat ramp is the only area for this activity. For your safety we ask all swimmers to wear PFD's/buoyancy vests and **strongly recommend all youth be supervised at all times in or near the water.**

Water: Limited rainwater is available for drinking only from various tanks. All other taps supply river water which is only suitable for washing. Camp users may wish to bring their own drinking water due to the limited and varying quality of the on-site rainwater.

What to bring with you: Bedding / sleeping bag (plastic sheet for bed wetters), pillow, towels and personal toiletries, dish washing liquid, steel wool/scourers, sponge /cloths, tea towels, food and drinks, matches, First Aid Kit, drinking water (see water note above). Toilet rolls are provided.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

POLICE/AMBULANCE/FIRE 000

Roonka Duty Warden cottage 08 8540 5104

Waikerie Public Hospital 08 8541 2300

Blanchetown Police 08 8540 5013

State Emergency Services 08 8540 5000 (Blanchetown)