

# Adventures in AMERICAN RIVER



*Coming to Kangaroo Island for a holiday?*

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

There's **SO MUCH** to see and do!

## *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. 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. There is also an excellent playground for the kids and tennis courts just next to the jetty.

## *a day of* **WATER**

The **TOWN OF AMERICAN RIVER** is a fun place to go fishing. Hire a local fishing charter, 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.

Visit **PENNINGTON BAY** for a surf, boogie board 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* **TASTING**

American River is home to the **THE OYSTER FARM SHOP**. 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.

There are a variety of cafes and restaurants in **AMERICAN RIVER**. See the reverse side for a full list of options.

**GLOSSY BLACK COCKATOOS**  
are often seen in  
American River





# GREAT FOOD OPTIONS!

Visit one of these local spots for a tasty treat.

## BEACH BARISTA

Breakfast, Lunch, Coffees  
Pennington Bay

## FLAVOURS OF PETITE PROVENCE

Produce and Farm Stall  
Florence Road

## GLOSSY BLACK RESTAURANT AT WANDERERS REST

Breakfast and Dinner  
Fully Licensed

## KI TRUE THAI

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

## 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 DECK CAFE

Breakfast, Lunch  
Fully Licensed

## THE MERCURE

Breakfast and Dinner  
Fully Licensed

## THE OYSTER FARM SHOP

Lunch and Tours  
Fully Licensed

## THE SHED

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

## FOR SPECIAL GIFTS: BOOMERBANK GALLERY

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

## DRIFT ON BLISS

Stock up on Artisan Soap & Candles  
all hand poured on KI. Learn traditional  
African Drumming and buy a  
hand-made drum.

## INTERESTING BITS ABOUT AMERICAN RIVER

### DRAGON BOATING

American River is home to the Kangaroo Island Dragon Boat team. You'll see them out padding 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.

**SORRY, BUT THERE ARE NOT ANY PETROL STATIONS IN AMERICAN RIVER.**

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

RED BANKS BEACH

AMERICAN RIVER

ISLAND BEACH

PELICAN LAGOON

FLOUR CASK BAY

PENNINGTON BAY

PENNESAW

**AMERICAN RIVER**  
is a 30 minute drive to Penneshaw and a 30 minute drive to Kingscote.  
**NICE AND CENTRAL!**