

Discover LOXTON

MOOROOK & KINGSTON-ON-MURRAY



1. THE LOXTON INSTITUTE – VISITOR, LIBRARY & HISTORY SERVICES

Visit the Loxton Institute for extensive local knowledge and information. Located in the heart of Loxton's main street in the historic building, it's within walking distance of major tourist attractions. The Institute offers regional produce, local art, souvenirs, and crafts for sale, along with history displays, a children's area, printing and computing services, meeting rooms, and the public library collection.



2. TOWN FOUNTAIN

The town fountain, unveiled in 1991, features six copper plaques depicting life in the district throughout history.

3. HISTORY BOARDS

A pictorial history of Loxton and the surrounding district is showcased on 27 large double-sided boards lining a paved walkway in the middle of the town's main street. It includes almost 130 photographs and

explanatory text, the boards feature information on the town's Aboriginal, farming, sporting and wartime history.

4. ROTUNDA

Standing proudly in the middle of Loxton's main street, this rotunda was built in honour of the local soldiers who lost their lives in World Wars I and II, Korea, Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam. The ceramic tiles surrounding the rotunda, designed by artist Stephen Bowers, depict the Riverland environment.



5. LOXTON HOTEL

The original single-storey hotel was built in 1908, with a second storey added just over a decade later. The hotel officially became community-owned in 1946 and supports many local sporting teams and organizations. In addition to accommodation, the hotel's bistro and 1908 café provide meals and cater events. 08 8584 7266 www.loxtonhotel.com.au

6. STURT MEMORIAL & STAIRCASE

Standing tall at the end of East Terrace, this monument marks Captain Charles Sturt's passing through the region on January 30th, 1830 during his exploration of the Murray River. A staircase connects this area to the riverfront below, providing views of the River Murray and town wharf.

TOWN MURALS

Discover the vibrant street art of Loxton with its stunning murals, displayed at various locations throughout the town. These works showcase the incredible talent of local artists, transforming everyday spaces into colourful displays of art. More artworks are on the way, so grab a copy of the Loxton Art Trail brochure to explore all the artistic gems waiting for you.



7. LOXTON'S PEPPER TREE

There is more than one version of the 'pepper tree story'. However, it is possible this tree was planted in 1878 from peppercorns collected by Bookpurnong Station boundary rider William Charles Loxton. William Loxton lived at this site from 1878 to 1881, when the area was known as 'Loxton's Hut'. This eventually became the town of Loxton.

8. LOXTON APEX PARK, TOWN WHARF AND PING PONG TABLE

This grassed area, with barbeque and shaded seating areas is a popular picnic spot for locals and visitors. The riverfront walking trail winds past this point, while directly across the River Murray is Katarapko Island. Test your skills at the riverfront outdoor ping-pong table, which was painted by local artist Lyn Anstey.



9. LOXTON HISTORICAL VILLAGE

Featuring more than 45 buildings and exhibits – including a church, Institute and working irrigation block – this outdoor museum showcases pioneering life in the district. Open Tuesday to Sunday, the museum volunteers also host special 'Alive Days' throughout the year showcasing market stalls, blacksmithing demonstrations, shearing, baking and much more. 08 8584 7194 www.thevillageloxton.com.au

10. TOWN BOAT RAMP AREA, SNAKE ISLAND & RIVERFRONT EXERCISE TRAIL

The town boat ramp and pontoon is a popular launch spot for watersports and swimmers. There are barbeque and seating

facilities, along with toilets and parking. To the right is a section of the riverfront known by locals as 'Snake Island', which can be accessed via a foot bridge. There is seating on the island and a short trail, while nearby is a raised, concreted fishing spot allowing wheelchair access to the riverfront. The riverfront exercise trail also stretches along this location. The Saranya Parker Walk, which weaves through native riverfront bushland also starts from near this point.



11. MURRAY RIVER QUEEN

Launched in 1974, the Murray River Queen was then the largest vessel on the Murray River. She remains the largest side-wheel paddle boat and the third-largest vessel ever to navigate the Murray. Now moored in Loxton, the boat is a boutique hotel providing accommodation and dining options.



12. LIONS PARK, PUMP TRACK & TREE OF KNOWLEDGE

Within the Lions Park, there are barbeques and shelter, along with toilets and a playground. A challenging pump track will test the skills of cyclists and scooter riders, while the main feature of the park is the large River Red Gum known as the Tree of Knowledge. The flood levels are posted along the tree trunk, providing a guide on how high the Murray River was in various times of flood.

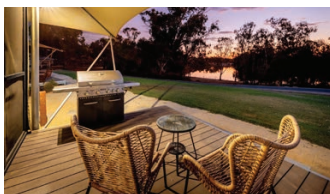


13. BIG PELICAN

The Pelican started its life as a float in the Loxton Mardi Gras parade during the late 1970s and now sits proudly near the Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park.

14. PACKARD BEND

This stretch of river is named after the government surveyor Francis Joseph Packard who sadly drowned here in 1866 while surveying the eastern border of South Australia. Dotted with large gums, the riverbank here is a popular fishing, camping and swimming spot.



15. LOXTON RIVERFRONT HOLIDAY PARK

Nestled on the banks of the Murray River in a quiet location, the park has a range of accommodation options ranging from powered and unpowered camping sites, RV parking, cabins and glamping tents. There are lawn areas, a playground, a camp kitchen and barbecues also available. 08 8584 7862 www.loxtonholidaypark.com.au

16. MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK

The track features exciting steep drops and plenty of twists and turns. There is a viewing area with seating at the start of the track, in addition to a small warm-up track by the car park.



17. 'HEAVEN' CLIFFTOP VIEWPOINT

Referred to as 'heaven' by locals, this clifftop viewpoint above Habel's Bend provides a vantage point to look out along the Murray River. Directly across the river is Katarapko Island, part of the Murray River National Park, and to the right is the Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park. The viewpoint area is spacious and features shade structures, seating and lighting.

18. HABEL'S LANDING

Named after local pioneering farmer Wilhelm E. Habel who settled nearby in the 1890s, the landing is a popular houseboat mooring and fishing spot. Nearby Reinhard Habel's Homestead is still standing and is currently a private home.

19. PIONEER LANDING DRIVE GRAVES

At the junction of Pioneer Landing Drive and Kingston Road stand the historic gravestones marking the resting place of two children from local pioneering farming families.



20. BMX TRACK

This off-road track can be accessed from the road near the lawn tennis courts and features some challenging corners and a large hill. Seating and parking available.

21. LOXTON DOG PARK

A fully fenced, lawn environment where dogs can safely explore and exercise off-leash.



27. 'THE PINES' LOXTON'S HISTORIC HOUSE AND GARDEN

This historic home, its contents and the extensive gardens were bequeathed to the people of Loxton by the late Ella Kingdon. The large gardens are always open and visitors are invited to wander through. Guided house tours are available Sundays at 2pm or by appointment. 0437 169 853 www.thepinesloxton.com



30. LOXTON SKATE PARK

This large and challenging concrete skate park is suitable for skateboards, scooters or bikes. There is a nearby shade shelter, barbecue facilities and plenty of parking spaces.



31. MILL CORNER HISTORICAL PARK

Formerly a sharp bend in Bookpurnong Road known as Mill Corner (after the nearby Flour Mill), this area now showcases memorials to moments in the district's history. A short pathway begins at the large 'Counterbalance' structure. Commissioned to acknowledge Loxton's Centenary of Proclamation in 2007, each of the sculptures' 10 glass plates represent each decade. The sculpture also points directly north, acting as a large sundial during the day. To the left is the Loxton Railway Memorial, which marks the significant role rail played in the Northern Mallee, particularly for broadacre agriculture. There is a shelter, timeline storyboards, railway lines and phone 'pill box' at the site to commemorate both the railway workers and those early settlers who utilised the service. Beyond that to the right is the Avro Anson Crash Memorial, a replica W2481 aircraft display honouring the four RAAF members who died when their plane crashed at nearby Noora, east of Loxton, during a navigational training flight from Nhill to Mildura in 1943.



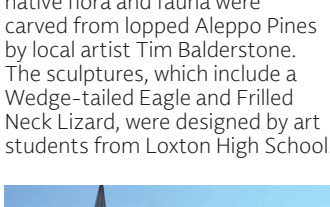
22. COMMUNITY CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE PARK & MINI SILO ART TRAIL

This 800m trail weaves past an early homestead ruin, garden beds and trees, plus historical information on the various Murray River levels and the town's location bridging the Riverland and Mallee. The park also features a Mini Silo Art Trail with 7 recycled concrete irrigation pipes painted by local artist Jarrod Loxton.



25. LOXTON RSL MILITARY HISTORY DISPLAY, TREE CARVING DIGGER AND MURAL

Located within the Loxton RSL, this display features a number of photographs, uniforms, badges and other memorabilia, along with honour rolls from the surrounding districts. A mural showing various scenes of war adorns the outside walls of the building. Standing to attention at the front of the building is a digger carved from a pine tree that once stood at this site. It was carved by local artist Tim Baulderstone, who also created the flora and fauna carvings on Bookpurnong Terrace. Open Wednesdays 9.30am to 4pm or by arrangement. 0473 364 881



26. LOXTON PIONEER PLAYGROUND

Catering for a wide range of ages, this playground features free barbeque facilities, sheltered seating, toilets and within short walking distance to cafes and dining. A stand-out piece of equipment is the ps Jolly Miller, a 15-metre high climbing frame with two slides. A double flying fox, bike track, Neos electronic game and wheelchair accessible carousel are highlights.

24. ST PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

This imposing Gothic building, constructed in the 1920s, is still in use. The cast iron church bell was

made in Germany and gifted to the congregation by the Anderson family. 08 8584 5522 www.stpetersloxton.church



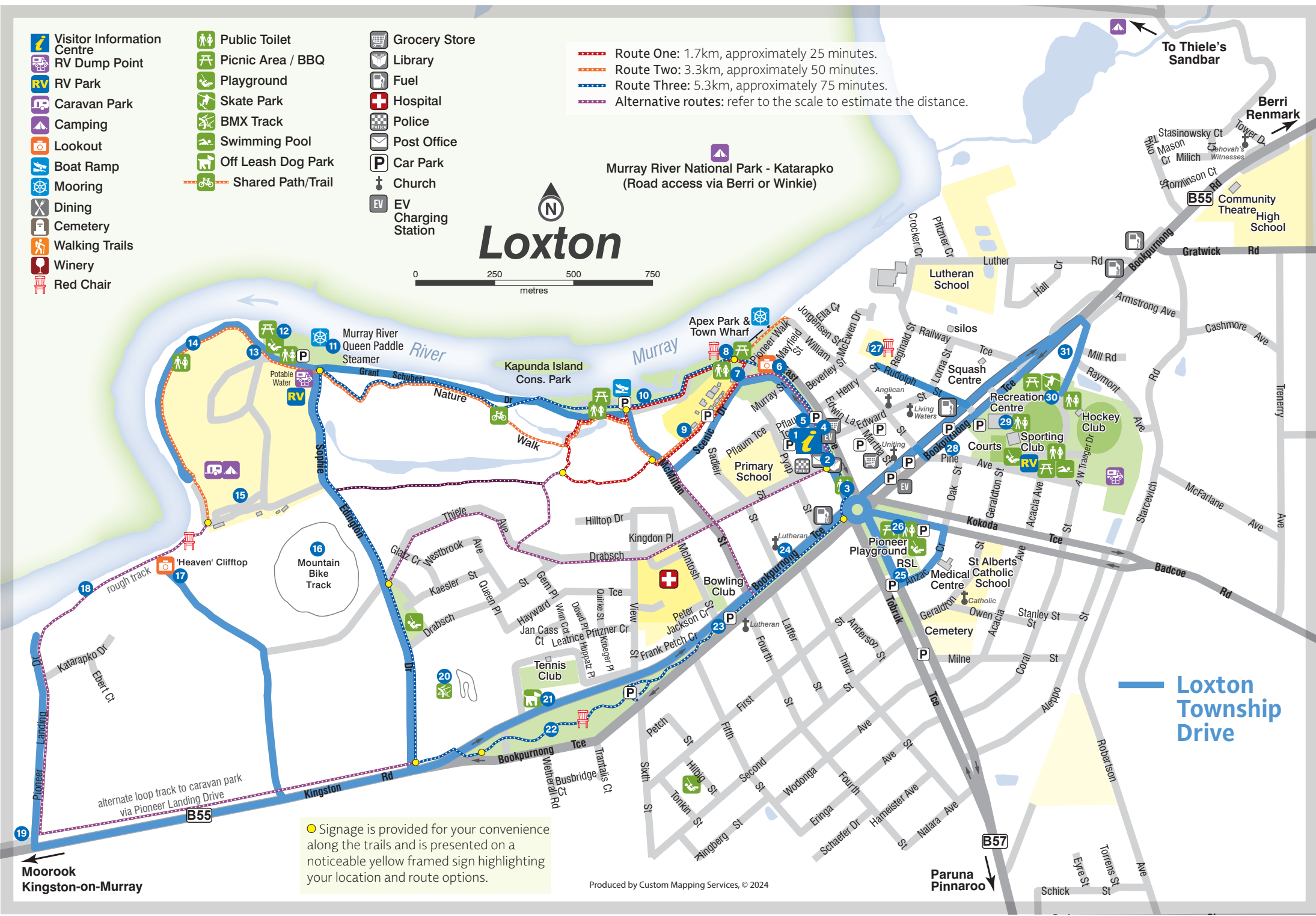
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LOXTON NORTH, MOOROOK, KINGSTON-ON-MURRAY AND SURROUNDS



1. LOXTON GOLF COURSE 
Rated one of the best country courses in SA, this 18-hole turf course is open 7 days per week. Visitors are welcome to play a round or use the powered caravan sites and clubroom facilities. 08 8584 1490



2. LOXTON NORTH
A predominately fruit growing area, the community boasts apple orchards, vineyards, citrus groves and almond plantations. The Loxton North School caters for preschool-year 7 and the adjoining Loxton North Sporting Club is home to the Panthers football and netball clubs. The club is open to the public for meals most Friday evenings. In addition to the oval and netball/tennis courts there is also a BMX track and playground at the sporting grounds.



3. CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND
Christmas Wonderland has been a jewel in the Loxton Lights Festival crown since beginning as a private display by local man Peter Mangelsdorf in 1985. Now run by a team of community volunteers and located at the Loxton North sporting precinct, this impressive festive display operates from the last Saturday in November to New Years Eve.



4. LOCK 4
Visitors can watch boats pass by along the Murray River from the lawns beside Lock 4. The Lock operates from 8am–11.30am and 1–4.30pm every day (except Christmas Day). There are free barbecue facilities and a lawn picnic area available for use.



5. BOOKPURNONG CHURCH AND CEMETERY 
This historic 100 years old church was officially dedicated on 7th September 1924. The first Lutheran services in the Bookpurnong area prior to this were held at the homes of Pioneers in 1900. By 1901 the first church, made of pine slabs, swamp clay and sand was built and held services. In 1912 a joint use school and church was built to accommodate the growing congregation and by 1924 it was expanded yet again to the structure you see today. The nearby cemetery has been in use since 1922 and regular services are still held at the church. 08 8584 5522



6. KAESLER LANDING CEMETERY 
This small cemetery was used prior to the opening of the nearby Bookpurnong Lutheran Church Cemetery and contains several marked and unmarked graves.



7. RILLI RESERVE 
This area provides public access to the Murray River, a sealed boat ramp and nearby free camping spots.

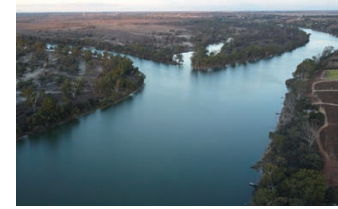
8. STASINOWSKY LANDING AND LOXTON PUMPING STATION
A short trail from the car park leads down to a seated area shaded by gum trees. This area was once owned by the family of Fred Stasinowsky, a local pioneer. The Loxton Pumping Station, which was opened in 1949, can be seen on the right, while the landing is directly below.



9. THIELE'S SANDBAR 
Close to town and located on the banks of the Murray River, this is a popular spot for camping, fishing and swimming with locals and visitors alike. Free camping is available. Please note, this is a dry weather track only.



10. MILICH'S LANDING AND DAISY BATES RESERVE
Pioneering midwife Ernestine Pauline Milich helped deliver more than 200 babies in the 1900s, including 14 of her own children. A memorial stands at the landing to honour her work in local medicine. The Landing was previously named after journalist Daisy Bates, who was living at Pyap in the 1930s when she wrote her book The Passing of the Aborigines. Her old campsite is marked with a plaque and the area



11. KATARAPKO CREEK MOUTH
Visible directly across stream of the Milich's Landing boat ramp, the creek mouth can be accessed by boat from this point, or by vehicle from near Winkie, via the Murray River National Park. There are many canoeing, camping and fishing spots along the creek, which carves its way through Katarapko Island. www.parks.sa.gov.au



12. PYAP AND THE JOLLY MILLER PADDLEBOAT (SUBMERGED)
When travelling along Goodes Road, the Pyap Hall can be seen on the left, while the old pumping station smokestack is visible to the right. Further up the road is the resting place of the ps Jolly Miller, the first iron steamer constructed in South Australia. The Jolly Miller transported supplies to isolated river settlements for nearly 50 years until it was submerged at Pyap in the 1920s.



13. WHISTLING KITE BIODYNAMIC WINES 
Ranging from traditional Chardonnay and Shiraz varieties, to alternative Montepulciano and Petit Manseng, Whistling Kite takes great pride in its organic wines. Open by appointment or check the winery's website and Facebook page for upcoming events. 08 8584 9014 www.whistlingkitewines.com.au



14. NEW RESIDENCE
The smallest of the Murray River village settlements established in the 1890s, New Residence is situated at Seven Mile Reach, the longest straight stretch of the Murray River. The original Lutheran Church is still in use and the nearby school building still stands.



15. YATCO LAGOON
This large wetland comprises two main water bodies and is home to many different bird species. It is a picturesque spot, ideal for canoeing and fishing.

The streets in the Loxton district form a unique living war memorial, with around 50 roads named after World War II battlefields, Victoria Cross recipients (1920–1969), and South Australian military nurses who died in service. Created by soldier settlers in the 1950s and starting with roads in the Loxton North area, the tribute has since grown. A commemorative plaque listing all names can be found at the Loxton Soldiers Memorial Rotunda in East Terrace.



16. MOOROOK 
The town's shady riverbank is a popular spot for camping, with free barbecues, seating and toilets. Camping sites are unpaved, and fees can be paid via an automatic on-site pay station. A maximum 7-night stay applies. The mural on the general store across the road, painted by local artist Jarrod Loxton, depicts the historical PS Marion and river life in the district. Across from the town's bowling green is the Moorook and District Club, which serves meals and has a playground. 08 7522 6104 www.facebook.com/moorookanddistrictclub



19. KINGSTON-ON-MURRAY BRIDGE LOOKOUT AND STURT MEMORIAL 
This lookout provides scenic views over the Murray River's backwaters and the bridge that carries traffic along the Sturt Highway. The lookout also marks the spot where Captain Charles Sturt and his crew rowed past during their 1830 exploration of the Murray River.



20. KINGSTON-ON-MURRAY 
Settled in the 1890s as part of the river village settlement scheme, the town had 'On-Murray' added to it to distinguish it from Kingston in the State's South East. The town's caravan park is on the water's edge and close to the town's boat ramp, an ideal place to launch off on a guided boat tour or canoe the nearby Nockburra and Chambers Creeks and explore the Loch Luna Game Reserve. This quiet stretch of Murray is also popular for water sports and fishing.



21. Murray River National Park Kingston-on-Murray Campground
Part of the Murray River National Park, Kingston-on-Murray Campground offers quiet, bush-style camping with river access and no facilities—just a fire ring at each of the four sites. It's close to Kingston-on-Murray township. Ideal for tents, swags, caravans, and camper trailers, the site is perfect for canoeing Chambers Creek and spotting native wildlife. Dogs are allowed on leashes. Fires are permitted in fire rings outside the fire danger season—bring your own wood and take your rubbish home. Camping permits are available online. www.parks.sa.gov.au



RIVER RED CHAIRS

Discover hidden treasures, beautiful views and interesting new places from the seat of one of the district's River Red Chairs. Snap a selfie on the chair and post it to social media using the hashtag **#riverredchairs**



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