

Drive – Loxton Township

Discover LOXTON

Moorook and Kingston-on-Murray



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1 Loxton Library and Visitor Centre & Town Fountain [E3]

For extensive local knowledge and information on things to do, places to visit, brochures, maps and souvenirs, drop by the Loxton Library and Visitor Centre. The Centre is ideally located in the heart of Loxton's main street and is walking distance to several of the town's major tourism attractions. Immediately outside the building is the town fountain, which features six copper plaques depicting life in the district throughout history.



2 Rotunda [E3]

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.



3 Loxton Hotel [E3]

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 provides meals and caters events. P 08 8584 7266 www.loxtonhotel.com.au

4 Sturt Memorial [E2]

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. Overlooking the River Murray and town wharf, this is an ideal picnic spot.

5 Loxton's Pepper Tree [D2]

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.



6 Loxton Apex Park & Town Wharf [D2]

This grassed area, with barbecue and shaded seating areas is a popular picnic spot for locals and visitors. The river front walking trail winds past this point, while directly across the River Murray is Katarapko Island.

7 The Loxton Historical Village [D3]

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. P 08 8584 7194 www.thevillageloxton.com.au

8 Town Boat Ramp Area [D3]

The town boat ramp and pontoon is a popular launch spot for watersports and swimmers. There are barbecue 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 footbridge. There is seating on the island and a short trail, while nearby is a raised, concreted fishing spot allowing wheelchair access to the riverfront.



9 Lions Park & Tree of Knowledge [B2]

Within the Lions Park, there are barbecues and shelter, along with toilets and a playground. 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.



10 Big Pelican [B2]

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.



11 Packard Bend [A2]

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.

12 Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park [B3]

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, and cabins. There are lawn areas, a playground, a camp kitchen and barbecues also available. P 08 8584 7862 www.loxtonholidaypark.com.au



13 'Heaven' Clifftop Viewpoint [A4]

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. Directly below the cliff, on the banks of Habel's Bend, are a pair of the River Red Chairs.

14 Habel's Landing [A4]

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.



15 Pioneer Landing Drive Graves [A5]

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.

16 BMX Track [C4]

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.

17 Loxton Dog Park [C4]

This park provides a fully fenced, lawn environment where dogs can safely explore and exercise off-leash.



18 Community Conservation & Heritage Park [D4]

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.



19 Tree Sculptures [D4]

These 16 sculptures depicting native flora and fauna were carved from lopped Aleppo Pines by local artist Tim Balderstone. The sculptures, which include a Wedge-tailed Eagle and Filled Neck Lizard, were designed by art students from Loxton High School.



20 St Peter's Lutheran Church [E4]

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. Tours of the church can be made by arrangement with the Ministry Centre. P 08 8584 5522 www.stpetersloxton.church



21 Loxton RSL Military History Display, Tree Carving & Mural [E4]

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 at rest 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 Balderstone, who also created the flora and fauna carvings on Bookpurnong Terrace. Open Wednesdays 9.30am to 4pm or by arrangement. P 0414 382 806, 0418 856 727 or 0407 602 140



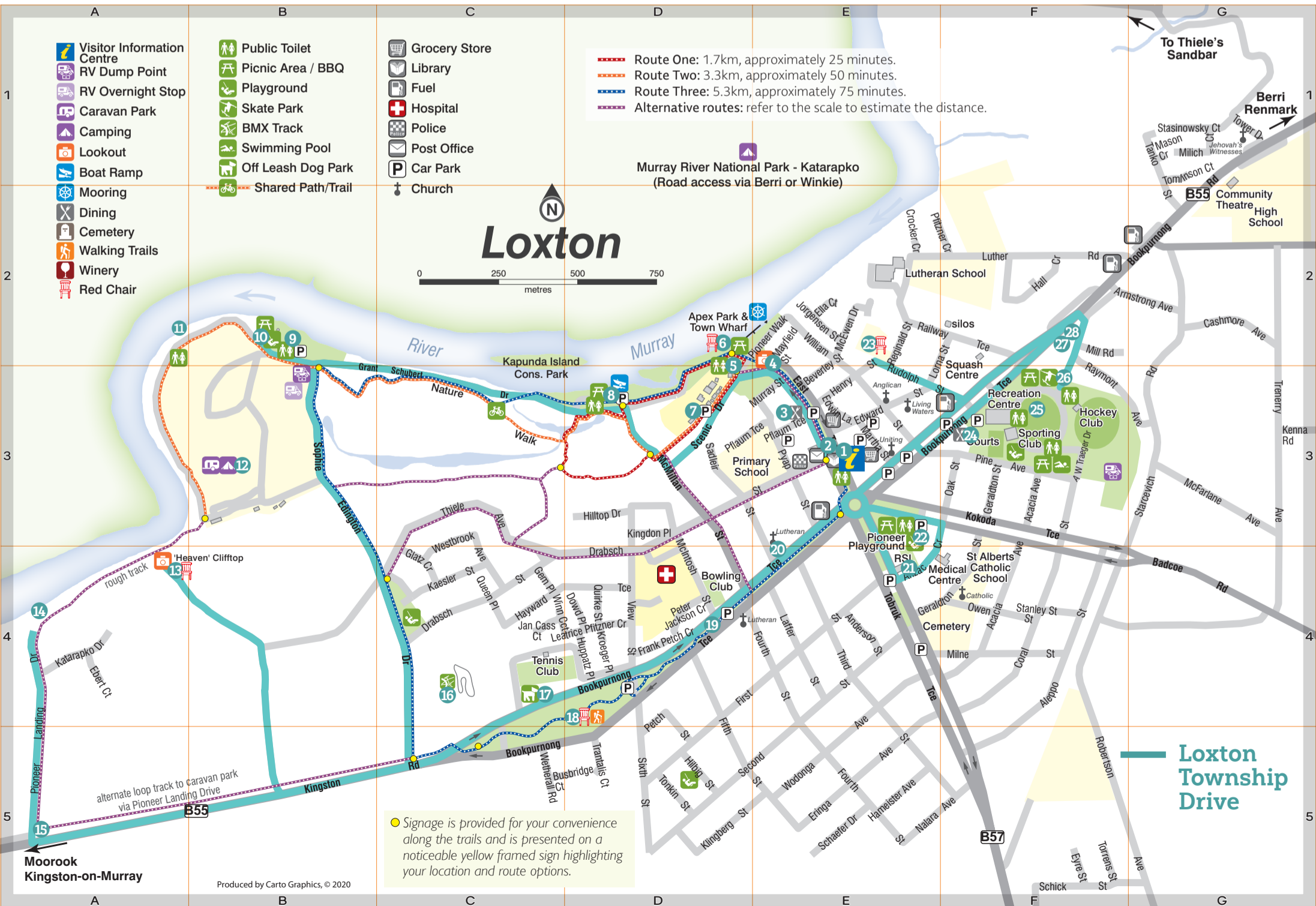
22 Loxton Pioneer Playground [E3]

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



23 'The Pines' Historic House & Garden [E2]

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 on Sundays at 2pm or by appointment. P 0437 169 853 www.thepinesloxton.com



24 Loxton Club Inc [F3]

Established in 1934, this community venue welcomes all and is host to trivia and meal special nights, live music and other functions. A large undercover playground is adjacent to the dining area, along with electronic games and children's TV room. Meals served all week. P 08 8584 7353 www.loxtonclub.com.au



25 Loxton Sporting Grounds [F3]

'The Precinct' is the jewel of the town's sporting crown, featuring a recreation centre with two-indoor multi-use courts, mezzanine with upstairs viewing decks and four outdoor courts. The wider surrounding area also includes the nearby swimming pool and hockey/soccer playing fields, plus the adjoining sporting oval which is also home to the Loxton Gift and annual Loxton Show. The Loxton Sporting Club, home to local sporting memorabilia, is open to the public for meals on Thursday evenings during the winter sporting season.



26 Loxton Skate Park [F3]

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



27 Avro Anson Crash Memorial [F2]

This replica Avro Anson W2481 aircraft display honours 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. The sculpture was crafted by local community members Josh and Abe McIntosh.

28 Counterbalance [F2]

Commissioned to acknowledge Loxton's Centenary of Proclamation in 2007, each of the sculptures' 10 glass plates represent each decade and points directly north, acting as a sundial during the daylight. At nighttime spotlights illuminate the glass panels from below.

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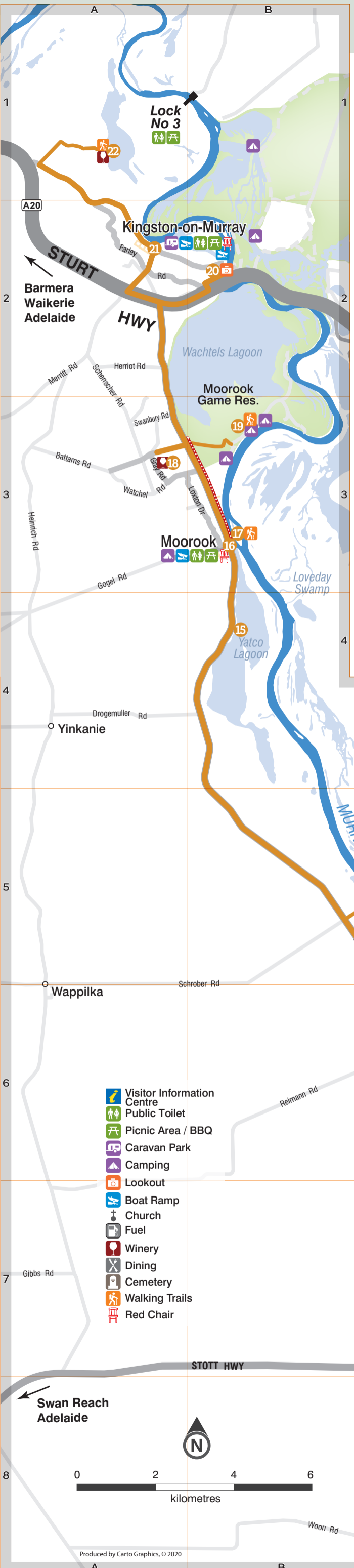
For further information come see us at 25a East Terrace, right in the heart of Loxton's main street

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Loxton North, Lock 4, Moorook and Kingston-on-Murray



1 Loxton Golf Course [G6]
 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.
 P 08 8584 1490
www.loxtongolf.com.au

2 Loxton North [G6]
 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.

3 Lock 4 [F4]
 Visitors can watch boats pass by on the Murray River from the lawns beside Lock 4. The Lock operates from 8–11.30am and 1–4.30pm every day (except Christmas Day). There are free barbecue facilities and a lawn picnic area available for use.

4 Bookpurnong Church & Cemetery [F4] ⚔
 The foundation stone for this historic Lutheran church was laid in 1924. The adjoining cemetery has been in use since before this time. Regular services are still held at the church.

5 Salena Estate Wines / Cucina 837 [F5] ⚔
 A family-owned company, Salena Estate produces a range of award-winning wine varieties, which are available to purchase or taste at their premises. The cellar door is also home to the Cucina 837 restaurant which serves up freshly in-house made pasta and wood oven pizzas alongside traditional antipasto platters.
 P 08 8584 1333
www.salenaestate.com.au

6 Kaesler Landing Cemetery [F6] ⚔
 This small cemetery was used prior to the opening of the nearby Bookpurnong Lutheran Church Cemetery and contains a number of marked and unmarked graves.

7 Rilli Reserve [F6] ⚔
 This area provides public access to the Murray River, a sealed boat ramp and free camping spots.

8 Stasinowsky Landing & Loxton Pumping Station [F6]
 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 [F7]
 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 & Daisy Bates Reserve [D7]
 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 camp site is marked with a plaque and the area is known as Daisy Bates Reserve.

11 Katarapko Creek Mouth [D7]
 Visible directly across stream of the Milich's Landing boat ramp, the creek mouth can be accessed by boat, or by vehicle from near Winkle, 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) [D6]
 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 [C5] ⚔
 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.
 P 08 8584 9014
www.whistlingkitewines.com.au

14 New Residence [B5]
 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 [B4]
 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.

16 Moorook [B3] ⚔
 The town's shady riverbank is a popular spot for camping, with free barbecues, seating and toilets. Camping sites are unpowered 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. The Moorook School, which was built in 1896, still operates today. Across from the town's bowling green is the Moorook and District Club (MAD Bar and Bistro), which serves meals and has a playground.
 P 0432 740 065
www.facebook.com/MADBarandBistro

17 Moorook Kingston-on-Murray Walking Trails [A3] ⚔
 A 20-kilometre walking trail loop joining the towns of Moorook and Kingston-On-Murray is currently under construction. Winding alongside the river and providing wonderful views of the region, people can walk the finished Moorook section of the trail, which begins from the Bowling Club and stretches to the Game Reserve. The entire project is set to be open in 2022 and will be the largest trail of its kind in the region.

18 Mundoo Ridge Wines [A3] ⚔
 Mundoo Ridge Wines prides itself on unique, locally grown and sustainably produced wines from varieties such as Sangiovese, Durif and Montepulciano. Keep an eye on the website for cellar door openings and special events.
 P 0427 194 705
www.mundooridgewines.com.au

19 Moorook Game Reserve & Wachtel's Lagoon [B2-3] ⚔ ⚔
 Fishing, canoeing and camping are popular activities in this Murray River floodplain and swampland area. The Kaliwia Wetland trail is one of several bushwalking trails in the reserve and highlights the wetland and the many animals and birds that call it home. Please note, this is a dry weather track only. Camping permits are available online.
www.parks.sa.gov.au

20 Kingston-on-Murray Bridge Lookout & Sturt Memorial [B2] ⚔
 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.

21 Kingston-on-Murray [A2]
 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.

22 Banrock Station Wine & Wetland Centre [A1] ⚔ ⚔ ⚔
 Overlooking vineyards and providing a panoramic view of the Ramsar listed wetlands, Banrock boasts wine tasting, cellar door sales, an extensive menu in their restaurant and three self-guided walking trails.
 P 08 8583 0299
www.banrockstation.com.au

23 Roadside Produce Stalls
 Keep your eyes peeled while driving around the district for any roadside produce stalls. Operating from driveways, shipping containers, trailers, small sheds and benches, these stalls sell everything from plants to pumpkins, citrus to cacti, and peaches to preserves. Fruit and vegetables are sold on a seasonal basis, so your choices will change depending on what time of the year you visit. The stalls are advertised by signs placed on the road verge and payment is usually via cash in an honesty tin.

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RIVER RED CHAIRS
 Discover hidden treasures, beautiful views and interesting new places from the seat of one of the district's River Red Chairs. Pairs of the bright red seats are set up at eight local landmarks at various locations throughout the Loxton area, on the green at Salena Estate Wines, beside the river at the Moorook boat ramp and at the waterfront at Kingston-on-Murray, across from the general store. Snap a selfie on the chair and post it to social media using the hashtag #riverredchairs

