Mount Lofty Ranges
Forests
Visitor Information

Mount Lofty Ranges Forest Region
ForestrySA's Mount Lofty Ranges Forest is made up of three forest reserves – Mount Crawford, Kuitpo and Second Valley - which cover an area of 29,500ha, extending from the southern end of the Barossa Valley to the bottom of the Fleurieu Peninsula. They are managed as multi-function forests, allowing visitors to enjoy a range of forest-based activities along with the other benefits such as water quality protection, biodiversity conservation and timber production.

Mount Crawford Forest is situated one hours drive from Adelaide, 7km from Williamstown. Mount Crawford is situated 45 minutes drive from Adelaide, near the township of Meadows. Second Valley Forest is situated at the southern end of the Fleurieu Peninsula between Yankalilla and Cape Jervis.

Mountain bike riding – Mawson Network Trails
The Mawson Network Trails are located about 45 minutes drive from Adelaide, in the southern section of the Mount Crawford Forest, in the Cudlee Creek Forest. They are a network of purpose built cross country and downhill mountain bike trails for riders of different levels of experience.
About ForestrySA
ForestrySA manages South Australia’s state-owned plantation resource, which consists primarily of 94,000ha of purpose-planted radiata pine in the Green Triangle and Ranges regions. Log is harvested from these plantations and used to produce sawn timber, pulp, paper, veneer and posts. ForestrySA also maintains a replanting program of about 2,500ha annually.

ForestrySA manages an additional 25,000ha of native forest area for conservation and provides community and recreational facilities within its forest reserves.

It is estimated more than a quarter of a million visitors visit ForestrySA forest reserves each year, to enjoy activities such as walking, bike riding and horse riding, and a diverse range of organised and competitive events, making them a popular place to visit.

Conservation - Native Forest Reserves
The Mount Lofty Ranges Forest contains 14 gazetted Native Forest Reserves covering 7,500ha, which are reserved for the conservation of flora and fauna. These native forests are of high conservation value and contain a rich variety of trees, shrubs, ground cover species and significant habitat for native birds and mammals. Native Forest Reserves are an important resource for scientific research and provide opportunities for activities such as nature study, bird watching and bush walking.

Forest access
Roadways in the Mount Lofty Ranges Forest are maintained by ForestrySA for forest operations such as plantation establishment and tending, logging and fire protection. Some of these roadways provide access to a number of visitor facilities such as picnic areas, campgrounds and trails located within the forests, but most are closed to public vehicle access by gates and barriers or by way of signage. These roads can, however, be used for activities such as bushwalking, cycling and horse riding. Please note that not all roadways will be adequate for your vehicle.

Multi-use trails
Walking, cycling and horse riding are all popular activities in ForestrySA forest areas. The Heysen (walking) and Kidman (horse riding) trails pass through the Mount Crawford and Kuitpo Forests. The Mawson Trail (cycling) also passes through the Mount Crawford and Kuitpo Forests.

Dogs in the forest
Dogs are welcome in plantation forest areas, provided they are kept under direct control at all times and kept on a leash when in picnic areas or near other forest users or wildlife such as kangaroos. To protect native wildlife, dogs and other pets are not permitted in Native Forest Reserves. Please be aware fox baiting programs are undertaken periodically in Native Forest Reserves as part of regional native wildlife protection programs.

Orienteering
A number of permanent orienteering courses have been established within the Mount Crawford and Kuitpo Forests in conjunction with the Orienteering Association of South Australia, providing a solid introduction to this popular activity.

Mawson Network Trails
Mountain bike riding - Jervis

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Camping and forest accommodation
Camping is available at the Chalks and Rocky Paddock Campground (Mount Crawford Forest) and Chookarloo Campground (Kuitpo Forest). The camping season extends from 1 April until 1 December each year. Please obtain a self-issue camping permit from either the Mount Crawford Forest or Kuitpo Forest Information Centres before you set-up.

A number of cottages, houses, huts and shelters are available for hire within the Mount Crawford and Kuitpo Forests. They cater for a range of different user groups, providing an excellent base from which to experience the forests and access other facilities such as multi-use trails. Contact either the Mount Crawford Forest or Kuitpo Forest Information Centres for more information and booking enquiries.

Fossicking
Fossickers have been attracted to the Adelaide Hills for more than 150 years. A fossicker must obtain a permit to fossick on ForestrySA land and stick to designated fossicking areas. For more information, call the Mount Crawford Forest Information Centre.

Picnicking
The scenic Mount Lofty Ranges offers a number of picnic areas for visitor use. Please leave picnic areas as you find them and remember to take all your rubbish with you when you leave.

Campfires and barbecues
Wood fires are prohibited within the forest from 1 November until 30 April each year. Gas fires are permitted during November and April, but not from 1 December until 31 March.

Wood for campfires may be collected from the forest floor only. It is an offence to cut down or damage standing trees or plants. Campfires are restricted to fires places located in campgrounds, picnic areas and at huts. Please conserve wood supplies by keeping fires small.

Total Fire Ban and forest closure
For your safety, forest reserves are closed to the public on declared Total Fire Ban days and in areas where forest operations such as harvesting are being undertaken. Visitors should keep clear of logging operations and pay attention to all signage. It is recommended that visitors contact the Forest Ranger before visiting to obtain information.

Mount Lofty Ranges Forest Region
Walking - on marked trails and fire tracks
Cycling - on marked trails and fire tracks
Horse Riding - on marked horse trails and fire tracks / Permits Required / Horses are not permitted in Native Forest Reserves

* Booking required
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Fire not permitted during Fire Season