

Kuitpo Forest

Established in 1898, Kuitpo Forest was the first of a number of forest plantations in the Mount Lofty Ranges, established to ensure a sustainable timber resource for South Australia.

Today, Kuitpo Forest covers an area of 3,600 hectares, of which 60% (2,100 hectares) is plantation.

Kuitpo Forest is modelled as a community forest. It is managed for sustainable commercial forestry, while providing for the conservation of native flora and fauna and community use for recreation.

Native Forest Reserves

Kuitpo Forest contains 655 hectares of native vegetation protected for conservation. This includes three gazetted Native Forest Reserves covering 469 hectares.

These Native Forest Reserves and conservation zones are of high conservation value, containing a rich variety of trees, shrubs and ground cover species that provide significant habitat for native birds, reptiles and mammals.

Native forest areas are an important resource for scientific research and provide opportunities for activities such as nature study, bird watching and bush walking.

Forest Safety

Be aware trees or tree branches may occasionally fall in the forest. Park vehicles in designated carparks and keep to marked trails and vehicle tracks.

We strive to provide a safe and enjoyable stay for all visitors, but your safety is your responsibility.



Horse Riding

Permits and fees apply when riding horses in the forest. Purchase permits at forestrysa.com.au/horse-riding

Forests provide extensive opportunities for enjoyable riding in a relaxed environment. The network of existing fire tracks in plantation pine areas is available for riding. Horse riding is not permitted in Native Forest Reserves which have been set aside for conservation. Please avoid picnic areas and campgrounds.

Consider the forest trail code on shared-use trails as you may encounter cyclists and dog walkers during your ride. Using clean feed limits the chances of weeds spreading. Please remove all manure and feed upon departure.

Forest Activities & Events

Many organised competitions and events are held in Kuitpo Forest. These require the submission of an event application form (available from our website) and are approved on a case-by-case basis.

Such events may include orienteering, mountain biking, horse riding, scout and school camps and organised motorsports. Contact Kuitpo Forest Information Centre for more information.

Orienteering

Three permanent orienteering courses have been established within Kuitpo Forest in conjunction with OrienteeringSA.

Each course contains an Easy and Moderate level, providing a solid introduction to this popular recreational activity. Course maps are available from Kuitpo Forest Information Centre or visit sa.orienteering.asn.au

Dogs in the Forest

Dogs are welcome in plantation forest areas, including campgrounds, walking trails and picnic areas. Dogs must be on a lead within on-lead zones and under effective control at all times while in the forest.

For more information regarding dogs in the forests and maps showing on-lead zones, please visit:

forestrysa.com.au/dogs-in-the-forest/

To protect native wildlife, dogs and other pets are not permitted in Native Forest Reserves.

Total Fire Ban and Forest Closures

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 must keep clear of logging operations and pay attention to all signs.

Forests are closed on days of Total Fire Ban.

This forest is located within the Mount Lofty Ranges Fire Ban District. For CFS fire ban information phone 1800 362 361 or visit the CFS website.

Being aware of a Total Fire Ban is your responsibility.

Campfires and Barbecues

Wood fires are permitted within designated fire pits from 1 May to 31 October each year. Gas fires are permitted from 1 April to 30 November.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Camping	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
Wood fires	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
Gas fires	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red

Green = Allowed during that month
Red = Prohibited during that month (penalties apply)

Fire pits must be cleared of all flammable material for a distance of four metres. Fires must always be monitored and fully extinguished before departure. Please bring your own firewood.

Picnic Areas

The Avenues

Located 1 km north of Kuitpo Forest Information Centre with access from Brookman Road.

This popular picnic area is nestled amongst a small area of 1920s trial Pine and Eucalypt plantations with a pit toilet, fire pits and access to walking trails from the carpark on Black Nursery Road.

Ironbarks

Located on Stagecoach Lane amongst the 1898 Ironbarks plantation which is the oldest plantation timber in the Mount Lofty Ranges. The area contains picnic tables, fire pits and easy access to the Onkeeta and Heysen Trails.



Kuitpo Forest Information Centre

495 Brookman Road, Kuitpo, SA 5201

Open: 10am - 12pm

(Friday to Sunday only, subject to ranger availability)

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Facilities for Hire

Bookings are required for all facilities and can be made online at forestrysa.com.au/accommodation. A minimum booking of two nights applies.

Tinjella Hut

Located 2.5 km south of Kuitpo Forest Information Centre. Access from Brookman Road via Fire Gate CH23. This restored wooden shed offers an open fireplace, solar lighting, untreated rainwater, picnic tables, 8 horse yards and a pit toilet (note: the toilet is a shared facility with campers at the Jack's Paddock Campground).



Woodcutter's Cottage

Located 2 km south of Kuitpo Forest Information Centre with access from Brookman Road. Set within the plantation forest, this 4 room stone cottage sleeps 11 (bedding required), has solar lighting, a lounge area, kitchen with gas cooking, a wood heater, untreated rainwater, 4 horse yards and a pit toilet.

Rocky Creek Hut

Located 13 km north of Kuitpo Forest Information Centre with access from Razorback Road via Fire Gate RC3.

Offering sleeping platforms for 5 (bedding required), solar lighting, a wood heater, sink, untreated rainwater and pit toilet (shared facility), this one room stone cottage is one of the few historic buildings to survive the 1983 Ash Wednesday Fires.

Woodcutters Cottage



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Visitor Information

Shared Kaurua and Peramangk Country.
Always was. Always will be.



Kuitpo Forest

- Major sealed road
- - - Minor sealed road
- - - - Unsealed road or track
- - - - Willunga Basin Trail
- - - - Heysen Trail
- - - - Kidman Trail
- Native forest
- Pine and other softwoods
- Hardwood plantation
- Park or reserve
- Accommodation: Shelter or shed
- Campground; Picnic area
- Toilet; Fireplace
- Horse yards/riding; Walking trails
- Bike trails; Lookout
- TreeClimb; Carpark

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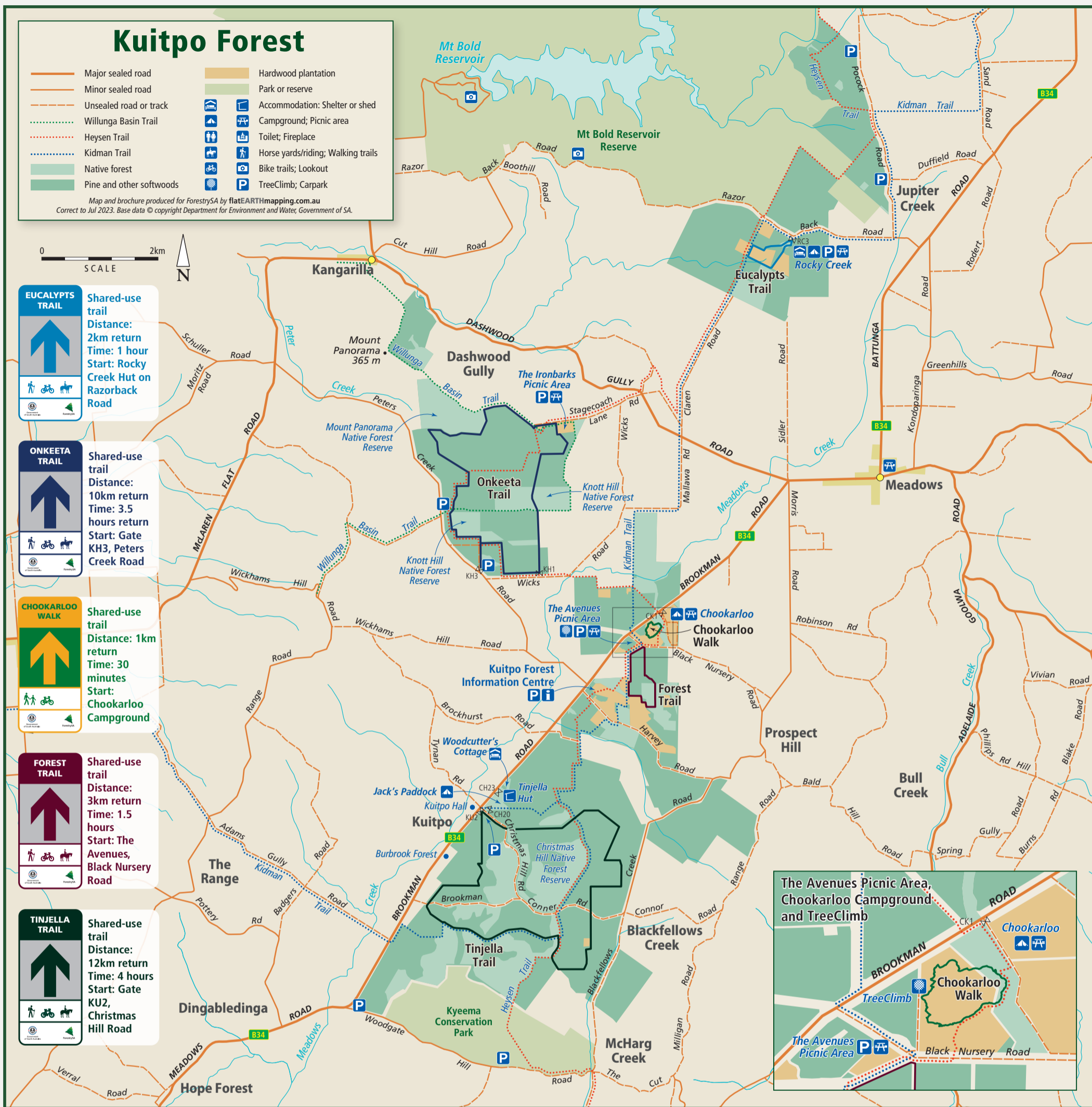
EUCALYPTS TRAIL
Shared-use trail
Distance: 2km return
Time: 1 hour
Start: Rocky Creek Hut on Razorback Road

ONKEETA TRAIL
Shared-use trail
Distance: 10km return
Time: 3.5 hours return
Start: Gate KH3, Peters Creek Road

CHOOKARLOO WALK
Shared-use trail
Distance: 1km return
Time: 30 minutes
Start: Chookarloo Campground

FOREST TRAIL
Shared-use trail
Distance: 3km return
Time: 1.5 hours
Start: The Avenues, Black Nursery Road

TINJELLA TRAIL
Shared-use trail
Distance: 12km return
Time: 4 hours
Start: Gate KU2, Christmas Hill Road



Campgrounds

BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Online booking and payment required. Please visit forestrysa.com.au/camping

Chookarloo

(Campground and Picnic Area)

Located 1.5 km north of Kuitpo Forest Information Centre with access from Brookman Road via Fire Gate CK1.

Set in mixed Eucalypt woodland, Chookarloo offers basic bush campsites with fire pits, untreated rainwater, picnic tables and accessible toilets.

The picnic area is located next to the campground, and includes a shelter and several tables with access to the Chookarloo and Heysen walking trails. Camping is prohibited in the picnic areas.

Jack's Paddock

(Kidman Trail Camping Area)

Located 2.5 km south of Kuitpo Forest Information Centre. Access from Christmas Hill Road via Fire Gate CH20.

The camping area is set amongst mixed Eucalypt woodland and is designed for those camping with horses. Accommodating riders of the Kidman Trail, it offers 2 campsites, 8 horse yards, untreated rainwater, a picnic

table and a pit toilet (note: the toilet is a shared facility with users of the Tinjella Hut).

Rocky Creek

(Campground and Picnic Area)

Located 13 km north of Kuitpo Forest Information Centre with access from Razorback Road via Fire Gate RC3.

This camping area is available exclusively to users of the Heysen Trail. The area offers picnic tables and a pit toilet (shared facility), with access to an orienteering course and the Eucalypts and Heysen Trails.

Multi-day Trails

Heysen Trail

The Heysen Trail is a 1200 km walking trail that stretches from Parachilna Gorge in the Flinders Ranges to Cape Jervis on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Kidman Trail

The Kidman Trail is a shared-use horse riding, cycling and walking trail that traverses 269 km.

Willunga Basin Trail

The Willunga Basin Trail is a 130 km walking trail that passes through the Northern section of Kuitpo Forest.

Shared-use Trails

Walking, cycling and horse riding are all popular activities in Kuitpo Forest.

Within Kuitpo Forest, there are four shared-use trails and one short walking/cycling trail.

For more information regarding the extensive trail network within Kuitpo Forest please refer to the map or contact Kuitpo Forest Information Centre.

Forest Trail Code

- For your safety, avoid areas where access is restricted, including where forestry operations are in progress. Look for and adhere to signs.

- Always wear a helmet when cycling and horse riding and travel at a safe speed according to your experience, track conditions and terrain.

- Consider other trail users and be courteous. Slow down and give way to others, particularly horse riders.

Forests are CLOSED on days of Total Fire Ban.