

# Access and Inclusion in South Australia's National Parks

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# Disability stats and context for access in parks

- Spectrum of disability is wide and varied
- 4.3 million Australians living with a disability,
- one in five South Australians report having disability
- United Nations' Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Disability Inclusion Act 2018
- DEW Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2020-2024
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA)



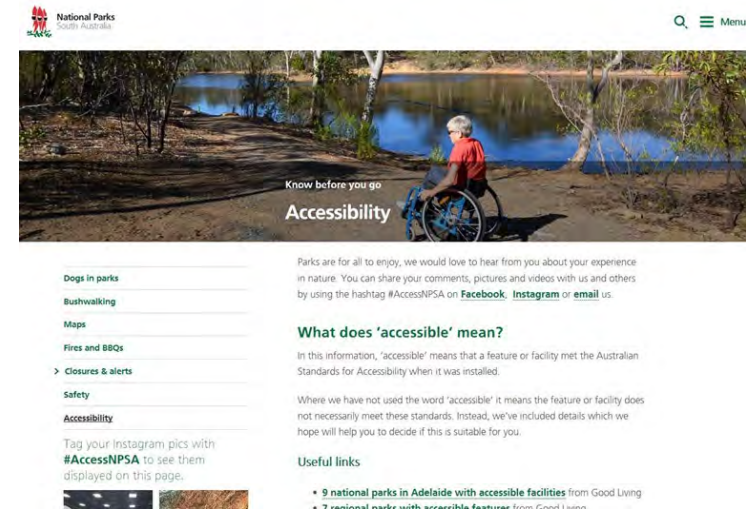
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- Parks are to be places for connecting with nature, enjoyment and fun for everyone.
- Wellbeing values of parks should be regarded as an essential part of the livelihood and quality of life for all South Australians
- People with disability are among visitors to parks.



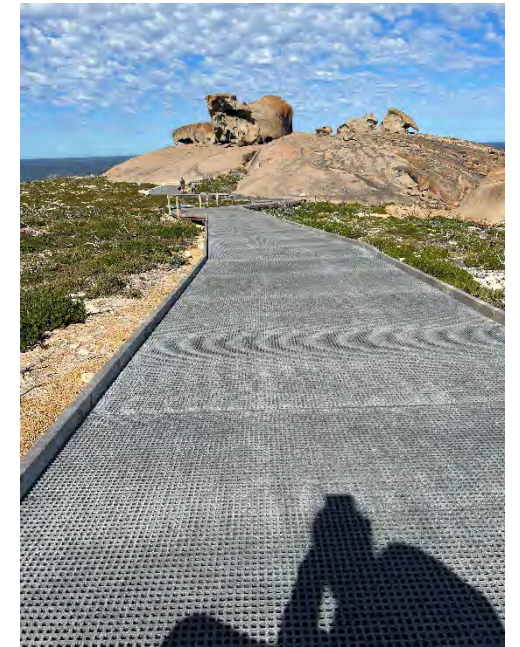
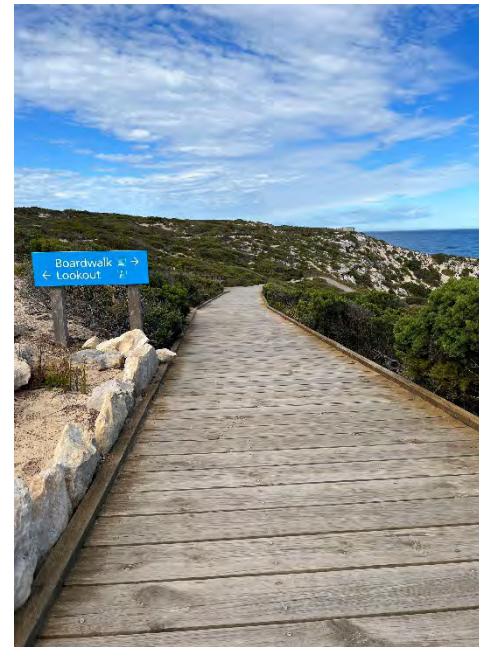
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- Lack of information is a big barrier
- People with a disability need more support in planning their experiences
- Information provision cheap and effective
- Accessibility webpage
- Access guide being developed



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- Photos and videos key part of information provision



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- Identify what is there
- Accessibility assessments
- Accessibility map created for Belair and Deep Creek
- Accessibility guidelines
- Social narratives



# Accessible National Parks

- 18 parks are listed on the webpage
- A further 6 are yet to be listed
- 2 are being created



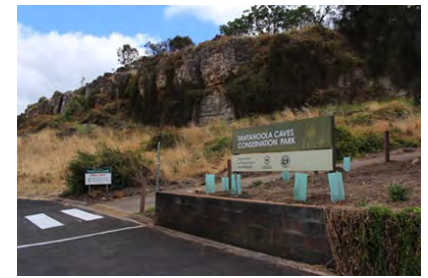
# Accessible National Parks – Accessible Visitor Experiences

- Naracoorte Caves

- Specially constructed path for people with mobility issues and people with vision impairment
- Silver in the 'Excellence in Accessible Tourism' category in 2018

- Tantanoola Caves

- one of Australia's few wheelchair accessible caves



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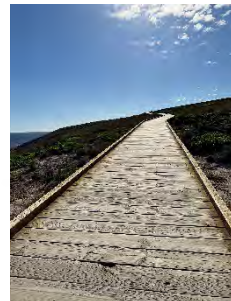
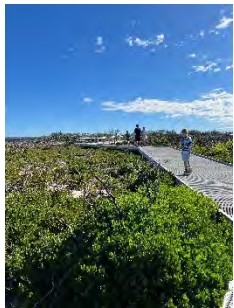
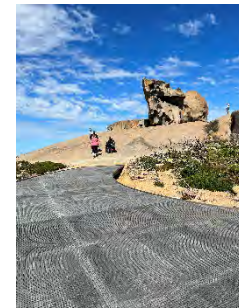
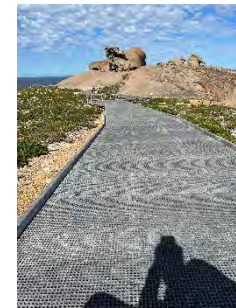
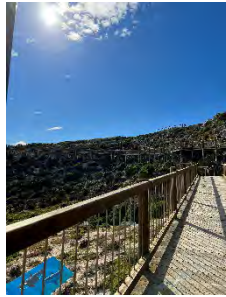
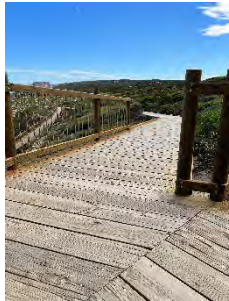
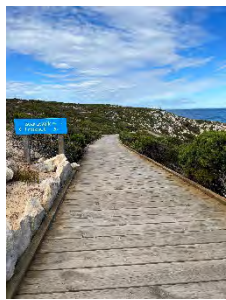




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- Kangaroo Island

- The Seal Bay Boardwalk Tour is self-guided, and is fully accessible
- The Remarkable Rocks boardwalk is fully accessible
- The Admirals Arch boardwalk is accessible
- Reimagining KI – rebuilding, opportunity to create accessible experiences





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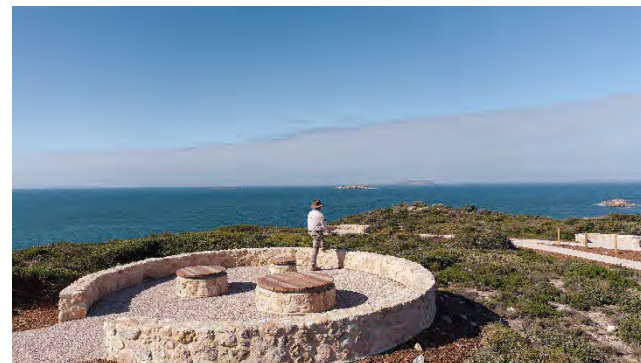
- Deep Creek
  - Goondooloo Ridge Trail and Picnic Area
  - Tapanappa Ridge day visitor site
  - Camping and accommodation



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# Accessible National Parks – Accessible Visitor Experiences

- Dhilba Guuranda-Innes National Park
  - Cape Spencer lookout trail
  - Upgraded camping facilities including accessible camp sites and toilet



# Accessible National Parks – Glenthorne

- New national park in south metropolitan Adelaide
- Opportunity to build an example of an exemplar accessible park
- Class 1 trails and class 2 accessible trails
- Accessible nature play space



# In Progress and Future works

- Accessible canoe launch in reservoirs
- Off road wheelchairs
- Accessible accommodation on KI
- Nilpena Ediacara-developing an accessible experience
- Changing places facilities
- Live stream VR for inaccessible visitor experiences – e.g. Kelly Hill Caves



# The Whole Package

- Accessible tourism needs to be the whole package – stay, play eat.
- National parks can provide the play but what about the rest?



**“It is only impossible until it’s done”** Nelson Mandela

