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FLINDERS CHASE NATIONAL PARK · UNOFFICIAL GUIDE

Classic-day checklist

Practical packing, ferry clock, visitor-centre ticketing, and Remarkable Rocks + Admirals Arch order of stops for western Kangaroo Island. From **flinderschasenationalpark.com.au** — print this page or save as PDF from your browser.

Verify before you go. Fees, wind closures, fire danger, ferry times and road status change. Always check parks.sa.gov.au — Flinders Chase and CFS. This checklist is independent and unofficial — not NPWS SA. Snapshot checked 15 Aug 2026. Wind can close Rocks/Arch (visitor centre 0428 766 269). After-hours duty officer 0477 334 898.

1. Before you leave town

Status, ferry & fees

- ☐ parks.sa.gov.au park page checked this morning
- ☐ CFS / fire danger checked (park can close)
- ☐ Wind note for Remarkable Rocks / Admirals Arch
- ☐ Ferry or flight times confirmed (protect the return sailing)
- ☐ Park entry paid online or plan to pay at the visitor centre
- ☐ Someone knows your plan + return window

Packing (day pack)

- ☐ Water 2 L+ per person (3 L+/day if remote / KIWT)
- ☐ Snacks / simple lunch (café is at the visitor centre, not the cape)
- ☐ Windproof / waterproof shell
- ☐ Warm mid-layer (headlands colder than Kingscote)
- ☐ Sun hat + high SPF
- ☐ Grip shoes
- ☐ Phone + offline map (Avenza) downloaded in range
- ☐ Power bank
- ☐ Basic first aid / blister kit
- ☐ Fuel in Kingscote or Parndana

2. Classic icon day (sealed 2WD)

- **Start** — Flinders Chase Visitor Centre, 8125 South Coast Road, Karatta. Tickets, toilets, today's wind/fire notes.
- **0:20–0:25 drive** — Cape du Couedic Road south to Remarkable Rocks.
- **30–60 min** — Remarkable Rocks boardwalk and signed rocks only. Stay off the seaward side.
- **Continue** — Admirals Arch / Cape du Couedic. Boardwalk; steep final steps. Seals from the platform. No swimming.
- **Optional** — Weirs Cove or 2 km cape loop only if energy, wind and the ferry clock allow.

- **Reverse** — same sealed road to the visitor centre / café. Do not invent West Bay in a 2WD.

3. Full-day rule (protect the day)

- **One** sealed icon pair (Rocks + Arch) is enough for a first visit.
- Do *not* stack Ravine, West Bay, Cape Borda or KIWT onto a ferry day.
- If wind closes the cape: Platypus Waterholes + Heritage Walk + café — still a good day.
- The Penneshaw sailing is a hard stop. Icons plus café beats a missed ferry.

4. Order-of-stops cheat sheet

First-timer priority

1. Visitor centre (pay / maps / toilets)
2. Remarkable Rocks
3. Admirals Arch + seals
4. Optional: Weirs Cove or café

Skip if short / windy / late ferry

- Cape du Couedic 2 km loop
- Platypus Waterholes (save for dawn another day)
- Cape Borda (dedicated half-day)
- Any 4WD road "just to see"
- KI Wilderness Trail (separate booked product)

5. Parking, crowds & coverage

- ☐ Park only in signed icon car parks
- ☐ Arrive early or late — midday coaches concentrate at Rocks + Arch
- ☐ Never leave bags visible in cars
- ☐ Pay fees before you lose reception (Telstra can be patchy)
- ☐ 000 needs reception · Emergency+ where a signal exists

6. Safety non-negotiables

- Stay on signed rocks at Remarkable Rocks — drownings have occurred on the seaward side.
- Freak waves and steep steps at Admirals Arch. Keep legal distance from seals. No swimming at exposed sites.
- Wildlife on roads at dawn/dusk — drive slowly; pull fully off-road for photos.
- Snakes on warmer days. Fire can close the park — check CFS.
- **Emergency: call 000.** This file cannot help with rescue.

7. Useful links

- **This guide:** https://www.flinderschasenationalpark.com.au/ — visit, trails, itineraries
- Official park: https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/parks/flinders-chase-national-park
- Book & pay: https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/book-and-pay/book-now
- KI Wilderness Trail: https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/experiences/kiwt

- CFS: https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/
- SeaLink: https://www.sealink.com.au/

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