

26 September 2024

Dear Annual Tour rider,

There is just over three weeks to go until the adventure begins!

Here is some more information and a couple of reminders to help you plan and prepare.

Annual Tour Bike Mechanic

Bill Dragos from Bill's Bicycle Service will be our dedicated Bike Mechanic supporting this year's Annual Tour

Bill will do his best to prepare a range of spare parts to cater for different scenarios however there is a limit to how much he is able to source and bring with him. Due to the wide variety of bikes being used on Annual Tour and the current scarcity of stock availability being experienced by all suppliers, he may not be able to source parts specific to your bike. If you think you may need a spare part particular to your bike, please consider sourcing them beforehand and bringing them with you.

Please review the [Bike Mechanic Information](#) which includes details of the minimum requirement for tools and spare parts that each of you should carry on your bike each day.

If you haven't already done so, please assist Bill by completing the following survey to help him prepare for the tour

BIKE SURVEY – PLEASE COMPLETE <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AT24bikesurvey>

Optional Activities on Kangaroo Island

During the course of our Annual Tour you will have the chance to take part in some optional activities that need to be booked well in advance.

Please read the information below and if you would like to participate in any of the options below or others listed in the [Ride Guide](#), please contact the relevant providers directly to confirm your booking.

Day 1 – Saturday 19 October Penneshaw

Penguin Tours

Join friendly guides on a relaxing 60 minute evening walk to search for the world's smallest penguins and other wildlife using wildlife-friendly torches.

Word on the street is that has been quite a bit of penguin activity recently and even if they are shy on the night, it is a great night walk, with lots of information about the local colony of penguins.

Tours leave from the Penneshaw Penguin Centre at Lloyd Collins Reserve, a 5 minute walk from our campsite.

The cost is \$31/per adult \$19/ per conc Maximum group size is 15 people. The 8.30pm tour is booked out however there is still availability for the 9.45pm tour

Call Alana on 0499 346 013 to book

Kool Tours - Penneshaw Ngurungaui Walk

Experience Kangaroo Island like never before with Kool Tours' authentic Aboriginal expedition. Known to the Ngarrindjeri as Ngurungaui, the "place of Nurrunderi," or their revered creator, Kangaroo Island boasts a history as vast and varied as its landscapes.

Engage in a concise 45-minute walk, enriched with stories of sites holding deep significance to the Ngarrindjeri. Unfold the layers of history, tales, and traditions of the local Tribe, all narrated by experienced Ngarrindjeri guides.

Tours will take place after our arrival on Saturday afternoon. More information and booking details coming soon. <https://www.kooltours.com.au/tours>

Day 2 – Sunday 20 October – Cape Willoughby (unsealed road route)

Cape Willoughby Lighthouse

Unfortunately guided tours of the lighthouse will not be available during our visit however you will be able to take a self-guided tour of the Lighthouse grounds at no charge.

Oyster Farm Shop - American River

American River is famous for its delicious oysters. If you are a lover of these marvellous molluscs, you can treat yourself to serving or two at the Oyster Farm Shop, just around the corner from our campsite.

The shop is only open until 3pm each day so you will need to plan your day and riding pace accordingly. If you would like to ensure that you don't miss out, you might like to pre-book your serving so they have enough oysters freshly shucked on the day. Tel: (08) 8553 7122

Email: info@oysterfarmshop.com.au <https://www.oysterfarmshop.com.au/>

Day 5 - Wednesday 23 October Rest Day Western KI

Visit Flinders Chase National Park including Admirals Arch and Remarkable Rocks

Jump on the special shuttle bus – a booking sheet with shuttle times will be made available at the start of Annual Tour.

Price: Entry and shuttle bus included in your Annual Tour fee

Hanson Bay Koala Sanctuary

A privately-owned conservancy focused on providing habitat for native animals to live in the wild.

An easy walk/cycle, only 1km from Western KI Caravan Park

Several guided tour options available including:

- 90min Guided Koala Walk & Bush Fire Ecology Tour
- 90min Sunset Nocturnal Adventure Tour
- 50min Guided Koala Walk

Bookings in advance essential. For information and online bookings visit

<https://www.hansonbay.com.au/kangaroo-island-wildlife-tours>

Kelly Hill Caves

Located 9km from Western KI Caravan Park – approx. 30min cycle

Take a 1hr tour of Kelly Hill Caves, an underground labyrinth of sinkholes and caverns thought to extend for kilometres. Nature has again created some of its finest work here, with caves full of beautiful yet fragile stalagmites, stalactites, helictites and towering columns that transport visitors to another world. Public tours at 9.45am, 11:15am and 1:15pm. Numbers limited to 15 people per tour so [prior bookings are essential](#)

<https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/parks/kelly-hill-conservation-park#about>

Day 6 – Thursday 24 October en route to Vivonne Bay

Our ride to Vivonne Bay is relatively short (Sealed option 35km, Unsealed option 56km), with our schedule seeing us at our destination for lunch.

You will have free time in the afternoon to explore the beauty of Vivonne Bay beach and bushland either independently or by taking part in an organised activity.

Kelly Hill Caves

There is another opportunity to visit Kelly Hill Caves en-route to Vivonne Bay at 9:45am for up to 15 people

Kangaroo Island Outdoor Action – Kayaking and Quad Biking at Vivonne Bay

<https://kioutdooraction.com.au/kangaroo-island-activities-tours/>

Bookings in advance essential Tel: (08) 8559 4296 Email: info@kioutdooraction.com.au

Little Sahara Sand Dunes

7.5kms further on from Vivonne Bay - 25min cycle

Little Sahara is a naturally occurring inland dunefield. The site today is around 2.5 square kilometres large, approximately 4km from the coast, with the tallest dune being 70 metres above sea level.

This unusual privately owned site was classed as a Significant Australian Heritage Geological Monument in 1979.

Activities include Electric Fat Bike tours, Guided walks, 4 wheeler Buggy Tours, Sandboarding and Tobogganing Bookings in advance essential.

For information and online bookings visit <https://littlesahara.com.au/about-little-sahara/>

Tel: (08) 8559 4224 Email: info@littlesahara.com.au

Day 7 – Friday 25 October - en route to Kingscote

Raptor Domain - Birds of Prey presentation

Experience the 1hr In-Flight presentation where you can get up close and personal with the birds. Marvel at the natural hunting abilities and amazing adaptations of the majestic Eagles, mystic Owls, spectacular Falcons, cheeky Kookaburras and much more.

The first public tour time is at 11.30am however we have arranged for a special group presentation at 10:15am for Annual Tour riders.

The cost is \$34/person and we need numbers / names beforehand to confirm the booking. Note: This tour is subject to minimum participation numbers.

Once minimum numbers have been reached, someone will contact you to arrange payment.

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Please refer to updated information in Rider Update #7 with details on phone numbers to call to confirm and pay for your booking

Otherwise visit the Raptor Domain website <http://www.kangarooislandbirdsofprey.com.au> for more information including other presentation times and prices.

Raptor Domain is 13km (about 40mins to cycle) from Vivonne Bay in the direction of Seal Bay and Kingscote.

It would also be possible to attend the 2.30pm public presentation on the Thursday afternoon if you want to maximise your time at Seal Bay or Kingscote the following day.

Seal Bay Conservation Park - <https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/experiences/seal-bay>

Home to 600 Sea-lions lolling on the beach and in the dunes.

There are [Guided Tours on to the beach](#), commencing at 9:15am and departing every 45 minutes, where you can get up close and personal. \$42 per person

[Book online to secure your tour](#) Maximum 20 people per tour. Alternatively take [the self-guided board-walk tour](#). \$19.10 per person.

We will be sending out more information next week.

Please also take time to review our previous updates as well.

- [Annual Tour 2024 - Rider Update #1](#)
- [Annual Tour 2024 - Rider Update #2](#)
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