Burnside Walks

The reserves in the Mount Osmond and Chambers Gully area are within walking distance for many residents in Beaumont, Glen Osmond, St Georges, Burnside and Waterfall Gully. For others, a short drive or bus ride will open up a fascinating area to explore.

When you walk in the Mount Osmond Reserves, you will have spectacular views over Adelaide, experience some beautiful semi-natural landscapes and see relics from Australia's early mining history.

Access

The Mount Osmond area can be accessed on foot, using various streets and roads from the adjoining suburbs. There are also many bus routes in the adjacent residential areas.

Parking is available at locations marked with a 'P' on the map. Cars can also be parked on any road or street provided that parking restrictions are observed.

Please DO NOT park in front of gates – these need to be accessible at all times for maintenance and emergencies.

Facilities

Refreshments and toilets are shown on the map.

Landscape and nature

The landscape in the hills face has been altered greatly since European settlement. The original woodland has mostly been cleared and many weed species have invaded. You will see areas where the Burnside Council has begun to remove introduced invasive trees and shrubs and to restore native woodland and grassland.

A surprising variety of native flora and fauna have survived the changes since colonisation. There are a range of birds and reptiles and you might see an echidna, a koala or a kangaroo. Please appreciate what you see and don't interfere with plants and animals.

All native flora and fauna is protected within Council Reserves and within Parks SA Reserves.

For more information, look for the Natural Heritage Site map of Burnside at the Burnside website, www.burnside.sa.gov.au or phone 8366 4200.

Safety

Many roads and streets leading to the hills face area do not have footpaths. Please take care. Trails are made to Australian Standard 2156 for a class 3 walking trail and there are associated hazards.

- Do not enter hills face reserves on days when a fire ban is in force for the Outer Adelaide or Mount Lofty Ranges Fire Ban districts.
- Watch out for uneven surfaces and minor water crossings
- Clay paths and rocks can be slippery when wet
- Hillsides are steep; always stay on the designated trails and tracks
- · If you see a snake, let it move away before you proceed
- During the fire season, do not smoke in reserves
- · Light no fires at any time of year
- Take enough drinking water for the weather and length of walk
- Wear boots and clothing suitable for the weather conditions. Remember your hat.
- · Tell someone where you are going
- · Please take all your rubbish with you
- Please report any maintenance issues to the City of Burnside on 8366 4200
- EMERGENCY Ambulance, Fire, Police, in a life threatening or time critical emergency, telephone 000.

Suggested walks

Six circuit walks are shown on the map. Circuits A, D and E involve some walking on roads where there is traffic. Please take care.

The Burnside trails can be combined with trails in Cleland Conservation Park to form longer circuits. Contact the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on 8204 1910 for information about trails in State government parks and reserves.

The City of Burnside thanks its Burnside Conservation Volunteers, Conservation Volunteers Australia and Walking SA for the large amount of voluntary effort that has gone into making the Burnside walking trail network.

Photo: 'The Sentinel Tree' – SA Blue Gum (*Eucalyptus leucoxylon*) about 300 years old, just north of checkpoint 32.





