



Aroona Dam ©

AROONA SANCTUARY

Located 6km south of Leigh Creek, this 43sq km sanctuary surrounds the Aroona Dam. The dam was constructed in the 1950s as the water supply which served Leigh Creek and the nearby Coalfield operations, as well as Copley and Lyndhurst townships and neighbouring pastoral properties. The combination of soil erosion and the proliferation of invasive weeds had obliterated the natural bushland over the years. In 1995, the sanctuary was declared. Feral rabbits, goats and foxes were removed from the landscape, and weeds were brought under control.

Today, the sanctuary is a benchmark of successful land regeneration, through the dedicated efforts of 200 locals and organisations. The sanctuary is a surprising oasis in such an arid environment. Fishing is permitted, with the dam stocked with both Murray Cod and Golden Perch.

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4 DAY LEIGH CREEK SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

DAY 1

2WD 4WD

- ▶ Breakfast at Leigh Creek Outback Resort
- ▶ Day trip to Belatana & Sliding Rock Ruins
- ▶ Shop & Stock up at Post Office & IGA

DAY 3

2WD 4WD

- ▶ Black Rock Blue Sky exhibit at Leigh Creek Motors
- ▶ Brunch at Copley Bakery
- ▶ Aroona Dam - walks, swimming picnic lunch and sunset nibbles

DAY 2

2WD 4WD

- ▶ Do Nilpena Ediacara Tour
- ▶ Wadna Cultural Tour & Gift Shop

DAY 4

2WD 4WD

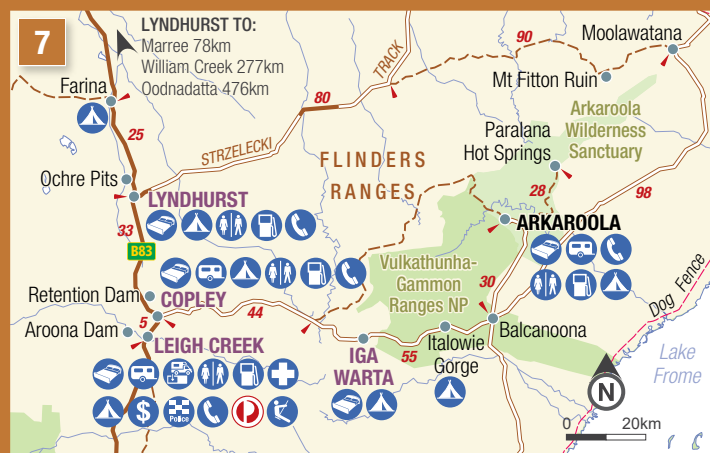
- ▶ Angorichina Tourist Village
- ▶ Lunch at Blinman Hotel
- ▶ Blinman Mine Tour

Non-motorised water-craft are welcome on the water, from which one can take in the serenity of the surrounding views. Yellow-footed rock-wallabies were released back into the surrounding landscape, where some colonies had been extinct since the 1980s. Today they thrive here, along with a diverse range of other native flora, fauna and birds.

Visitors can enjoy a picnic area, complete with barbeque and toilet facilities at the carpark/lookout area. Relax and enjoy the sounds of the surrounding bush, once again alive with native wildlife! Look for birds enjoying the water and take time to relax in this beautiful, natural haven.

WALKS

The 5000 megalitre dam is the largest of it's type outside of Adelaide. Starting below the main wall of the dam enjoy a wonderful 5.5km interpretive walk. The trail traverses wetlands below the dam, mountainous terrain, rocky outcrops and red-gum lined creeks. You might even see the endangered yellow-footed rock wallaby, reintroduced in 1996.



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