

Port MacDonnell

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



AUSTRALIA'S SOUTHERN
ROCK LOBSTER CAPITAL



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Welcome!

Experience the magnificent rugged coastline and natural beauty of Port MacDonnell, the southernmost port in South Australia.

Watch 'Little Penguins' come home from a day at sea. Savour locally caught, fresh Southern Rock Lobster during the fishing season from October to May.

Enjoy a myriad of water sports; fishing, surfing, boating, snorkelling, or sailing, and for the more adventurous cave-diving in internationally renowned sinkholes.

Climb a dormant volcano, meander along a walking trail or bush track or consider 4 wheel driving.

Immerse yourself in culture at a museum, gaze at wonderful wall murals, or discover something new.

Practice your golf, lawn bowls or tennis, or just relax with family and friends on the beach in this quaint fishing village.

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Come for a visit!

Affectionately known as 'The Bay', Port MacDonnell is one of the unspoiled coastal treasures at the gateway to the Great Ocean Road. Situated 28kms south of the city of Mount Gambier in South Australia's Limestone Coast: 450km south east of Adelaide and 460km west of Melbourne.

Travel between Mount Gambier and Melbourne or Adelaide:

- Daily coach service with VLine or Premier Stateliner
- Daily flights with Rex Airlines
- Charter flights with De Bruin Air

Cars, coaches, scooters and taxis available for hire or charter from Mount Gambier.

Choose from a large range of holiday rentals, self-catering houses and apartments, 'pub' or caravan and camping accommodation.

Further details available on www.portmacdonnell.sa.au



Events to Enjoy!

Bay Market

Third Sunday monthly from October to March
pmcc@dcgrant.sa.gov.au or 08 8738 3000

Bayside Festival

1st Sunday in January annually
portmacbaysidefestival@hotmail.com

Port MacDonnell Offshore Angling Club Sport & Tuna Fishing Tournament

Annually in May & monthly fishing competitions www.pmoac.com

Summer Holiday Program

For more information
phone 08 8738 3000



Immerse yourself in Culture

The traditional owners, the Boandik People, lived largely on the produce from the sea and the authentic fishing village is now home to just over 1,000 people.

Port MacDonnell, named after Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell (SA Governor 1855–62) officially became a port in 1860. It was one of the state's busiest, second only to Port Adelaide, shipping wheat and wool from the local area around the world. Since 1844 more than 30 vessels of various sizes have been wrecked along the beautiful but rugged coastline, and today a breakwater shelters the largest Southern Rock Lobster fleet in Australia.

Port MacDonnell & District Maritime Museum

Uncover the stories behind Port MacDonnell; the people and the port. Discover how over 30 ill-fated ships came to grief along the rugged local coast, learn about the colony of Little Penguins who dwell on the edge of town, and how this authentic fishing village became known as "Australia's Southern Rock Lobster Capital". Experience, hear and view stories about the district's intriguing history which includes tales of characters, misery, bravery, and even a grisly murder!

*Entrance fee. Group town tours available. Located within the Community Complex. Phone 08 8738 3000 **Map no. 1***





For the more Active

Tenterden Reserve: Skate Park, Playground, Breakwater and Boat Ramp

Free recreational facility. Skate Park with 'grinds and half pipe', playground, BBQ shelter and access to the breakwater protecting South Australia's largest Rock Lobster Fishing Fleet and providing sheltered conditions for water sports and a great place to fish. Home to Port MacDonnell Off Shore Angling Club and public boat ramp (fee applies).

Free activities. Sea Parade. Phone 08 8738 3000.

Map no. 16, 18, 19

Finger Point Conservation Park

Popular surfing, swimming and diving spot with walking trails and remnants of ancient Aboriginal campsites. You may even find a starfish in the rockpools.

Free activity. Lighthouse Road.

Map no. 2

Paintball, Lasertag and Fairytales

A Paintball or Lasertag adrenalin rush can be found about half an hours drive away at Burrungule Park Paintball or Loonatix Outdoor Entertainment Complex, which also includes the more genteel Tarpeena Fairytale Park. parkpaintball.com.au or loonatix.org (50 kms).



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Germein Reserve

Lookout for Ringtail Possums, Swamp Wallaby, Echidnas, frogs, reptiles and birds in this diverse and unique remnant of our natural environment featuring picnic sites, bird hide, and a network of walking trails.

Free activity. portmaulandcare@yahoo.com. Phone 08 8738 3000.

Map no. 11

Little Blue Lake

A deep, water filled sinkhole which provides a “window” into the underground water system. For those wanting to cool off, a floating pontoon gives experienced swimmers and divers easy access to the sparkling clear water.

Free activity. Mount Salt Road (18 kms). Phone 08 8738 3000.

Mount Schank

One of the youngest dormant volcanoes in Australia’s most extensive volcanic province, the Kanawinka Geopark. A 2½ hour walk from the car park to the top and around the rim of the crater is signposted and is rated moderate difficulty.

kanawinka.org.au. Turn off Riddoch Highway (15km).

Piccaninnie Ponds Karst Wetlands Ramsar site

Swim in the crystal clear 85 metre deep ponds that have slowly filtered through limestone for thousands of years. It has a reputation as one of Australia’s best cave diving destinations. The main sinkhole can be dived but requires considerable skill and a permit, available from the Allendale East General Store.

Some free activities. Phone 08 8738 7274. environment.sa.gov.au (28km).





Ewens Ponds

Amid a wetland habitat characterized by dense Stringybark, Blackwood, Christmas Bush and a range of interesting orchids, are crystal clear fresh water ponds offering magnificent underwater visibility for snorkelling. Sinkholes are limited to 6 scuba divers at one time with permits.

Some free activities. environment.sa.gov.au.

Lower Nelson Road (10km).

Canunda National Park

A short drive to the spectacular coastline and long stretches of surf beaches. Enjoy bushwalking, observe birdlife, surf or snorkel. Four-wheel driving is possible along the park's length by following the markers.

Free activities. environment.sa.gov.au (50 kms).

Swimming, Diving, Surfing and Fishing

Enjoy fishing from the jetty, breakwater or beach, snorkel for a lobster, or charter a boat for the area's famous sport fishing to catch tuna and other deep-sea species. Port MacDonnell offers swimming beaches that can be driven onto (signposted), and is a favourite destination for surfers and divers; facilities located at Brown Bay (10km east).

Parks, BBQs and Playgrounds

A number of free gas barbeques exist in many picnic areas and parks on the foreshore or in more sheltered locations. A Liberty Swing is located in Lions Park.





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- > Local Art, Craft & Souvenir sales.
- > Art Gallery
- > Maritime Museum (entry fee)
- > SA 'One Card Network' Library
- > Free WiFi & public internet computers
- > Free youth activities
- > Fishing, boating & swimming information
- > Banking & EFTPOS cash withdrawals*
- > Service SA Rural Agent*
- > District Council of Grant Branch Office*
- > Rural Transaction Centre

Open 7 days:
Mon to Thur 9am – 5pm. Fri 9am – 8pm
Weekends & Public Holidays 10am – 4pm

Closed: Christmas Day, Good Friday, Anzac Day & Australia Day
*Some services available weekdays only



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