

Journeys from Mt Barker

Southern Encounter

A day journey from Mt. Barker to Goolwa and Victor Harbor and return, travelling in part on the first public railway line in Australia.

Departing Mt. Barker, the train powers up the short climb to Philcox Hill, the highest point on the line, then drifts down out of the Adelaide Hills onto the rich farmlands of Strathalbyn and Finniss, passing through the former Sandergrange siding, where a line branched off to Milang. Then it's over the Finniss River and "Black Swamp" bridges and through scrub country with native vegetation where kangaroos are often noted bounding alongside. Further on, we cross one of the tallest rail bridges in South Australia at Currency Creek, before arriving at the River Port of Goolwa. After a short stay, the train combines with the Cockle Train and goes on to Victor Harbor. Passengers may alight at Goolwa or Pt. Elliot and catch a later train to Victor. Experience the picturesque views from your carriage window as we travel alongside the Southern Ocean just above the sand.

There are about three hours in Victor Harbor for lunch, ride the Horse tram to Granite Island or visit some of the many attractions Victor has to offer. Ask about our meal deals.

Late afternoon, relax as we retrace our steps to Mt. Barker. Listen as the locomotive tackles the long climb out of Strathalbyn back up the hill to Philcox Hill before descending into Mt. Barker. A Buffet Car is included on the train.

Duration 10.00 am to 6.10 pm **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Departs Mt. Barker – Sundays 3rd & 17th June, 1st & 15th July, 5th & 19th August, 2nd & 16th September, 7th & 21st October and 4th & 18th November 2012.



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Highlander

Step aboard at Mt. Barker as the train whistle signals your departure for Strathalbyn.

Experience the power of the locomotive as it climbs out of the township of Mt. Barker to the highest point on the line, Philcox Hill. See the rolling hills and the grand old gum trees as we wind our way down through the many curves, cuttings and embankments before arriving in Strathalbyn.

Ample time for lunch at one of the hotels or cafes, etc. or a picnic on the banks of the Angas River, then perhaps a visit to the antique and craft shops for which Strathalbyn is renowned.

On the return, listen as the locomotive tackles the long continuous climb to Philcox Hill, then almost feel its relief as we descend into Mt. Barker. A Buffet Car is included on the train.

Duration 10.30 am to 3.00 pm **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Departs Mt. Barker – Sundays 10th June, 8th July, 12th August, 9th September, 14th October and 11th November 2012.

The Bugle Ranger

If you are looking for something to do next time you're in the Adelaide Hills and is not expensive, then The Bugle Ranger represents great value for money.

The 45 minute journey aboard our heritage Railcar will take you from Mt. Barker station to the Bugle Ranges station site and return, via the highest point on the line at Philcox Hill.

Duration 2.00pm to 2.45pm **PURCHASE TICKETS ON DAY OF TRAVEL**

Departs Mt. Barker – Monday 11th June, Sundays 24th June, 22nd July, 26th August, 23rd September and 28th October 2012.

SteamRanger Dinner Excursions

Celebrate Valentine's

Here's an ideal way to celebrate Valentine's with your partner or a group of friends by joining our rail excursion from Mt. Barker to historic Strathalbyn for a twilight country style meal at one of the town's "pubs". Package includes a train journey and a two course meal. A popular outing.

Duration 6.30pm to 10.45pm. **PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

Departs Mt. Barker - Saturdays 11th February 2012 and 16th February 2013.

Christmas in July

Join our steam hauled heritage train for our first Christmas in July dinner excursion from Mt. Barker to Strathalbyn. Traditional Christmas dinner at an historic Strathalbyn "pub". Ideal for a family get together or social club outing.

Duration 6.30pm to 11.00pm **PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

Departs Mt. Barker - Saturday 28th July 2012.

Dinner Enquiries and Bookings:- 1300 655 991

Charter Your Own Train

SteamRanger has trains available for charter at both Goolwa and Mount Barker; ideal for special events or large groups to various destinations of choice. If you are planning a party, corporate launch, conference, wedding, family get together or social function, etc., why not charter your very own train? We can meet a range of budgets with either railcars or steam or diesel locomotives and heritage carriages. Alternatively, take advantage of the savings available to groups booking a whole carriage on one of our scheduled services. Group savings only apply when booking with SteamRanger direct. For charter enquiries or group bookings, phone 1300 655 991 for more details.

Fares and Enquiries

For fares, bookings and specials please contact SteamRanger Heritage Railway Phone 1300 655 991

9.00am to 5.00pm – Mon. to Sat.

info@steamranger.org.au or visit our

web site www.steamranger.org.au

Cockle Train tickets can be purchased on the day of travel at the Goolwa, Port Elliot and Victor Harbor stations. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before train departure.

Part and one way journeys on the Cockle Train can be purchased individually. Details at each station.

Group Bookings: Groups of 10 passengers or more must pre-book with SteamRanger direct to receive a group discount.

Child fares: 5yrs to 15yrs inclusive.

Children under 5 travel free (No seat is allocated).

A family ticket is available for 2 adults with 2 children (5 to 15 years) or 1 adult with 3 children (5 to 15 years).

Seniors Card concession applies only for the full return journey upon presentation of any State Government issued Seniors Card.

Tickets are sold subject to the 'Conditions of Travel' displayed at our stations and online.

Visa and Mastercard are accepted at all stations except Pt. Elliot and Middleton.

Book on line

Web www.steamranger.org.au

Email: bookings@steamranger.org.au

Volunteers

All trains rely on a team of volunteers to keep this historic service operating. It's a big job but lots of fun. All volunteers, from guards & ticket sales staff to drivers, firemen & station masters are trained to effectively operate SteamRanger. If you would like to join the team, you would be most welcome. Contact SteamRanger on 1300 655 991

Email: info@steamranger.org.au

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SteamRanger

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Conditions of Travel

Trains will operate with Diesel power when a total fire ban is declared for the Mount Lofty Ranges district.

SteamRanger reserves the right to change motive power, vary schedules or fares if for unforeseen circumstances, it is deemed necessary.

Smoking is not permitted on any SteamRanger service.

Due to our Duty of Care Policy, the Cockle Train will not operate if temperatures of 35° or over are forecast at Victor Harbor.

The Cockle Train will stop at Middleton on request.

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Don't miss the train!

Passengers who miss the last train to their destination are liable for alternative means of transport. There is no frequent public transport on the south coast other than a taxi service which can be expensive! Train tickets are not refundable if the train is missed.



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STEAMRANGER HERITAGE RAILWAY

Journey from Goolwa, Pt Elliot, Middleton & Victor Harbor

On Cockle Train and StrathLink running days, you can contact SteamRanger on (08) 8552 2782 (Victor Harbor Station) or (08) 8555 2691 (Goolwa Station)

The Cockle Train

Step back in time and ride the historic Cockle Train.

An all too familiar whistle burst resounding through the Fleurieu Coast towns signifies another departure of one of South Australia's most



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well known train trips. Of all SteamRanger's services, the Cockle Train is the icon, travelling over the first public railway line in Australia and entertaining generations since it was re-instated in 1987.

The 30 minute journey from either Goolwa or Victor Harbor travels along some of the most

picturesque coast on the Fleurieu Peninsula with nothing separating you from panoramic views of the Southern Ocean and the beach below - maybe even spot a whale! Passengers can also join at the historic settlements of Middleton (stop if required) and Pt. Elliot.

No need to book! Tickets can be purchased at stations on the day of travel (please arrive at least 15 minutes before departure time). Family tickets are available and discounts apply to holders of any State Government issued Seniors Card. Full round trip, part sector returns and one way journey tickets also available. Timetable permitting, journeys may be broken to visit other Fleurieu tourist attractions.

Large groups of 10 or more are advised to book through our Booking Office on 1300 655 991 to receive a 10% discount.



Cockle Train services are scheduled to be steam hauled Easter, most SA School Holidays (except July) and Southern Encounter days (see over). At other times, the Cockle Train is operated by heritage Railcars or diesel locos hauling historic carriages.

On your bike?

There is a well established cycle path (dedicated tracks and some road) between Goolwa and Victor Harbor. For all of the south coast towns touring by bike is an alternative way to see the sights. The Cockle Train can cater for a

limited number of bikes on any one

journey. Large groups of cyclists are requested to book a few days ahead through our Booking Office ph. 1300 655 991.

Hot weather and fire bans.

Services scheduled to be steam loco hauled will be changed to heritage diesel or railcars if a fire ban is declared for the Mt Lofty district. The Cockle Train will not operate if the forecast temperature for Victor Harbor is 35°C or over.

The Cockle Train does not run every day. To determine which time table to use match the colour of the calendar dates to the time table heading.

*Train stops at Middleton on request only.

Time Table 1

Goolwa	10.00	12.15	2.45
Middleton*	10.10	12.25	2.55
Pt. Elliot	10.15	12.30	3.00
Victor Harbor	10.30	12.45	3.15
Victor Harbor	11.00	1.30	3.45
Pt. Elliot	11.10	1.40	3.55
Middleton*	11.15	1.45	4.00
Goolwa	11.30	2.00	4.15

Time Table 2

Goolwa	10.00	12.15	2.45	4.30
Middleton*	10.10	12.25	2.55	4.40
Pt. Elliot	10.15	12.30	3.00	4.45
Victor Harbor	10.30	12.45	3.15	5.00
Victor Harbor	11.00	1.30	3.45	5.30
Pt. Elliot	11.10	1.40	3.55	5.40
Middleton*	11.15	1.45	4.00	5.45
Goolwa	11.30	2.00	4.15	6.00

Time Table 3

Goolwa	10.00	10.45	12.15	2.45	4.30
Middleton*	10.10	10.55	12.25	2.55	4.40
Pt. Elliot	10.15	11.00	12.30	3.00	4.45
Victor Harbor	10.30	11.15	12.45	3.15	5.00
Victor Harbor	11.00	12.20	1.30	3.45	5.30
Pt. Elliot	11.10	12.35	1.40	3.55	5.40
Middleton*	11.15	12.40	1.45	4.00	5.45
Goolwa	11.30	12.50	2.00	4.15	6.00

The Southern Hills Special

This service provides a day's journey from Victor Harbor travelling the famous Cockle Train route along the picturesque Fleurieu Coast to the heritage River Port of Goolwa. Departing Goolwa, the journey continues over the most historic section of the 82km of railway track, including bridges, small rail sidings, natural scrublands and rich farmlands to Strathalbyn. A short comfort stop and then the train winds its way over the southern slopes of the Mt. Lofty Ranges to the destination of Mt. Barker - the "home" of SteamRanger Heritage Railway and the location of the main workshops.

Time to enjoy a meal at one of the many eateries and take a stroll in this once country township.

Relax on the return journey and relive the history of part of the line from Adelaide that once served the farming communities along the way and the seaside holiday resorts of the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Duration: 10.00am - 5.25pm **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Departs: Victor Harbor - Saturdays 31st March, 28th April, 22nd September & 27th October 2012.

Calendar

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StrathLink

Take a step back in time! Travelling between Goolwa and Strathalbyn, this rail trip enables you to see the varying countryside, travel over several rail bridges, including one of the tallest bridges in the State at Currency Creek and through several old sidings. Along the way admire the variety of farmland from grazing, cropping, viticulture (grape growing) and irrigation. As we pass through remnant native trackside vegetation (flowering is best during Aug-Oct), often seen are kangaroos, deer and birds following the train, such is the richness of animal life in this area. At Sandergrove, observe where the line branched off to Milang, then we pass the Racecourse before arriving in historic Strathalbyn.

Ample time to enjoy lunch at one of the many cafes, bakeries, hotels, etc. or have a picnic on the banks of the Angas River, then perhaps a stroll or visit to the antique or craft shops.

Departs Goolwa - Monday 2nd, Sundays 8th & 15th and Thursday 26th January, Monday 9th & Saturday 21st April, Sundays 6th May & 26th August and Monday 1st October 2012, Sundays 6th & 13th, Saturday 26th January and Sunday 31st March 2013. The Cockle Train departing Victor Harbor at 11.00am & Pt. Elliot at 11.10am connects at Goolwa.

Please Note BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - Telephone 1300 655 991

StrathLink Timetable

Departs Victor Harbor 11.00am, Pt. Elliot 11.10am, arrives Goolwa 11.30am - Change Trains

Departs Goolwa 11.35am, arrives Strathalbyn 12.30pm.

Departs Strathalbyn 3.15pm, Goolwa 4.30pm, Pt. Elliot 4.50pm, arrives Victor Harbor 5.00pm.

New Year's Eve

Travel on SteamRanger's heritage Railcar from Goolwa, Middleton (stop if required) and Pt. Elliot to enjoy the festivities at Victor Harbor. The train arrives in ample time to join in the celebrations and enable you to get a good position to view the fireworks display on the causeway at midnight. On the return journey, enjoy the view of the lights of the Fleurieu as we wind our way along the coast. Avoid the parking hassles at Victor Harbor by parking at your nearest railway station and catching our special train.

Duration 8.30pm - 1.00am **BOOKINGS ADVISABLE**

Departs Goolwa - Saturday 31st December 2011 and Monday 31st December 2012.



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