

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 Finnis, passing through the former Sandergrange siding, where a line branched off to Milang. Then it's over the Finnis 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 7th & 21st June, 5th & 19th July, 2nd & 16th & 30th August, 6th & 20th September, 4th & 18th October and 1st & 15th November 2015.
Note:- Sunday 20th September 2015 - FIRST CLASS car attached for packages only.

Mystery Trips

It has been many years since SteamRanger operated a Mystery trip. Join us for an excursion to a mystery destination which will be operated by, either a Heritage Railcar or, a Steam or Diesel locomotive hauling historic carriages. Other forms of transport may be used and a lunch will be included in all Mystery packages.

Duration To be advised (departing mid morning and returning late afternoon).
Departs Mt. Barker – Sundays 9th August, 13th September & 11th October 2015.
Note:- **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** - Telephone 1300 655 991

Strathalbyn's Great Duck Race

Join in the fun and activities of Rotary's annual event on the banks of the Angas River. Food and drinks, etc. will be available plus a Children's entertainment area and possibly a classic car display. Purchase your very own duck, train it up and watch its progress as it swims down the river to the finish line. A Rotary fundraising event well worth attending.

Duration 10.00am to 3.30pm **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**
Departs Mt. Barker – Sunday 8th November 2015

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 – Sundays 28th June, 12th & 26th July, 23rd August, 27th September, 25th October and 22nd November 2015.

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 – Saturday 13th February 2016.

Christmas in July

Join our steam hauled heritage train for our 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 25th July 2015.

Rail to River

The Riverport of Goolwa is understood to be one of only two places in the world where one can travel on a Steam train and then transfer to a Steam vessel (in this case, a Paddle Steamer). A dinner and cruise is included in this package.

Duration 3.45pm to approx. 11.15pm. **PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL**
Departs Mt. Barker – Saturday 24th October 2015.

Dinner Enquiries and Bookings:- 1300 655 991



Photo Ivan Marchant

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.
bookings@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. Allow at least 15 minutes before departure time to purchase tickets and board the train.

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: 4yrs to 16yrs inclusive.

Children under 4 travel free (No seat is allocated).

A family ticket is available for 2 adults with 2 children (4 to 16 years) or 1 adult with 3 children (4 to 16 years).

Seniors Card concession applies only for the full round journey upon presentation of any State or New Zealand 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

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SteamRanger

SteamRanger is the railway operating arm of the Australian Railway Historical Society (SA Division) Incorporated.

The Society was founded in 1952 and regular services to Victor Harbor commenced in 1984. SteamRanger is a volunteer based not for profit organisation which has proudly developed a fully accredited operational railway system.

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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.

SteamRanger reserves the right to refuse or terminate passage to any person who appears intoxicated or is demonstrating disruptive behaviour.

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REFUND POLICY For Cockle Trains, Bugle Ranger and other trains where "over the counter" tickets sales are made, our Refund Policy will be displayed at those stations. For all other services where bookings in advance are required, including Group, Carriage and Charter bookings, our Refund Policy can be requested from our Booking Officers at the time of Booking.

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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Mon-Sat 9am - 5pm



