



Field Naturalists Society of SA Inc,
Mammal Club and
Reptile and Frog Group
Fauna survey at



Celebrating
140 Years
Since 1883



Southern
Hairy-nosed
Wombat

Brookfield Conservation Park

on the eastern Mount Lofty Mallee Plain
from Thursday 28th September to Monday 2nd October 2023
weather permitting

11km before, & west of Blanchetown and
about 113km, 2 hours travel northeast of Gepps Cross
along Main North Road and Sturt Highway (A20),
South Australia

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ALL WELCOME

No experience necessary, but membership to a participating organisation supporting this survey is required. Students undertaking wildlife courses will find the experiences valuable. The main entrance GATE 1 for Brookfield CP is 11.6km (west) before Blanchetown, northern side, on the (A20) Sturt Highway. 2WD to **Brookfield CP Campsite** is possible. Once inside Brookfield's Main Gate #1 follow the signage to the research centre campsite. Accommodation for participants is **TOTALLY BYO CAMPING ONLY**. Toilets are available, but no shower facilities. No gate keys are required, but remember to shut all gates. **DEW Research Camping Fees of \$9 per individual per day are now required. Peter Matejcic has made a GROUP BOOKING on behalf of our group, but he will collect fees and will transfer additional collected payments onto DEW.** Our FNSSA registration forms must be

emailed or mobile to Peter Matejcic before departing Adelaide, but please provide a name & surname and return contact phone or mobile number per message.

Please **DOWNLOAD** online visitor's information for Brookfield CP.

[<http://www.friendsofparkssa.org.au/members-directory/friends-of-brookfield-conservation-park>]

DEW management plan for Brookfield @ [https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/public/parks_pdfs_brookfield_mp]

SUGGESTED ITEMS: (Please add to your own list) including extra warm clothes if days and nights become cooler or cold. Protective working gloves are essential.

Individual **binoculars** and cameras would be helpful and an advantage.

copy of this flyer, maps & travel instructions		drinking water & drinks	spare fuel may be necessary
Food & snacks	gas bottle & fittings	sunblock	Mobile phone
hat & gloves	raincoat	spare clothing	tent mat (optional)
plates, cutlery cooking utensils	torches spare batteries	storage containers rubbish bag	toiletries & toilet paper
medicines & personal first-aid	Stingose, insect repellent or spray	spare boots or sturdy shoes	notepad & stationery
tent, chair seating, table & bedding			
FNSSA first-aid kits will be taken GPS (optional) uhf radio (optional) Channel 10			

Visitors should aim to be **self-sufficient and maintain minimal impact**. Before driving into Brookfield CP you will need:

- **Water:** Bring sufficient water to cover your own drinking, cooking and washing needs. Water is a scarce resource on the reserve.
- **Cooking:** Only gas fires may be used. No wood fires are permitted on the Reserves.
- **Lighting:** Use battery, gas or torch lamps. Take spare batteries for torches.
- **Vehicle fuel** is available at the Blanchetown or at Truro (**recommended**).
- **Ice** is available at Blanchetown so plan your food requirements accordingly.
- Visitors must remove all their own rubbish so bring garbage bags to take all your rubbish home.
- Brookfield CP is suitable for mountain bikes. Remember to carry a puncture repair kit.
- **Firearms and pets are not permitted on the Reserves.**
- **Mobile Phone coverage is patchy, but possible.**

VERY IMPORTANT & PLEASE NOTE: the SA Department of Agriculture Fruit Fly Control Program is vigilant over South Australian long-weekends, which means that all fresh fruit, honey, and vegetables such as potatoes, onions, capsicums and tomatoes may not be carried into the Riverland district from elsewhere. **Adelaide receipts as proof of purchase are NO LONGER allowable** by Department of Agriculture Department staff undertaking Fruit Fly inspections. Please check online for current guidelines.

IMPORTANT PLEASE CONTACT: Peter Matejcic, by Mobile: **0400292311 (PREFERRED)** or Email: **pmatejci@bigpond.net.au for further information.**

Leaders will make decisions if poor weather (rainfall or a heat wave) occurs, and cancellation is necessary. Brookfield CP is closed on days of extreme fire danger and to avoid track damage when rainfall is excessive.

Participants are free to arrive and travel back to Adelaide at any time. Stay one, two, or more days and nights.

Survey plans are to opportunistic search at existing trapline sites, which sample three vegetation habitats. The aim is to identify mammal and reptile species focussing opportunistic observations around designated wombat burrows.

This fauna study continues over **several months** until the end of April and a list of other weekend and weekday dates will be posted. Fauna and plant lists are available, since this survey began in October 2019.



ABOVE: Brookfield CP Composite Site 2819
 Lat. -34.341283°S, and Long. 139.485771°E UTM 26L087E, 6139578N Blanchetown SA 5337



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Western Grey Kangaroo



Ctenotus schomburgkii

BROOKFIELD PITFALL TRAP LOCATIONS

