

St Kilda



Sustainable Salisbury

“We are so pleased to experience on a daily basis the benefits of what the City of Salisbury is doing to help protect, preserve and restore the mangrove forests for the enjoyment of local people and visitors from all over the world.”

Steve Vines
Manager, St Kilda Mangrove Trail.

To understand the beauty and diversity of a healthy coastal ecosystem, people need only venture onto the boardwalk at the St Kilda Mangrove Trail and witness communities of birds, fish and crustaceans living in the ebb and flow.

The 2km boardwalk takes visitors into an intricate flooded forest on the edge of the Barker Inlet Aquatic Reserve. Just a short drive from the heart of Salisbury, the trail embraces people into a scene experienced when the first white settlers arrived at the spot they called Port Misery in the 1830s.

In this water-logged environment, the mangroves have developed their own survival mechanism with aerial roots that pierce the heavy mud. The thick canopy of leaves also becomes a natural compost bin providing much-needed nutrients for an endless array of marine life.



In the shallows and seagrass channels, crabs and fish feed and find refuge, while in the shady branches a brilliant variety of birds live and visit, including silver gulls, pelicans, black cormorants, eastern curlews and sacred kingfishers.

Looking from the boardwalk, visitors can watch the Port River's resident dolphins cruise past.

A fascinating interpretive centre at the start of the trail provides a wealth of information and displays.

The St Kilda Mangrove Trail provides unique insights into the beauty and significance of a healthy coastal wetland, and its amazing inhabitants, on the edge of Salisbury.

The trail is located on the western boundary of the City of Salisbury. The road into St Kilda is approximately 12 km north of Gepps Cross, along Port Wakefield Road (almost adjacent to the intersection of Waterloo Corner road). Follow the signs into this quaint coastal village to the entrance of the Mangrove Trail off Fooks Terrace – adjacent to the marina at St Kilda.

From Adelaide you should allow about 25 minutes driving time with the centre of Salisbury just a ten minute drive away.

It is open from 10am, seven days a week, for self-guided walks, and closes around 4pm on weekdays, and around 5pm on weekends and public holidays.

For more information please telephone the Mangrove Trail on (08) 8280 8172 or visit the City of Salisbury's website: www.salisbury.sa.gov.au



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