



# Roonka Water Activity Centre

McBean Pound, SA 5357  
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## Campsite Information, Protocols and Requirements

To assist in maintaining the camp facilities in good order, for the safety, comfort and enjoyment of all, campers are asked to comply with the following protocols and requirements of our Water Activity Centre.

During your stay, the Roonka Campsite is under the control of a Duty Camp Warden or Caretaker who is available for all campers should they need help or information about the campsite. Any directions and requirements notified to campers by the Duty Warden/Caretaker must be complied with at all times.

### Upon arrival:

**Campers must first report to the Duty Warden/Caretaker** in the cottage area on the left, past kitchen 2. The **Camper Guest List** form with all signed **Waiver Forms** (sent out with the booking confirmation and a requirement for non-members of Scout SA) must be given to the Duty Warden/Caretaker upon arrival. The **Camper Guest List** Form must be filled in by the Group/family Leaders and include the names of all persons (regardless of age), in their party of campers. **Campers who do not fill out the Waiver Form will be required to leave Roonka.**

### Boundaries:

Roonka is surrounded by various private properties and visitors must keep within fenced boundaries. Please respect neighbouring properties by not trespassing.

**Camping is only allowed on the areas designated as camping areas on the Roonka campsite plan.** Camping on the banks of the river and billabong, emergency assembly areas, boat launching areas or adjacent areas is not permitted.

### Hazards warning:

Roonka is a bush camping site. The campsite has trees, different underfoot surface levels, embankments, brick and earthen pathways, steps and staircases, outdoor furniture, buildings, playground equipment, river bank jetties and walls, many types of tents and caravans setup, all which could become a hazard to campers if they fail to exercise personal caution during their stay. Observe safety signs.

### Emergencies:

When you hear the klaxon horn, immediately go to the **Emergency Assembly Area** on the northern side of the campsite below the Warden's cottage. Do not bring any gear with you.

If the fire alarm sounds in your bunkhouse, please leave your room immediately and await instructions from the Warden.

### First Aid Incidents:

Campers and the Leaders in charge of each group or family are responsible for treatment of physical injuries sustained during their camp.

**However, physical injuries of a significant nature that are considered to require medical treatment off site or may need additional treatment after the camp, need to be reported immediately to the Duty Warden/Caretaker.** When in doubt please contact the Duty Warden/Caretaker.

### Water:

Rainwater is in limited supply and available for drinking purposes only from selected tanks and in the two kitchens – please check with the Warden/Caretaker. All other taps supply river water, which is only suitable for washing. Campers should consider bringing their own drinking water due to the limited and varying quality of the on-site rainwater. Toilets and showers use river water.

### Motor vehicles and parking:

**A maximum speed limit of 10km per hour applies to all parts of the camp**

A car park is provided to minimise dust and congestion around campsites and bunkhouses. After unloading, all vehicles must park in the car park, west of the A/B/C bunkhouse on the entry road for camp safety.

**At the boat launching area** – after unloading or launching boats, canoes etc at the boat ramp, all vehicles and trailers must be parked on the roadway on the southern side of the billabong, or returned to the car park. The boat launching area and access to the riverbank shade shelter areas must remain vehicle and trailer free, at all times.

### Alcohol:

**All campers are asked to follow responsible drinking guidelines at all times especially near young campers.** Scouts Australia (SA Branch) Alcohol Policy applies to members. Alcohol is not to be sold or made available to other campers, especially those under the legal drinking age. Drinking in bunkhouses is not allowed. Bottles and cans must be left in the appropriate bins provided in the camp and bunkhouses.



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## **Smoking:**

Smoking by all campers is discouraged due to health warnings. Smoking is only permitted in the open-air at least 50 metres away from persons, buildings, campsites and activity sites. Smoking is prohibited in all buildings, kitchens, toilets and bunkhouses. All cigarette butts are to be disposed of carefully and only in the ashtrays provided.

## **After hours/ lights out:**

Roonka caters for campers of all ages and pursuits as well as youth members of Scouts Australia (SA Branch). During your stay, there may be many different types of campers sharing accommodation, camping and activity areas. To ensure everyone has a most enjoyable experience at Roonka we ask that after 10.30pm, noise and activities are reduced to a level that will not interfere with the ability of all other campers to "get a good night's sleep and rest". **Failure to comply could result in you being asked to leave the campsite.**

## **Rubbish:**

Bins are provided throughout the campsite. Additional bins and plastic bin liners are available from the Duty Warden/Caretaker.

- All food scraps and soft rubbish must be placed in bins with plastic bin liners. Please do not overfill. When liners are full please carefully remove from the bin and tie to stop spillage. Place bag beside the bin. In the kitchens place the full bags on the verandah for collection or place in the rubbish trailer alongside the workshop.
- Please assist us in recycling by separating bottles, cans, paper and cardboard from soft rubbish. Place them in the wire baskets on verandah, beside rubbish bins or in the containers alongside the workshop.
- Rinsed food cans and plastic containers can also be recycled.

## **Campfires:**

FIRE RESTRICTIONS APPLY FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH. Two campfire locations are available for use depending on the time of year and weather conditions. Contact your Duty Warden/Caretaker. Bring your own wood if possible. Fees apply for wood purchased on-site, supplies are limited. **Please note: It is illegal to collect wood from the roadsides and anywhere on Roonka Station.**

## **Dogs:**

These are permitted but they must be on a leash at all times. Dogs are **not allowed to enter other campsites, kitchens, bunkhouses or to sleep on bunk mattresses**. Dogs are **not allowed to trespass on neighbouring land** as they may have livestock and other farm animals. Dog droppings must be picked up at all times. Failure to follow these requirements could result in dogs being ordered off the Roonka Campsite.

## **Bunkhouses:**

Campers using the bunkhouse accommodation must take special care and consideration in how they use the bunks and rooms especially when sharing a bunkhouse building. Mattresses and chairs are not to be taken from the rooms. Mattresses should not be placed on the floor and special care taken when accessing upper bunk beds. When sharing a bunkhouse building, please do not use the evaporative air conditioner before the other residents are consulted and have agreed to its use. Floors must be swept and mopped upon departure.

## **Kitchen and dining rooms:**

For health reasons all crockery, cutlery, tables and chairs are not to be removed from the kitchens and dining rooms. Saucepans, knives and bowls are not to be used in the storing or cooking of live fish or yabbies etc. Buckets are available from the Warden/Caretaker. A modern combination TV/DVD set is available in each kitchen (Unfortunately there is no TV reception). **Users are responsible at all times for the cleanliness and care of the kitchen and its contents.** At the end of camp, users will be given a cleaning checklist to undertake prior to any cleanliness inspection by the Warden/Caretaker.

## **Toilet and shower blocks:**

All campers are responsible to keep each toilet and shower block clean and tidy during their stay. This includes removing any rubbish on the floors or in shower cubicles, flushing bowls after use, replenishing toilet rolls from the storage cupboard at the back of Kitchen 1. Any damage to the facilities must be reported. At the end of camp, users will be given a cleaning checklist to undertake prior to any cleanliness inspection by the Warden/Caretaker.

## **Cottage and Workshop equipment:**

These are for the use of the Duty Warden/Caretaker and their family only. Permission is required from the Warden before entering any of these locations.



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## Departure and cleaning up:

**Cleaning Checklists for kitchens, bunkhouses and toilet blocks will be made available by the Duty Warden/Caretaker.** All camping areas, bunkhouses, toilet blocks, dining rooms, kitchens and equipment are to be left clean, adhering to the cleaning checklists. Cleaning products are available in the storage cupboards on the south wall of kitchen 1. **Facilities not cleaned to the standard required, may incur an additional cleaning charge to a maximum of \$200.00.**

## Camping fees:

Please pay the Warden/Caretaker, preferably 24 hours before departure. A receipt will be issued. **Credit card facilities are available on site for a small surcharge.**

## Water activities:

Personal flotation devices/buoyancy vests are available to all campers, at no charge. We recommend they be worn during all water based activities on the river or billabong. All Roonka watercraft will only be made available to campers after completion of a Hire Form, which includes a requirement to undertake viewing of a water safety DVD. Campers may bring their own watercraft, which will not need to comply with Hire Form requirements.

The billabong is best used for canoeing and rafting due to its shallow water depth. It is not recommended for swimming or diving.

## Swimming:

The designated swimming area is the river, with its jetty and water slide. For your safety, we ask all swimmers to wear PFD's/buoyancy vests and strongly recommend **all youth to be supervised at all times in or near the water.** The Warden/Caretaker may require boat owners to restrict their activities if it severely interferes with ability of campers to enjoy reasonable swim periods.

## Canoe hire:

A Hire Form is to be completed prior to hiring watercraft for activities on the billabong or river.

- PFD's/buoyancy vests must be worn at all times.
- Treat canoes with care as they can be easily damaged.
- Do not play in or on submerged or partially submerged watercraft.
- Watercraft must be carried to the billabong or river, not dragged.
- Rinse canoes inside and out, using the hoses on the lawn, before returning to storage

## Playground, Flying Fox and Water Slide:

An adventure playground is located south of the billabong. The Flying Fox( dual cable line) and our new Water Slide are available for use .

## Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone:

Roonka is located within the Riverland Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone. Presently only fruit and vegetables **purchased** within South Australia, **accompanied by a detailed purchase docket**, may be brought into the area. Random roadside checks may occur, so please ensure you bring proof-of purchase to avoid loss of your fresh foodstuffs or a heavy fine. Further information may be sought from the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010.

## Information and assistance:

Is available from the Duty Warden/ Caretaker.

### **Emergency Telephone Numbers:**

Fire/Police/Ambulance	000
Waikerie Public Hospital	(08) 8541 2300
State Emergency Services (Blanchetown)	(08) 8540 5000
Police (Blanchetown)	(08) 8540 5153
Roonka Warden	(08) 8540 5104



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## Emergency Assembly Area

On hearing a continuing alarm horn, please immediately assemble in the area marked green on this map.

The area is signposted on the lower flat area below the Warden's Cottage.

