

SMALL GROUP BASE CAMPING BUNKERS CONSERVATION RESERVE FLINDERS RANGES, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby Preservation Association, acknowledges the Adnyamathanha people as the traditional custodians of country on which the Bunkers Conservation Reserve is located.

We pay respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land.

*“Nangga! Inardi ngarlparlaru yarta”
Greetings! Welcome to this land*

140km² of Flinders Ranges Wilderness. One of the Oldest Places in the World!

Suitable for small group base camps undertaking research or outdoor education.

The Bunkers Conservation Reserve, BCR, is a private reserve situated within the traditional lands of the Adnyamathanha aboriginal people and takes in some of the most rugged country of the Flinders Ranges; Loves Mine Range, Mount Caernarvon (921m) and The Bunkers Range.

The BCR is now a great example of this iconic South Australian location; since 2001 the land has been destocked, fenced and gated, revealing the unique flora, fauna and geology of this semi-arid zone.

Yours now to discover ... geology, ecology, botany, orienteering, cultural heritage ...

HISTORY

Since the 1850's the property formed part of various pastoral leases and in 1956 came under the control of the Reynolds family as part of Willow Springs Station. In 1993, in support of the National Parks and Wildlife SA Bounceback Program in the Flinders Ranges, the Reynolds family authorised the removal of feral goats from the Bunkers area. Feral goats were the main herbivorous competitors in the area to the threatened Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby.

Over several years, as the removal of the feral goats progressed, the volunteers involved in the Bounceback became familiar with this spectacular and rugged area, noting many interesting features including the remnants of a Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby colony. Interest developed into commitment, resulting in the creation of a preservation group with the intent of purchasing property for the protection of native vegetation and wildlife.

This group founded the Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby Preservation Association Inc (YFRWPA) in 1997 in order to re-establish the colony in the Bunkers area.

Following approval of funding assistance to the Association for the purchase of the Bunkers Block from the Reynolds family by the Natural Heritage Trust in 1999, the purchase was completed in 2001 and the Bunkers Conservation Reserve was gazetted. The Federal Minister for Environment, Hon Robert Hill, officially opened the Reserve on 4th October 2001.

Since the purchase major work has been undertaken by the volunteers of the YFRWPA in building a campground and off-grid facilities for its members to use when staying at the BCR.

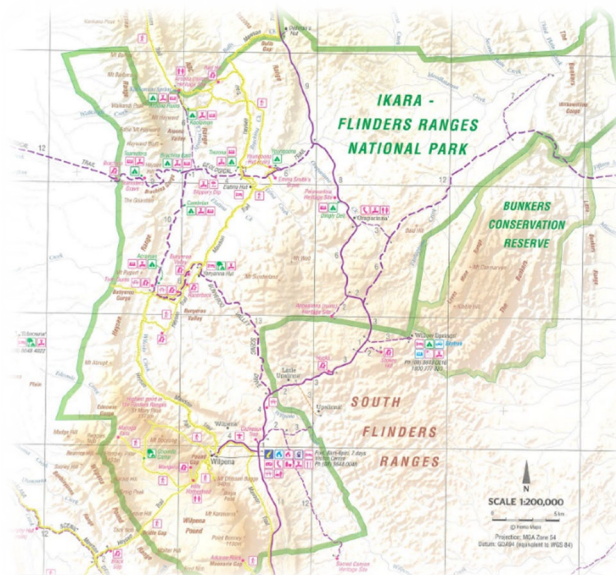
At the time of purchase there was a population of less than five Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby's in residence. The population is now in excess of seventy, the direct result of reducing the non-native animals that threaten the existence of these and many more fauna and flora species.

LOCATION

The BCR is located on the east boundary of the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park and adjacent the Martins Well Rangeland Reserve. Allow six hours travel from Adelaide to the BCR (500km).

ACCESS

Private and gated property, access only available with a YFRWPA member-host* present. Easy access via Hawker, the Flinders Ranges Way (bitumen), then 25km on the Wirrealpa Road (unsealed) to the BCR front gate. Suitable 2WD and mini bus access, subject to local rain.



FACILITIES

Eleven dedicated camp sites with fire pits.
Two room hut sleeps six people; two single beds, two double bunks.
Large undercover veranda.
Camp kitchen with gas BBQ plus hot plate, bottled LPG provided.
Ablution block with two separate toilets plus two shower toilet rooms.
Hot water via wood fired boiler.
Central fire pit, all wood provided.

SAFETY

All services are off-grid.
Internet and phone access via NBN (Emergency use only).
UHF radio.
Limited 240v power via solar battery bank.
Rain water and bore water.
Defibrillator on site, please bring your own first-aid kit.

BOOKING ENQUIRIES

Flexible pricing based on group size and requirements.
P.O.A. with all funds raised supporting the work of the Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby Preservation Association.

To discuss your group requirements and understand our Conditions of Access, all enquiries to:

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