

# The Great (Big) Gorge Walk

**Where:** Start from Garnet Kelly Reserve, opposite 6790 Main South Rd, Normanville

Follow the footsteps of Colonel William Light

This 3.6km return walk runs adjacent to the Yankalilla River, on the route of the historic coach road, and the path Colonel William Light walked during his first surveys.

Yankalilla was one of the earliest settled districts in the State and this is one of the first settlement's best known rural roads – linking Adelaide with Yankalilla and Cape Jervis.

Today, walkers will enjoy prolific birdlife as they follow a marked trail.

Look out for river red gums, blue gums, blackwood, golden wattle and sheoak on the higher ground. Large swathes of grass trees are striking against the hills. The path covers both public road and private land, we acknowledge the generosity of landholders in allowing access.

Nearing the end of the trail you will find ruins popularly known as “Two Storey Inn” or of “The Gorge Hotel” although there are no formal records of a hotel being built or licensed. Also there is no evidence of it being two storey!

A picturesque heritage walk with information plaques along the way.

## **HOURS OF OPERATION:**

Sunrise to Sunset

(closed on days of Total Fire Ban)

## **CONDITIONS OF ACCESS:**

- For pedestrian and cyclist use only.
- The trail is unfenced and crisscrosses road reserve and private land, please keep to the marked trail.
- Leave all gates as you find them.
- Dogs must be on leash at all times, lambing ewes.
- You are on farming land, avoid livestock at all times.
- Follow the trail markers and obey all signs.
- Take your rubbish with you.
- Use at your own risk. Council and private landowners are not responsible for accidents or injuries. The path is rugged (Class 4).



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