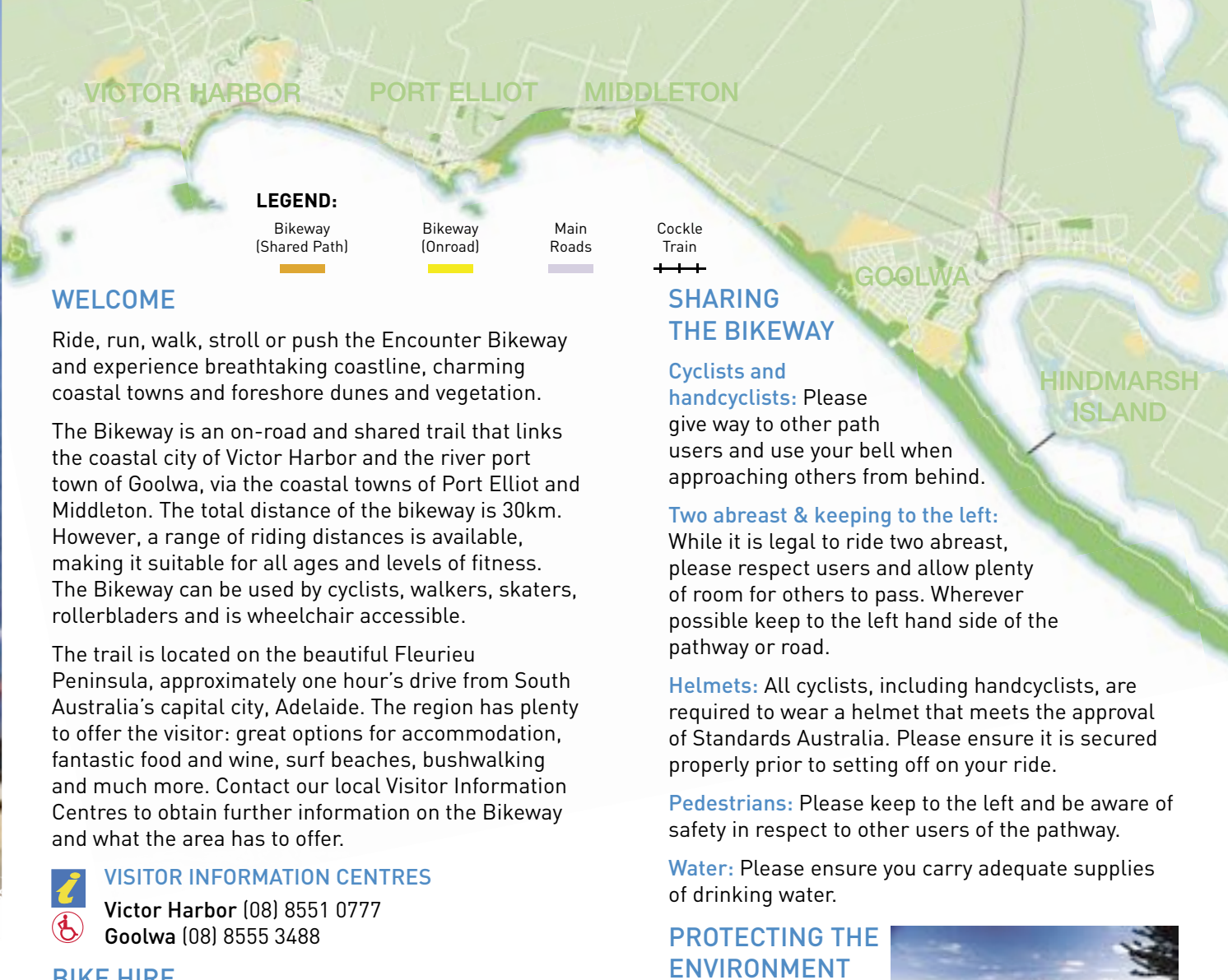


FLEURIEU PENINSULA  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
**ENCOUNTER  
BIKEWAY**



**LEGEND:**  
 Bikeway (Shared Path)   
 Bikeway (Onroad)   
 Main Roads   
 Cockle Train

**WELCOME**

Ride, run, walk, stroll or push the Encounter Bikeway and experience breathtaking coastline, charming coastal towns and foreshore dunes and vegetation.

The Bikeway is an on-road and shared trail that links the coastal city of Victor Harbor and the river port town of Goolwa, via the coastal towns of Port Elliot and Middleton. The total distance of the bikeway is 30km. However, a range of riding distances is available, making it suitable for all ages and levels of fitness. The Bikeway can be used by cyclists, walkers, skaters, rollerbladers and is wheelchair accessible.

The trail is located on the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula, approximately one hour's drive from South Australia's capital city, Adelaide. The region has plenty to offer the visitor: great options for accommodation, fantastic food and wine, surf beaches, bushwalking and much more. Contact our local Visitor Information Centres to obtain further information on the Bikeway and what the area has to offer.

**VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES**

- Victor Harbor** (08) 8551 0777
- Goolwa** (08) 8555 3488

**BIKE HIRE**

- Victor Harbor Cycle & Skate**  
Telephone: (08) 8552 1417 Mon – Fri & Sat mornings.
  - Whalers by the Bluff**  
Telephone: (08) 8552 4400 Daily
  - Bike Hire from Kent Reserve**  
Telephone: 0400 112 070 From 10.00am (seasonal)
- Many accommodation operators and caravan parks along the trail have bikes available to guests. Be sure to check when booking your accommodation.

**SHARING THE BIKEWAY**

- Cyclists and handcyclists:** Please give way to other path users and use your bell when approaching others from behind.
- Two abreast & keeping to the left:** While it is legal to ride two abreast, please respect users and allow plenty of room for others to pass. Wherever possible keep to the left hand side of the pathway or road.
- Helmets:** All cyclists, including handcyclists, are required to wear a helmet that meets the approval of Standards Australia. Please ensure it is secured properly prior to setting off on your ride.
- Pedestrians:** Please keep to the left and be aware of safety in respect to other users of the pathway.
- Water:** Please ensure you carry adequate supplies of drinking water.

**PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT**

- Respect the fragile dune systems by staying on designated pathways and boardwalks at all times.
- DO NOT disturb plants and animals.
- DO NOT leave any rubbish behind. Either place it in the bins provided or take it home with you.



**VICTOR HARBOR TO GOOLWA COASTAL BIKEWAY**

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www.tourismvictorharbor.com.au  
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**VICTOR HARBOR SECTION**  
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5.5km to Rosetta Head  
8.5km to Port Elliot  
11.5km to Middleton  
16.5km to Goolwa

14km to Port Elliot  
17km to Middleton  
22km to Goolwa  
29.5km to Laffin Point

Victor Harbor forms part of Encounter Bay, visited by Captain Crozier in HMS Victor in 1837. Rosetta Head or "The Bluff" offers spectacular views.

Victor Harbor, popular for its many facilities and aquatic activities during the summer period is now a fantastic area for whale watching during the winter months.

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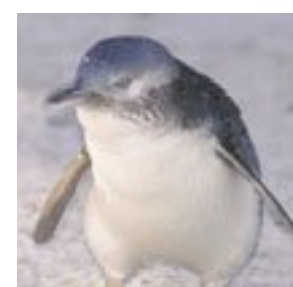
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**CATCH A RIDE ABOARD**

Why not ride one way and catch a ride on the historic Cockle Train? It is important to contact SteamRanger on 1300 655 991 prior to your ride to confirm availability for space for your bicycle and arrival time of the train. The train operates every Sunday and every day during SA school holidays.



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**MUST SEE AND MUST DO**

- Walk or catch a ride and relax on the Horse Drawn Tram across the 630m causeway to Granite Island Nature Park.
- Take a penguin tour. Granite Island is a declared sanctuary and home to a population of Little Penguins. Dusk eco tours depart daily. Call (08) 8552 7000 to book your penguin tour.
- Explore the SA Whale Centre.
- Treat yourself for a meal at the many restaurants, cafés and hotels in Victor Harbor.

**FEEDBACK**

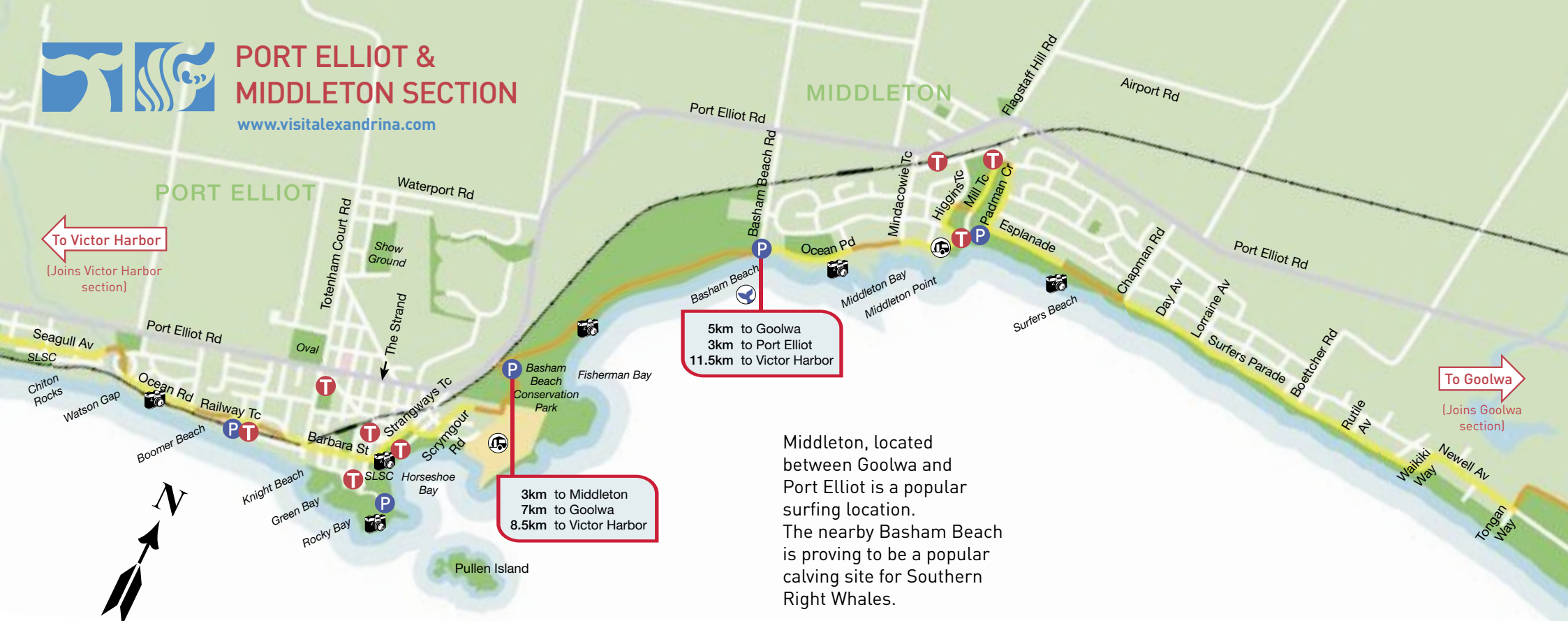
We would be delighted to hear of your Encounter Bikeway experience. Please email your comments, stories and photos to [vic@victor.sa.gov.au](mailto:vic@victor.sa.gov.au)





# PORT ELLIOT & MIDDLETON SECTION

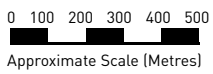
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Middleton, located between Goolwa and Port Elliot is a popular surfing location. The nearby Basham Beach is proving to be a popular calving site for Southern Right Whales.

## LEGEND

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Port Elliot was selected as an ocean port by Governor Young. During this period, the state's first railway between Goolwa and Port Elliot was opened. This railway was built to connect Goolwa's riverboats with the deep sea port at Horseshoe Bay. The site did not prove viable, with several ships being lost before the port was shifted to Victor Harbor.

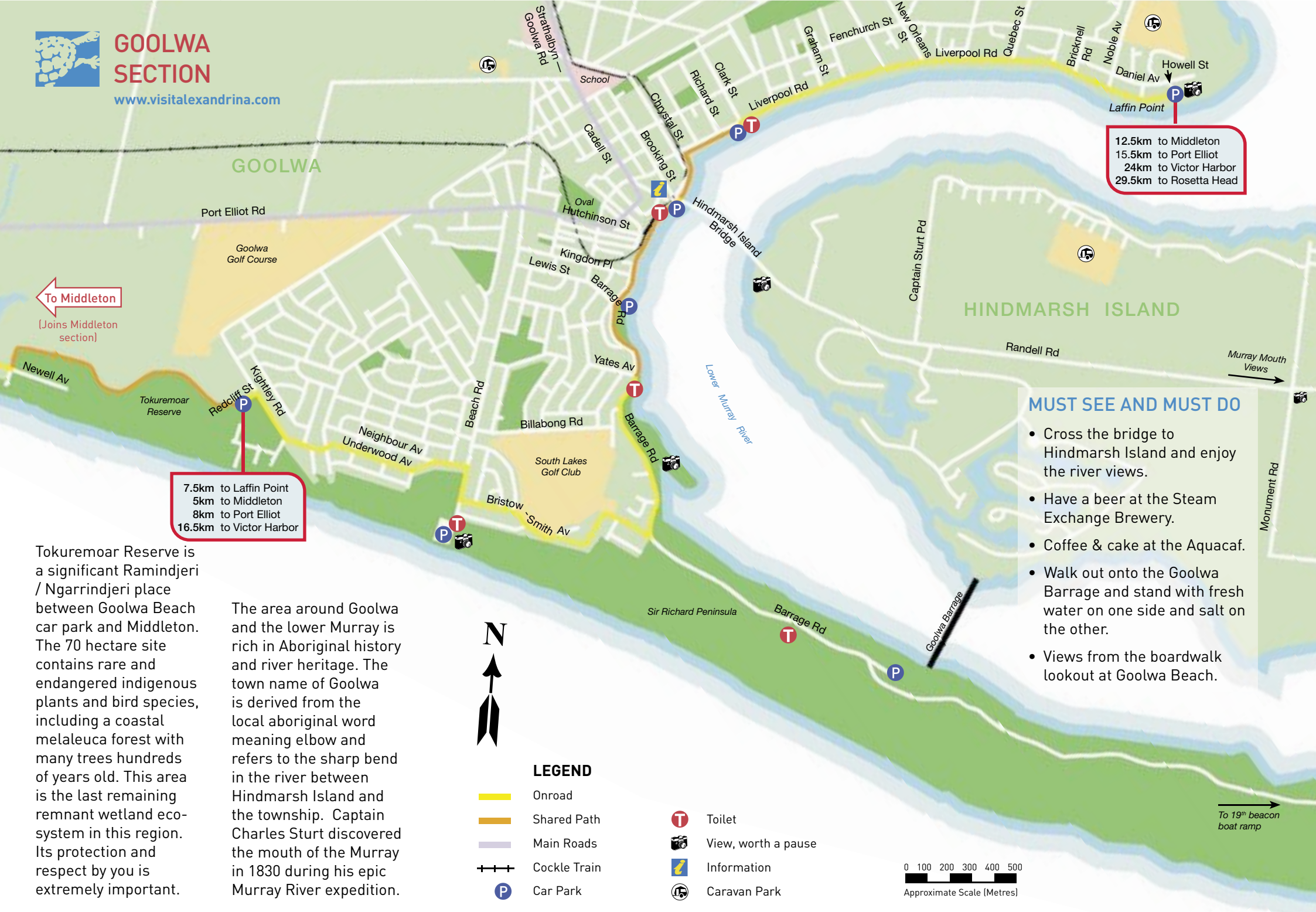


## MUST SEE AND MUST DO

- Coffee stops at the Flying Fish Café.
- Yummy bakeries in North Terrace.
- Panoramic views from Freeman Knob.
- Whale watching at Basham Beach.
- Middleton Heritage Bakery.

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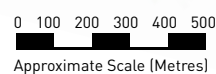


Tokuremoar Reserve is a significant Ramindjeri / Ngarrindjeri place between Goolwa Beach car park and Middleton. The 70 hectare site contains rare and endangered indigenous plants and bird species, including a coastal melaleuca forest with many trees hundreds of years old. This area is the last remaining remnant wetland ecosystem in this region. Its protection and respect by you is extremely important.

The area around Goolwa and the lower Murray is rich in Aboriginal history and river heritage. The town name of Goolwa is derived from the local aboriginal word meaning elbow and refers to the sharp bend in the river between Hindmarsh Island and the township. Captain Charles Sturt discovered the mouth of the Murray in 1830 during his epic Murray River expedition.

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## MUST SEE AND MUST DO

- Cross the bridge to Hindmarsh Island and enjoy the river views.
- Have a beer at the Steam Exchange Brewery.
- Coffee & cake at the Aquacaf.
- Walk out onto the Goolwa Barrage and stand with fresh water on one side and salt on the other.
- Views from the boardwalk lookout at Goolwa Beach.