Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Naracoorte Caves Trail

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Connecting to our World Heritage

Naracoorte is fortunate to have a World Heritage area right on its doorstep. The UNESCO World Heritage list includes sites that are considered to be of outstanding universal value. They represent exceptional examples of natural and cultural heritage.

The Naracoorte Caves shares this list with globally recognised icons such as the Great Barrier Reef and the Pyramids of Giza.

Inscribed on the World Heritage list in 1994, the Australian Fossil Mammal Sites (Riversleigh/Naracoorte) tell the remarkable story of Australia's fascinating mammals and how they evolved and adapted to this unique continent. Much of the past 25 million years is represented by the combined fossil vertebrate records from Riversleigh (NW Queensland) and the Naracoorte Caves (SE South Australia).

The Naracoorte Caves Trail connects the town of Naracoorte with the world-renowned caves and allows visitors to travel across the landscape and understand how it has changed over time.

The skeleton of the extinct marsupial predator *Thylacoleo carnifex* casts an eerie shadow over the fossil bed in Victoria Fossil Cave.
Source: Steven Bourne

Along the Naracoorte Caves Trail are a series of information panels that will guide you through the story of Naracoorte's past and present. This story starts millions of years ago in the deep past and continues to the present day. You will see evidence of a changing landscape and learn how the caves are integral to our understanding of this ancient story of geology, landscape and people.

Length of trail - 14.7 km.

Terrain - mix of sealed roads, unsealed roads and sandy tracks.

Water - make sure you take sufficient water with you when riding the trail.

Trail markers with arrows indicate the trail route (please also refer to the map).

Rest stops - several rest stops are available along the way and these are accompanied by information panels.

Refreshments and facilities are available at the Naracoorte Caves National Park.

Cave tours are available from 9am to 5pm every day except Christmas Day.

We acknowledge the organisations involved with bringing the trail together - Naracoorte Lucindale Council, University of Adelaide, Department of Environment and Water, Wrattonbully Wine Region, Federal Government and Forestry SA.

We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners of the ancestral lands of the South East. We acknowledge elders past and present and we respect the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal Peoples to Country.

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A person using the trail is doing so at their own risk. Please report any concerns to Council on 8760 1100 or council@nlc.sa.gov.au. If you feel unwell on the trail please call 000.

For more information: