



FREE BEACH CAMPING IN SA: 10 TOP COASTAL SPOTS

There's nothing quite like waking up with the sea breeze in your nose, the sound of waves thumping the shore, and a thermos full of instant coffee that somehow tastes better when your feet are still coated in yesterday's sand. Beach camping in South Australia hits different.

It's not just about throwing up a tent—it's about finding your slice of coast where the phone signal fades and the tide tells the time. Some easy to get to, others tucked behind sand dunes or oyster farms. Here are ten of the best beach campsites across SA where you can cook snags, dodge mozzies, and stare at the stars like a tourist.

1. **Cable Bay Campground – Innes National Park (Yorke Peninsula)**

This is one of the best beach campsites in the state, hands down. Set inside the dramatic Innes National Park, Cable Bay gives you prime access to white sand, cliff walks, and turquoise water that's freezing enough to make your voice go up an octave. Campsites are basic but clean, and you'll likely be joined by a few emus and kangaroos wandering through like they own the joint.

2. **Memory Cove – Lincoln National Park (Eyre Peninsula)**

This one's a bit special—and you'll need a permit and a key from National Parks SA to even get in. Only a handful of vehicles are allowed per night, and the 4WD-only track in is slow and sandy. But mate, when you arrive, it's pure magic. A protected cove absolute seclusion, and wild camping at its best. If you want **camping** without the crowds, this is the place to do it.

3. **Coorong National Park – 42 Mile Crossing**

Coorong camping is for the adventurous. At 42 Mile Crossing, you park the van or pitch the tent behind the dunes, then hike your gear over to the beach. The stretch of sand here feels endless, with salty air, crashing surf, and almost no one around.

4. **Fowlers Bay – Outback beach magic**

Out past Ceduna, Fowlers Bay is wild, red and windswept in the most photogenic way. You'll find a basic caravan park right on the dunes, or if you're in a fully self-contained setup, there are several **remote camping** areas dotted further out. Fishing here is a religion, and the sunsets would make a painter weep.

5. **Pondalowie Bay – surfers, roos and serenity**

Another cracker from Innes National Park, Pondie is a favourite for surfers and fishos. You're camped just behind the dunes, with a short walk to the beach and a good shot at nabbing a salmon or two. It's family friendly, peaceful and pet-free.

6. **Stokes Bay – Kangaroo Island's quiet gem**

Kangaroo Island's known for its fancy eco-retreats, but Stokes Bay is where you go if you want beach camping in South Australia without the pretence. The hidden beach (through the rock tunnel—don't miss it) is absolutely stunning, and the campground has all the basics you need. It's a great one for kids, especially with the safe rock pool lagoon, and the wildlife is close enough to touch—though I wouldn't advise it.

7. **Brown Bay – Limestone Coast camping with rock pools**

Down near Port MacDonnell, Brown Bay is a low-key spot with a solid 4WD track running alongside the dunes. There's no need to book, and no fees—it's old-school bush camping at its best. Drop a line, poke around the rock pools, or just park your chair in the sun and forget what day it is.

8. **Second Valley – sheltered cove and jetty camping**

Second Valley gets a bit of love these days on social media, but camping nearby still feels local. The beach is great for snorkelling and paddling. There's a neat little caravan park with tent sites, and it's just a short walk to the water. Not strictly **off-grid**, but one of the nicest **camping spots near the beach**.

9. **Wool Bay – low-key clifftop camping with sea views**

This one's more for the grey nomads and quiet types. There's a designated RV and tent site right near the foreshore toilets and BBQs, with an honesty box for your fee. You get killer views across the bay, access to a good jetty for fishing, and a peaceful little community vibe.

10. **Speeds Point – remote fishing and 4WD beach access**

For those who like their **4WD beach camping** wild and woolly, Speeds Point (south of Cowell) delivers. It's all dirt tracks, salty air, and off-grid living. You'll want to be self-sufficient here, but the rewards are worth it—killer fishing, nobody around, and sunsets that slap. You won't want to leave.