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**Introduction**

Port Adelaide is a coastal city and is well known for its marine attractions. Only a 20 minute drive from Adelaide's city centre, it's also one of Adelaide's most popular tourist destinations, with many activities to offer to visitors. Wild dolphins are one of those attractions that you will see often. It is indeed a delight for divers, snorkellers and sailors to watch these amazing mammals swimming and playing around in Port Adelaide's waters. The Port River Pod is a favourite destination to view dolphins, with Port River Sailing Club being one of the best places to do so.

Port Adelaide was an important port for the export of South Australia and Victoria's resources. Ships would anchor near the lighthouse. Out there you can discover other varieties of dolphins. For an even closer view, you can hire a skiff, hire a boat or charter a boat and travel out to sea. One and All or Faire, or charter a boat and travel out to sea.

**Viewing Dolphins**

The Port River is the home for a wide variety of marine life. The dolphins found here are part of the Port River Pod. The Port Road Sailing Club offers a great view of the Port River Pod. The dolphins love to swim alongside these vessels!

Dolphins are playful and friendly creatures, but do not be surprised with what you find at the end of the road.

**Dolphin Trail**

A trail has been developed to provide a different and close up perspective. Six interpretive signs have been positioned along the waterfront, each providing details about the diversity of the Port region and exploring what it has to offer along its coast, island, attractions and they can be discovered one after the other. These mangroves are part of the most extensive forest of these mangroves are part of the most extensive forest of

**By Water**

Moorhouse Road

By Car

The Port River Pod is a great place to view these majestic mammals. A pair of binoculars maybe useful. A pair of binoculars maybe useful. A pair of binoculars maybe useful. If you are sure to discover another side to the Port and hopefully, you can sponsor a Port River dolphin and help support research for these remarkable mammals. To find out more

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Introduction

Port Adelaide

Port Adelaide is a seaport city, well known for its maritime heritage. Only a 20 minute drive from Adelaide's CBD, Port Adelaide is a great daytrip destination offering so much to see and do. Take a short 5 minute drive along the coast from Largs Bay to North Haven Marina, a place to sit back and dine, whilst watching the dolphins from the shore.

Six interpretive signs have been positioned at these locations are some of the most common dolphin viewing opportunities. Dolphins are frequently spotted around the marina, river and beaches. The banks of the Port River are a perfect location from which to view the dolphins, or try from the beach or jetty. The more adventurous can hop on a tall ship such as the Port River Dolphin Trail.

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Features & Facilities

• Toilets
• Rest Areas
• Boardwalk
• Dining
• South Road
• Walking
• Mooring
• PWC
• Cold Drinks
• Boating
• Shoe Lockers
• Motorcycle
• Freshwater

Fast Facts

• Although dolphins look like fish, they are actually classified as mammals. Mammals have hair or fur and reproduce by giving birth to live young. Dolphins breathe through a blowhole on their heads.
• Dolphins have no sense of smell, they use echolocation to navigate. Echolocation works by sending out high-frequency sound waves that are reflected back by objects. The sound waves are then broken down into a visual image.
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Dolphins

Dolphins can be found virtually all over the world. Approximately 13 species of dolphins are found in the waters surrounding Australia, the Bottlenose Dolphin being the most common.

**Bottlenose Dolphins**

**Physical Characteristics**

Dolphins are very strong swimmers. They have a sleek, streamlined body designed for the pursuit of prey. They have two flippers that are used for propulsion, and they can travel at speeds of up to 30 kilometres per hour. Their bodies are covered in smooth, grey skin, and they have a prominent dorsal fin. Bottlenose Dolphins can grow to be 2.5 metres in length and weigh up to 200 kilograms.

**Social Behaviour**

Bottlenose Dolphins are highly social animals. They live in groups called pods, which can range in size from two to 100 individuals. These pods are usually made up of family members, and they stay together for life. They communicate with each other using a variety of vocalisations and body language.

**Reproduction**

Bottlenose Dolphins are monogamous and mate for life. The gestation period is about 11 months, and the newborn dolphin is about 1 metre long and weighs about 20 kilograms. The mother usually keeps the newborn with her for a year or more, and she helps the calf to find food.

**Feeding**

Dolphins are carnivorous and feed on a variety of creatures, including fish, squid, and crustaceans. They use echolocation to locate their prey, emitting high-pitched sounds that bounce off objects in the water. These sounds return to the dolphin as echoes, which help it to create a mental image of its surroundings.

**Conservation**

Bottlenose Dolphins are considered to be of least concern on the IUCN Red List. However, they are threatened by habitat loss, pollution, and overfishing. Conservation efforts include protecting their habitats and regulating the fishing industry to reduce by-catch.

**Identifying Individual Dolphins**

Being able to identify individual dolphins is an important tool for marine research. In dolphins this is actually quite difficult! Dolphins have a well-developed, acute sense of hearing and use echolocation to navigate and find food. Echolocation is a highly developed sense in dolphins and is used for both finding prey and identifying other individuals.

**Feeding through the year**

- Winter: Feeding on squid and other crustaceans
- Spring: Feeding on fish, particularly mackerel
- Summer: Feeding on krill and other small crustaceans
- Autumn: Feeding on fish, particularly salmon

**Habitat**

Bottlenose Dolphins are found in a variety of habitats, including coastal waters, estuaries, and open ocean. They are often seen in areas with a lot of human activity, such as ports and harbours. They are also found in deeper waters, where they can find food and avoid predators.

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**Tour Operators**

- South Australian Maritime Museum Cruises
  - Tel: (08) 8207 6255
  - Website: www.portriverdolphincruises.com.au

- Gulf-Port Fishing Charters
  - Tel/Fax: (08) 8356 7560
  - Website: www.blueicecharters.com.au

- Departs from Wharf 3, Inner Harbor, off Ocean Steamer Road, Port Adelaide

- Departs from Wharf 10, Inner Harbor, Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre

- Port River Dolphin Cruises
  - Tel: (08) 8499 5111
  - Website: www.portriverdolphincruises.com.au

- Tours by Water
  - For bookings & cruise times.
  - Cruise times: Sundays & Public Holidays.

For further information and help plan your dolphin viewing day, by land or water. The Port River Dolphin Cruises Information Centre will provide you with a copy of the Port River Cruise brochure.
By Water

Moorhouse Road

A brochure from the Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre.

To find out more about the Ships’ Graveyard, pick up a brochure from the Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre.

On your way to Garden Island you will pass the Ships’ Graveyards (en-route). Trekking along the cliff and cliff tops you may see dolphins frolicking. These mangroves are part of the most extensive forest of Grey Mangroves (Avicennia marina) in Australia. Why are the mangroves so important? Read the sign and discover.

Grey Mangroves (Avicennia marina) are the world’s most extensive mangrove forests. Grey Mangroves provide habitat for many fish, birds and marine mammals. Grey Mangroves have twice the oxygen production of other mangroves. These mangroves are a haven for many species of birds, fish and marine mammals.

Port Adelaide and its heritage precinct. Sign 1 is located on the left hand side of the road just prior to the Moorhouse Road intersection.

Sign 1

A home to one of Adelaide’s best-loved creatures, the Bottlenose Dolphin!

Dolphins can be found throughout the Port Adelaide region. Although not marked as part of the trail, visitors are sure to discover another side to the Port and hopefully, our furry friends will come to you.

Don’t be surprised when you see dolphins coming into Port Adelaide, the state’s first heritage area. Each destination along the Dolphin Trail provides an opportunity to view bottlenose dolphins.

Snowden’s Beach is sign-posted to a boat ramp and the beach is home to many dolphins. Visitors can watch the dolphins from the shore. The banks of the Port River are a perfect location from which to record features of the dolphins you are viewing and enjoy the amazing natural assets of the Port Adelaide region.

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Taking the trail

The Dolphin Trail provides an experience like no other with the opportunity to watch the dolphins from the shore. This trail is perfect for family to enjoy, spend a day on the beach, swimming and watching the dolphins. This is ideal for a quick stop or on your way to Garden Island you can stop for refreshments or a meal.

Travel Information

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Full Fact

• Dolphin have a blowhole at the back of the head.

• They breathe six times per minute.

• They can swim at over 20 kilometres per hour.

• They have a sense of smell.

• They live for over 30 years.

• They can weigh over 1000 kilograms.

Dolphins are a delight to watch and to hear. They provide a great source of pleasure and entertainment for all ages.

Dolphins are most frequently seen from November through to March. Other times of the year: Mutton Cove.

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Stuck for a ride? Doesn’t mean you miss out. Experience the natural wonders of the Port River and Port Adelaide. You can be sure of seeing dolphins in Port Adelaide. Out there you can discover other varieties of dolphins. The more adventurous can hop on a tall ship such as the Port River Pilot. From here you can see the amazing natural assets of the Port Adelaide region.

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