The small coastal township of Southend was the first seaport in the Limestone Coast. First known as Grey town (named after Governor Grey) in 1846, between 1875 to 1879 it was known as Rivoli Bay South after which it was changed back to Grey town until 1971 when it was officially named Southend. Southend is now a working Cray fishing port and a holiday village, the ocean still remains the focus of life here, with plenty of safe swimming beaches, good surf and popular four wheel driving spots. Southend is located approximately 27km north of Millicent and 20km south of Beachport on the Southern Ports Highway.

walking trails

Designated parking and interpretive signs have been installed at locations along the walking trails for your convenience. For a copy of the maps call in to one of the Wattie Range Visitor Information Centres.

Cape Buffon Walking Trail
This loop walk highlights how the forces of wind and waves have shaped the limestone cliffs, sea stacks, reef platforms, and vegetation along the coast. Cape Buffon shows the effects of wind and water on layers of soft rock under harder rock with undercut cliffs and eroding edges.

The Willicium Lookout Trail 1.6km
Willicium is the Buandik Aboriginal word for the ‘southern end’ of Rivoli Bay. Splendid panoramic views of the bay, the national park, and rocky cliffs reward walkers who reach the viewing platform. The dune on which the lookout is situated was once drifting sand pushed up by relentless south-easterly winds. Plant life has stabilised the area and formed a layer of soil.

The Seaview Walking Trail 12km
The seaview hike showcases coastal features such as spectacular rock formations, sandy beaches, seabirds and a myriad of plants, while offering stunning scenic views of the coastal environment. The blue-green Coastal Daisy Bush Oleania axillaris features commonly along the walk. Evidence of wombats and Echidnas in the form of burrows and scratching are often visible.

accommodation

Southend on Sea Tourist Park Eyea Street
Powered and unpowered sites. On-site vans.
Bush camping grounds.
Phone (08) 8735 6035 or 0427 356 035
www.southendcaravanpark.com.au

Southend Sands Caravan Park Corner of Elka and Leake Street
Bunkhouse style accommodation, 4 self contained ensuite cabins powered & unpowered camping sites.
Phone (08) 8735 6200 or 0499 018 566
Email southendsandscaravanpark@adam.com.au

Costa Plenti B&B Bridges Drive
180° views of Rivoli Bay and the township. 2 Bedrooms
Phone (08) 8735 6212 or 0427 633 619

By the Sea Holiday Rentals
A range of homes centrally located in Southend
Email info@bythesea.com.au Phone 0499 966 665

Canunda National Park Bush Camping
Camping is available throughout the Canunda National Park in designated areas. Permits are available online, through the National Parks office and at Visitor Information Centres. Conserve native habitat by using liquid fuel or gas stoves. Wood fires are prohibited from 1st November to 30th April each year (check with National Parks for any changes).

activities

- A range of water sports such as boating, surfing, sailing, wind & kite surfing, diving, swimming and kayaking on Rivoli Bay. You will need to supply your own gear.
- The Rivoli Bay Sailing club is a great location for friends, family, and visitors to enjoy sailing in a safe and supervised environment. During the season from October to April sailing is held on weekends, comprising from social and sail training in the morning and club racing in the afternoon. Rivoli Bay Sailing Club holds discover sailing days for schools and groups. For more information phone 0428 712 721 or email: rivolibaysci@gmail.com
- Fishing from the jetty, the beach or rocks
- The Canunda National Park stretches for approximately 9300 hectares from Carpenter Rocks to Southend. The park offers well sign posted four wheel drive tracks where you can enjoy scenic views, discover Aboriginal shell middens and try your hand at beach fishing. VEHICLES MUST STAY ON DESIGNATED TRACK.
- Nature based activities such as bird watching, camping and bush walking. Be sure to view the Gelwood Anchor Memorial at the lookout on Cape Buffon Drive, this lies as a memorial to all lives that have been lost there.
- Sightseeing, exploring, driving, walking, tennis, beachcombing, relaxing, indulging and more...

Detailed maps with numbered posts and GPS points for Canunda National Park and Beachport Conservation Park are available from Millicent and Beachport Visitor Information Centres. All other National Park enquiries please call their office (08) 8735 6053
**local businesses**

**Southern Ports Aviation**
View Southend and surrounding areas from the air. Flights are available in either a Cessna or Tiger Moth. Ideal for charters, sightseeing or aerial photography.
Phone (08) 8735 6241 Mobile 0418 839 734

**Southend Community Club**
A place to meet people, relax and have a quiet drink and a meal. Eight Ball, darts, tennis courts, a children's playroom and playground are available. Open from 5.30pm Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from October to May. Open Friday and Sunday for the rest of the year. Meal nights may vary. Check the Community Centre for information. The facility is available for hire.
Phone (08) 8735 6185 during opening hours

**Southend General Store**
Offers fuel, swap and go gas, bait, ice, general supplies, fishing equipment, liquor, newsagent, post office, ATM and EFTPOS. Open 8am - 5.30pm in winter and 8am - 8.30pm in summer.
Phone (08) 8735 6014

**Geltwood Galley (Southend Take Away)**
Daylight savings hours 5.30pm - 7.30pm, non daylight saving 5.00pm - 7.00pm, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Open 6 days during summer holidays.
Phone (08) 8735 6010

**Adl Gibb**
Manufacturers of cray fishing pots. Also stock rope, floats, zinc blocks and all other cray fishing needs.
Phone (08) 8735 6068

**Fabris Marine**
Manufacturers of cray fishing pots. Also stock rope, floats, zinc blocks and all other crayfishing needs.
Phone (08) 8735 6135