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## GENERAL TIPS & INFORMATION

- Ask a local fishermen.
- The weather and tide movement are the number one priority. Conditions are generally calmer early in the morning.
- To obtain your Boat Ramp Permit visit the Beachport Visitor Centre or Jarmos Petrol Station and while there pick up a Size, Bag & Boat Limit brochure.
- Mulloway like deeper gutters & bite best on a rising tide, an overcast sky & murky water. They respond best to vibration of live bait. Best 2-4 days either side of a full moon.
- The months between July to October are best for Snapper (in season) and Whiting. Try for these on a filling tide and snapper on a high tide.
- Flathead bite well an hour each side of low tide and also when the moon and the tide are rising.
- Beach Fishing best when dawn or dusk coincide with high tide.
- A cheap option for Burely - chicken pellets or bran, mixed with a little tuna oil.
- Deep Sea Fishing - Try on very high tides.
- Recreational Fishing Licenses are not required in South Australia (excepting crayfish).
- PIRSA Mt Gambier Office - 08 8735 1300.
- South East Regional Office - 08 8735 1177.



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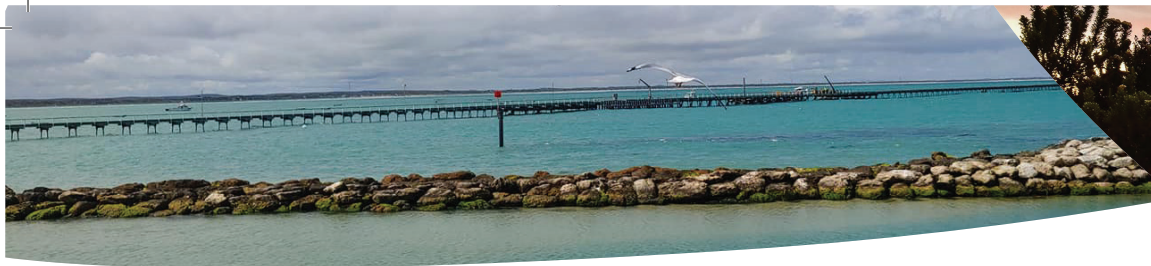
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# BEACHPORT & SOUTHEND FISHING GUIDE



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## JETTY FISHING

- Types of fish caught/Gear:** Light gear is used for: Salmon, Garfish, Tommies, Whiting, Trevalley, Squid  
*(Size limits apply)*
- Hooks:** Small hooks
- Bait:** There are no rules when it comes to this. One day they will take cockles, then cray tail and then shrimp. A no.10 hook will land a 1 kg whiting and you have the advantage of being able to catch the smaller fish on the same gear. Keep your bait small.
- Burley is a help to bring the fish around.
- Gear:** When fishing with 2 rods it is advisable to have a float on one and use the other on the bottom.
- Location:** Jetties at Beachport & Southend

## BEACH FISHING

- Types of fish caught/Gear:** Salmon, Mulloway, Rays, Flathead, Snapper (in season), Small Shark & King George Whiting.  
*(Size limits apply)*
- Bait:** Cockle (for whiting), fish fillets, pilchards, squid or octopus.
- Gear:** Longer rods (12 foot) are normally required / advised but if not available try what you have. A good reel with 300 yards of at least 20 pound line with 6.0 to 7.0 hooks is suggested. This type of fishing is best at sunrise, sunset or on an overcast day.
- Location:** Excellent surf beaches stretch around Rivoli Bay from Beachport to Southend.
- Various locations within the Beachport Conservation Park and Canunda National Park. Accessible by 4WD or take 2WD vehicles as far as possible and then travel on foot.

## BOAT FISHING

**Caution: Keep well away if breaks show up on larger swells.**

- Types of fish caught/Gear:** Whiting, Flathead, Salmon, Mullet, Garfish & the odd Snapper (In season)  
*(Size limits apply)*
- Bait:** Burley is a must for good fish catches. Do not overfeed.
- Location:** Rivoli Bay - Good areas for night dabbling Garfish near jetty.
- Gear:** For fishing outside this area a good sea boat of at least 5m is a minimum requirement. The wind can rise very quickly & cause trouble if you are not prepared. If you have an echo sounder look for the higher peaks and drop offs. If not and there is a swell, look for the "bowls". Drifting can also be productive in these areas, anchoring when fish are found.
- Heavy gear is used for:** Snapper (in season), Mulloway, Gummy Sharks.

## ROCK/REEF FISHING

**Caution: For large waves & unsafe cliffs. Do not wear rubber waders as they could possibly fill with water**

- Types of fish caught/Gear:** Salmon, Mullet, Snapper (In season) & Sweep.  
*(Size limits apply)*
- Bait:** Cockles, pilchards, red meat, fish strips. Float fishing is best but heavier gear can be used if trying for Salmon etc. Snapper (in season) can also be tried for but be prepared to lose some gear through snags.
- Location:** Various locations within the Beachport Conservation Park and Canunda National Park. Accessible by 4WD or take 2WD vehicles as far as possible and then travel on foot.

