Beachport

Glen's Point (Whaler's Point) In the 1830s & 1840s, Whalers set up makeshift shelters and kept watch on Rivoli Bay for the Southern Right Whales. Today Beachport is home to a Rock Lobster fishing fleet. Beachport has the second longest Jetty in South Australia which reaches out into the waters of Rivoli Bay and is readily used by keen fishermen.

The Customs House, corner of Railway Tce & Millicent Rd is restored to a working office as it was in the late 19th century. The Original St Nicholas Church in Railway Tce is a tiny wooden church which was brought in from Southend and its first service was held 13th November 1881.

Beachport National Trust Old Wool and Grain Store
This museum is located in the centre of the Beachport township with an insight into Whaling History, Shipwrecks, Indigenous & Colonial History and is interpreted through numerous artifacts and displays. Open 10am to 4pm everyday phone (08) 8735 8013 or (08) 8735 8029

Penguin Island Sanctuary Walk past Beachport’s Lighthouse (built 1960) and view the ruins of the first lighthouse on Penguin Island.

Woakwine cutting, an engineering feat for its time, is a remarkable example of the tenaciousness of Murray McCourt who constructed a Chanel from the swamp through the range to Lake George, 12 kilometres north of Beachport on the Southern Ports Highway. Woakwine, an Aboriginal name meaning 'elbow or bent arm', refers to the shape of the large watercourse near the Woakwine Homestead.

Southend

Shipwrecks & Geltwood Anchor Located within the Canunda National Park, Cape Buffon not only provides stunning views over Rivoli Bay, but allows one to see the powerful ocean in full force and why so many ships were wrecked off this rugged piece of coast. On the road to Cape Buffon, the lookout has a tribute to the famous, yet tragic epic of the Geltwood. The well-preserved anchor of this ship remains as a memorial to all local fisherman and is a reminder of the fury of the sea.

Rendelsham

Chicory Chimneys The small town of Rendelsham, located approximately 13km north of Millicent, was once the production area for chicory. Chicory was grown, dried and exported within Rendelsham until 1977. It was often used as a substitute for coffee. The local information bay is built in the shape of a chicory klin.

Millicent & District

Millicent National Trust Living History Museum
The award winning museum evolved around an old school house, built in 1873 and houses the largest collection of fully restored horse drawn vehicles in South Australia. It also features displays on the “Geltwood Shipwreck”, including the ship's anchor, aboriginal artifacts, an interactive display of the South East Drainage Scheme, farm machinery in working order and a fully equipped blacksmith shop and saddlery room. Entrance is via the Millicent Visitor Information Centre. Wheelchair access. Open 9-5 weekdays & 10-4 weekends & Public Holidays. Closed Christmas Day. Small Charge.

The Centre is renowned for its friendly service and regional knowledge along with an array of souvenirs, postcards and memorabilia. While at the Centre pick up the “Millicent Historic Walks” brochure and add to your stay as you find out more about Millicent’s fascinating history and heritage.

Mural Situated at each end of the main street of Millicent, are artistic murals that capture the historic past of the township.

Centennial Park Here lie the reminders of those lost at sea. Those who were recovered from the devastation of the 1876 Geltwood shipwreck were once buried on the beach. The Geltwood Graves are situated at the Centennial Park Cemetery.

Coola Outstation
One of South Australia’s ‘Great Short Walks’, this trail follows coastal habitats and lakeside vegetation. Coola Lookout feature relics of the agricultural past and also provides views of Lake Bonney, the wind farms, dunes and farmland. Interpretive signs tell the history of Coola Outstation. Please call Southend National Parks (08) 8735 6057.

Towers History Room
An extensive collection of historical and rare materials relating to the history of the district. Photographic and oral history collections are important resources along with the Towers Furniture Collection. Well worth a visit for local and family history research. Located at the Millicent Library, open library hours (08) 8733 0903.

Turner

Kangaroo Inn Ruins
“Kangaroo Inn” built in the 1840s prior to the Gold Rush, was once a junction station and then a popular ‘pub’. It was a meeting place for mail coach drivers, drainage excavators and the public. The Inn closed in 1866 when railways took over from the mail coaches. Unresolved murder mysteries and drunken brawl tales are the folk lore of the Inn.
Glencoe

Glencoe Woollenshed
The wool industry brought considerable wealth to the region as demonstrated by the amazing architecture of the Glencoe Woollenshed built by the Leake Brothers in 1863. The collection within the woollenshed includes photo displays, tools, buggies, talking interpretive information and has been maintained to its original condition. The key for this cathedral like building can be obtained from the Glencoe General Store.

Penola
Penola is steeped in rich historical and cultural significance with numerous cottages, monuments, heritage listed & National Trust buildings. The Walk With History is the ideal way of guiding you to many of the significant sites. Pick up a brochure at the John Riddoch Centre also known as the Penola Coonawarra Visitor Information Centre, where the historical adventure begins.

John Riddoch Centre
Recount the many tales of this unique and fascinating area in the Local History Display or check out the fascinating area in the Local History Display or check out the John Shaw Neilson Acquisitive Art Gallery displaying the winning entries from the Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival. Along with the History room, open to the public for research, make up the multi-faceted ‘John Riddoch Centre’

Petticoat Lane (State Heritage Area)
This carefully conserved street, houses the first residence of Penola and other cottages dating back to the 1850’s, along with Display Gardens and Herb Garden.

Mary MacKillop Penola Centre
Built in 1998 it houses displays, photographs and artifacts detailing the lives of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Father Julian Tension Woods. Open 7 days 10am - 4pm, Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day. Phone (08) 8737 2092. Small Fee applies

Woods MacKillop School House (Heritage Listed)
Commissioned to be built by Father Julian Tenison Woods the Schoolhouse was built in 1867. Mary MacKillop taught and lived in the building. The building was used as a school until 1885, after which it was used for parish functions and dances. Access through the Mary MacKillop Penola Centre

Yallum Park (Heritage Listed)
Located 8kms west of Penola, Yallum Park was built in 1880 for John Riddoch, the founder of the Coonawarra region. This beautiful two-storey mansion is said to be the best preserved Victorian house in Australia and boasts the biggest collection of William Morris Wallpaper in the world. Please check opening times with the Visitor Centre. Phone (08) 8737 2855

Mount Burr
Mt Muirhead lookout lies adjacent to Mt Muirhead between Millicent and Mount Burr. The lookout offers spectacular views of the area surrounding the township of Millicent. Mt Burr and Mt Muirhead are included in the Kanawinka Geopark with Mt Muirhead being South Australia’s starting point for the trail.

Tantanoola
Tantanoola Tiger
The ‘Tant Tiger’ can be found at the Tantanoola Hotel. Legend has it that Tantanoola was a town besieged by a lurking tiger which had escaped from a travelling circus. In 1895, the ‘tiger’ was shot and formerly identified as an Assyrian Wolf. The ‘Tantanoola Tiger’ now stands in a glass cabinet in the hotel.

Tantanoola Caves
South Australia’s most beautiful single chamber cave, located off the Princes Highway. Open 10.15am - 4pm, guide available, wheelchair access.

Nangwarry
Nangwarry Forestry and Logging Museum
The museum features a fascinating and extensive collection of logging history and memorabilia. This museum houses an array of forestry equipment including: Drag Saws, Swing Saws, Two Man Chainsaws, Chainsaw Displays, Haulage photo displays, Planters, Seed Separators, Plantation photo displays, Restored Bedford Fire Truck & International Crane Truck, Fire Displays, Replica of Single Mans Quarters. Open to the public for a small fee from 10am-3pm on Sundays and by appointment. Please call Vic Smith 0417 875 557

Kalangadoo
Timber Display
Once an enormous cattle station is now central to the operations of timber giant Aupine. The Station was built in 1905 and closed in 1988 and now houses a variety of railway memorabilia. Open weekdays or by appointment.

Coonawarra
Centenary Sculpture Park
This park is dedicated to the three foundation figures of the wine region; John Riddoch, Bill Redman and David Wynn. Be sure to visit the Cellars and Vines while in the area.

Coonawarra Railway Station
The original telephone box, the station name board, the railway platform and shelter shed, make for a terrific photo.

Father Woods Tree & Park
The old tree is situated off the Riddoch Highway, 21kms north of Penola. It marks the location where Father Julian Tenison Woods prepared and conducted some of his sermons, weddings and other religious ceremonies. The carved wood sculptures created as a memorial to Father Julian Tenison Woods by artist Kevin Gilders are on display in the park opposite the tree.