

Things to see and do in and around Hawker

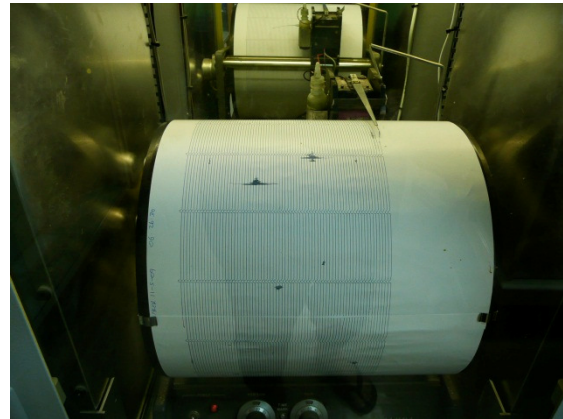


1. Wilpena Panorama

Jeff Morgan, local artist has painted a 360° view from St Mary Peak. See how “Ron’s Creek” changes perspective, just by walking from one end to the other. There are many other paintings, prints, homemade chocolates and gifts from the Flinders.

2. Fred Teague’s Museum

Look into the past from “Mr Flinders Ranges” point of view. There is a seismograph to watch the earth’s movements in and around Hawker. Also many big shakes which have taken place overseas are recorded here.



3. Old Ghan Restaurant & Gallery

The Ghan passed through Hawker from 1884 until 1956. In 1989 the station was restored and is what it is today. You can dine in the old “Ladies waiting room”, where local artist’s paintings adorn the walls. Look at heritage listed buildings or part of the old line and tools.

4. Eating Out

In Hawker you have a few choices, during the day - The Sightseers Café or The General Store. For Dinner - The Hawker Hotel or The Old Ghan Restaurant. Rawnsley Park has the Woolshed, Cradock has a pub, and Wilpena has a restaurant.





6. Flinders Experience 4wd Tours

Ian Carpenter will take you for a drive through the National Park or on the rugged terrain of private properties. Full to the brim with local knowledge, stories and information; just sit back, relax, indulge and enjoy.



8. Hawker Sports Centre & Swimming Pool

Have a game of lawn bowls, tennis, cricket, basketball or just a swim in the local. Most Friday or Saturday nights the ladies of the club put on a homemade meal.

5. Hawker Heritage Walk

Sydney has 26 points of interest, Hawker has 28! A booklet available at the Hawker Information Centre (for a small fee) provides a short history on buildings and objects around the town. Each building and landmark is numbered for easy identification.



7. Hawker Golf Course

Hawker's Golf course is one of dirt and natural dry creek beds running in between, it may be used at any time, with an honesty box at the first tee.





10. Camels Hump

Come here when the mercury spills over the top and watch the locals play golf or listen for the quite hum of Hawker.



12. Jarvis Hill Lookout

Walk from the car park through a turnstile in the fence for 260m. This part of the Heysen Trail is 510m above sea level. There are fantastic views of the Elders Range, Hawker and beyond.

9. Police Hill Lookout

In the past Police Hill was used as a paddock for the police horses and stray stock found in town, hence the name. Take a short walk up the hill commencing near the Hotel. The summit has panoramic views of Hawker Township and the Flinders Ranges.



11. Castle Rock

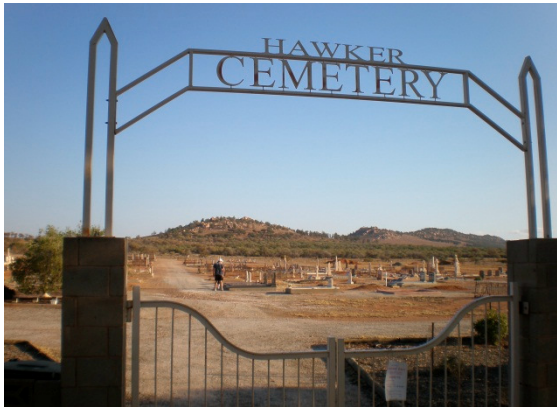
A prominent rock just 1km out of Hawker on the way to Wilpena Pound. This is a great short walk to take in the scenery, flora, fauna and a wonderful place to watch the sun set over Hawker.





14. "5-Ways"

Come have a little peak at what nature can do; just 20km out of Hawker you will find Hookina Creek cut deep into the country side and the tree stumps littering the area from the 2008 floods.



16. Yourambulla Caves

Just 13km out of Hawker is a hard walk over rocky slopes to overhangs where you will find lots of aboriginal art and great views looking over rolling hills.

13. Creek Crossings

View the numerous creeks running through this area; most of the time they are dry. On very rare occasions rain water will come down from the hills and flood these creeks, sometimes the roads too, but it is great rain for our tanks and possibly a new season of wild flowers.



15. Cemeteries

Quite a number of old cemeteries around the area record the hardships and long family history of the area. Some of these cemeteries are located at Hawker, Wilson, Wonoka, Hookina Cradock and Kanyaka. Most of these can be incorporated into your day trips.





17. Willow Waters

Drive 7km east out of Hawker along the Willow Plains coming across the rolling Worumba Hills, past ruins to a beautiful quiet secluded gorge; watch the wildlife while having a picnic.

18. Kanyaka Ruins

25km south of Hawker on the Quorn Road. Take a walk through the old homestead and shearing quarters from pioneer days. Death Rock is perched 6m high above the secluded water hole, which is seldom dry. This is a great place for a picnic.



19. Moralana Scenic Drive

This half day, 110km round trip from Hawker, on private property is a must see. You will come across Black Gap, one of the very few entries into Wilpena Pound. You will be traveling between the south wall of Wilpena Pound and Elders Range.

20. Arkaroo Rock

41km from Hawker on the way to Wilpena Pound you will find a turn off on the left to Arkaroo Rock; it is a 3km walk to aboriginal paintings.





22. Wilpena Pound

55km from Hawker. Circular mountain range, highest point is St Mary Peak at 1188m the area is 17km long, 8km wide, 786m above sea level and the inside floor of the pound is 200m higher than the surrounding countryside. With 8 different walking trails ranging from easy to hard, 30 minutes to 9 hours return.



24. Bunyeroo Gorge

One of the most photographed sites in the Flinders. This beautiful drive goes through creek beds and has a marvellous lookout over Razorback Mountain and Brachina Gorge.

21. Pugilist Hill Lookout

Excellent views of Rawnsley Bluf on the left and Point Bonny on the right, is best seen at sunrise. 33km from Hawker on Wilpena Road, turn right just past Rawnsley Park entrance, about 7km along Martins Well Road you will find the steep turn off.



23. Sacred Canyon

200m walk along a creek you will come to a small canyon where you will find aboriginal stone engravings on the walls of the canyon.





25. Aroona Valley & Aroona Homestead

There is a lot of history here; Sir Hans Heysen painted much of the landscape including “The Three Sisters”

26. Brachina Gorge

Driving through creek beds, stop and have a walk around the geological trail, see the reds, oranges, and yellow pyramid shaped rocks. If you are really quiet you may come across a rare Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby.



27. Flinders RANGES

Have a look at what you can see from the air!

(Edeowie Gorge on the right, Heysen Range in the centre and ABC Range behind Heysen Range)

28. Hucks Lookout

10km north from the Wilpena turnoff is a very informative lookout, with a great view of Wilpena Pound.





29. Stokes Hill Lookout

Just an extra 2km north from Hucks Lookout on the right you will find Stokes Hill Lookout (750m), providing a 360° uninterrupted view of Wilpena Pound, Sky Trek and the many mountain ranges of the Flinders Ranges.

30. Great Wall of China

No need for a passport, have a look at the small mountain range with a flat rocky top forming a look-a-like to China's Great Wall.



31. Blinman

Quaint picturesque old mining town with lots to see, have a look at Blinman's Heritage Mine or have a coffee at Wild Lime Café and Gallery or a lamb pizza at the pub on Friday night.

32. Parachilna Gorge

Beautiful winding road through mountain ranges, pale trees, red cliff faces and wide almost always dry creek beds.





34. Parachilna

Visit the Prairie Hotel for their All Day Grazing or try the famous “Flinders Feral Food” for the likes of Kangaroo and Emu.



36. Wildflowers

Wildflowers can be seen throughout the Flinders Ranges, Hawker and surrounding area. They are not always in season; we must receive a good down pour of rain first. Also outside the Big4 Caravan Park Office we have South Australia’s floral emblem; the Sturt Desert Pea growing naturally for all to see when in season.

33. Glass Gorge

Beautiful closed in gorge, a more scenic drive for the afternoon going east to west. Not recommended for high topped vehicles or caravans.



35. Trains

For the Train enthusiasts, there are many old relics from the Ghan when it passed through Hawker from years gone by. Also you can watch the 3km long, 160 carriages Leigh Creek/Port Augusta Coal Trail, which passes Parachilna and follows along the Leigh Creek Road twice a day.

