

# HORSE RIDER INFORMATION SHEET

## PARHAM



Parham offers horse enthusiasts the unique opportunity to experience part of Adelaide Plains valued coast.

Our coast is extremely important for many species of shorebirds, plants, and environmental conservation. There are 52 bird species in the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary National Park - Winaityinaityi Pangkara, with 37 species identified as migratory. The Adelaide Plains coastal region is a Wetland of National Importance.

It is important that horse owners are aware of Council's service conditions.

Riders and their horses are only allowed in the areas described. You are expected to keep our environment clean and safe by following these conditions.

### Conditions for Riders and their Horses

1. Only use:
  - a. Foreshore tidal flats as shown on the attached map
  - b. Council roads
2. Do NOT use:
  - a. At Parham, the dunes between the Esplanade and high-water mark. These are a Conservation area.
  - b. Any other land within the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary National Park – Winaityinaityi Pangkara (National Park).
  - c. Any land within the Port Wakefield Proof and Experimental Establishment.
3. As threatened bird species feed from the foreshore, horses should:
  - a. Be kept a respectful distance from migratory birds when seen feeding on the foreshore flats on low tides.
  - b. Be ridden in a way to minimise compression of the foreshore surface, such as by being ridden at walking pace and with faster pace minimised.
4. Horses should be ridden at walking pace within 50m of all other foreshore users.
5. Horse riders should NOT interfere with the peace, comfort or convenience of other users of the tidal flats or local residents.
6. Horse access to and from the tidal flats is via Council roads and paths as sign posted.
7. Horses are NOT to eat any native vegetation.



8. Riders should be alert to potential boggy locations and hazards to horses.
9. Floats are to be parked in the Main Street float and car park. Do NOT Park across driveways.
10. Riding during daylight hours is permitted in accordance with these conditions.
11. Manure and rubbish must be collected and taken with you.
12. Dogs must be on leash at all times.
13. Respect the rights of other users as the tidal flats are available to the public.
14. Vehicles are limited to 40km/hr (25km/h within 50 metres of a pedestrian) and only allowed on tidal flats under Council care and control. Vehicles NOT allowed on the tidal flats to the north of Parham in the National Park.
15. Groups of riders with more than six floats require a separate Community Land and Facility Use Permit. Contact Adelaide Plains Council at least three weeks in advance of your visit. The permit form is available via [apc.sa.gov.au/council-services/eventmanagement](http://apc.sa.gov.au/council-services/eventmanagement)
16. Carrying this Information Sheet indicates that you understand and will adhere to the conditions.

Port Gawler - Horse riding is also possible within the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary National Park - Winaityinaityi Pangkara at Pt Gawler. For more information and access restrictions, refer to [parks.sa.gov.au/parks/adelaide-international-bird-sanctuary-national-park](http://parks.sa.gov.au/parks/adelaide-international-bird-sanctuary-national-park)

Long Term Horse Activity at Parham - After investigations and consultation, Council adopted an Equine Strategy and Background Paper in 2023. This Strategy continues what is called the historic level of horse activity at Parham. Horse riders behaving in accordance with this Information Sheet contribute to riders continuing to be able to visit this sensitive coastal environment. The Equine Strategy is available via [apc.sa.gov.au/](http://apc.sa.gov.au/).



## Area Horses Allowed