

2014 Regional Snapshot

How many people visit parks?

There are almost 60 public protected areas in the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM region (see map at bottom), including national parks, marine parks and conservation reserves.

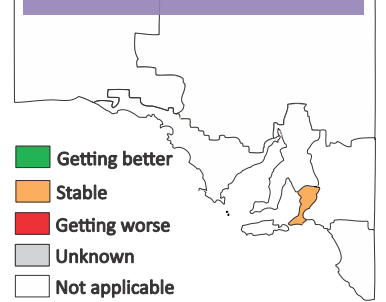
Parks in the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM region [protect](#) and showcase natural and cultural heritage, including ancient landscapes and fossils, Aboriginal art, historic European sites, rugged coastlines and mountain ranges, pristine wilderness and unique [plants](#) and [animals](#).

These parks and reserves are also important for [regional tourism](#). They are places where we can all enjoy natural surroundings and the physical, social and psychological health benefits they provide. There is increasing community awareness of these benefits. For example, children develop physically and mentally when they are able to explore and play in natural surroundings.

This report summarises information on the percentage of residents who visited at least one land based park or reserve each year. A report on our marine parks is available [here](#).



Trend in the number of residents who visit parks

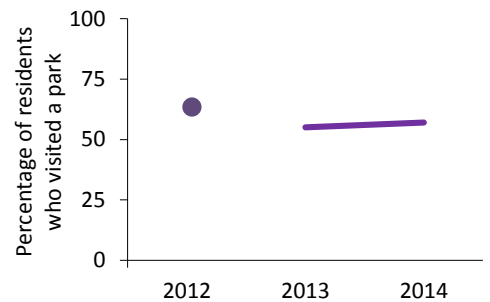


State target
Maintain the productive capacity of our natural resources

Trend (2013-14) Stable The number of Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges residents visiting parks has been stable

Within the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM region, the percentage of residents who visited a park was between 55-57 per cent between 2013-14 (graph on right). Information was also collected in 2012, but it was combined with a survey of residents from the Kangaroo Island NRM region. This information was not used to calculate the trend, but it is shown as a dot on the graph.

To encourage more people to visit our parks, the Government of South Australia promotes the physical, social and psychological health benefits of visiting parks and participating in [nature conservation activities](#). For example, [Nature Play SA](#) encourages parents and communities to promote outdoor learning environments.



Where we are at (2014) Fair In 2014, 57 per cent of residents visited at least one park

In 2014, the percentage of residents in the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM region who visited a park was about 57 per cent.

Many of the people who [visit](#) the region from elsewhere also visit a park as part of their trip.

Enhancing visitor experiences and conserving natural and cultural heritage requires careful management. Some of our parks are maintained to protect biodiversity and these parks have few facilities for visitors, but in many cases the Government of South Australia partners with the tourism industry to enhance opportunities for visitors.



Reliability of information ★★☆☆☆ Fair, more information is needed on park visitation

Further information: [Technical information for this report](#) and [SA Parks](#)