

# Kangaroo Island Fires 2020

## Frequently Asked Questions



### 1. WHAT WILL I SEE WHEN I GET TO KANGAROO ISLAND?

The stunning Kangaroo Island you'd expect to see! The east end of Kangaroo Island has not been affected and remains pristine and pure. In these areas you wouldn't know that the Kangaroo Island bushfires have impacted so much of the western areas of the island. You can still expect spectacular coastal views over rolling plains, abundant wildlife, pristine beaches, wineries and local produce that Kangaroo Island is known and loved for.

You will need to travel for approximately 1 hour on arrival from the Ferry to see the start of any scarred landscape. The bush is beginning to recover, and you will see the harsh black starting to turn green with new growth and life. There is also wildlife starting to venture back into the recovery grounds looking for new food sources and homes.

### 2. WHAT IS CLOSED ON KANGAROO ISLAND?

As a result of the bushfires, there are some attractions and accommodation offerings that have sadly been impacted and are closed until further notice. These include:

1. Flinders Chase National Park including: Admirals Arch, Remarkable Rocks, Flinders Chase National Park Visitor Information Centre and The Chase Café, and the Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail
2. Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
3. Kelly Hill Conservation Park
4. Cape Borda Lighthouse
5. Southern Ocean Lodge
6. Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Cabins
7. Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat
8. Western Kangaroo Island Caravan Park
9. Vivonne Bay Lodge
10. The Woolshed
11. Flinders Chase Farm stay
12. Stokes Bay Bush Garden
13. Roo Lagoon Gallery

Flinders Chase National Park remains closed at this time, however will open to visitors travelling with an organised tour soon. Details of how you can join this tour will be available soon.

### 3. HOW MUCH WILDLIFE IS LEFT ON KANGAROO ISLAND AFTER THE BUSHFIRE?

Kangaroo Island is a big island, so big in fact that it's six times larger than Singapore. Whilst the sad reality is that a lot of wildlife have perished in the Kangaroo Island bushfires, there are wildlife and habitats across the whole island, including the eastern areas which are open. Kangaroo Island is a mecca for wildlife and you'll most definitely be able to see a lot in the wild, at the KI Wildlife Park and on tour with a guide. We recommend that you book a tour with one of the tour operators who will be able to show you parts of the island that are not accessible to the public where you'll get access to habitats for native wildlife which is so exciting to see. We don't recommend driving between dusk and dawn as goannas, echidnas, kangaroos and wallabies are often crossing the road.

#### 4. HOW MANY PLACES ARE STILL OPEN ON KANGAROO ISLAND?

A lot! There are more businesses that are open than closed on Kangaroo Island. The variety of things to see and do is vast. From wineries, distillers, honey farms, fishing charters, wildlife tours, to lavender farms, pristine beaches, lighthouses, Seal Bay and incredible accommodation, there's still so much to see and do over a three or four day itinerary on Kangaroo Island. Check our [interactive Map](#) of things to see and do that are open on the Island to help you plan and book your stay.

We also recommend you check [South Australia.com's travel blog](#) from more information and suggestions on great things to see and do on Kangaroo Island.

**For Accommodation, please check [www.tourkangarooisland.com.au](http://www.tourkangarooisland.com.au).**

A new digital version of the Visitor Guide is now available on our website with revised information about businesses and their operating status.

This can be found here - <https://www.tourkangarooisland.com.au/visitor-guide> .

#### 15.I WANT TO SUPPORT PRODUCERS ON THE ISLAND, HOW CAN I PURCHASE THEIR PRODUCTS ONLINE?

Direct Links have been supplied in the table below. If you would like a more comprehensive selection of Kangaroo Island product please visit the Kangaroo Island Central Market Stall, or online at [www.kionline.com.au](http://www.kionline.com.au)

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| <b>Wine</b>                     |  |
| Amadio Wines Kangaroo Island    | <a href="http://www.amadiowines.com">www.amadiowines.com</a>   |
| Bay of Shoals Wines             | <a href="http://www.bayofshoalswines.com.au">www.bayofshoalswines.com.au</a>   |
| Dudley Wines                    | <a href="http://www.dudleywines.com.au">www.dudleywines.com.au</a>   |
| False Cape Wines                | <a href="http://www.falsecape.com.au">www.falsecape.com.au</a>   |
| Hazyblur Wines                  | <a href="http://www.kionline.com.au/products/hazyblur">www.kionline.com.au/products/hazyblur</a>                           |
| Kangaroo Island Estate Wines    | <a href="http://www.kangarooislandestate.com.au">www.kangarooislandestate.com.au</a>                                       |
| The Islander Estate Vineyards   | <a href="http://www.iev.com.au">www.iev.com.au</a>   |
| Springs Road Kangaroo Island    | <a href="http://www.springsroad.com.au">www.springsroad.com.au</a>   |
| <b>Spirits</b>                  |  |
| Kangaroo Island Spirits         | <a href="http://www.kis.com.au">www.kis.com.au</a>   |
| <b>Food Produce</b>             |  |
| Cliffords Honey Farm            | <a href="http://www.cliffordshoney.com.au">www.cliffordshoney.com.au</a>   |
| Island Beehive                  | <a href="https://www.organicbuyersgroup.com.au/ibh">https://www.organicbuyersgroup.com.au/ibh</a>                          |
| Kangaroo Island Living Honey    | <a href="http://www.kionline.com.au/collections/ligurian-bee-honey">www.kionline.com.au/collections/ligurian-bee-honey</a> |
| Kangaroo Island Olives          | <a href="http://www.kionline.com.au/collections/produce">www.kionline.com.au/collections/produce</a>                       |
| Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery | <a href="http://www.emuridge.com.au">www.emuridge.com.au</a>   |
| Flavours of Petite Provence     | <a href="http://www.flavoursofpetiteprovence.com">www.flavoursofpetiteprovence.com</a>                                     |
| The Figgerly                    | <a href="http://www.kionline.com.au/products/thefiggerly">www.kionline.com.au/products/thefiggerly</a>                     |
| Latitude 36                     | <a href="http://www.kionline.com.au/products/latitude36">www.kionline.com.au/products/latitude36</a>                       |
| Kangaroo Island Source          | <a href="http://www.kangarooislandsource.com.au">www.kangarooislandsource.com.au</a>                                       |
| <b>Other Products</b>           |  |
| Solar Suit                      | <a href="https://www.solarsuit.com.au/">https://www.solarsuit.com.au/</a>  |
| Fine Art Kangaroo Island        | <a href="https://fineartkangarooisland.com.au/">https://fineartkangarooisland.com.au/</a>                                  |
| Shep's Studio                   | <a href="https://shepstudio.com.au/store">https://shepstudio.com.au/store</a>  |
| KI & Co Australia               | <a href="https://www.kiandco.com.au/">https://www.kiandco.com.au/</a>  |