

Port Vincent - November 19th until November 22nd 2004.

Port Vincent Foreshore Caravan Park is located 181kms West of Adelaide on the Western side of Gulf St Vincent.

FRI 19th NOV: It was 7.00pm when we finally pulled away from home heading for Port Vincent. We had on the previous day, tried to secure a site at the Caravan Park for the weekend but we didn't like the arrangement that was required by the Park manager. As we were not going to arrive before the Office closed, the Park required full payment of the weekend before we had even left home. A deposit was offered, but this was not acceptable to them as unless full payment was made, they would not or could not give us a pin number for the boom gate. With this in mind and not willing to pay anything more than a deposit or one night's fee, we headed for the roadside parking bay near Point Arthur where we arrived at 8.10pm.

SAT 20th NOV: Our day began with sunshine and no breeze at all but by the middle of the morning it started to blow as it normally does on this part of the Peninsula.



This was the view that we woke up to at the Port Arthur parking bay on Saturday morning. We had left the parking bay by 8.38am and we were now heading for Port Vincent. Arriving there at 9.35am, we booked our site for the next two nights. The cloud had now started to block out the sun and the breeze was picking up. We had noticed that the lawns were again green like they were when we first visited this Park as the drought and water restrictions had taken it's toll. We were soon set up on site and ready to sit back and relax.

It was only a short distance to the main shopping centre of the town, so we took the first of many walks along the beach to book into the local Hotel for an evening meal. Our entire weekend was planned as a slow relaxing type of a weekend with no site seeing really planned at any stage. During the afternoon, we managed to meet up with Graham and Ann who we knew through the MSN Caravan Forum on the internet. Graham and Ann were now living full time on the road with their caravan and Lennie the dog. It is always interesting to listen to some of the stories that are told in situations like this.

The recently completed boat ramp and marina at Port Vincent.



Port Vincent has an excellent amenities block but it does require a pin number to gain access to it. If you wear glasses like I do, then it can be a pain when you have to take your glasses to the shower only to see them fog up when you put them on after using the shower. The amenity block has facilities on both the front section and the rear area. This is a good idea when the cleaners are busy with their work as the Park visitors can use the opposite side.



There are two sets of free bbq's in the park for people to use. The set in the photo are the original ones, which are located near the amenity block and the new camp kitchen and TV room. The second set which has only just been built, is located near the foreshore area along side of the yacht club.

To complete a great day, we had an evening meal at the local Hotel, which was very nice at a good price.

SUN 21st NOV: With the wind still blowing and most of the sky covered with cloud, we decided to head down to Edithburgh for a look around. We called into the jetty at Wool Bay where there were some brave hopefuls trying to catch some fish.



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Wool Bay jetty where many squid have been caught over the years. As you look at the photo to the left, Port Giles silo complex and jetty can be seen in the background. When there are no ships being loaded at Port Giles, people are permitted to use the jetty to fish where thousands of garfish and Tommies have been caught. From Wool Bay, it was onto Port Giles followed by Coobowie and

The jetty at Edithburgh is very popular and productive for fishing.



After a quick look around at Edithburgh, we drove back to Coobowie where we stopped briefly to look at the Coobowie Caravan Park. For some reason most of the tall trees have been removed, possibly diseased which has spoilt the look of the Park. It will take some time to take away the open look that has been created by the removal of these trees. Back on the road again, we headed for Stansbury where we looked at the Caravan Park and local jetty and boat ramp.



Stansbury boat ramp with the local jetty in the background.

Before long we had arrived back at Port Vincent after having travelled less than 100kms for the day. For anyone who visits this part of South Australia and enjoys a bit of fishing, they should never arrive back home without some fish of some kind.

MON 22nd NOV: The cloud cover was still with us and there were even a few black rain clouds thrown in for good luck. It was 8.29am when we finally left Port Vincent heading for home with a gentle tail wind blowing behind us until we got to Port Wakefield. From here we had no wind and the clouds had all but gone. We arrived home safely at 10.35am.