
DETAILED ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Each of our activities has a recommended age range however, we are able to tailor our programs to suit a variety of ages – you are welcome to have a chat with us to find out how we can adjust our programs to your needs. Each activity session duration is 1.5 hours unless indicated.

Please note: that activities marked with **(W)** are water-based activities and incur an **additional fee** per student from the standard activity package pricing. This includes the hire of a life jacket (PFD) which must be worn by all participants.

BOOMERANG CRAFT will teach students about the traditional custodians of the lands on which Roonka stands, focussing on the significance of art in culture and dreaming. Students will be guided in the art of dot-painting, and will produce works on a decorative boomerang to take home. **(Recommended yrs 3-6)**

BOULDERING AND GAGA BALL are located at the southern end of the property. Boulderling is great fun and safe introduction to rock climbing that will have students reaching new heights, taking on bouldering challenges, and playing our crowd-favourite “cliffhanger” game. Gaga ball is always a blast with a variety of games. Students, duck, dive and work together for their team to achieve victory in the arena. **(Recommended yrs 3-9)**

BRIDGE BUILDING will have groups designing and constructing their very own bridges to weave their way through the trees. Once construction is complete, groups will test their bridges for stability and strength and to ensure the bridge is safe enough for the group to use before completing a series of tasks taking them back and forth along their bridges. **(Recommended yrs 7-12)**

BUG BUSTERS is a ponding experience based around our billabong and the edge of the mighty Murray River. This hands-on program will have students collecting and investigating aquatic macro-invertebrates in their natural habitats while learning about the importance of good water quality, what makes a healthy ecosystem, and the role water testing plays. **(Recommended yrs R-6)**

CAMP CRAFT teaches the art of thriving in the great outdoors, from pitching tents in our natural bushland setting to lighting campfires (outside fire danger season) and selecting the perfect campsite. **(Recommended yrs 3-6)**

CAMPFIRE COOKING teaches students how to prepare and cook simple meals on a fire. Students will learn about and use several different methods to cook some basic dishes on the fire. Please note that this activity does not run during fire danger season (usually mid-November to mid-April). **(Recommended yrs 5-12)**

ECHIDNA TRAIL AND NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT (45 min session) is a great activity for younger groups as it allows them to explore the world around them searching for different items while learning a little bit more about the environment around Roonka. **(Recommended yrs R-6)**

FISHING, YABBYING AND SHRIMP CATCHING involves a great amount of skill. Groups will learn about the fish species found in the Murray River along with how to set up their nets and rods for an afternoon (or morning) of fishing on the banks of Roonka. **(Recommended yrs 4-10)**

FUR, FEATHERS AND FEED will engage students in the world of flora and fauna and Riverland biodiversity as we investigate a number of species found around Roonka. Students will have the opportunity to learn a little about animal behavior as well as how to identify different flora species. A great activity for those senior students who love animals and plants. **(Recommended yrs 7-12)**

GEOCACHING will have groups using GPS equipment and basic map reading skills to navigate their way around the property. Junior groups will be sent off in search of different locations to find the answers to questions about the property. Senior groups will search for caches hidden in all kinds of locations to help decode a final puzzle. This is a great challenge for groups and a chance to learn about how technology can assist us in navigation. **(Recommended yrs 3-10)**

INTRODUCTION TO PADDLING (W) will allow younger students to get familiar with how to paddle our sit-on-top kayaks under the watchful eye of our qualified staff. Students will be taught how to maneuver their boats in the safe and calm environment of our billabong and have the opportunity to enjoy some paddle games and relays to up the fun! **(Recommended yrs R-6)**

KAYAKING ADVENTURE (W) is for the big kids. We will jump in our touring kayaks (doubles and singles) and head for a paddle out on the Mighty Murray. A trip around Reedy Island is always on the cards and if the conditions are right we may head to the Roonka Conservation Park and Cumbunga Creek. Students will get to refine their paddling skills under our staff's guidance all while taking a different view of the world from their boat. **(Recommended yrs 7-12)**

LIGHTWEIGHT COOKING teaches the art of 'light weight' cooking using Trangia stoves. We'll lead your group through the whole process, from using the equipment safely to lighting stoves and cooking their own tasty hot meal! **(Recommended yrs 4-9)**

LOW ROPES allows students to explore the world of balance and teamwork while not venturing too far from the ground. It will teach students about supporting teammates and keeping each other safe while challenging them both individually and as a team. **(Recommended yrs 5-12)**

MANDALA ART takes students through the history and significance of Mandalas in cultures throughout the world. Students will be guided to create their own works on a small canvas to take home. **(Recommended yrs 5-9)**

ORIENTEERING (45 min session) teaches basic map reading and navigational skills. Students will work in small teams to navigate their way around our permanent orienteering course on the property in search of designated checkpoints. **(Recommended yrs 3-6)**

ORIENTEERING & COMPASS NAVIGATION not only teaches basic map reading and navigational skills. but we then take it a step further, introducing a compass to the mix. After completing one of our permanent courses in their small team students will be taught about bearings and have the opportunity to put their newfound skills to the test completing a compass bearing course. **(Recommended yrs 5-12)**

PHOTO HUNT (45 min session) encourages students to embrace their inner detective and use basic map reading and navigational skills to navigate their way around the property to match the photos with the correct checkpoints. Please note that this is a 45min session. **(Recommended yrs 2-6)**

RAFT BUILDING (W) will have groups split into small teams to design and build their very own raft to paddle across our billabong. Junior students will get a pre-built frame to help them along while Senior students will have to build their frame from scratch. This activity will test the group's design, construction and teamwork skills while getting out on the water and competing against other teams in a series of challenges. **(Recommended yrs 4-12)**



RIVER MURRAY ECOLOGY leads on from bug busters and is perfect for older groups. Not only do we explore the world of macro invertebrates but also take a more in depth look at the water quality here at Roonka. Allowing us to look at the correlations between the two as well as other biotic and abiotic factors that impact our waterways. **(Recommended yrs 7-12)**

SURVIVOR teaches students real-life survival skills, including fire-lighting, water purification, and shelter-building, all in our natural bush setting making use of the environment around you and every day items. **(Recommended yrs 5-10)**

TEAM CHALLENGES involves a series of mental and physical challenges designed to bring groups together, while honing communication and teamwork skills to work towards a common goal. It is a great activity for students of all ages and students with a diverse number of challenges on offer. **(Recommended yrs 3-12)**

WATER ADVENTURERS (W) is a perfect way to finish off the day. Students will fly over our billabong on the zipline, zoom down the waterslide and go for a swim in the billabong or river under the watchful eye of our qualified staff. This can be run as a 1.5 hr session or a 45min session. (Suitable for all ages, yrs R-4 restricted to the billabong only)

WEB OF LIFE lets groups explore Roonka and facilitates student learning about predator and prey relationships in a fun and engaging way through playing a variety of games around the site. **(Recommended yrs 3-8)**

WET AND WILD RELAY (W) will have groups soaked from head to toe as they battle it out to complete several relay style challenges in small teams. It is a great activity for the end of the day or just to cool off. **(Suitable for all ages)**

Why not add on...

Want something a little different for your group? We have relationships with some local providers who offer some great experiences. If you are interested in one of the below experiences please reach out to us for pricing and options

NGUAT NGAUT CONSERVATION PARK is a culturally and historically significant place and was once home to the traditional landowners, the Nganguraku people. The Mannum Aboriginal Community Association offer a range of tours that allow you to learn about the Nganguraku people and their traditions, dreamings and oral histories as well as marvel at the rock art engraved into the limestone walls of the rock shelter amongst other things. **(Recommended yrs 4-12)**

WILDWOOD PARK SANCTUARY is an animal rescue and rehabilitation center that helps look after our local wildlife. They have a range of native animals that they take care of and they love sharing their passion and knowledge with groups along with the occasional furry friend cuddle or two. **(Recommended yrs 4-12)**

