

For your safety, please remember to stay away from the cliff edge as it is soft and easily crumbles. Please also remember that some walking paths are occasionally shared with vehicles. In hot weather and on longer walks, drinking water, hat, sunscreen and closed in shoes are recommended. Call 8641 9116 for assistance or 000 in an emergency.

All flora and fauna is protected within the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden. Please do not pick flowers or plants and remain on marked paths at all times.

Highlights Walk - 30 minutes / 800 metre

If you don't have much time, our Highlight's Walk is your best choice. Visit our Eremophila Garden where you'll be amazed by the diversity of our nationally significant Eremophila collection and by the number of native arid zone birds that are attracted to its colourful blooms. In our Bush Food Garden, you'll discover some of the medicinal and food plants that have been used by Aboriginal people for thousands of years.

On this walk you'll visit our award winning AridSmart® Display Gardens where you'll find out how easy it is to create a superb waterwise garden. Look out for some of our quirky sculptures as well.

Children's Walk - 20 minutes / 500 metres

This short walk will keep the whole family very busy. Collect the Animal Trail sheet from the foyer and start looking for the metal arid zone animals and birds that are hiding on this trail. The surface is smooth so it's perfect for strollers and wheelchairs too.

Regional Walk - 45 minutes / 1.4 kilometres

This walk will take you through a diverse collection of arid 'regions' that showcase the unique flora of the Flinders Ranges, Gawler Ranges, West Coast Mallee, Central Highlands and the Great Victoria Desert. Stop in at the 'Boardwalk' Garden Lookout for great views across the garden to the spectacular and ancient Flinders Ranges and marvel at the vivid red sand dunes that occur naturally on this site.

Why not sit quietly in our 'saltbush' bird hide and soak in the sounds and scents of arid Australia before heading back to the Visitor Centre via our Rare Plants collection and in our Rare Plants Collection, where you will see many species that have teetered on the brink of extinction.

Red Cliff Walk - 2 hours / 4.5 kilometres

This walk will give you a feel for the 'real' arid heart of Australia as it winds through a diverse range of stunning landscapes. Explore woodlands and vivid red sand dunes, then trek across saltbush plains and claypan country towards the dazzling Red Cliffs of the Spencer Gulf. From here you'll enjoy spectacular views of Spencer Gulf and The Flinders Ranges, especially at sunset.

Keep an eye open for some of our resident reptiles and make sure you call in at our 'bluebush' bird hide.