Southern Hills Drive

Koppio Hills, Yallunda Flat, Koppio Museum, Tod Reservoir

Much of this drive is on unsealed roads. Please drive to the road conditions and keep everyone safe.

Drive out of Tumby Bay on Bratten Way, turn right onto the Lincoln Highway at the silos travel for 2.3km and then left onto **Mine Hill Road**.

Travel on Mine Hill Road for a further **5**km to a pull off on the left at the start of the guard rail which is a lookout on Mine Hill Road. **You will see a spectacular view** towards the Tumby bay township and beyond. The view from Right to Left encompasses Port Lincoln, Stamford Hill, Boston Island, Louth Island, Cape Donington, Taylor Island, Thistle Island, Sir Joseph Bank Group of islands, Tumby Bay, Tumby Flats, Tumby Island.



Follow Mine Hill Road for a further 5.9 km through to Dray Pole Hill Road, turn left onto **Dray Pole Hill Road.** Travel 7.8 km until the intersection.

Turn left at the T road onto **Cranky Flat Road** and travel 0.9 km to the Yallunda Flat-Uranno Road. At the intersection turn left towards **Yallunda Flat** and travel 7.0 km to Bratten Way. Turn right and then left onto Yallunda Flat Road. After 500 metres, turn left into the historic **Yallunda Flat Showground.**





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The **Yallunda Flat Showground** has been in use since 1908 and the show is still held each October long weekend. The facility features an oval, playground and toilet facilities and can be used for camping for a nominal fee. The surrounds are very beautiful. The Yallunda Flat Showground featured in the 1981 classic Australian film Gallipoli.

Continue on Yallunda Flat Road for 10 km to the **Koppio Smithy Museum.** 1.5 km before the museum on the right is the **Koppio Cemetery**. The earliest grave is from 1866.

After the cemetery on the right, not far from the cemetery is **Koppio Station.**

Turn left onto Koppio Road – The **Koppio Smithy Museum** is directly on the right. It is open Tuesday – Sunday 10am-4 pm. This museum is of very high quality and it is possible to spend hours here. It features the original Blacksmith shop and two bedroom cottage (restored). There are numerous other buildings and sheds full of interesting historical collections. The website nationaltrust.org.au (Koppio Smithy Museum) will give more information.





Next, travel along Koppio Road for 2.1 km to the old **Koppio School site** which is worthwhile exploring.

After a further 0.2 km turn right onto **Howards Road.** After 550 metres, **Glendara Rose Garden** will be on your right. Check on the internet for opening times.



After travelling 2.7 km turn right onto Tod River Road and travel for 4 km. Turn right into the **Tod Reservoir Reserve.** This reserve features picnic areas, a tennis court and a water history museum. The site is undergoing recreational upgrades including Australian Bass fish stocking. You can now kayak/canoe on the reservoir. There is a shoreline loop for bushwalking, running and cycling.

The Tod Reservoir was completed in 1922 and once supplied water through a pipeline to much of the Eyre Peninsula through to Ceduna. The Tod Reservoir was taken off-line in 2001-2002 due to concerns about rising agricultural chemical contamination and salinity.

Return to the Tod River Road – turn left and travel for4.1 km and take the right hand turn onto the **Rock Valley Road** for 2.8 km.

Turn right onto **Bailla Hill Road** for 6.9 km towards the Lincoln Highway.

At the 2.3 mark pull off to the left for a beautiful view back towards Tumby Bay and over the coastline towards the **Sir Joseph Banks Group** of islands.

At the 3.8 km mark, look to your right for a spectacular view towards **Port Lincoln.**





Continue on to the **Lincoln Highway**. Turn left at the Lincoln Highway and travel 18 km back to **Tumby Bay**.

Map of the Southern Hills Drive



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