

Rapid Bay Jetty Snorkel

Two side by side jetties form a great habitat to explore. See colourful sponges, soft corals, sea stars and schools of fish. Rapid Bay is on the Fleurieu Peninsula about 1.5 hours from Adelaide.

LOCATION

Rapid Bay Jetty,
Fleurieu Peninsula,,
South Australia

DEPTH

8-10 Meters

TEMP

17-22°

FEATURE



DIFFICULTY

Medium - You will need to swim from the new jetty to the end of the old jetty.

VISIBILITY

If you get a good day visibility is up to 10-15m. If there is a swell visibility is more like 5m.



GETTING THERE

Rapid Bay is 90 minutes south of Adelaide on the Fleurieu Peninsula. It is a lovely drive that takes you along the coast and through the coastal holiday towns of Normanville and Carrickalinga. The best way out of Adelaide is along the Southern Expressway which turns into Main South Road.

The road winds its way between rolling hills and coast. The HMAS Hobart Memorial Lookout is a good place to stop and take in the views.

LOOK FOR

- Schools of Fish
- Bullseyes
- Old Wives
- Soft Coral
- Crabs
- Sea Stars
- Leafy Sea Dragons
- Sting Rays

BEST TIME TO SNORKEL

Currents can make snorkelling around the jetty pylons tricky, so it is best to go here on a change of tide or when there is only a small amount of tidal movement. Twice a month in South Australia there is a neap tide (known locally as a dodge tide) when there is very little tidal movement, and this is a great time to go for a snorkel.

This is quite an exposed snorkelling spot, so it is best done when there is less sea swell and wind.