

6. TROUBRIDGE HILL AQUATIC RESERVE

Locality

Southern coast of Yorke Peninsula.

Permitted Activities

Boating, diving, swimming and line fishing are all permitted in the Troubridge Hill Aquatic Reserve.

Prohibited Activities

The collection or removal of any marine organism by any method other than line fishing from the Troubridge Hill Aquatic Reserve is not permitted.

Primary Purpose

The Troubridge Hill Aquatic Reserve was established for the protection of marine habitat and associated organisms and for education and recreation purposes.

Major Habitat Types

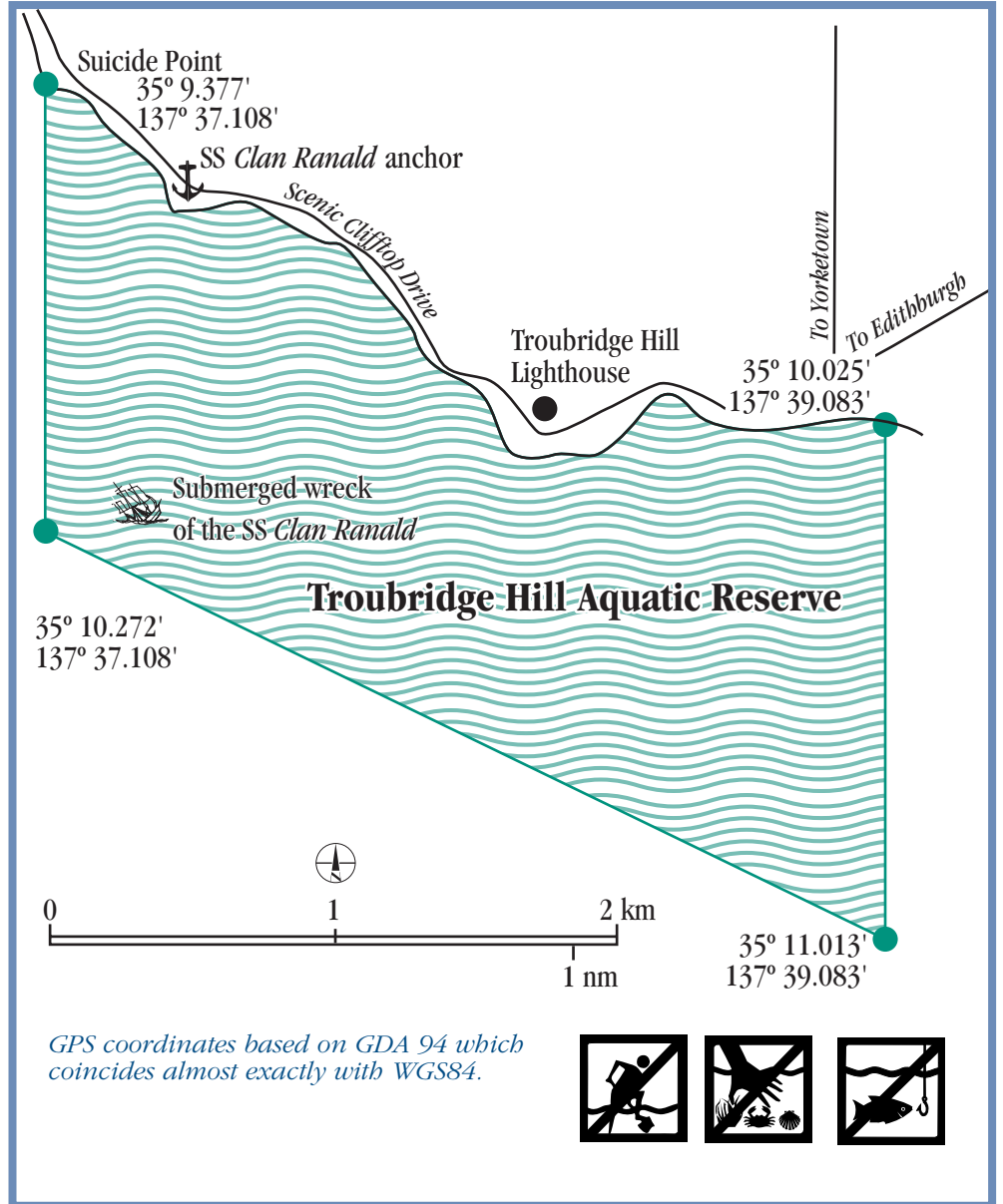
The Troubridge Hill Aquatic Reserve contains intertidal and subtidal reef platforms a coarse grain sandy bottom and sandy beaches. The Troubridge Hill Aquatic Reserve has a moderate to high wave energy coastline.

Outstanding physical, biological or other features

An intertidal reef platform extends 50m offshore before falling sharply away to 15m depth. The pristine subtidal reef area supports a wide diversity of flora and fauna particularly reef fish. The crevices and overhangs are extremely rich in marine life, particularly sponges, ascidians and gorgonian corals.

Additional Information

Troubridge Hill has been set aside as an aquatic reserve to protect a diverse intertidal reef and associated sub-tidal reef community. It also provides a sanctuary for local reef inhabitants.



The reef provides an important habitat for a large variety of reef fish including blue throated wrasse, leather jackets, boarfish, sweep and magpie perch. In areas of strong tidal movement, examples of spectacular gorgonian coral may be found.

The wreck of the 109m S.S. *Clan Ranald* lies at 22m depth within the reserve. Strong tidal currents occur in the vicinity of the wreck so care must be taken when diving at the site.