

Waterhouse Club
Pottering in our own backyard:
Hallett Cove Rocks and Intertidal Reef Ramble
Thursday 19th March 2026

With the weather gods smiling on us 15 members navigated the local road closures and gathered at Hallett Cove at 09.30. This was a day of 2, slightly overlapping parts. First up, Trevor Ireland gave everyone a quick lesson and handout on “Geological History of Hallett Cove and the surrounding area” and escorted the group up to the Black Rock lookout to gain an understanding of the landscape. Following this, we were able to use the steps and footpath to view the Sugar Loaf, a cone-shaped hill made of sediments deposited in a lake formed as the ice sheet melted around 280 million years ago.

After a cuppa, we met up with James Tilly, a marine scientist, representing ConservationSA. After an introduction related to what we may find, we headed down to the tidal zone, where a very enjoyable and interesting time was had as we fossicked around among the rockpools and under rocks. There were some signs of recovery from the algal bloom which has affected the coast. James commented on the interest and enthusiasm of the group.



I'm looking at you! Crab photo courtesy of David Cox

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