

# Flinders University Underwater Club



## Point Lowly Cuttlefish Trip Guide (26-Jun-2007)

Every year FUUC travel to Point Lowly (near Whyalla) to observe the annual spawning/mating of the giant cuttlefish. It's some truly amazing diving observing these animals in huge numbers and their associated mating rituals and displays of colour. Diving is shallow (3-5m shore diving), with the water temperature typically being 12°C, so a good wetsuit (or drysuit for the fortunate) is required. If you haven't dived in water of this temperature, please have a chat to the trip co-ordinator to make sure you won't be too cold. We stay at the Point Lowly Lighthouse cottages, with accommodation costs being very cheap (\$9/night students, \$17/night non-students).



Pt Lowly Lighthouse Cottages



Pt Lowly Lighthouse

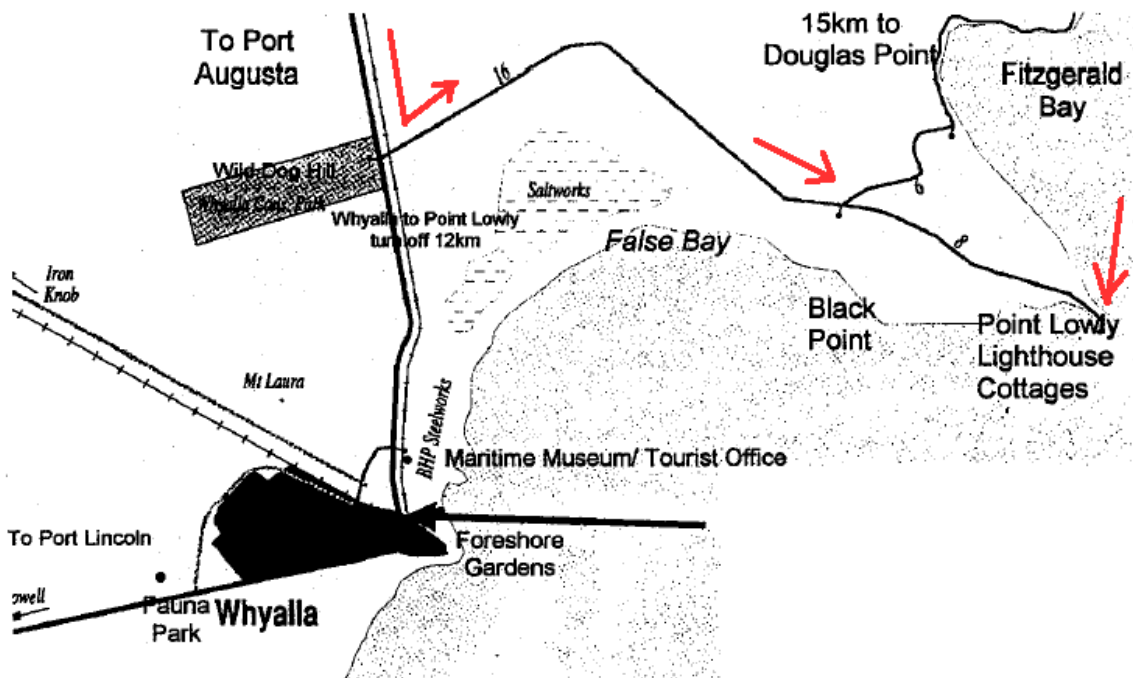
### General Information

- There will be an additional \$5-10 fee per person to cover sundries, firewood and the hire of the hall/table tennis room. There may also be a cleaning fee of \$5 for people who leave before Monday. (If someone has some table tennis paddles and balls - we also need to supply these)
- The cottages have mattresses, but bring your own bedding (sheets, pillows, quilt or sleeping bag)
- Bring plenty of warm clothing
- A large fridge and all cooking equipment (incl. BBQ), cutlery and crockery are provided
- Bring your own tea towels, dishcloths, dishwashing liquid etc
- Bring all the food and drink you will need. Rainwater is available. It is a 60km round trip into Whyalla, so stock up!
- Apparently no pets allowed
- Other items you may like to bring are a fold-up chair, torch and pegs (there is a clothes line available).
- If you are likely to get there before the trip co-ordinator please find out which cottage is booked for FUUC, and the location of the key. We usually try to book 'Lowly' so we're not looking at the refinery. The cottage name is next to the door. If others have taken the cottage we have booked, kick them out, otherwise we may get slugged with their cleaning fee again!

## How to Get There

Come down on Thursday night before the trip if you need a lift and we will try to arrange car pooling. The trip from Adelaide is around 350KM, and takes around 4.5 hours.

- o Head to Pt Wakefield from Adelaide
- o Follow the signs to Pt Augusta
- o Head straight through Pt Augusta towards Whyalla
- o PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR KANGAROOS ON THE HIGHWAY AFTER PT AUGUSTA (especially around sunset)
- o About 12km BEFORE Whyalla, you need to turn left towards Pt Lowly/Douglas Point. The turn off is opposite Wild Dog Hill (Whyalla Conservation Park), and according to a map is 38.5km after you switch from Eyre Highway to Lincoln Highway, as per the map below:



- o Then keep heading straight on for about 20Km and DO NOT take the Douglas Point Turn off.
- o When you are nearing Pt Lowly (around 3Km away) , you will see on your right what looks like a small city (at night) ....which is the refinery.
- o Keep going past the boat ramp and the lighthouse cottages are right out on the point, funnily enough near the lighthouse!
- o If you're unsure about the directions, please ask at the club meeting before the trip.

## Other Notes:

We're not taking the compressor, but since the diving is quite shallow, you're likely to get 2 dives from 1 tank - so most will just be taking 2 tanks. Air fills are available in Whyalla, but it is unlikely that this option will be needed. All dives will be from the shore (i.e. not boat dives). The entry is via a set of stairs, followed by a short walk over some rocks.

You will see lots of these!!! -->

