



YEC Welcome Forum Member Brief

The first event for this year's Youth Environment Council (YEC) is the Welcome Forum, held at Belair National Park. It will be an exciting day where you will meet and share ideas with the other Council members, participate in fun activities, and find out more about the program.



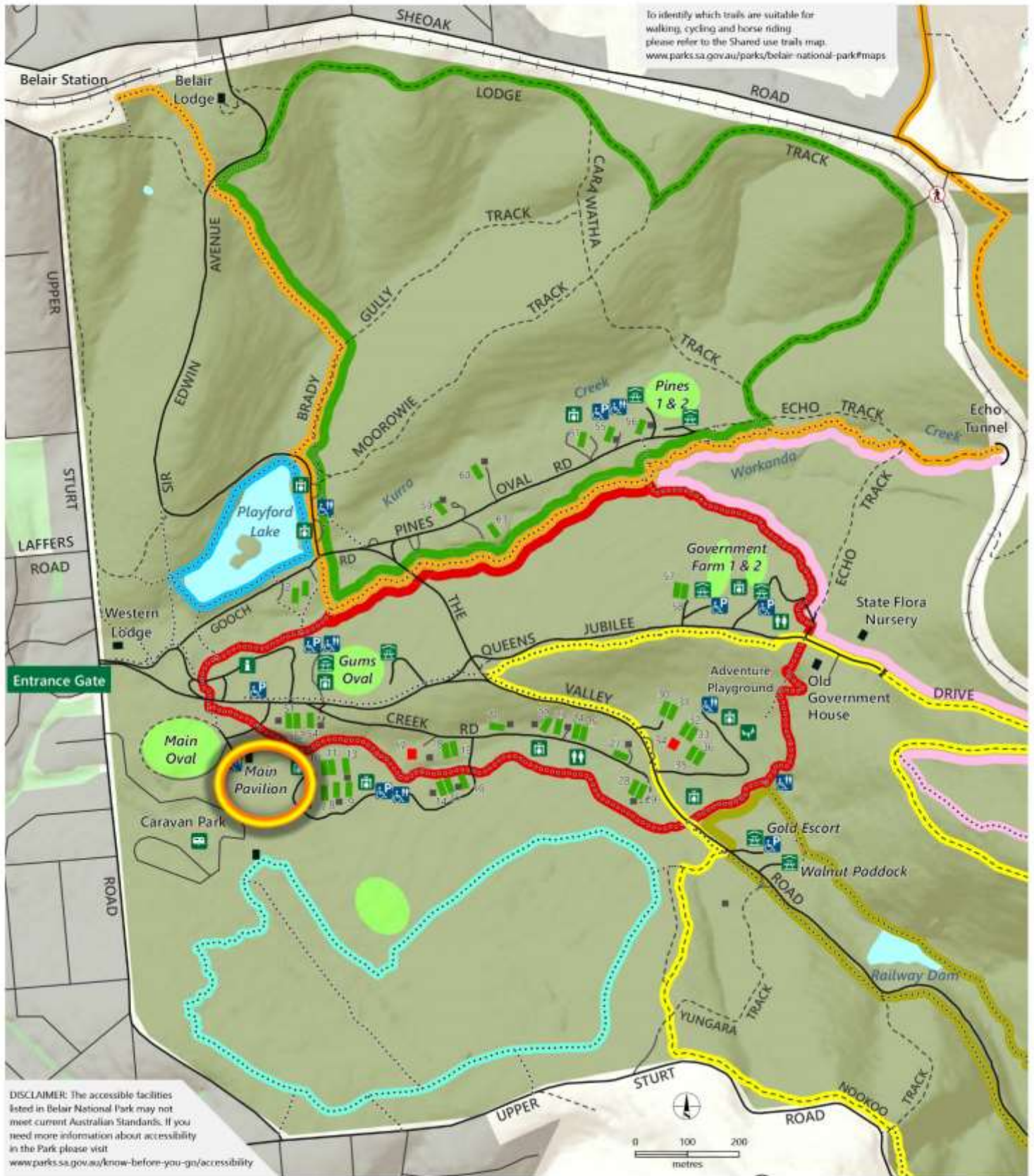
YEC members at the 2021 Welcome Forum

When you arrive, you can drive in and let the staff at the front entrance know you're here for the YEC event. You won't have to pay an entrance fee and you can make your way to the Main Pavilion near the oval (see map).

Once you're at the pavilion YEC staff will check you in and answer any questions you or your parents/carers have.

Belair National Park

Main Entrance



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| Park information | Toilets | Adventure playground | Sheltered picnic area | Accessible parking |
| BBQ facilities | Accessible toilets | Caravan park | No access | Adventure Loop Trail |
| Sealed road | Unsealed road | Track | Trail | Birdie Loop Trail |
| Railway | Building; shelter | Tennis court/number; activity court/number | Tunnel entrance; built-up area | Lorikeet Loop Walk |
| | Pines | Belair National Park; hire facility | Water - perennial | Microcarpa Hike |
| | | | | Valley Loop Hike |
| | | | | Waterfall Hike |
| | | | | Wood Duck Walk |
| | | | | Yurebilla Trail |

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The friendly **Green Adelaide education staff** will be at the forum the whole day, and you can approach them anytime if you have questions or concerns.

You can find out more about the staff by visiting the staff webpage: yecsa.net.au/yec-staff-team



Alex



Amy



Elisia



Jeremy



Kate



Nat



Pia



Rob



Sophie



Steve

If you have any forms you haven't handed in yet, you can give them to staff when you check in. You'll then be given a lanyard with your name tag and be directed to our meeting spot.



There will also be seven student leaders called '**YEC mentors**', who you can go to if you have questions or need support. They will be wearing YEC tops and bandanas at the forum, to help you identify them.

The mentors have all been a part of the YEC before and remember what it was like the first time they went to the Welcome Forum. Some of them may be at check-in to greet you. The mentors will be helping to run activities during the day, and be available to support you throughout the year.

You can find out more about the mentors by visiting the mentor webpage: yecsa.net.au/meet-the-mentors-2022



Throughout the day, we'll be taking individual photos of all members (like the photos of the mentors). The staff are responsible for making sure that everyone is safe, and these photos help us to know who is part of our group. They help us ensure everyone is accounted for.





YEC members at the 2021 Welcome Forum

There will be up to 60 students at the forum. For most of you, this will be your first time as a YEC member. Students will be coming from different schools across South Australia, and may represent Kangaroo Island, the Riverland, Eyre Peninsula, Mid North, Yorke Peninsula and Limestone Coast, as well as metropolitan Adelaide.



YEC members networking

It's the first time everybody will be meeting as a group, so we'll all be trying to learn each other's names. We'll provide you your nametag at every event to help us all with this.

At the beginning of the day, while we wait for all the members to arrive, the YEC mentors will lead some 'icebreaker' games helping us get to know each other.





Students playing an icebreaker game

In the morning, we will outline the general rules for the day and discuss ‘group norms’, which are guidelines for how we will behave as a group.

The day will also involve group discussions with people from your regional area, activities around the park, and a break for recess and lunch.

At the forum you will find out more about the project element of the YEC and see examples of projects from past members.



Students participating in a group activity



If we move around the park for activities during the day, we'll give everyone a reminder in case they have any medication or items they would like to bring with them.



Students exploring the park

The Welcome Forum is an exciting day, but we also understand that there are a lot of new faces and information to take in. If at any stage you start to feel overwhelmed, unwell, uncomfortable participating in an activity or unclear about any instructions, you can talk to one of the Green Adelaide education staff or mentors. We will be able to have a chat with you, help you find a quiet place to take some time out and/or support you until you feel comfortable re-joining the group.



Forming friendships



If there's anything you would particularly like us to know so that we can best help you to participate, you or your parents/carers can also let us know before the day and we'll follow your recommendations on how you'd like us to support you.



Students playing an icebreaker game

After the Welcome Forum, the next time we'll all see each other is at the camp, which you'll receive more information about soon.

We're looking forward to meeting you at the forum and having a fun first day together as a group. We hope you're looking forward to it too!

