



## Hindmarsh River Estuary

This tranquil setting can be found in the busy part of Victor Harbor. This area is known as the Hindmarsh River Estuary. The ending place of the Hindmarsh River. On the North East Side of the river is a permeant lagoon, which has occurred due to mother natures way of changing the river off course now it has been separated from the beach by sand dunes. The lagoon is about 120 metres long and up to 35 metres wide. The water is a mixture of salty seawater and Fresh River water.

Amongst all the beauty there are small-designated walkways; that have been put in to help protect the environment and be able to let the public see it for their enjoyment. If you start at the steps opposite The Drive on Hindmarsh Road

At the bottom of the steps there is a 'y' junction in the path, take the one to the left. This takes you passed the lagoon. Where you might see a number of birds feeding in the lagoon. The walkway takes you around the back of the sand dunes. Where a lot of revegetating is an ongoing thing. You then go to the beach and walk West until you see the next boardwalk or you walk East which takes you up the hill and back to Hindmarsh Road.

I suggest going West as this shows you the river mouth, where you can see how much the mouth moves and how wide it can be. Keep going up the boardwalk to where a track goes of to the left; take this. You'll then come to the Closed Woodland. Wow! From Sand Dunes to a Closed Woodland within metres. This area comprises of Swamp Paperbark Trees (*Melaleuca halmaturorum*) with an understorey of Herbs.



This whole unique area provides a picturesque look at what is around. At the end of the boardwalk you'll come to some steps unfortunately this is the end of the walk. The steps lead you to the main footpath where your vehicle parked.