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Expect to see: You should expect to see Leafy Sea Dragons, Anglerfish, Sea Horses, Blue Ring Ocptopus and Pyjama Squid.



Anglerfish: Let Paul find tasseled, smooth, prickly and rodless anglerfish for you to see and photograph.



Jetty: The Edithburgh jetty dive site offers excellent opportunities for macro photography.

## **Dive Location**

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## Edithburgh

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Edithburgh is an amazing dive with a wide diversity of marine life. The jetty is a macro photographer's paradise with many strange and unusual creatures to be found here.

Edithburgh was originally known as Pararmarati by the local indigenous Narungga people. The first European pioneers arrived in the 1840's and were sheep grazers and pastoralists.



The area was first surveyed in 1869 by the Marine Board who fixed a site for a jetty and an adjacent town. The town was named after Lady Edith Fergusson, the wife of the South Australian governor of the time.



Edithburgh jetty was opened in 1873 to service the developing local salt, flour and gypsum trade. Originally 45 metres long, the jetty was lengthened to 82 metres in 1875 with further extensions in 1883 and 1900 to provide its current length of 175 metres. The jetty was also widened to its present width in 1921. In its heyday Edithburgh was a thriving port and at one stage was the third busiest in South Australia.

The jetty is protected from the prevailing south westerly winds and visibility of at least 10m is the norm. The maximum depth on this dive is 8m but most of the really cool things to see are in no more than 5m allowing good natural light for underwater photographers. The entry and exit points are via two sets of steps on either side of the jetty no more than 20m from the car park. The ease of entry, the clarity of water and the usual calm conditions make for a pleasant and relaxing dive. Add to this the vast array of marine life to be found here and you can see why this is one of South Australia's most frequented dive sites.



Over a typical weekend visit to Edithburgh you are likely to see leafy sea dragons, short headed sea horses, pipefish, tasselled anglerfish, rodless anglerfish, smooth anglerfish, prickly anglerfish, sand octopus, blue ring octopus, giant Australian cuttlefish, dumpling squid, lined pyjama squid, egg cowries, various nudibranchs and flatworms.

Add to this the brightly coloured jetty piles and all the usual local inshore reef fishes that inhabit the surrounding waters and you can see why Edithburgh jetty never disappoints

and maintains diver's interest over multiple dives

Many of the incredible creatures to be found under Edithburgh jetty are masters of disguise, well camouflaged in their habitat. It is important to look closely and carefully and you will be amazed at just what weird and strange critters you may find.



Edithburgh jetty is also a great and easy night dive. At night many of the cryptic creatures are out and about and therefore more easily spotted. One doesn't have to move to far from the entry point to find sea horses, dumpling squid, pyjama squid, octopus and anglerfish.

