

7. A treasure or a weed?

These European olives date from 1856 but some in Europe are over 1,000 years old and still producing fruit.

The Park Lands groves have State Heritage protection, but elsewhere in SA olives are an invasive species. Birds easily disperse seeds – and the trees are a danger in bushfires. They are very hard to eradicate.



8. Diversity of trees in The Olive Groves

At the southern end of Park 8, two large Moreton Bay figs are dominant. Look closer to see more than half a dozen Port Lincoln wattles (also known as Flinders Ranges wattle or Willow-leaf wattle).



9. A permit to pick olives

The City Council issues free permits to pick olives for domestic use. A permit lasts for four months and is subject to conditions, including not climbing into, shaking, beating or damaging the trees.

WHO ARE WE?

The Adelaide Park Lands Association is a community-based, non-profit organisation.

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EXPLORE

**The Olive Groves
Kuntingga (Park 7) and Parngutilla (Park 8)**

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This Trail Guide traverses traditional lands of the Kaurna people. We acknowledge and pay respect to the past, present and future traditional custodians and elders of this land.

1. Introduction and naming

Two Kaurna names (Kuntingga and Parngutilla) both referring to root vegetables.

These two tiny Parks, together are just four hectares in size, less than one per cent of the entire Adelaide Park Lands.



2. Infrastructure

Note the large stobie pole intrusions, and concrete stormwater drainage channel. Roads were widened in 1925 and again in the 1960's. Stanley Street, across Park 7, was closed about 1949. (See 1935 aerial pic.)

3. 1856 European olive plantation

John Bailey (below) brought olives from Britain in 1839. He set up a nursery in Hackney and won a Government contract to plant these olives in 1856.



4. The narrowest Parks

These Parks are the narrowest part of the Adelaide Park Lands – only 80 metres wide. Heading south from Point 4, you'll see not only olives but also many River Red Gums, Aleppo Pines and Kurrajong trees.

5. Red gum fighting back against disease

After damage, this tree has sealed itself against bacteria and fungi damage, in a process called "compartmentalisation of decay".



6. Olive oil industry

The first commercial olive press in Australia used olives from the Park Lands, starting in 1870 at Adelaide Gaol. By late 1890's the City of Adelaide had a major revenue stream from selling olive oil sourced from these trees.

