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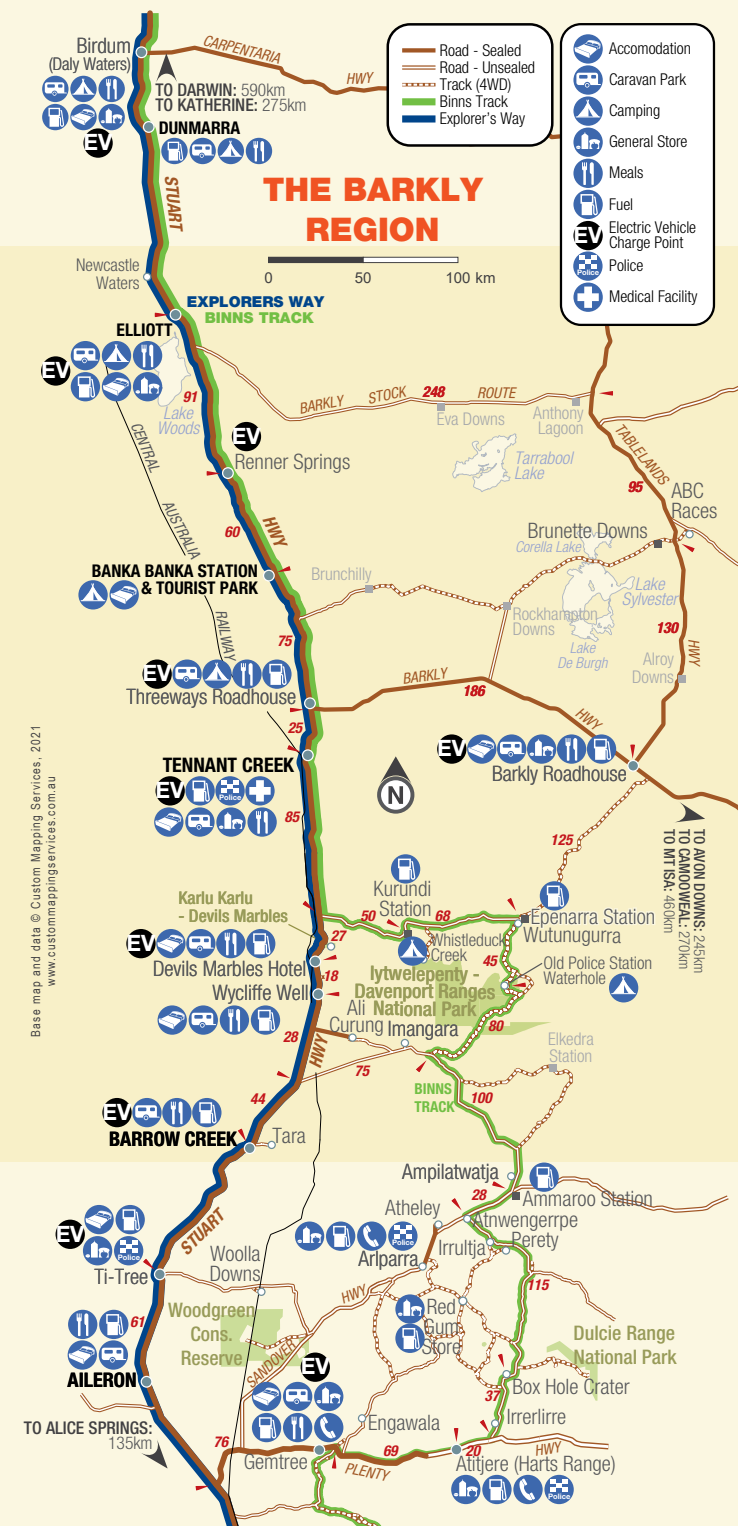
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WELCOME

Welcome to the Barkly Region, with Tennant Creek proudly known as the Golden Heart of the NT! Vast skies, interesting characters and colourful landscapes await you.

Karlu Karlu/Devils Marbles



Jurnkurrakur Mural

The Barkly Region extends from Barrow Creek in the south, to Newcastle Waters in the north and east to the Queensland border. It is a vast region, steeped in both traditional Aboriginal culture and prime cattle country.

The region covers over 300,000 square kilometres, yet it is sparsely populated by only approximately 7000 people. Half live in Tennant Creek; the rest are scattered across remote communities and cattle stations.

The climate is dry and warm in winter, with huge open skies that are clear and brilliant blue during this Dry season; and spectacularly stormy during the Wet (summer), and never better viewed than at night-time when you'll marvel at the millions of stars you normally can't see in built-up areas! The land is red, rich in minerals and steeped in the history of the last great gold rush of this nation.



Tennant Creek is the central hub of the Barkly Region. It sits on Warumungu Country, with all twelve of the adjacent different Aboriginal languages spoken, as over the years, people have migrated into town from surrounding areas. The town has a relatively short history, having been born out of that last gold rush back in the 1930s, so local Aboriginal people still follow traditional customs and lore.

You will find a lively community of interesting locals. The Golden Heart reputation began with the mining era, but these days it is held sacred in the generous nature of the local inhabitants.

WARUMUNGU WORDS

WARUMUNGU WORD	TRY TO SAY THE WORDS!	WHAT THEY MEAN <i>Not all words can be easily translated into an English meaning</i>
Karlu Karlu	Gull-oo-Gull-oo	Karlu Karlu also known as Devils Marbles
Warumungu	Warra-moong-oo	Local nation for the area
Karmente	Gummen-da	Goodbye
Tjukurpa	chook-orr-pa	Creation time, law, way of life, story
Nappa	Nar-pa	Water

Take your time travelling through this region, it is a great place to slow your pace, take in the vast surroundings and enjoy the peaceful sound of the wind through the gumtrees, or whistling around the spinifex grass. There are plenty of opportunities to spot local wildlife and take beautiful photos.

It is a timeless landscape, which invites you to take your time. Have a yarn with the locals, there is always someone to chat with, whether a fellow traveller at a rest stop, or a local at the bar!

Whether you travel the bitumen highways, or go off-road on the Binns Track, you will find yourself in locations with no mobile or internet service, a disadvantage to some in the modern world, but a blessing for all those who long to switch off, to take in the surroundings and bask in the sunshine of our beautiful seasons.

Fuel supplies are a long distance between in the NT, so top up the tanks whenever you get the opportunity.

Mobile network coverage is limited from the outskirts of most outback towns. Download all maps, guides, fact sheets, audio guides while you have mobile coverage. Look for Wi-Fi hotspots located in more remote tourist sites.

LONE STAR SERVICE STATION

Located at the southern entry into Tennant Creek, Lone Star Service Station is the ideal place to fill up both your fuel tank and tummy! They have a full range of fuels, and a selection of tasty hot foods ready to go, dine in or take away, or you can order from the Rosie's Chicken menu. Enjoy being served by friendly locals, they even have a selection of groceries to top up your supplies.

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Nyinkka Nyunyu Art & Culture Centre

ATTRACTIONS

From gold mining to beautiful granite landscapes, there's something in the Barkly to please everyone!

NYINKKA NYUNYU ART & CULTURE CENTRE

Pronounced ny-ink-a ny-oo ny-oo, this gallery celebrates the art and traditional culture of the Warumungu people, on whose land Tennant Creek exists. The centre's focus is the sacred creation site of the Nyinkka (spiky tailed goanna). A self-guided tour will teach you the local customs and traditions, you'll learn about bush tucker, traditional medicines, and enjoy local exhibits or visiting shows. Exciting changes will be undertaken throughout the year. Stop in for a coffee at the café on site.

BATTERY HILL MINING CENTRE

Located on the grounds of one of the original Government Stamp Batteries, used by the early miners to grind the dense ironstone to dust and releasing the precious gold sands. Discover the history, science, and the thrill of gold mining in the Barkly region. Enjoy an underground mine tour (fees apply) or wander through the three museums exhibits. Take a self-guided nature walk or admire the static machinery displays found around the site.

TENNANT CREEK EVENTS 2022

Check the Explore Tennant Creek Facebook pages for any date changes

MAY 2022

Tennant Creek Cup

A chance to dress up and try your luck with the locals and bookies.

JUNE 2022

Tennant Creek Open

Join in the Tennant Creek Open, a 2 Day event held over June long weekend on a course all fans need to try at least once.

NT Sandscrape Championships

attracting the best in the Territory this is a great way for visitors to learn a few tips on this unique Golf Course.

ABC Brunette Down Races

Venture off-road to enjoy a truly Outback event. Camping facilities at the Brunette Downs Station.

JULY 2022

Territory Day

July 1st, Fireworks help celebrate the day the NT declared independence from the Commonwealth Government in 1978.



Tennant Creek Show

The second Friday in July is the Tennant Creek Show Day, an opportunity to enjoy cattle displays, a dog show and local arts & crafts.

AUGUST 2022

Desert Harmony Annual Arts Festival

Check their website for festival events calendar and a great opportunity to engage with locals and celebrate your visit to Tennant Creek.

Speedway events are held regularly from April to October. A family friendly evening highlighting local juniors to national events.



FUN FACT

DID YOU KNOW? On the 8th December 1938, the largest gold nugget ever found in the Barkly region was discovered by Albert Lane and Jack Noble. It weighed 31 ½ ounces!

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ACCOMMODATION

Whether you're camping under the stars or looking for air-conditioned comfort, all options are available across the Barkly.

Tennant Creek boasts a range of accommodation options. Motels in town include Bluestone Motor Inn, Safari Lodge, Goldfields Hotel and Eldorado Motor Inn. Cabins are available at both Tennant Creek and Outback Caravan Parks. Both parks offer powered and unpowered caravan sites, as well as open camping grounds.

Out of town, there are roadside rest areas along both the Stuart and Barkly Highways, which are signposted offering overnight camping with basic facilities.

Please note that overnight camping is not permitted within the town limits, nor is it allowed at Tingkarli/Lake Mary Ann recreational reserve or at Kunjarra/The Pebbles. You need to book online for camping at Karlu Karlu/Devils Marbles Conservation Reserve. Overnight camping is allowed out at Kunjarra/The Pebbles and for a small fee, overnight camping is also allowed at Karlu Karlu/Devils Marbles Recreational Reserve.

Don't forget to allow rest and relax days where you can slow down and enjoy the sounds of the outback. Sit by the pool at your motel or caravan park, read a book or enjoy trying finding the special Wonder Word below.

FIND THE WONDER WORD!

Circle each word or letter and tick them off the list. See what the Wonder Word is with the letters that are left.

R	E	G	N	I	V	I	R	D	U	Battery
E	T	I	M	R	E	T	A	L	S	Camps
D	L	O	G	U	X	V	R	P	O	Davenport
Y	K	S	M	Y	E	A	M	O	S	Devils
N	Y	I	N	N	K	A	R	L	L	Driving
P	N	A	P	U	C	A	L	A	I	Gold
E	L	O	L	Y	G	O	R	K	V	Kangaroo
P	R	R	A	N	G	E	S	E	E	Karlu Karlu
T	A	M	A	R	B	L	E	S	D	Lake
K	E	K	Y	R	E	T	T	A	B	Marbles
										Mine
										Nyinka
										Nyunyu
										Plan
										Ranges
										Red
										Sky
										Termite

CARAVAN PARK ETIQUETTE

ALWAYS THINK OF OTHERS

NOISE - Keep your music and noise to a level that is polite for your space only. If you are in a family park, which most are, children will always be children. Be tolerant.

PETS - Just because you love your pet, it may not be a comfortable animal for others. Always have your animals on a lead, fenced in or appropriately caged. Always pick up waste after your animal.

WATER - Check with each park if there is a fee for filling tanks due to drought. Some places are grateful for your grey water on the ground, others not so. Check first.

AMENITIES - Never empty your toilet cassette in the ablution block of any public toilet. Always clean up after yourself in shared bathrooms to avoid others falling. Think of others.

SPEED LIMITS - Stick to the limit. You're on holidays. Slow down.

MIND YOUR SPACE - Don't cut through other people's sites, especially under their awnings, just to save a few steps. Be neighbourly.

RUBBISH - Dispose of your rubbish in bins provided. Otherwise take it with you to dispose of elsewhere.

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DINING

Enjoy the variety of options in Tennant Creek, from club bistros to relaxed restaurants and cafes. Give your camp chef the night off!

LONE STAR SERVICE STATION

Enjoy the great hamburgers & Rosie's Chicken and a selection of hot foods ready to go, this is your go to for quick meals while you travel.

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With a Courtesy Bus to save you the drive, come and enjoy mixing with friendly locals while having a great meal. This relaxing Club has an extensive menu with all your favorites and more! Relax and watch the big screens, enjoy a game of pool or relax while playing the Pokies. A popular place to cool down after a day of exploring the Barkly region.



Dining – Pokies – Sports Games
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Centrepoint Food



Perentie



Wattle Seed Damper



Bush Tomato

BUSH TUCKER

Bush Tucker is growing all around Tennant Creek and the surrounding Barkly Region. You may not recognise some, as they are less obvious than farm sourced foods, but there is much that can be eaten and harvested.

NATIVE FOODS AVAILABLE LOCALLY COVER ALL THE FOOD GROUPS:

Meat from animals – lizards, bush turkey, emu, kangaroos and wallabies, snakes and echidnas.

Honey and nectars – the honey ant, native bee honey, nectar from the native flowers, bloodwood and corkwood trees.

Plant food – from wild orange, wild passionfruit, wild fig, bush tomato, conkerberry, bush banana, bush plums and sultanas.

Edible seeds – the wattle seed, a staple food; the seeds can be ground into a paste or made into wattle seed damper. Other local seeds used traditionally are mulga, dogwood and desert kurrajong.

Grubs and insects – the witchetty grub is a favourite eaten raw or roasted on hot coals!

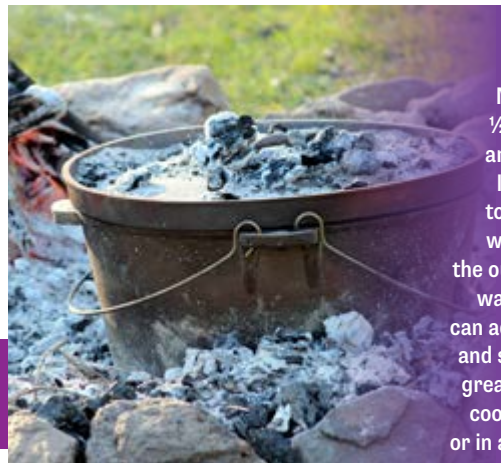
Water – the search for water in dry desert conditions was essential for survival; water is found in soakages, tree roots and hollows and the very scarce permanent waterholes and rare natural springs.

Bush tomato – A staple food which has been eaten for many thousands of years. Dried it looks like a raisin, and can be stored for extended periods, is plentiful and popular and is high in vitamin C and potassium.

CAMPING DAMPER

Made from 250g flour, ½ tsp salt, 175ml water and/or milk, 25g butter.

It's an Aussie tradition to bake this with dinner when you're camping in the outback. Or change the water/milk for beer! You can add a handful of raisins and serve with honey for a great desert! Traditionally cooked in campfire ashes or in a cast iron camp oven.





SHOPPING

Look out for Market Day held fortnightly on Saturday mornings at the Transit Centre in the main street. Ask at the Visitor Centre for other local markets & events.



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BOTTLE SHOPS

We know the NT is warm, thirsty weather, but if your tittle is alcoholic, you'll need to plan ahead. Tennant Creek is a 'dry town' meaning that you cannot consume alcohol in public places within the town region. Bottle shops are open from 4pm until 7pm, Monday till Saturday, closed on Sundays. You will need photo ID to purchase alcohol and daily purchase limits apply.

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TENNANT CREEK TOWN MAP

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- Pharmacy
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- Post Office
- Supermarket
- Caravan Park
- RV Dump Point
- Swimming Pool
- Lookout

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Speedway

Bike Path to:
Tingkarli / Lake Mary Ann 5km

TED RYKO BIKE PATH

OVERLAND TELEGRAPH STATION 9km
KUNJARRA / THE PEBBLES 15km

TENNANT CREEK TO:
Three Ways 25km
Darwin 990km
EXPLORERS WAY
BINNS TRACK

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Tingkarli / Lake Mary Ann



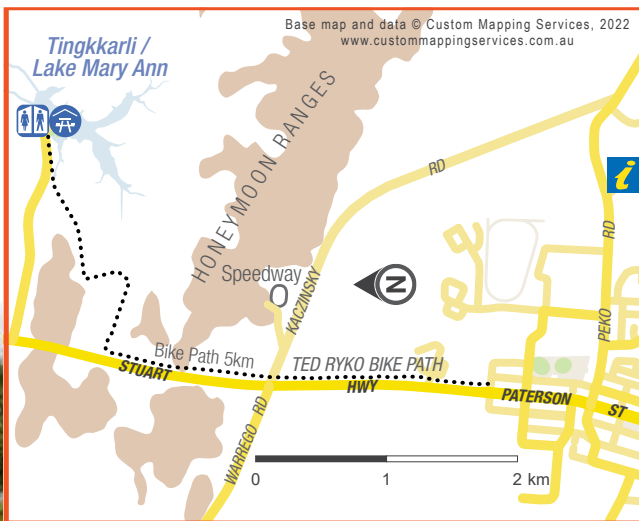
Tennant Creek Overland Telegraph Station

TED RYKO BIKE PATH

The Bicycle Path which leads from Tennant Creek, through the hills of the Honeymoon Range, and out to Tingkarli/Lake Mary Ann, is named after Ted Ryko (full name Eddie Reichenbach) who set the unbroken bicycle record from Adelaide to Darwin back in 1914. This arduous journey took him just 28 days! Walkers and cyclists enjoy the path which meanders through the hilly range, offering sights of local birds and wildlife. A quiet walker may see beautiful lizards crossing the path.

TINGKARLI/LAKE MARY ANN

A lovely recreational watercourse, constructed by the NT Government in 1980. The dam wall closes off a valley which fills from the catchment area of Mary Ann Creek. Non-powered water sports are enjoyed here, such as swimming and kayaking. The view across the lake can be enjoyed from lush green lawns, with shady trees, BBQs and picnic tables, along with a fabulous new playground area. Take the walk around the lake to enjoy the natural bushland on the other side.



Lake Mary Ann Monument

OVERLAND TELEGRAPH STATION

Tennant Creek Overland Telegraph Station was completed in 1872, so be on the lookout for 150th Anniversary celebrations! Located near the actual Tennant Creek watercourse, 12km north of town, this heritage site offers visitors an insight into the early living and working conditions of the employees.

The single copper wire, running from Adelaide to Darwin, a mighty 3600km in length, was the only communication link between Australia and England. This was strung along a path mapped by intrepid explorer, John McDouall Stuart, after whom the highway is named.

Take the self-guided walk around the reserve. You pick up a key and information sheet, available at the Visitor Information Centre (deposit required). Explore the historic buildings made of local stone.

On a walk through the station buildings, you'll also learn of the discovery of gold in the area in 1925 and how thousands flocked to Tennant Creek. Explore at your own pace the interesting interpretive signage explaining the use of such buildings as The Cellar, The Smoke House and the Blacksmiths Workshop. Taking a 100m stroll, you will discover the Cemetery, the resting place of pioneers of the past.

KUNJARRA/THE PEBBLES

Kunjarra is the Warumungu traditional name for The Pebbles, an outcrop of red granite boulders smaller than the Devils Marbles. Signage explains the traditional customs here, and walking paths guide you to wander between the clumps of boulders, enjoying the colours of the rocks. Best viewed when the sun is low in the sky, at sunrise or sunset, to get the richest red colours in the boulders. A lovely place to enjoy a picnic at the tables provided. High clearance vehicles recommended.



Kunjarra / The Pebbles



NORTH OF TENNANT CREEK

EXPLORERS WAY

This part of one of Australia's great road trip is full of adventure and important historic sites.

Cattle from Banka Banka Station



Jones Store, Newcastle Waters

REV. JOHN FLYNN

North of Tennant Creek, at the junction of the Stuart and Barkly Highways, just past Threeways Roadhouse, is the memorial obelisk constructed to celebrate the local significance of the Rev. John Flynn. A Presbyterian Minister, Flynn surveyed the needs of remote inhabitants of the Northern Territory in 1912. His report led to the creation of the Australian Inland Mission, with Flynn as Superintendent.

Recognising the needs of isolated remote communities, Flynn's efforts resulted in a network of nursing hostels, which grew into the Royal Flying Doctor Service, still providing a 'mantle of safety' in the Outback today!

Further south, at Karlu Karlu/Devils Marbles Conservation Reserve, is another story relating to Reverend Flynn.



CHURCHILL'S HEAD

As you travel this route, you are following in the footsteps of a quarter of a million military servicemen and women who travelled this road during WWII, to defend Australia following the attacks on Darwin in 1942. A natural outcrop of rock resembling Britain's Prime Minister at the time, Winston Churchill, had a tree branch inserted into the rocky 'mouth' to resemble his cigar, cementing the site as a popular military resting spot, still known as Churchill's Head today.



Jones Store, Newcastle Waters

UNCONVENTIONAL COMPASS

Hold your watch horizontally, or draw a circle in the ground, pointing the 12 o'clock towards the sun.

Mid-point between the 12 and hour hand indicates the north-south line.



NEWCASTLE WATERS


280 kms north of Tennant Creek on the Stuart Highway, Newcastle Waters is the northern boundary of the Barkly Region. A sealed 3km drive into Newcastle Waters Historic Township shows this important staging post, with the town providing critical communications in such a remote location. The surviving buildings are worth a visit, along with the Drover's memorial statue paying respect to the critical local cattle industry.

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DUNMARRA WAYSIDE INN

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Open: Early to Late 7 Days

DRIVING TIP: MAINTAIN A GAP

On sealed roads always maintain at least a 2-3 second gap between each vehicle. On dirt roads and tracks you need a lot more, as stopping distances are greatly increased. It makes no sense to drive in someone's dust cloud!



Heading from west to east, starting in Laverton, Western Australia to Winton, Queensland via the Northern Territory's Red Centre and travels along a well-worn track through the heart of Australia. Covering around 2,700km, The Outback Way is Australia's version of Route 66, the great Australian road trip, one you can unearth the magic of an outback journey like never before. The colours will constantly change, from beautiful to amazing, as only the Australian outback can offer. Collect memories with every kilometre and take your time to savour the unique architecture of every mountain range, marvel at nature's diversity where you get to awaken your senses.

You can zig-zag the nation along the trail or do shorter, invigorating trips. Immerse yourself in Indigenous culture and explore the Art Trail, hear the whisper of the desert oaks. Be amazed at the pioneering stamina all along the way, join in the country spirit of an outback festival and dance with the dinosaurs in Winton. Fossick for gems at **THE GEMTREE**, make paper out of spinifex at Curtin Springs Station, watch a weather balloon launch in Warakuna. At each of your stops along the way you will be richer for learning a little more about this amazing country we share.

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SOUTH OF TENNANT CREEK

EXPLORERS WAY

Along this section of your adventure, drop into one of Australia favourite natural icons.



Karlu Karlu/Devils Marbles

KARLU KARLU / DEVILS MARBLES

Karlu Karlu is the traditional Aboriginal name for Devils Marbles, the most famous landscape of the Barkly Region. Historically, this site was a meeting point for four neighbouring Aboriginal language groups, Warumungu, Kaytetye, Alyawarre and Warlpiri.

There are many traditional stories attached to this landscape, but the one offered for visitors is that a spiritual devil man, Arranji, walked through the valley spinning hair strings, important to men's cultural ceremonies, dropping them to the ground which then formed into the boulders which lay in clumps, precariously balanced upon each other.

Local people believe that the spirit of Arranji remains resting at Ayleparrarntenhe, a twin peaked hill to the east of the public reserve.

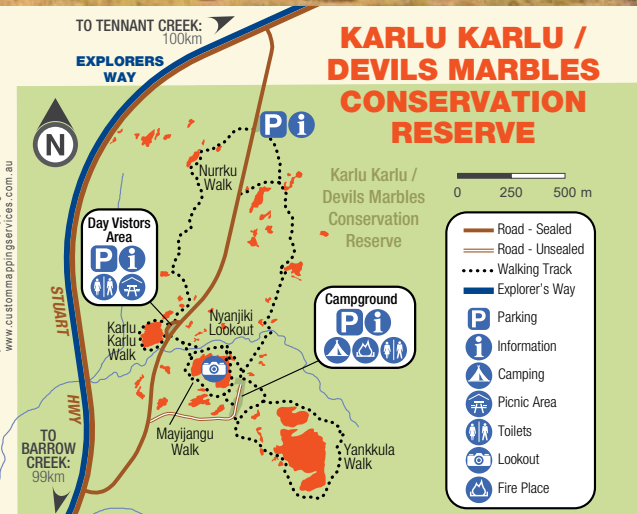
A more modern story of this place relates to The Rev. John Flynn, founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Flynn's ashes were buried on Larapinta Road, heading west out of Alice Springs, and a boulder was selected and removed from Karlu Karlu, to be placed on a plinth to commemorate the importance of Flynn, in the early 1950s. Finally, in 1999, the Arrernte people of Alice Springs selected a local rock and the 8 ton boulder was returned to its traditional home, back at Karlu Karlu.



Elders at the time guided the cranes to return the boulder to its exact original place. Today, the boulder can be identified from those surrounding it, as it was sandblasted to remove graffiti and still appears much paler than the surrounding rock forms. This boulder could be considered as a beautiful metaphor for reparation, but not without change. It sits back in its original location, just south of the main day visitor parking area at Karlu Karlu.

WATCH FOR WEDGE-TAILED EAGLES!

Slow down if you see a Wedge-Tailed Eagle feeding on the side of the road. With huge wingspans of up to 3 metres they can be slow to take flight. These big birds of prey are easily injured and can do extensive damage to a vehicle. Slow down and be aware.



WALKING

There are several walks to enjoy, including the Nyanjiki Lookout providing a panoramic view of the Reserve. The Karlu Karlu walk is an easy short walk (20 minute return) which commences from the day use area carpark. Signs explain the formation of the Karlu (Marbles). The 4 km Nurrku Walk provides visitors with a longer opportunity to experience the wider Reserve.

Parks & Wildlife are making changes in March 2022 and introducing an online booking system. Keep up to date - depws.nt.gov.au/parks-changes



Pets are not permitted in the campground.

FLORA & FAUNA IN THE REGION INCLUDE

Sand Goanna - Black-headed Goanna - Fairy Martins - Zebra Finches - Painted Finches - Spinifex - Native Rock Fig



Black-headed Goanna



IYWELEPENTY - DAVENPORT RANGES NATIONAL PARK

IYWELEPENTY/DAVENPORT RANGES

PART OF THE BINNS TRACK

This National Park overlays a rich living cultural landscape of the Alyawarr, Wakaya, Kaytete and Warumungu traditional owners. Experience the quiet beauty of this park, with access via high clearance 4WD only. Discover European heritage sites from early pastoral and mining days.

Explore this out of the way network of permanent waterholes, and beautiful outback landscapes, on some of the best four-wheel drive tracks in the NT. These tracks criss-cross the 1120 square kilometre park, including a challenging 17-kilometre Frew River loop track to the Old Police Station Waterhole. Stay in the camp sites at the Old Police Station Waterhole or at Whistleduck Creek. Enjoy swimming in the cool waters or just soak up the serenity.

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There are only basic camping facilities in the Park so come well prepared. Wood BBQs and Pit Toilets are available. Camping is only permitted in designated camping areas.

Pets are prohibited.

This is an ecologically significant & diverse area so please leave only footprints and respect the water and surrounds.

FLORA & FAUNA IN THE REGION INCLUDE

Blackfooted Rock Wallaby - Emu - Australian Bustard - Bush Turkey - Zebra Finch - Dusky Grasswren



Whistle Duck Creek



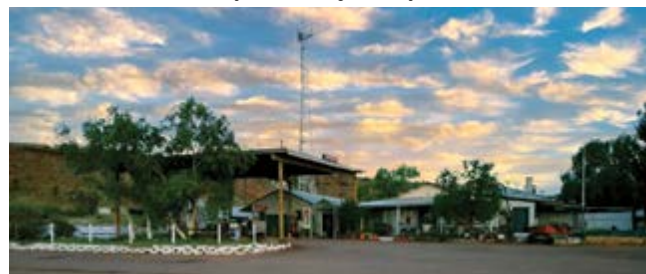
Barrow Creek Telegraph Station

BARROW CREEK TELEGRAPH STATION

Barrow Creek was named in 1860 by John McDouall Stuart, this site for the Telegraph Station was chosen in September 1871 by John Ross' Overland Telegraph exploring party, which was assessing Stuart's route to set up a telegraph line through Central Australia. The site was chosen due to the presence of surface water and for a well site of about 10 to 12 feet. By 1880 the station was very much in its present form with an elaborate stone fence, wagon shed, blacksmith's hut, cemetery and a veranda on the western side of the main building.

BARROW CREEK HOTEL

Barrow Creek Hotel is a pleasure to visit. You'll spend hours just reading the walls! Visitors before you have left messages and greetings, adding to the colour and character of this Outback Pub! Accommodation consists of airconditioned rooms, powered and unpowered camping sites. Enjoy a drink at the bar, or a hearty meal, along with a yarn with the locals.



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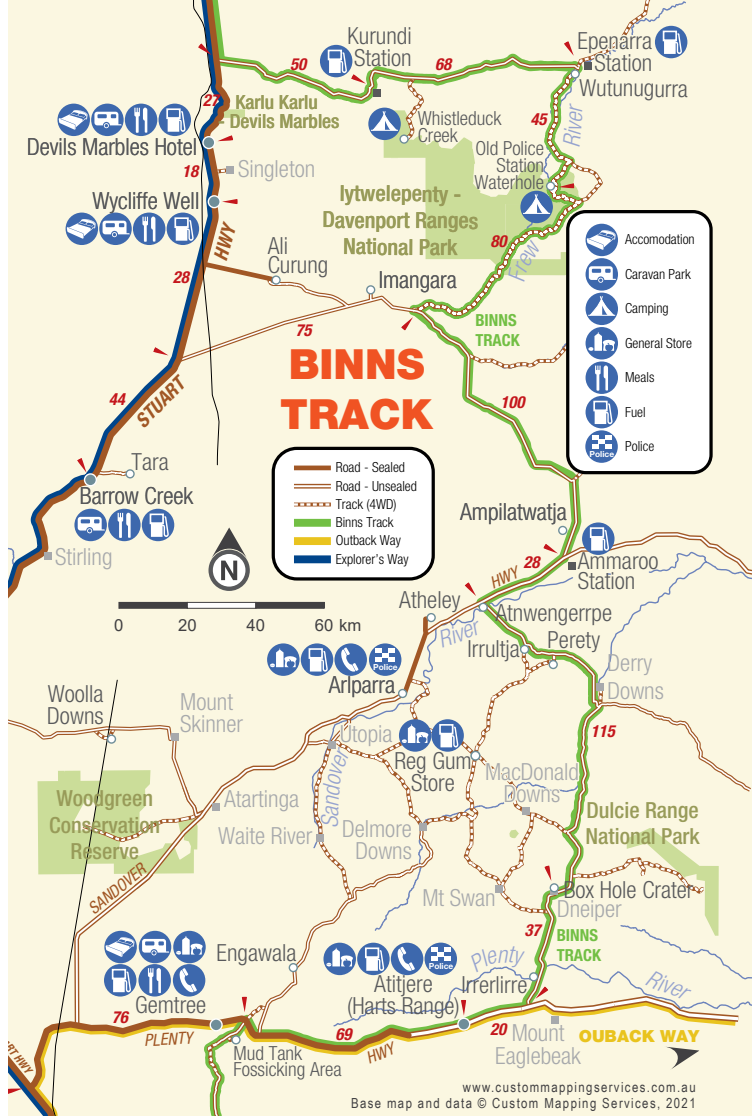
GEMTREE TO TENNANT CREEK - 509 km 2+Days

As you travel north, to Iytwelpepenty/ Davenport Ranges National Park you can embrace the peaceful surrounds, enjoy a swim in the surprisingly beautiful waterholes or stay and camp in this tranquil setting. A short detour to Karlu Karlu/Devils Marbles is a must do. Home to massive granite boulders which glow fantastically at both sunrise and sunset, an overnight stay here will produce some of your favourite photos of the whole journey!

TENNANT CREEK TO DUNMARRA - 355 km 2+Days

Stopover in Tennant Creek to discover gold history at Battery Hill Mining Centre or the unique Nyinkka Nyunyu Art & Culture centre. The Telegraph Station, and Lake Maryann, all north of Tennant Creek offer wonderful day trips. Then journey north, past Churchills Head, on your way to an overnight stay at Banka Banka then Dunmarra.

DUNMARRA TO TIMBER CREEK - 430 km 2+Days



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ROAD TRIP DRIVE TIPS

Parks and Wildlife have made changes to camping & walking fees and have introduced an online booking system.

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- The Northern Territory (NT) has vast stretches of variable speed and surfaced roads. The speed limit in the NT is 110 km per hour on open roads unless otherwise signposted.
- Reduce to a safe slower speed on unsealed roads.
- Do not drive on 4WD tracks with a 2WD vehicle.
- If you are not accustomed to driving long distances or in extreme heat, driver's fatigue can occur, so stop and rest frequently at regular rest stops available.
- Many national roads travel through national parks and stations. Avoid driving at dusk or dawn or even at night as stock/wildlife may cross the roads. Do not swerve suddenly and safely reduce your speed.
- Note that different school zone times apply in the NT.
- Don't drive in convoys especially if you are towing a caravan. Allow at least 200m between vehicles, especially to allow road trains to overtake safely.
- Ensure your vehicle's windscreens, mirrors and windows are clean and unobstructed.
- Ensure vehicle is fuelled up due to long distances between roadhouses and tyre pressures checked.

- Ensure pets are correctly restrained by using a secured carry box or a pet seatbelt.
- Plan activities to keep your children content.
- Road conditions can change quickly, particularly in the Wet Season during October to May.
- Check on a map where you are going before you depart as mobile phone coverage is limited. Plan your route and regardless of how experienced you are, let responsible people know which routes you plan to travel and your approximate departure/arrival and day/times.

BEFORE YOU DEPART:

- Check your vehicle is safe and roadworthy
- Don't drive tired, plan for road rest stops every two hours.
- Check road conditions and weather reports

Check road conditions within NT parks - 4WD and 2WD tracks:

<https://roadreport.nt.gov.au/home>

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5 DAY SUGGESTED ITINERARY



DAY 1

- ▶ Visitor Information Centre
- ▶ Mining Centre - museums, nature walks, static machinery displays
- ▶ Bill Allen Lookout
- ▶ Local Shopping - Main Street
- ▶ Dinner at Sporties Club

DAY 2

- ▶ Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles - enjoy as a day trip only 100km south of Tennant Creek or camp overnight
- ▶ A photographer's delight - Sunrise / Sunset



Karlu Karlu/Devils Marbles

DAY 3

- ▶ Tennant Creek Telegraph Station Historical Reserve - Information Sheet & deposit for key @ Visitor Centre
- ▶ Kunjarra / The Pebbles - Aboriginal Womens Dreaming

DAY 4

- ▶ Nyinkka Nyunyu Art & Culture Centre - museum and exhibitions
- ▶ National Trust - Check for open times
- ▶ Jurnkurakurr Mural
- ▶ Peko Park
- ▶ Catholic Church
- ▶ Celebrity handprints

DAY 5

- ▶ Lake Mary Ann - shaded picnic area & tables/chairs, playground, swim/kayak/ water fun, abundant birdlife
- ▶ Ted Ryko Cycle Path
- ▶ Anzac Hill Lookout

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