

Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park

Known as Tjoritja by the Traditional Owners, the West MacDonnell National Park stretches 161km west of Alice Springs and will draw you in with its majestic beauty. The continuation of cultural practices and a connection to the land is highly significant for local Aranda Aboriginal culture. Cool scenic gorges are important refuges for plants and animals, many are found only here and some are evidence of a bygone era of tropical forests.

Simpsons Gap

Simpsons Gap is one of the most prominent gaps in the West MacDonnell Ranges. At dawn or dusk you may spot a black-footed rock wallaby along the walking track or near the permanent waterhole. You cannot swim in the waterhole.

Standley Chasm

The Chasm is at its most dramatic an hour either side of noon on a sunny day. Then the sheer walls glow from reflected sunlight to create a breathtaking display of stark form and rich colour. The walking track that links the carpark to the Chasm, follows a creek where spring-fed pools attract a great variety of wildlife, particularly birdlife. Although rough in parts, most active visitors will find the 20 minute one-way walk quite easy.

Ellery Creek Big Hole

Ellery Creek Big Hole is a spectacular waterhole in the mighty Ellery Creek which cuts through a gorge in the West MacDonnell Ranges. Visitors to Ellery Creek Big Hole will be rewarded with excellent recreational opportunities, including walking, swimming, picnicking and camping just to name a few.

The Ochre Pits

Ochre occurs in a range of earthy colours ranging from white, yellow, orange, red and browns. It is an important part of Aboriginal culture and is used in everyday life. The Pits are a colourful outcrop of ochre on the banks of a sandy creek. An information shelter at the site provides information about how, why and when the Ochre Pits were used.

Serpentine Gorge

Serpentine Gorge is yet another stunning natural feature of the West Macs region. The area provides the opportunity for long or short walks through lovely River Red Gums and alongside idyllic semi-permanent water holes.

Ormiston Gorge

Ormiston Gorge is a great place for a swim, especially in warmer months. The five minute Waterhole Walk, which has wheelchair access to the end of the paved path, and the 20 minute one way Ghost Gum Lookout Walk are the most popular with visitors. Alternatively, the Ormiston Pound Walk is a three to four hour circuit that follows the rocky slope into the flat expanse of the pound and back along the gorge by the main waterhole.

Road conditions and access to parks in the Northern Territory (NT) can change at short notice. Always check the road conditions before you leave. Road conditions can be accessed at <http://www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/roadreport/> For specific information on national park access, please visit www.nt.gov.au

Beat the Heat

Stay Cool.
Stay Hydrated.
Stay Alive!



Overheating can cause death!

Even if you are an experienced walker, you must take precautions when visiting Northern Territory parks and reserves. Walking in hot weather can result in heat exhaustion, which may progress to a potentially fatal heatstroke. Don't ignore the early warning signs.

If you feel unwell, stop.
Rest in the shade and drink water.

DO NOT drink alcohol or sugary drinks like soft drinks. These can make dehydration worse.



Apply sunscreen



Wear protective clothing



Drink water



Eat



Times to walk



Plan your route



Take a map



check the weather before you go

Kathleen Buzzacott Art Studio

18 km West of Alice Springs. Fine Art and Gift Ware by Kathleen Buzzacott. 100% Indigenous owned and operated. No permit required, permission to enter Out Station has been given by the Residents.

Standley Chasm | Angkerle Atwatye

This 3-metre-wide, 80-metre-high gorge forms a picturesque natural alleyway (gap) through the ranges. Take a self-guided walk or the Cultural Experience Tour with the Aboriginal owners. Enjoy fresh, gourmet food and barista made coffee among the shady gum trees.

Ormiston Gorge

Refreshments and local aboriginal art available at the kiosk. Explore the area by walking the Pound Walk or up to the Ghost Gum lookout which both offer fantastic views of the sites natural wonders before cooling down by the waterhole.

Papunya Tjupi Arts

Papunya Tjupi Arts is a 100% Aboriginal owned and directed community arts organisation based in Papunya, the birthplace of the Western Desert dot-painting movement.

Ikuntji Artists

Ikuntji Artists was the first Aboriginal art centre established by Pintupi-Luritja women in the Western Desert Art Movement. The centre is member-based, not for profit and 100% Aboriginal owned and run, located in Haasts Bluff.

Finke River Adventures

Travel the oldest river in the world. How would you like to drive yourself through the stunning landscapes made famous by Albert Namatjira in an incredible Can-am ATV. An experience you will remember forever.

Hermannsburg Historic Precinct

Wander around the old Lutheran Mission and get a glimpse of life as it was for the early pioneers and their families. Come and share our stories, art and culture, and make sure to try some of our famous Apple Strudel.

Hermannsburg Potters

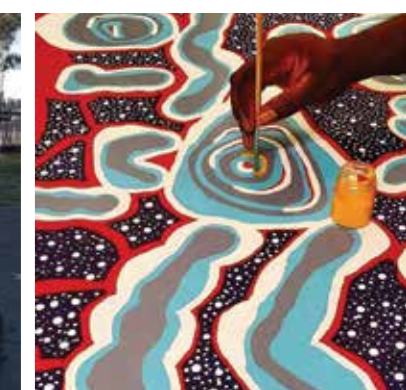
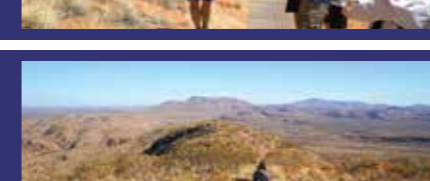
Hermannsburg Potters are leading contemporary ceramic artists, bringing the vibrant landscape and spirit of Central Australia to life with their hand-crafted terracotta pots. 100% Aboriginal owned and run. Please phone ahead to visit the gallery.

Emu Run Experience

Journey to the spectacular West MacDonnell Ranges and Palm Valley, where you will discover a hidden world and witness some of our nation's most memorable landscapes. Join a highly awarded group tour offering sights and experiences you will never forget.

Walking Country

Walking Country was established to provide small group experiential walking tours of the Larapinta Trail in the Macdonnell Ranges. Clients gain a true understanding of the unique landscape, history and wildlife of this stunning region.



BOOK ACCOMMODATION, TOURS & CAR HIRE

Alice Springs Visitor Information Centre

41 Todd Mall, Alice Springs
Mon - Fri: 8:00am-5:00pm | **Sat - Sun & Public Holidays:** 9.30am - 4.00pm
 Closed Christmas Day, New Year's Day & Good Friday
 1800 645 199 | info@discoverca.com.au | www.discovercentralaustralia.com





VISITING ABORIGINAL LAND

The following roads require a **Transit Permit**:

Namatjira Kintore Link available from Central Land Council

Mereenie Loop Road

Note: The Mereenie Tour Pass is available from:

- Alice Springs Visitor Information Centre
- Hermannsburg (Ntaria)
- Kings Canyon (Watarrka)
- Central Land Council in Alice Springs.

Entry Permits are required if staying overnight in a community:

This includes:

- Papunya
- Haasts Bluff
- Ntaria (Hermannsburg)
- Wallace Rockhole
- Areyonga

For more information on permits, please contact:

Central Land Council (CLC)
27 Stuart Hwy, Alice Springs, NT 0870
(08) 8951 6211 | permits@clc.org.au | www.clc.org.au

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Permit required	Information	Lookout	Wheelchair access
Larapinta Trail	Toilets	Communal fire pit	Bicycle path
Unsealed road	Picnic facilities	Ranger station	Accommodation
4WD only	Camping-tent	Fuel	Walks
West Macs Scenic Drive	Gas barbeque	Meals	Showers
River	Drinking water	Cafe	
Park	Swimming	Camping-caravan	
Petrol station			

- Alice Springs Desert Park**
- John Flynn's Grave Historical Reserve**
- Simpsons Gap**
- Kathleen Buzzacott Art Studio**
<https://kathleenbuzzacott.com.au/>
- Standley Chasm | Angkerle Atwatye**
<https://www.standleychasm.com.au/>
- Point Howard Lookout**
- Ellery Creek Big Hole**
- Serpentine Gorge**
- Serpentine Chalet Ruins**
- Neil Hargrave Lookout**
- Ochre Pits**
- Ormiston Gorge**
- Glen Helen Gorge**
- Finke 2 Mile Campground (4WD)**
- Mt. Sonder Lookout**
- Redbank Gorge (4WD)**
- Roma Gorge (4WD)**
- Papunya Tjupi**
<https://www.tjupiarts.com.au/>
- Ikuntji Artists (Haasts Bluff)**
<https://ikuntji.com.au/>
- Tylers Pass Lookout**
- Tnorala (Gosse Bluff) (4WD)**
- Finke River Adventures**
<https://finkeriveradventures.com.au/>
- Albert Namatjira's House**
- Palm Valley (4WD)**
- Hermannsburg Historic Precinct**
<https://hermannsburg.com.au/>
- Hermannsburg Potters**
<https://hermannsburgpotters.com.au/>
- Boggy Hole (4WD)**
- Wallace Rockhole**
- Old Owen Springs Homestead (4WD)**
- Emu Run Experience**
www.emurun.com.au
- Walking Country**
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