

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 Central Arrernte and Western Aranda Aboriginal culture. Cool scenic gorges are important refuges for plants and animals, many of which 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 from 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.

Remember

- Observe park safety signs
- Swim only where permitted
- Keep to designated roads and tracks (only where permitted)
- All historic, cultural items and wildlife are protected
- Use the gas barbecues provided and fuel stoves where possible
- Put your rubbish in bins where provided or take it with you
- Pets are not permitted
- Generators are not permitted
- A permit is required for drone use - conditions apply and it must be obtained prior to your arrival in the Park
- Collect firewood before entering park
- You must book camping sites online before your arrival

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/parks

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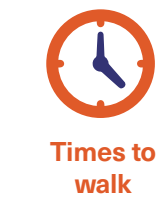
Overheating can cause death!

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.



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