

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.

*Not part of the Park. Entry fees apply.

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

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



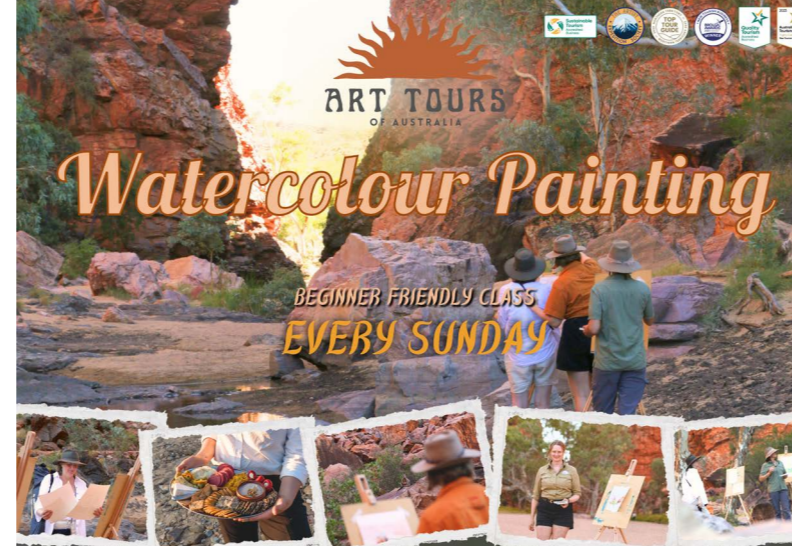
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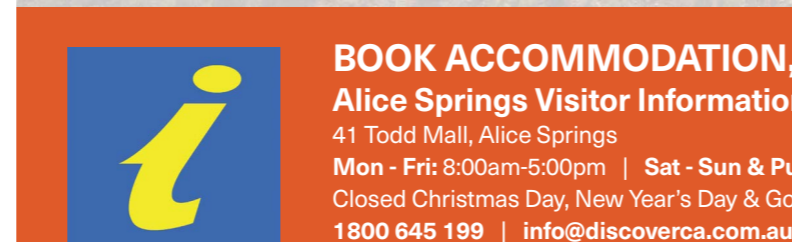
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NT Parks Campgrounds
 Most parks and reserves in the NT have grounds set aside for camping. You must book and pay online for designated campsites (they are no longer payable onsite).

Places you might like to stay at:

- Ellery Creek
- Serpentine Chalet Ruins
- Finke 2 Mile
- Redbank Gorge
- Finke Gorge National Park
- Owen Springs Reserve

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
- Kings Canyon (Watarrka)
- Central Land Council in Alice Springs.

Entry Permits are required if staying overnight in a community:

- This includes:
- Haasts Bluff - Memory Mountain
 - 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
- Larapinta Trail
- Unsealed road
- 4WD only
- West Macs Scenic Drive
- River
- Park (usually dry)
- Petrol station
- Simpsons Gap bike path
- Information
- Toilets
- Picnic facilities
- Camping-tent
- Gas barbecue
- Drinking water
- Swimming
- Lookout
- Communal fire pit
- Ranger station
- Fuel
- Meals
- Cafe
- Camping-caravan
- Wheelchair access
- Bicycle path
- Accommodation
- Walks
- Showers

- Alice Springs Desert Park
- John Flynn's Grave Historical Reserve
- Simpsons Gap
- Standley Chasm | Angkerle Atwatye
- Point Howard Lookout
- Ellery Creek Big Hole
- Serpentine Gorge
- Serpentine Chalet Ruins
- Neil Hargrave Lookout
- Ochre Pits
- Ormiston Gorge & Kiosk (seasonal)
- Glen Helen Gorge
- Finke 2 Mile Campground (4WD)
- Mt Sonder Lookout
- Redbank Gorge & Mt Sonder (4WD)
- Roma Gorge (4WD)
- Papunya Tjupi Art Centre
- Memory Mountain
- Ikuntji Artists (Haasts Bluff)
- Tylers Pass Lookout
- Tnorala (Gosse Bluff) (4WD)
- Albert Namatjira's House
- Palm Valley (4WD)
- Hermannsburg Historic Precinct (Closed)
Hermannsburg Potters
Ntaria Supermarket & Campground
- Boggy Hole (4WD)
- Old Owen Springs Homestead (4WD)
- Redbank Waterhole
- Telegraph Station & Trail Station Cafe

