Important information for walkers

Thank you for purchasing a copy of the Larapinta Trail Package. The maps and information provided are intended to be used in conjunction with the detailed information found on our website. This supplement explains some important changes to the alignment of the Larapinta Trail that occurred after the production of the most recent Trail Package.

Sections 6 and 7 - Track Realignment

A new trail alignment for Sections 6 and 7 is now open between Rocky Gully (Section 6) and Serpentine Gorge (Section 7). This takes walkers along the north side of the Heavitree Range, providing stunning vistas across the Alice Valley to the Chewings Range. It enables walkers to enhance their experience by remaining separate from day visitors and vehicle based campers at Ellery Creek Big Hole (South), as well as avoiding the main vehicle access corridor for the Park along Namatjira Drive. The new track does not vary greatly in length from the old alignment, which is still available as an alternate option (please refer to map overleaf). Facilities at Ellery Creek North include a Trail Shelter with toilet and drinking water.

The Trailhead is now located on the northern side of the Heavitree Range at the intersection of Sections 6 and 7 and is referred to as Ellery Creek North. The campground and day use area on the southern side is now called Ellery Creek South.

Taking the northern route means walkers no longer have easy access to the Food Drop facility at Ellery Creek South. An alternate Food Drop is now located at Serpentine Gorge, 150 m west of the carpark. Access can be gained using the same key provided for the other Food Drop locations.

Both sections 6 and 7 remain Grade 4 (Moderate to Difficult) walks.

Distances & Times - Northern alignment

Section 6 - Hugh Gorge to Ellery Creek North - 28.9 km - estimated time 10.5 hours
Section 7 - Ellery Creek North to Serpentine Gorge carpark - 12.8 km - estimated time 5 hours
Please refer to the map overleaf for detailed information on the new northern alignment.

Loop walking

There is also an option to complete a loop walk incorporating the northern and southern alignments, beginning at either Ellery Creek South or Serpentine Gorge. The total distance is 33.9 km and it is recommended that 3 days be allowed for this walk. More information is available on the website.

Further information

Please check the Larapinta Trail current conditions section of the website prior to undertaking your walk. Visit nt.gov.au and search ‘Larapinta Trail’ for the most up-to-date information.
**SECTION 6 (New Northern alignment)**

- Ellery Creek North to East Junction: 3.3 km, 1.0 h
- East Junction to Rocky Gully: 10.3 km, 4.0 h
- Rocky Gully to Ghost Gum Flat: 8.4 km, 3.0 h
- Ghost Gum Flat to Hugh View: 3.1 km, 1.0 h
- Hugh View to Hugh Gorge: 3.8 km, 1.5 h

**TOTAL**: 28.9 km, 10.5 h

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**SECTION 7 (New Northern alignment)**

- Ellery Creek North to West Junction: 9.4 km, 3.5 h
- West Junction to Serpentine Gorge Campsite: 2.6 km, 1.0 h
- Serpentine Gorge Campsite to Serpentine Gorge Carpark: 0.8 km, 0.5 h

**TOTAL**: 12.8 km, 5.0 h

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**ACCESS FROM ELLERY CREEK SOUTH**

- Ellery Creek South to West Junction: 9.7 km, 4.0 h
- Ellery Creek South to East Junction: 4.7 km, 2.0 h