Located in the Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park, Simpsons Gap is one of the most prominent gaps in the West MacDonnell Ranges. At dawn and dusk it is renowned as a place to see Black-footed Rock-wallabies along the short walking track into the Gap.

The Simpsons Gap area incorporates large areas of Mulga and is a major stronghold for over 40 rare and relict plants. The area is an important spiritual site to the Aranda Aboriginal people, where several dreaming trails and stories cross.

**Access**
The turn off to Simpsons Gap is 18km west of Alice Springs along Larapinta Drive. From the turn-off there is a Ranger Station 1km towards the Gap which provides an introduction to the Park. Simpsons Gap is a further 6 km drive. The Gap can also be reached by cycling along the Simpsons Gap Bike Path from Alice Springs.

**When to visit**
The Park is accessible all year round. The cooler months (April to September) are the most pleasant.

**What to do**
- **Walking** - There are numerous walking opportunities within the area, all well marked with directional signs.
- **Ghost Gum Walk** - 15 minutes return. Starting at the Ranger Station, this walk illustrates the native plants of the area including an ancient Ghost Gum.
- **Cassia Hill** - 1.8 km, 1 hour return. Gives excellent elevated views of the range and Simpsons Gap area. The walk illustrates local plants and a self-guided walk sheet is available.
- **Woodland Trail** - To Bond Gap, a return distance of 17 km. The Gap has a narrow cleft with icy cold water (seasonal). This walk displays excellent examples of Mulga woodland.
- **Larapinta Trail** - An exciting long distance walking track through the West MacDonnell Ranges. From Simpsons Gap you can walk Sections 1 or 2. The Trail is suitable for fit people with previous bushwalking experience. Careful planning and preparation is required. For more information contact Parks and Wildlife or Tourism Central Australia. Notify a reliable person of your intended walk plans. Ensure they know to contact police if you do not return by the arranged date. Walkers should carry a satellite phone or personal locator beacon.
- **Picnicking** - Free gas barbecues are available in the shady picnic areas near Simpsons Gap and adjacent to the Ranger Station.
- **Cycling** - A sealed bicycle path begins opposite Flynn’s Grave (7 km from Alice Springs along Larapinta Drive), providing a pleasant ride suitable for the whole family. Take plenty of water and use the coolest part of the day to complete the 17 km one-way ride to Simpsons Gap.

**Safety and Comfort**
- Observe park safety signs.
- Carry and drink plenty of water.
- Wear a shady hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, suitable clothing and footwear.
- Avoid strenuous activity during the heat of the day.
- Consider your health and fitness when choosing a walk.

**Please Remember**
- Keep to designated roads and tracks.
- All historic, cultural items and wildlife are protected.
- Fires are not permitted, use the gas barbecues provided.
- Put your rubbish in the bins provided or take it with you.
- Pets are not permitted in this park.
- Swimming is prohibited in Simpsons Gap.

Camping is not permitted at Simpsons Gap, unless you are walking the Larapinta Trail.