Planning to pedal to the Park? The Simpsons Gap bike path is a great way to get active while enjoying the Central Australian landscape. Why not learn more about the plants, animals and the geology of the MacDonnell Ranges along the way?

What to know when planning your ride...

The Park and Bike Path
- The 17 km path is sealed.
- ‘Park and ride’ options are available from Flynn’s Grave or Simpsons Gap.
- There are 4 designated rest areas (with minimal facilities), only 1 has drinking water (eastern end), there are no toilet facilities along the path.
- There is no mobile network coverage along the path or at Simpsons Gap.
- There are 3 emergency access points. Risk assessment and emergency planning should be conducted before commencing the ride.
- In the event of an emergency, contact the police on 000.

You and Your Bike
- Depending on rider fitness, the one way ride could span 2 - 4 hours.
- Child riders must be supervised at all times.
- Always plan for communication between the head and tail of the group. (PWCNT recommends the use of satellite phones or 2 way radio.)
- Always carry and drink plenty of water (PWCNT recommends consumption of one litre per hour, more if undertaking strenuous activity).
- Wear clothing suitable for the conditions.
- A helmet and sturdy footwear is essential for safe cycling and bicycles must checked for safety, with working brakes and warning bells.
- Always carry a pump and puncture repair kit, consider organising a tag-along trailer for the group gear.

Please remember:
- Keep to the track, "Off Path" riding will result in tyre punctures.
- There are no bins provided, please take your rubbish with you.
- Fires are not permitted.
- All historic, cultural items and wildlife are protected.
- Pets are not permitted on Park.
- No swimming is allowed at Simpsons Gap.
- Observe all park safety signs.

Always check weather conditions prior to starting your ride - Riding in hot weather may result in heat stress and even death. The cooler months from April to October are more pleasant for cycling.
SAFETY - DUTY OF CARE

- Teachers employed by the Department of Education and Children's Services (DECS) who take part in excursions have a responsibility to ensure that departmental Educational Excursions policy and Educational excursions guidelines are met (see https://education.nt.gov.au/education/policies/excursions for policies and associated forms). Other States and Territories will have equivalent policies to be abided by.
- In addition to this, teachers have the responsibility to exercise proper care and supervision throughout the duration of the excursion. The duty of care of the teacher requires the reasonable steps to protect the student against risk of injury or harm that the teacher could reasonably foresee. The rules and regulations of the Parks and Wildlife Commission of the NT while within Park/Reserve/Garden boundaries must also be abided by.

RISK MANAGEMENT

- DECS Occupational and Safety policy requires the completion of an Excursion self inspection checklist (also found via the aforementioned link) prior to any excursion.