Ellery Creek Big Hole, located 80 km west of Alice Springs, offers excellent recreational opportunities including walking, swimming, picnicking, and camping. Access to the park is via Larapinta and Namatjira Drives. The last 2 km of the road is unsealed, and all roads can be impassable after heavy rain.

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

What to Do
- **Camping**: Camping facilities are available for tents, trailers, and caravans. Spaces are limited and operate on a first-come, first-served basis. Gas barbecues and toilets are provided. Camping fees (cash only, no change available) are payable on site and camping is only permitted in designated areas.

- **Swimming**: The permanent waters of Ellery Creek are situated 160 metres (five minutes walk) from the carpark. The waterhole is ideal for swimming, especially in the warmer months.

- **Walking**: The walking tracks of Ellery Creek Big Hole offer opportunities for visitors to explore the site, no matter what their time limit. The five minute Ellery Creek Walk from the carpark along a wheelchair-accessible path will provide visitors with a picture perfect view of Ellery Creek Big Hole. The Dolomite Walk (3 km loop walk - 1.5 hrs) is a great way to take in the fascinating geological processes of the site. The walk is along a marked, unsealed path with some steady inclines, and returns to the carpark along the Larapinta Trail. For the keen walker, Sections 6 and 7 of the Larapinta Trail start or finish at Ellery Creek Big Hole. This walk requires careful planning and preparation and should only be attempted by fit people with previous bushwalking experience.

- **Have an Emergency Plan**: Notify a reliable person of your intended route and 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. Visit www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au or contact the Parks and Wildlife Regional Office or Tourism Central Australia for more details.

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.
- Swim only where recommended.
- Swing ropes are not permitted.

Please Remember
- Keep to designated roads and tracks.
- All historic, cultural items, and wildlife are protected.
- Fires are permitted in communal fire pit only. Collect firewood before entering the park.
- Bins are not provided, please take your rubbish 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.
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Fact Sheet

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