

Section 9

28.9km / 12 hours

Serpentine Chalet Dam to Ormiston Gorge

Section 9 is one of the longest sections of the Larapinta Trail and offers some spectacular views. There is no reliable surface water along the way, so people contemplating this section must be prepared to carry a heavy pack with a considerable amount of drinking water.

Allow 2 days to comfortably complete the walk.

Grade 5 - DIFFICULT: suitable for experienced bushwalkers with navigation skills and a high level of fitness. This track is very rough with very long steep sections.

Vehicle access: Serpentine Chalet Dam is accessible by 4WD to the carpark, 1km south of the Dam. Ormiston Gorge is accessible by conventional vehicle. Walkers can choose to start or finish this section at the Ochre Pits which is also accessible by conventional vehicle.

Online booking: Walking and camping fees apply to overnight walks on the Larapinta Trail. Book and pay online before you start your walk.

Serpentine Chalet Dam to Inarlanga Pass	1.0 hr	2.3km
(Ochre Pits to Inarlanga Pass)	(1.0 hr)	(3.9km)
Inarlanga Pass to Waterfall Gorge	4.5 hrs	10.9km
Waterfall Gorge to Lookout	1.0 hr	2.3km
Lookout to Base of Hill	2.5 hrs	4.8km
Base of Hill to Ormiston Gorge	3.0 hrs	8.6km
TOTAL	12 hrs	28.9km

These walking times are provided as a guide only, for walkers of average fitness and capable of carrying overnight packs (e.g. 15-20kg). The times are based on a steady walking pace and allow some time for brief stops but no long rests.

Park entry fees - Parks Pass applies (NT residents exempt).

Full Trail notes and comprehensive maps are provided in the 'Larapinta Trail Package'. Contact Parks and Wildlife for more details.

Camping: There is a separate camping area for Larapinta Trail walkers at Ormiston Gorge.

Visit nt.gov.au/larapinta for details about food drops, transfers, group logistics, camping fees & current conditions. Book online at nt.gov.au/park-bookings.

Safety: It's Your Responsibility

Safety should be your first priority when walking the Larapinta Trail. Careful planning, having the right supplies, plenty of water and knowing your limits are the keys to a trouble free walk.

- The recommended walking season is April to September inclusive, although dangerously hot weather can occur during these months. **Do not** attempt long walks in hot weather. Take warm clothing, a sleeping bag and shelter if you are camping during the freezing winter nights.
- Consider your health and fitness carefully before walking any part of the Trail. Know your limits and have an emergency plan. Allow for flexibility in case of unseasonably hot weather.
- Walk with at least two others so that an injured person is not left alone. Carry some form of emergency communication such as a satellite phone or personal locator beacon (PLB).
- Arrange return transport before you depart. Walkers should leave details of their walk plan with a reliable person. Ensure they know to contact police if you don't return by the pre-arranged time.
- Fill out the logbooks provided at every Trailhead so that Rangers can track your movements in an emergency. LT1123

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