

Redbank Gorge

Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park



Fact Sheet

Located in Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park and nestled at the base of Mount Sonder (*Rutjupma*, pronounced 'roo-choop-ma'), this stunning gorge and chasm is a refuge for many threatened plant and animal species. For visitors travelling on the Red Centre Way, Redbank Gorge also provides a refreshing stop and a chance to stretch your legs on a short walk.

Access


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


Redbank Gorge is located 156 km west of Alice Springs. Access is via Larapinta and Namatjira Drives, both sealed roads. The 5 km access road from the Redbank Gorge turn-off to Redbank Gorge is unsealed and a high clearance vehicle is recommended. All roads can be impassable for a short period 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** - There are basic camping facilities available at two different locations - The Woodland Camping Area and the Ridgetop Camping Area. Both have toilets, firepits and picnic tables. The Woodland Camping area also has free gas barbecues. **Camping fees apply and campsites must be booked online before you arrive.**

 Visitors planning to camp should carry their drinking water requirements with them.



Swimming - The Gorge has a near-permanent waterhole situated 1 km from the carpark. **Swimmers should be aware that most waterholes are extremely cold.** It is recommended that swimmers use a flotation device to assist them in swimming through the Gorge. Prolonged exposure, even during summer, can result in hypothermia. Beware of submerged logs and rocks. Do not jump or dive into the water.



Walking - A grade 3 - moderate 2 km, 1.5 hour return walk from the carpark alongside the creekbed will lead visitors to Redbank Gorge. The walk is unmarked but starts on a well defined track before dropping into the sandy creek bed. On a warm day walking in the sand is tiring and visitors should take and drink plenty of water. The track is rocky at times and care should be taken when walking.



Section 12 of the **Larapinta Trail** starts and finishes at the Redbank Gorge carpark. Walkers can choose to enjoy the views at the **Mt Sonder Lookout** and return (5 km, 2.5 hours, which includes steep sections of stone steps). Walkers also have the option to start or finish Section 11 of the Trail from this point. Both of these Sections are graded 4 - moderate to difficult and should only be attempted by fit people with previous bushwalking experience. Careful planning and preparation is required. Visit nt.gov.au/larapinta or contact the Parks and Wildlife Regional Office or Tourism Central Australia for details. Notify a reliable person of your intended walk plans. Ensure they know to contact police if you

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.

Please Remember

- Keep to designated roads and tracks.
- Camp only in your pre-booked site in designated camping areas.
- All historic, cultural items and wildlife are protected.
- Fires are permitted in fireplaces 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

do not return by the arranged date. Walkers should carry a satellite phone or personal locator beacon.



Visitors who want to explore the sheltered cold waters of Redbank Gorge should use a flotation device.

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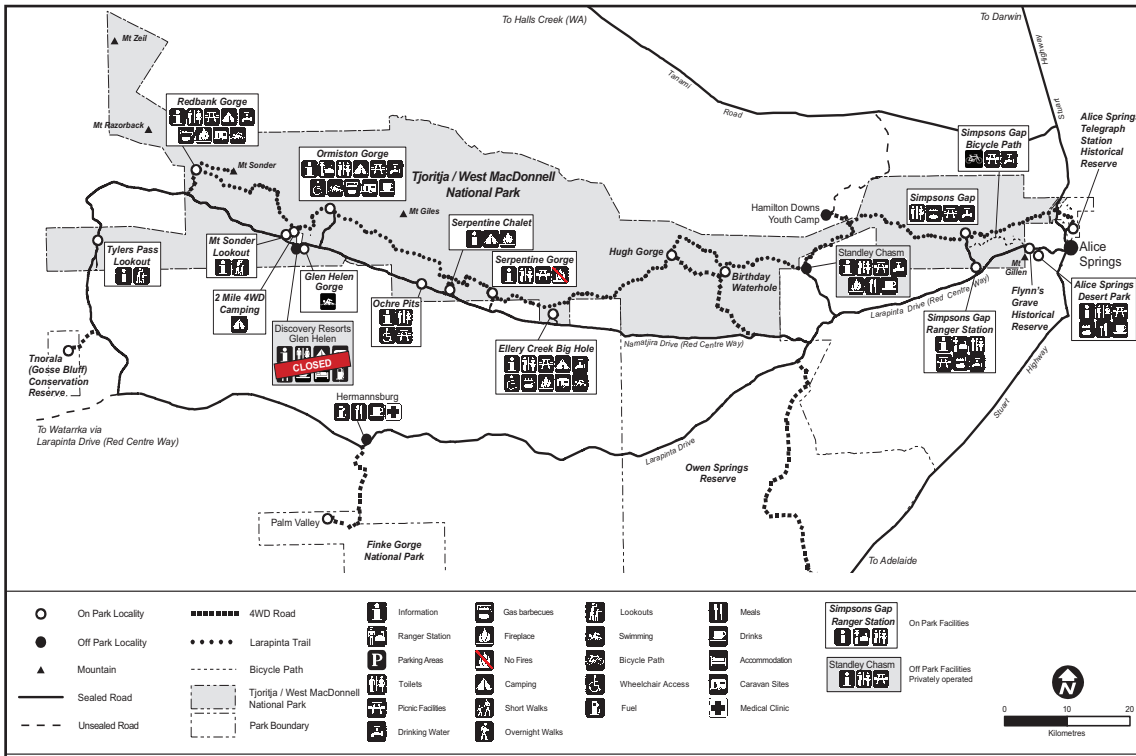
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Once downloaded, the maps can be used without a network connection. Your device's built in GPS will plot your real-time location within the park onto the map. These GPS enabled maps will assist you to stay on track.

