

ABW ACTIVITY INVENTORY (AI) - Activity Information Record

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Activity Code W

Area code NT

Record No 0002

Activity

Walk ('W'), Cycle , ('C') Kayak/Canoe ('K'), Other ('O') (Indicate here with Symbol).....W

Location

Larapinta Trail – Northern Territory

Outline of activity

The Larapinta Trail is a magnificent 12 section 223 km walking trail from Alice Springs through to Redbank Gorge in the West Macdonnell Ranges. Sections range in distance and difficulty. Each stage has water at its trailhead. Most of the trailheads can be reached by vehicle although some require 4WD. The geography, flora and fauna are magnificent, in variety and amount. Walking ranges from medium to very hard. In addition, the tracks are often on sharp rocks which can render the soles of the feet tender after a few days. Some side walks are also available

Permits & permissions required, with contact details

No permissions are required

Maps required

The trail is clearly marked. Maps are available for free from the excellent internet site www.larapintatrail.com.au . Simply go to the relevant section and then to "Section Map". A kit containing coloured maps and other information can also be ordered from this site or from many map shops and tourist shops in Alice Springs for about \$50. For an overview of sections, go to <http://www.larapintatrail.com.au/sections.html>

Travel: recommendations, times, car shuffling, parking etc.

The website suggests that the best times for walking the trail are the months of June to August after which it is judged too hot. Information on when to walk and the weather walkers will expect are available at <http://www.larapintatrail.com.au/climate.html>.

Transport to and from their desired trailhead can be booked from Alice Wanderer . <http://larapintatransfers.com.au/10-transfer-costs.html>

Water availability

Water is available at the beginning of each trailhead (section). Although these tanks contain the usual warnings about the quality of the water, walkers from ABW have not had any trouble drinking the water without treatment. Some of the longer sections (ie greater than 23.8kms) may require water to be carried for one day. Check the maps on the website

Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)

No fires are permitted on this walk

Route overview

Walkers are able to determine their own walk. Generally speaking they should allow a day for each section plus 2 days for the longer sections. In addition, if walkers are attempting the whole trail at once, they should allow an additional rest / contingency day as well. While walkers in the months of June – August should expect to see other walkers, the country is remote (and unforgiving) and since mobile phones will not work, a PLB should be carried

Campsites used & possible alternatives

Campsites are available at the beginning of each trailhead and while most are free, a couple have a small charge. All trailheads have toilets.

Walk Ratings (indicate rating below where indicated ..eg 'SMMQ')

Distance	Distance varies depending on sections (see website)		
Gradient	Gradient varies from undulating to very steep depenign on sections	M: Steep	H: Very steep/exposed
Terrain	Terrain varies depending on sections	M: Medium scrub, 2-4 km/h	H: Heavy scrub/rock, 0-2 km/h
Qualifying? (Q)	Insert Activity Rating here..... Only experienced walkers should attempt this walk.		

Supplementary information (Insert below, if required. Insert Maps on the last page)

This is a beautiful walk available to experienced walkers only. Not surprisingly, walking between October to February should be avoided. Even in winter the temperatures can reach below freezing so walkers need to be prepared (for everything).

Walkers should make their way to Alice Springs the day before the transfer to the trailhead. The Stuart Caravan and Cabin Tourist Park, the closest to the Alice Springs CBD, offers a range of accommodation from cabins to campsites and is a convenient place for accommodation before and after the walk.

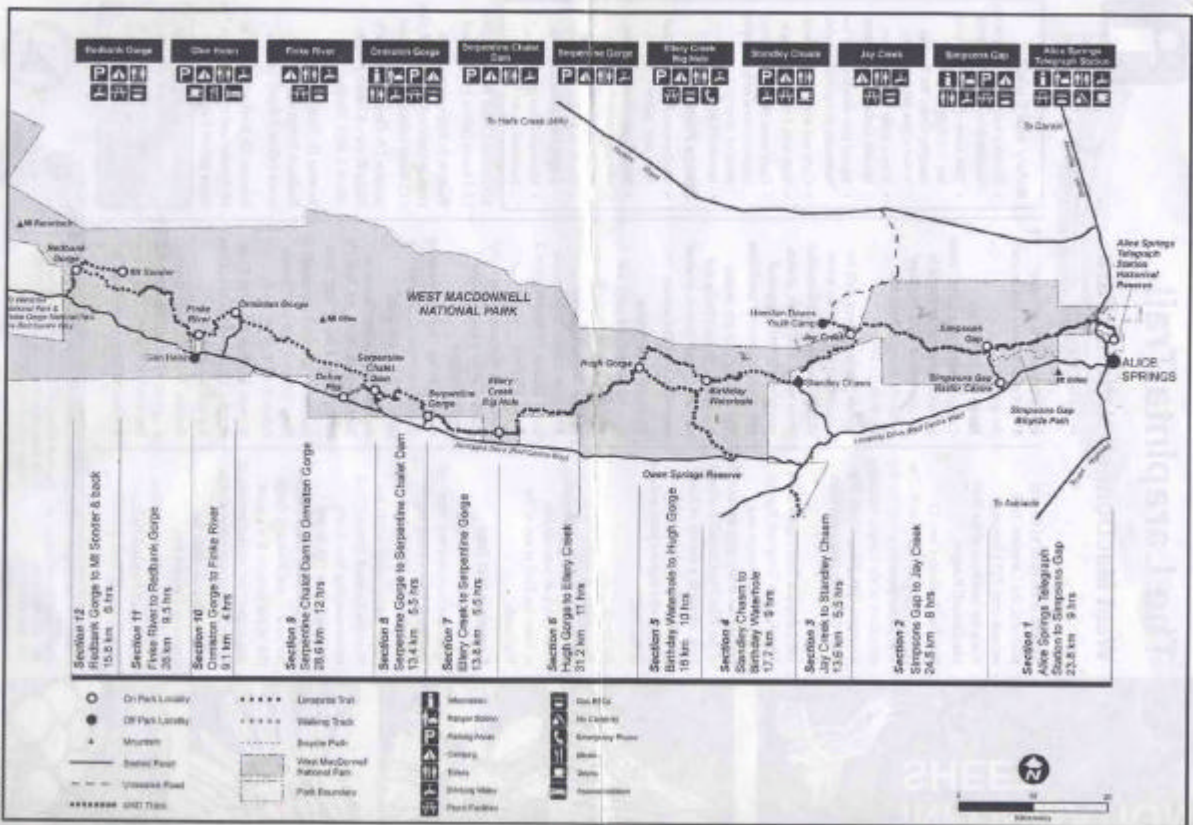
Food drops can be arranged through Alice Wanderer for a very modest fee. This is well worth considering as it means walkers can eat better and enjoy fresh fruit and other delicacies half way through their way.

Note: This activity outline has been compiled from information provided by ABW members. Its accuracy is subject to variations in individual members' observations, climate and weather conditions, land and ownership, accessibility, national park rules and permits.

Members should not rely on this information but use it as a guide and supplement it with their own research as appropriate.

While all endeavours will be made to ensure that the information is kept current, it is the responsibility of the member using this document to determine whether it is the most up to date version.

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