Parks, Wildlife and Heritage
welcomes you to unique natural, cultural and historic places.
Please enjoy them safely and look after them for future visitors.

Highlights
Central Australia and Barkly Region
making the most of Territory Parks

Immerse yourself in a living cultural landscape
In the dreaming, ancestral beings created the physical and cultural landscapes and inscribed on them religious and customary laws that endure today. Reflect on this as you walk among the gravity-defying boulders at Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles; feel the giant rock spires tower above the desert plains at Chambers Pillar; watch the setting sun light the colours of Rainbow Valley; or wonder about the petroglyphs at N’Dhala Gorge and Napwerte / Lwarings.

Explore on foot
Slow down while strolling along short interpretive walks and gain an insight into the country surrounding you. Escape from civilisation for a while: hike the Ormiston Pound Loop (7 km), the Giles Track in Watarrka (60 km overnight), or the Larapinta Trail through Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park (213 km in 12 sections).

Re-live the experiences of the early settlers
Explore the homestead of the first cattle station in central Australia along the Owen Springs track. Visit Arltunga, the first established central Australian town, and relive the thrill of the gold rush. Learn about the first cross-continental communication system at the telegraph stations of Alice Springs, Barrow Creek and Tennant Creek.

Enjoy a refreshing swim
In Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park you can swim at Ellery Creek Big Hole or Ormiston Gorge. Look out for some of the nine species of fish that can survive in these desert extremes. Bring a snorkel to get even more out of your swim!

Camp in a scenic park
Experience the brilliance of the outback night sky, fall asleap to the sounds of the bush and wake with the dawn chorus. Choose from our 23 campgrounds, ranging from remote bush sites to powered camping areas with showers and free gas barbecues.

Bike through the bush
Pedal through 17 km of seduced bushland. Ride the sealed path starting opposite Flynn’s Grave, west of Alice Springs, and finish at Simpsons Gap. The gently terrain is suitable for the whole family. For a more technical ride, head to Alice Springs Telegraph Station. Ride the Centre’s best mountain bike trails that give you plenty of opportunity to test your skills and create your own adventure.

Drive in to an adventure
Take a four wheel drive track away from the crowds. For a short trip, travel to Palm Valley to see relicts of a wetter time. For a challenge, drive along the Finke River to Boggy Hole and through to Ilamarra Springs. For a truly remote experience, explore the tracks of lytewetepenty / Davenport Ranges. Remember to travel well equipped and check road conditions before departure.

Stroll through a living field guide
The Alice Springs Desert Park truly is a living field guide, with 2 km of gentle paths winding through fully-described desert habitats, eight large aviaries, aquaria, and a nocturnal house. Visit for a few hours or stay the whole day, it is the ideal introduction to the nature and cultures of central Australia. Desert Park is open daily from 7.30 am to 6.00 pm. Entry fees apply.

Daily Activity Guide
(Choose daily activities inside)

Region Name of Park or Reserve Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
Central Australia Yeperenye - Jessie Gap W S T T W T W
Tjoritja - Ormiston Gorge T S W
Tjoritja - Simpsons Gap W
Owen Springs see website
Finke Gorge - Palm Valley S W
Walerra T T
Trephina Gorge T
Arltunga 7 July only
Barkly Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles CF W

W = Guided Walk  T = Talk  CF = Campfire Talk  S = Slideshow

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1 MAY - 31 AUGUST

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• Campfire Talks
• Slideshows
• and more....

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Rate Your Visit:
**Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park**

**Ormiston Gorge**

**Nature Talk**
- **When:** Mondays and Fridays
- **Time:** 3:30 - 4:15 pm
- **Meet:** Ormiston Gorge Amphitheatre

**Signs of Life**
- **How good are you at spotting the subtle clues left behind by our wildlife? Join a Ranger and learn how to recognise animal tracks and traces.**

**Wetland Walk**
- **When:** Various
- **Time:** Various
- **Meet:** Ormiston Gorge Amphitheatre

**Ranger Activity**
- **When:** 29 May - 28 August
- **Time:** 10.30 - 11.30 am
- **Meet:** Ormiston Gorge Visitor Centre

**Discover the East**
- **Where:** Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park
- **What:** Take a close up look at the flora, fauna and geology of the East Macs parks. Meet and chat with your local friendly Ranger.

**Meet:**
- **Time:** Various

**Guided Walk**
- **When:** Various
- **Time:** Various
- **Meet:** Various

**Secrets of the Gap Revealed**
- **Discover the amazing survival strategies plants and animals use in the desert’s unpredictable climate.**
- **When:** Various
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**Wonders of Watarrka**
- **Join a Ranger and learn more about why Watarrka is such an amazing place.**
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**Karu Karlu / Devils Marbles Conservation Reserve**

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**Yeperenye / Emily and Jessie Gaps Nature Park**

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