



Walks of Trepghina Gorge Nature Park



Information Sheet

Walking in the Park

Welcome to Trepghina Gorge Nature Park. The Park is ideal for exploring on foot. Several walking tracks varying in length and difficulty allow you to discover and enjoy a number of habitats, each with its own diverse flora and fauna.

Choose a walk that suits your level of fitness, interests and available time.

- Prepare and plan for your walk. Long walks in hot weather are not recommended heat and exhaustion can be fatal.
- Carry and drink plenty of water. There is no drinking water on any of the walking tracks
- Wear a hat and sunscreen, suitable clothing and footwear.
- If walking alone, tell someone of your plans
- Ensure you have enough time to complete the walk during daylight hours.

Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, go to the Ranger residence (*please note:* Rangers may be unavailable, in which case you can leave details of the situation or continue to Ross River Homestead).

Avoid leaving an injured person alone. Stay with them to administer first aid and send another person with careful note of your location to get help.

Please read the following information carefully before starting your walk.

Parks & Wildlife Service of the Northern Territory

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Gorge Stroll

(unmarked)

Distance: 500 m
 Time: 20 minute
 Grade: Easy

This walk takes you to the semi-permanent waterhole in the spectacular Trepghina Gorge. Although there may not always be a visible waterhole, water is still present under the sand.

Trepghina Gorge Walk

(marked with orange arrows)

Distance: 2 kms return
 Time: 1 hr return
 Grade: Moderate

This walk can initially be enjoyed by either walking directly down into the creekbed or alternatively by walking up along the gorge rim. This loop walk which commences at the creeks edge, provides scenic views of the sheer red cliffs towering over the tree-lined creek. Close observation may reveal the presence of the shy Black-footed Rock-wallaby in these cliffs.

Panorama Walk

(marked with red arrows)

Distance: 3 kms return
 Time: 1 hr return
 Grade: Difficult

This walk offers good views and interesting geological sites. The spectacular folding you can see in the rock faces along this walk were created in the upheaval stage, when the soft bitter springs rock was twisted and folded by powerful earth movements.

Ridgetop Walk

(marked with blue arrows)

Distance: 10 kms one way
 Time: 6.5 hrs one way
 Grade: Difficult

You can start this walk at either, John Hayes Rockhole or Trepghina Gorge and return along the road or arrange with friends for a vehicle pick-up. This walk offers spectacular views of the rugged East MacDonnell Ranges and a view of Alice Springs is possible from Turner's Lookout.

Creekbed Ramble

(unmarked)

Distance: Your choice
 Time: Your choice
 Grade: Easy

This offers walkers the opportunity to wander the sandy bed of Trepghina Creek anywhere in the Park. Try walking downstream from the Gorge to the Bluff. A unique feature of this riverine habitat walk is the 'Celery' trees. These large River Red Gums were logged in the mid-1950s to provide railway sleepers for the Ghan train line. They have since regrown with many trunks.

Chain of Ponds Walk

(marked with green arrows)

Distance: 4 kms return
 Time: 1.5 hrs return
 Grade: Difficult

An easy 15 minute walk to the top of this narrow Gorge offers spectacular views. However, some difficult climbing and scrambling over rocks is required to continue to the Rockhole. A feature of this walk is the lookout which provides a fine view over the Gorge.



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