

# Walking Tracks of Watarrka National Park



**Please read the following information carefully before starting your walk.**

There are a variety of walking tracks in the National Park, offering visitors an opportunity to experience the beauty and solitude of the outback. Signs along the tracks highlight features of interest.

**Kings Canyon Rim Walk**  
*clockwise track marked with blue arrows*

Distance: 6km loop

Time: 3 - 4 hours

Grade: Moderate - Hard

The Rim Walk begins with a strenuous steep climb and is only recommended for reasonably fit and healthy walkers. The walk ascends to the top of the Canyon and follows the Canyon rim around before descending to the carpark. About half way along is the **Garden of Eden**, a beautiful area of cool waterholes and riverine vegetation.


Extreme care should be taken during the hotter months (Sept - April). During this time walkers should consider other shorter walks during the middle of the day. Along the track are stairs and boardwalks to make your walk safe and to protect sensitive vegetation and waterholes.

**Kings Creek Walk**  
*Marked with orange arrows*

Distance: 2.6km return

Time: Approx. 1 hour

Grade: Easy

 This walk is suitable for families and people seeking a less strenuous walk than the Rim Walk. It meanders along Kings Creek, ending at a viewing platform with stunning

views of the sheer Canyon walls. Follow the same track to return to the carpark. Sturdy footwear is essential as the track can be rough underfoot.

**Kathleen Springs Walk**  
*Sealed track without markers*

Distance: 2.4km return

Time: Approx 1.5 hours

Grade: Easy



This walk is suitable for families and visitors with limited mobility (wheelchair access available).

Signs along the track tell stories of Aboriginal Culture and the recent cattle industry. It leads to a spring-fed waterhole at the head of Kathleen Gorge. This is a cool moist place to sit and enjoy the area's tranquillity.

**Giles Track**



This 22km (2 day) walk links Kings Canyon and Kathleen Springs. An information sheet and map must be obtained from the Resort Reception prior to commencing the walk. Careful planning and preparation

Walkers planning extended and overnight walks should notify a reliable person of their intended route and walk plans. Carry a satellite phone or personal locator beacon.

**Protecting the Environment**

As with all National Parks, Watarrka is a protected area. It is an offence to disturb plants, animals and natural features. It is also an offence to break off branches for fly swats, write or etch names on rocks, trees and structures in any way, or to litter. This includes cigarette butts, tissue paper, plastics and orange peel. Please take all rubbish with you when you leave.

## 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

## Please Remember

- Stay on the marked tracks and follow the track markers
- All historic, cultural items and wildlife are protected
- Bins are not provided on the walking tracks, please carry your rubbish out with you
- Pets are permitted on a leash in the carpark only
- Throwing rocks into the Canyon is dangerous and illegal. Report any rock-throwing or graffiti to a Park Ranger

## Emergencies



If someone is in urgent need of medical attention, you can contact a Park Ranger using the **Emergency Radio Call Devices (ECD)**. There are 4 call devices located along the Kings Canyon Rim Walk.

Basic first aid equipment and emergency water is available from the emergency first aid boxes at the top of the Canyon. *See map overleaf for details*

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

The Park Ranger Station is situated 1km east of the Canyon turn-off 500m off the Luritja road. *Please note*, this is strictly for emergency situations only.

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