

Arltunga Historical Reserve



Fact Sheet

Arltunga was officially Central Australia's first town, born out of a gold rush.

In 1887 alluvial gold was discovered in a dry creekbed downstream of Paddys Rockhole. Fortune seekers had to travel 600 kms from Oodnadatta railhead, often on foot. The area once supported up to 300 people.

Access

Located 110 km east of Alice Springs, the Reserve can be reached easily in a two wheel drive vehicle. After 70 km of sealed road along the Ross Highway, there is a formed gravel road which leads north east for 33km to Arltunga. Gravel roads provide access to the major attractions within the reserve (Note: gravel road surface conditions do vary and roads may be impassable when wet).

When to visit

The Reserve is accessible all year round. The cooler months (April to September) are the most pleasant.

What to do

i Visitor Centre - The Visitor Centre gives an over-all introduction to the Reserve and the mining era, through cultural and historical displays. There is a self operated slideshow which offers an insight to the past and informs visitors about the Reserve's attractions. You can even try your hand at panning for gold in the courtyard display. Collect a copy of the 'Exploring Arltunga' brochure and map at the Visitor Centre.



Walking - Tracks explore the Government Battery and Cyanide Works, Police Station, old mine workings and residential areas. Self-guided walks are established at most attractions. If you wish to explore a mine, please bring a torch.

During the tourist season, Rangers give guided tours of significant historic sites. Ask at the Visitor Centre.



Picnicking - Picnic and barbecue facilities with shade shelters and toilets are located at the Visitor Centre and the Police Station Precinct. Picnic benches are also located at the Joker Gorge, Great Western Mine and Historic Mines Walk carparks.



Camping - Camping is not permitted on the Reserve. A camping ground with facilities, including showers, is available at the Arltunga Bush Hotel.

Fossicking - Fossicking, including the use of metal detectors, is not permitted in Arltunga Historical Reserve.

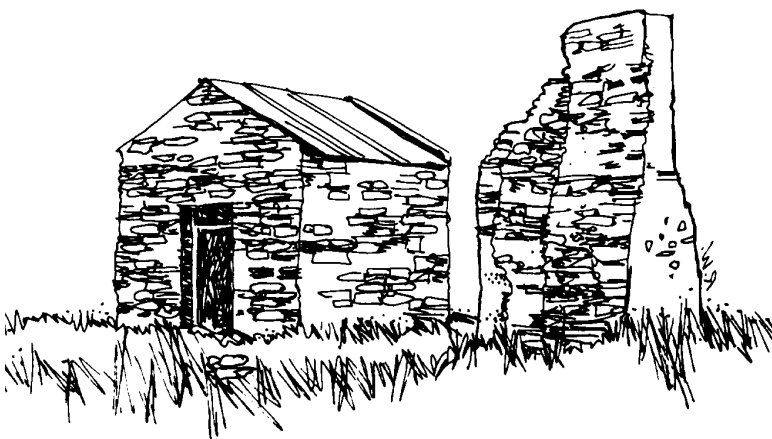
Safety and Comfort

- 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

- Keep to designated roads and tracks.
- All historic, cultural items and wildlife are protected.
- Fires are only permitted in designated firepits.
- Bins are not provided, please take your rubbish with you.
- Pets are not permitted in this park.

However, fossicking is permitted in the adjoining Fossicking Reserve (see map) for holders of a current NT Fossickers Permit. Permits are available from the Department of Mines and Energy and the Rangers at the Visitors Centre.



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