

Karlu Karlu (Devil's Marbles) - Dreaming Story

The Dreaming Story for the Marbles is also associated with a Devil Man, called Arrange (pronounced Ah-RRUNG-uh).

Some websites claim that the Marbles are the 'eggs of the Rainbow Serpent'. Let me tell you this is absolutely WRONG!

I worked with the Aboriginal Owners of Karlu Karlu as part of the Reserve's joint management program, and they were very upset to learn that people were telling this story.



If you take anything away from this page, then please, take the true Dreaming Story for the Devils Marbles, not the incorrect, New Age-inspired one!

This is how Alyawarre people tell the story of how the Marbles were made:

Arrange, the Devil Man, came from Ayleparrarntenhe and travelled through the area. During his journey, he was making a hair belt (as worn by initiated men). Twirling the hair into strings, Arrange dropped clusters of hair on the ground.

These turned into the Karlu Karlu boulders that can be seen today. On his way back, Arrange spat on the ground. His spit also turned into the granite boulders which dot the central part of the reserve. Arrange finally returned to his place of origin, Ayleparrarntenhe.



Ayleparrarntenhe is not only the correct name for this area, it is also the name of the twin-peaked hill to the east of the reserve where Arrange the Devil Man came from and returned to once he finished making the Marbles. He remains in these hills today. The area is significant to both Aboriginal men and women, who hold separate and different stories, songs and ceremonies for the site.

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