Walk, Run or Cycle
This easy track winds its way along the base of the MacDonnell Ranges through several habitats. Along the way you can take a detour and visit the Alice Springs Desert Park, a ‘must-do’ attraction in Central Australia. The 4.5 km journey travels from Blain Street in the east to John Flynn’s Grave Historical Reserve in the west. Allow one hour to cycle or 1.5 hours to walk the full length of the path. The surface is sealed and wheelchair accessible with assistance.

Getting there
The path is accessible from various locations. You can begin at Blain Street at the eastern end of the path (3.5 km from town) or opposite John Flynn’s Grave Historical Reserve in the west where the path connects into the town bicycle path network which is a 7 km ride from the centre of Alice Springs. You can also access the 17 km sealed Simpsons Gap bike path from Flynn’s Grave. Alternatively, you can gain access from opposite Albrecht Oval. A ‘drive and ride’ option is available, using the carparks at either end of the path or at the Desert Park.

Detailed route information is on the map overleaf.

What will I see along the way?
The path takes you through desert woodlands of Ironwoods, *Acacia estrophiolata*, and several species of Corkwoods including *Hakea divaricata* and *Hakea lorea* on alluvial flats. Desert Bloodwood trees, *Corymbia opaca*, can also be found along the journey. Their distinctive tesselated bark and tough leathery leaves make them easy to identify.

Tall, graceful Ghost Gums, *Corymbia aparrerinja*, with their pale green drooping branchlets and powdery white trunks provide a cool, shady spot to stop and enjoy the vast views along the range.

Look out for Euros, birds and lizards along the way too.

When at the Desert Park
Once you arrive at the Park, you can explore 54 hectares of re-created desert habitats allowing you to experience a representation of desert life at your own pace. Stories are shared through interpretive guide presentations, a free flying bird show and the opportunity to see endangered animals in the Nocturnal House. Facilities within Alice Springs Desert Park include a cafe (which can be accessed without paying to enter the Desert Park displays), electric scooters for hire, gift shop, toilets, gas barbecues and a picnic ground.

Opening hours are 7:30 am to 6 pm daily (except Christmas Day).

Safety and Comfort
- The cooler months from April to October are more pleasant for cycling. In warmer weather, cycle early in the morning to avoid the heat of the day.
- Wear sunscreen, a hat and loose-fitting cotton clothing.
- Carry and drink plenty of water.
- A helmet and sturdy footwear is essential for safe cycling.
- Please pass other visitors with care and warn them of your approach.
- Children should be closely supervised at all times.
- Be aware of sharp bends, floodways, dips, crests and possible obstacles such as fallen branches or gravel.
- Take a bike pump and puncture repair kit.

Please Remember
- Keep to the path. This helps limit soil disturbance and environmental damage.
- ‘Off-path’ riding is dangerous, and you risk punctures from sharp sticks and large prickles.
- Bins are not provided. Please take your rubbish with you.
- Fires are not permitted.
- All historic, cultural items and wildlife are protected.

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