

DO THE NORTHERN TERRITORY DO BINNS TRACK



The Binns Track is an epic four-wheel drive adventure that takes you through some of the most spectacular scenery allowing you to explore some of the lesser-known sights of Central Australia. Starting from the SA/NT border up to Timber Creek, this track is 2,191km in distance and was named after Bill Binns, a Ranger with NT Parks and Wildlife for 32 years. Bill's dream was to create a track that allowed tourists to explore a region bursting with colours, native wildlife and mighty rock formations.

DO ALICE SPRINGS

Get up close with the native flora & fauna at Desert Park and the Reptile Centre. Join a mountain biking tour and travel through the desert tracks on two wheels, for any fitness level. Or if you have a spare few days, why not explore the beautiful rocky gorges along the West MacDonnell Ranges.



DO GEMTREE

Gem Tree is a great place to camp. As the name suggests, why not try your luck fossicking for semi-precious stones. Gem Tree is known for their fossicking, you will mainly find Zircons and rubies here.



DO DAVENPORT

Take in the serenity or jump in and cool down in the water. The camping area at Old Police Station Waterhole is a beautiful spot to camp along the creek, especially when the creek is full of water.



DO TENNANT CREEK

Take a break at the Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles. Wander through the maze of ancient boulders that reach up to 6m in height. Pull out a rug, and enjoy the sunset with some wine and cheese.



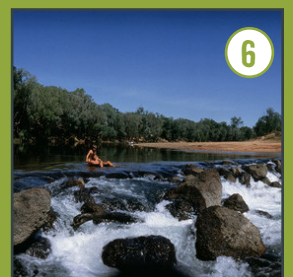
DO DUNMARRA

Check out the heritage-listed attraction, the Frew Pond Overland Telegraph Line Memorial Reserve where the two ends of the line first joined in 1872. Stretch your legs by taking a hike along the easy 1.5km track which includes 52 of the original Oppenheimer poles.



DO TIMBER CREEK

Catch a rare glimpse of early life in the NT at the Timber Creek Police Station Precinct. Be sure to join in the Timber Creek Festival, which showcases local indigenous talent and traditional dance. Join in the festivities and try your luck at whip cracking or spear throwing. Or take a dip in the creek.



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5 DAY SUGGESTED ITINERARY

TOP 5 MUST-DO'S FOR BINNS TRACK

1. Visit the Alice Springs Desert Park for your chance to get up close with Central Australia's flora and fauna
2. Join a mountain biking tour around the old Telegraph Station of Alice Springs
3. Explore mine ruins at Aritunga and pan for gold in Ruby Gap
4. Fossick for semi-precious stones in the creek beds of Gemtree
5. Visit the large domes of Karlu Karlu, also known as Devils Marbles near Tennant Creek



RUBY GAP

DAY 1 - 421km

MT DARE TO ALICE SPRINGS

Starting at the SA/NT border, the track begins at Mt Dare. Watch the sunrise here before setting off on the 421km journey along Old Andado Track to Alice Springs. Flanking the western fringe of the Simpson Desert, the track passes sand ridges 5-8m high and meanders through the Finke River flood-out. Enjoy a picnic lunch at Molly Clark's Old Andado Homestead and unwind in its old-world charm.

Take a night or two to enjoy Alice Springs. This small town has unexpected experiences and all levels of accommodation from camping sites to 4-star hotels. Join a mountain biking tour and travel through the desert tracks for any level of fitness. Visit Desert Park and get up close to the native flora and fauna, and check out the new dingo pups.

Spend a few extra days and check out the gorges, waterholes and world-class hiking trails in the West MacDonnell Ranges just next to Alice Springs.



DAY 2 - 287km

ALICE SPRINGS TO GEM TREE

Continue on to Ruby Gap Nature Park (4WD access only) and take in the sights and the native birds and wildlife along the river bed. If you wish to stay the night, set up your campsite along the river bed.

Make a stop over at the Ross River homestead for some outback history and a scenic chopper flight over the West Macs, then continue on to Gemtree for another great spot to camp. They offer cabins, powered and unpowered caravan and camping sites. As the name suggests, why not try your luck fossicking for semi-precious stones - you will mainly find Zircons and rubies here.

DAY 3 - 692km

GEM TREE TO TENNANT CREEK

Continue on 422km to Davenport Ranges National Park. Take in the serenity or jump in and cool down in the water.

Travelling from the Ranges to Tennant Creek, take a short detour to Karlu Karlu/ Devil's Marbles which is home to the massive granite domes and a must do on your Binns Track itinerary. Walk amongst these ancient boulders that stand up to 6m high. Best to visit this at sunrise or sunset when they glow red and change colour. Be sure to bring your camera for this truly beautiful sight.



DAY 4 - 287km

TENNANT CREEK TO DUNMARRA

Continue north driving past expansive cattle stations and limestone landscapes. Soak up the history of the Frew Pond Overland Telegraph Line Memorial Reserve. Created as a tribute to Sir Charles Todd, this heritage attraction serves homage to the local who built the Overland Telegraph Station.

Stretch your legs by taking an easy hike along the 1.5km track which includes 52 of the original Oppenhiemer poles allowing you to witness some of NT's earliest history.

DAY 5 - 471km

DUNMARRA TO TIMBER CREEK

You'll drive along an unsealed road passing through Bullita Homestead (also a great place to set up camp). Explore the houses and original timber stockyards of the regions pioneers.

Continuing along the track, you'll pass by interesting rock formations along Limestone Creek and then arrive at your final destination, Timber Creek. Here you can catch a glimpse of the early life in the NT at the Police Station Precinct. Or join in the festivities of the Timber Creek Festival and try your luck at whip cracking or spear throwing. Or take a refreshing dip in the creek.



TIMBER CREEK