

Alice Springs Desert Park











The Alice Springs Desert Park is a world leader in environmental and cultural display and interpretation. Only 10 minutes from the centre of Alice Springs and set in the beautiful MacDonnell Ranges, the Park represents the plants, animals and culture of central Australia across three superbly recreated habitats. After experiencing the Alice Springs Desert Park, visitors see and feel the wonders of Central Australian deserts in a new way. What was dry, barren and empty is suddenly exciting, rich with life and full of thousands of stories.

Botanically the Park displays more than 400 species of wild provenance central Australian plants across three habitats, which include Desert Rivers, Sand Country and Woodland. Landscapes and plants are created and placed in a manner that best represents how they would be seen in the wild. Zoological displays and Cultural presentations flow from the landscape to create a holistic approach to the ecology of the region. Ephemeral wildflower displays add splashes of colour in winter and spring. No two days at the Alice Springs Desert Park are ever the same. As the seasons change, different plants dominate and different animals become active.

The stories of the plants and animals of the desert are shared through superb interpretive displays and daily Guide presentations. These displays and presentations also explain the Aboriginal use of plants and animals and the management of the desert by Aboriginal people and how this country has changed since the arrival of Europeans more than 200 years ago.

As they leave the Alice Springs Desert Park, visitors are ready to explore the rest of Central Australia and able to enjoy their time in the Centre so much more now that they know some of the secrets of the desert.

