

The Giles Track

Watarrka National Park

Kings Canyon to
Kathleen Springs

22km / 2 days (one way)

About the Giles Track...

Walkers can choose to do part of the Track as a day walk by starting or finishing at Lilla carpark. It can be walked in either direction.

Grade 3 - MODERATE - Suitable for experienced walkers of average fitness, capable and equipped to carry adequate food, water and sleeping requirements in a remote area.

Vehicle access: Kings Canyon and Kathleen Springs are both well established visitor nodes with carparking, toilets, picnic facilities and water.

Track Markers: Orange arrows at intervals of approximately 500 metres. It is essential to carry a map to avoid straying from the marked route.

Camping: Walkers can camp anywhere between the 3km and 20km track markers, however the recommended place to camp is Reedy Creek.

Water: A limited supply of drinking water is provided at Kings Canyon day use area and the Kathleen Springs carpark. Surface water should not be relied upon.

Kings Canyon to Watarrka Lookout	1.5 hrs	4.0km
Watarrka Lookout to Reedy Creek	1.0 hr	3.0km
Reedy Creek to Reedy Creek Campsite	0.5 hr	1.0km
Reedy Creek Campsite to Tjintjit Tjintjit Spur Junction	1.0 hr	3.5km
(Tjintjit Tjintjit Spur Junction to Lilla carpark)	(0.5 hr)	
Tjintjit Tjintjit Junction to Hill Mulga Creek	1.0 hr	3.4km
Hill Mulga Creek to Wanga Creek	1.0 hr	3.5km
Wanga Creek to Kathleen Springs	1.0 hr	4.0km
TOTAL	7 hrs	22.4km

These walking times are provided as a guide only, for walkers of average fitness and capable of carrying overnight packs (e.g. 15-20kg). The times are based on a steady walking pace and allow some time for brief stops but no long rests.



A separate **information sheet** is available containing track notes about the nature and culture of Watarrka NP. The information symbols that can be seen along the track refer to these notes.

Safety: It's your responsibility

Safety should be your first priority when walking the Giles Track. Careful planning, having the right supplies, plenty of water and knowing your limits are the keys to a trouble free walk.

- Do not attempt long walks in hot weather (generally November to March, but can also occur either side of these months). Take warm clothing, a sleeping bag and shelter if you are camping during the freezing winter nights. On days the forecast temperature for Watarrka is 36 degrees or above, you will not be able to start the walk from Kings Canyon after 11am.
- Consider your health and fitness carefully before walking the Track. Know your limits and have an emergency plan. Tell a reliable friend of your walk plans and ensure they will contact police if you fail to return by the nominated time.
- Walk with at least two others so that an injured person is not left alone. Carry some form of emergency communication such as a satellite phone or personal locator beacon (PLB).
- Fill out the logbooks provided at each trailhead. It is important that your details are correct to assist rangers in locating walkers in an emergency situation. Be aware however that logbooks may not be checked regularly.

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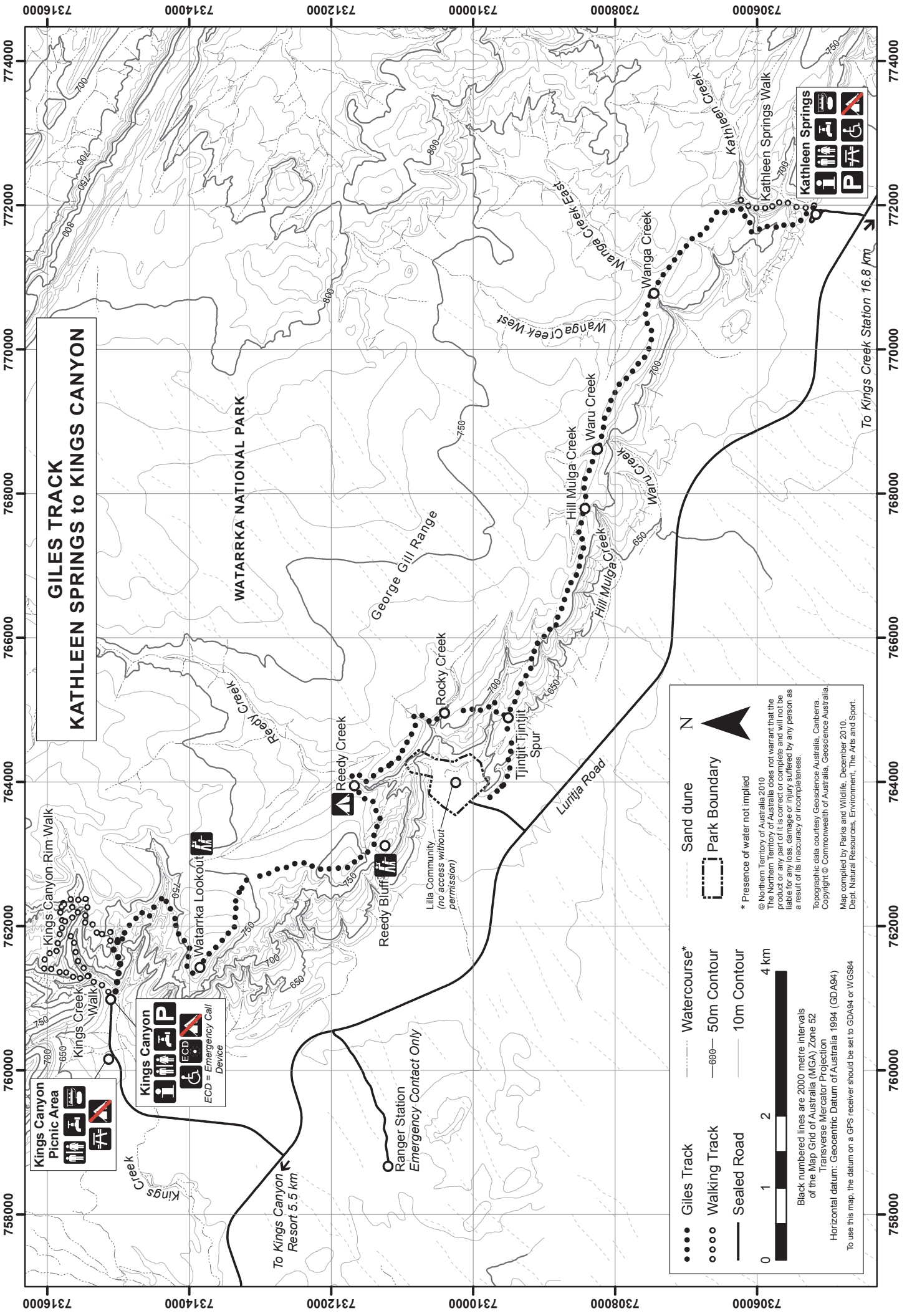


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**GILES TRACK
KATHLEEN SPRINGS TO KINGS CANYON**

Kings Canyon Picnic Area

Kings Canyon

ECD = Emergency Call Device

Kings Canyon Rim Walk

Warraka Lookout

Legend

- Giles Track
- Walking Track
- Sealed Road
- Watercourse*
- 50m Contour
- 10m Contour
- ▭ Sand dune
- ▭ Park Boundary

* Presence of water not implied

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Black numbered lines are 2000 metre intervals of the Map Grid of Australia (MGA) Zone 52 Transverse Mercator Projection
Horizontal datum: Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94)
To use this map, the datum on a GPS receiver should be set to GDA94 or WGS84

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Kathleen Springs

**GILES TRACK
KATHLEEN SPRINGS TO KINGS CANYON**

WARRAKA NATIONAL PARK

George Gill Range

Reedy Bluff

Lilla Community (no access without permission)

Ranger Station
Emergency Contact Only

Luritja Road



To Kings Creek Station 16.8 km

To Kings Canyon Resort 5.5 km

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