

# Kata Tjuta walks



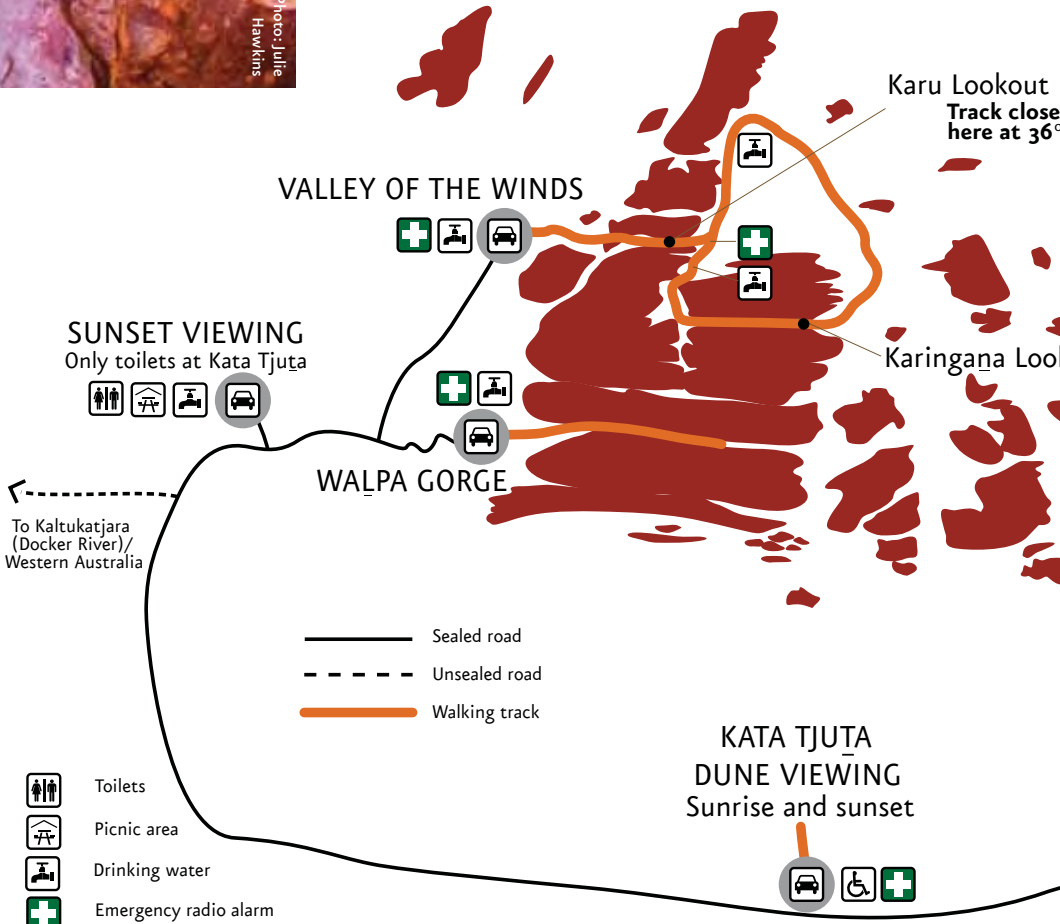
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Kata Tjuta is *Pitjantjatjara* meaning 'many heads'. This spectacular landform lies about 50 kilometres drive from Uluru and Yulara.

This area is an *Anangu* men's site and is sacred under *Tjukurpa* (traditional law). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to visit this place but as with all areas of the park, please stay on the marked tracks.

Visitors are reminded that they will need to be outside the park boundary by park closing time (please see page 2). Please allow a 45 minute drive to exit the park from Kata Tjuta.

The only toilet facilities at Kata Tjuta are at Sunset Viewing.



<b>KATA TJUTA DUNE VIEWING</b>	Grade 2 - Easy 600 m return • 30-45 min Wheelchair access
<b>WALPA GORGE WALK</b>	Grade 3 - Moderate 2.6 km return • 1 hr
<b>VALLEY OF THE WINDS FULL CIRCUIT WALK</b>	Grade 4 - Difficult 7.4 km full circuit • 4 hr
<b>SUNSET VIEWING</b>	Grade 1 - All access

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### WALK SAFELY

Wear sturdy footwear, sun protection and drink one litre of water per hour.

In hot weather we strongly recommend walking only in the cooler morning hours finishing your walks by 11 am.

### VALLEY OF THE WINDS WARNING

Please be aware that the walk is steep, rocky and difficult in places. For safety reasons this walk is closed under the following circumstances:

- **HEAT:** The track beyond Karu Lookout is closed at 11 am when the forecast or actual temperature reaches 36 degrees Celsius or above.
- **RESCUE:** some rescue operations may require sections of the track to be closed. Follow safety directions.

### CONSIDER PARK CLOSING TIME

You will need to leave the Kata Tjuta area 45 minutes before the park closes. Please see page 2 for closing times.

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## Kata Tjuta Dune Viewing

Grade 2 - Easy • 600 m return • 30 min

Located 26 kilometers along the road to Kata Tjuta, this short easy walk offers a magnificent panoramic view. It is a relaxing place to sit and absorb this ever-changing landscape. At sunrise and sunset it is awe-inspiring.

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## Walpa Gorge Walk

Grade 3 - Moderate

2.6 km return • 1 hr

Walpa (windy) Gorge is a desert refuge for plants and animals. The rocky track gently rises to an ephemeral stream, passing rare plants and reaching a grove of spearwood. Walk within the sheer walls, experience the vast landscape.

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\*Sunset at Kata Tjuta Sunset Viewing (\*see page 26)



Silhouette at \*\*sunset, Kata Tjuta Dune Viewing (\*\*see page 26)

## Valley of the Winds walks

7.4 km full circuit • 3.5 hr • no commercial photography allowed

The track to **Karu Lookout** - 1.1 km from the carpark - is moderately difficult with some loose rocks to negotiate so please mind your step and wear sturdy footwear. The view is breathtaking and worth the effort. This is the closure point when the temperature reaches 36 degrees Celsius.

The track to **Karingana Lookout** - 2.7 km from carpark - takes you down into the valleys and creek beds. It is challenging and very steep in places but very worthwhile.

The remainder of the Valley of the Winds Walk - 7.4 km **Full Circuit** - takes you far away from everyone and everything.

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## Sunset Viewing

Grade 1 - All access • only toilets at Kata Tjuta

A perfect place for a picnic any time of the day, or watch the last rays of the sun illuminate the very photogenic western face of Kata Tjuta.