



## Redbank Gorge to Mt Sonder and back

Section 12 takes walkers up Mt Sonder (the icon of the West MacDonnell National Park). The arduous climb to the peak is well worth the effort and views from the summit are some of the most spectacular available in the West MacDonnells. **Allow 6 hours** to comfortably complete this walk.

**Grade:** HARD - a rough and narrow track with some steep and/or long climbs and descents (suitable for fit people with previous bushwalking experience).

**Vehicle access:** While you do not need 4WD to get to the Trailhead at Redbank Gorge, a vehicle with high clearance is recommended.

**Camping fees:** A camping fee of \$5.00 per person applies at Redbank Gorge. It is a good idea to carry the correct amount of money as change is not available.

Redbank Gorge Carpark to Saddle	1.0 hr	2.3km
Saddle to Mount Sonder	2.5 hrs	5.6km
Mount Sonder to Redbank Gorge Carpark	2.5 hrs	7.9km
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6 hrs</b>	<b>15.8km</b>

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.

Full Trail notes and comprehensive maps are provided in the 'Larapinta Trail Package'. Contact Parks and Wildlife for more details.



Visit [www.nt.gov.au/parks](http://www.nt.gov.au/parks) for details about food drops, transfers, group logistics, camping fees & current conditions

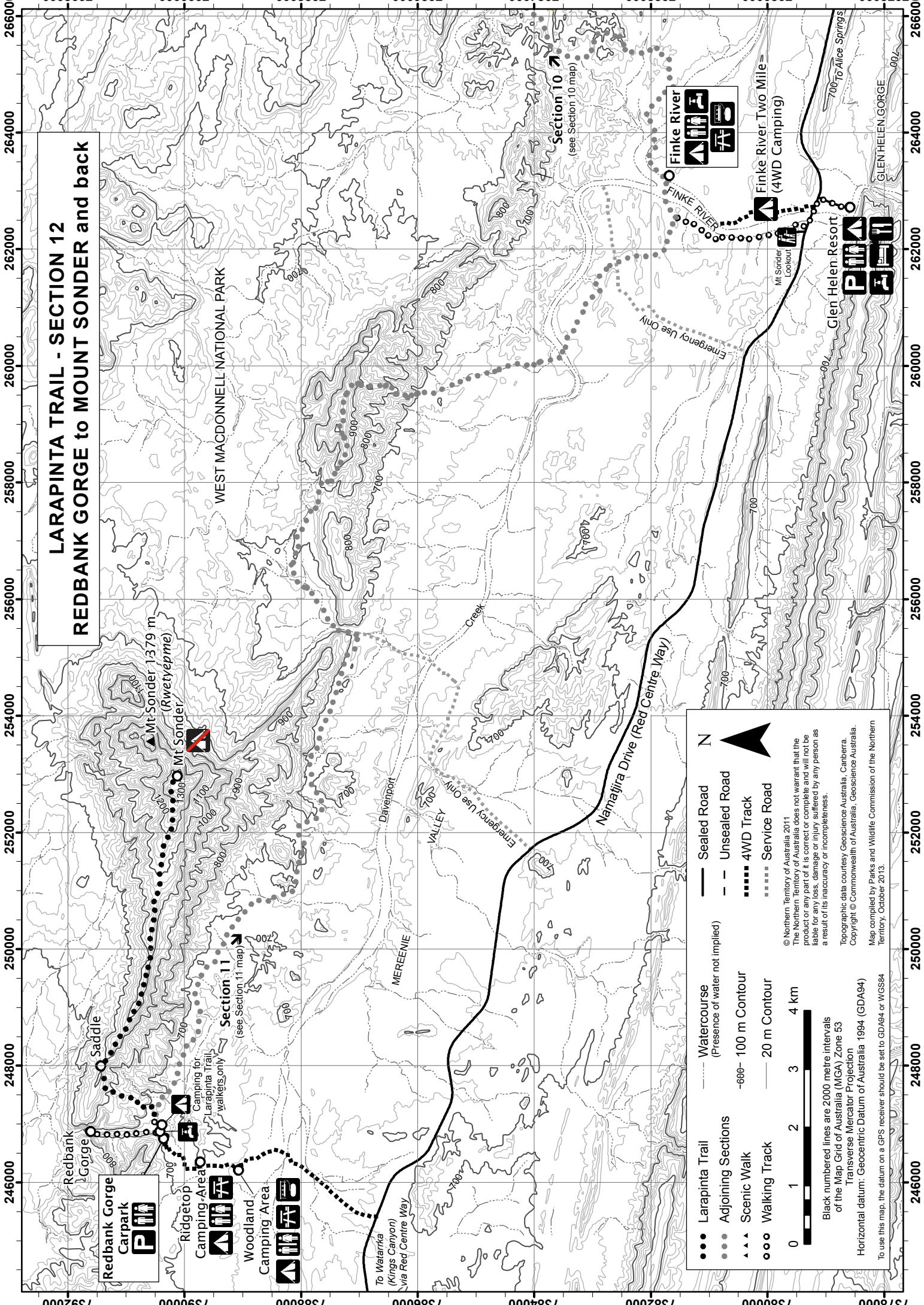
## Safety: It's Your Responsibility

Safety should be your first priority when walking the Larapinta Trail. 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.
- Consider your health and fitness carefully before walking any part of the Trail. Know your limits and have an emergency plan. Allow for flexibility in case of unseasonably hot weather.
- 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).
- Arrange return transport before you depart. Walkers should leave details of their walk plan with a reliable person. Ensure they know to contact police if you don't return by the pre-arranged time.
- Fill out the logbooks provided at every Trailhead so that Rangers can track your movements in an emergency.

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**LARAPINTA TRAIL - SECTION 12**  
**REDBANK GORGE to MOUNT SONDER and back**

**Redbank Gorge Carpark**

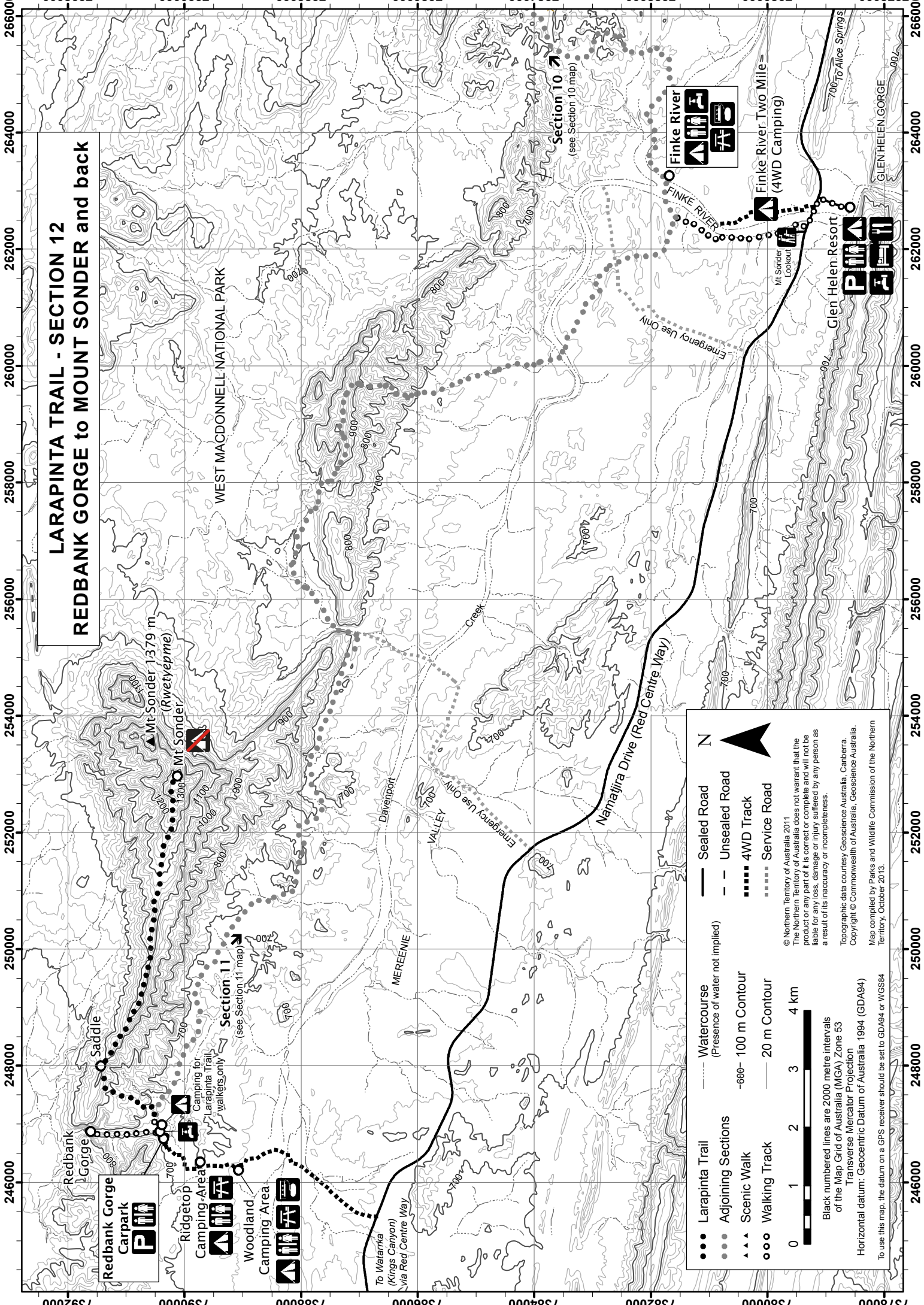
**Ridgetop Camping-Area**

**Woodland Camping Area**

**Finke River**

**Finke River Two Mile (4WD Camping)**

**Glen Helen Resort**



**Legend**

- Larapinta Trail
- Adjoining Sections
- ▲▲▲ Scenic Walk
- Walking Track
- Watercourse (Presence of water not implied)
- - - Unsealed Road
- 4WD Track
- Service Road
- Sealed Road
- ▲▲▲▲ 100 m Contour
- 600- 100 m Contour
- 20 m Contour

**Scale**  
 0 1 2 3 4 km

**North Arrow**

Black numbered lines are 2000 metre intervals of the Map Grid of Australia (MGA) Zone 53 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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