

The background is a stylized illustration of an Australian landscape. It features a dark blue sky with a faint map of Australia in the center. Scattered across the sky are several white, four-pointed stars and small orange silhouettes of mountains. In the foreground, there is a dark blue ground with a silhouette of a kangaroo on the left and a large orange sun with a saguaro cactus on the right.

Larapinta Dreaming

An Adventurous Journey by Venturer Scouts
from Scouts Victoria

The background is a stylized illustration of an Australian landscape at night. It features a dark blue sky with white stars and orange silhouettes of mountains. In the center is a large, dark blue silhouette of Australia. The foreground is a dark blue horizon with a large orange sun or moon on the left, a black cactus silhouette in front of it, and a black kangaroo silhouette on the right. The text '01' is in orange and 'Planning' is in white, both centered over the Australia silhouette.

01

Planning

Initial Brainstorm

- We started out in 2023 wanting to do a big journey for our group.
- Ideas were floating around about a South Cape to North Cape Trip.
- Eventually, we decided just to do a hike out of state.
- The Patrol Leaders decided to do the Larapinta Trail in the NT.
- After doing some research, we sent in an application to the Dick & Pip Smith 'Leadership Through Adventure Fund' where we were granted \$9,400.



The Master Document and Branch

- Going out of state means you need Group, District, Region and State approval.
- To placate this, we created an extensive 48 page document which included:
 - Trip Summary
 - Plan A Summary, Maps, Evac Points
 - Contingency Plan Triggers
 - Plan B Summary, Maps, Evac Points
 - Uluru Experience Plan and Maps
 - Wellbeing Policy
 - Water Policy
 - Sanitation Policy
 - Etiquette Policy
 - Weather Forecast
 - Fire Risk
 - Menu
 - Participant Information/Experience
 - Sleeping Arrangements
 - AAF compliance plan
 - Transport Plan
 - Emergency Contacts
 - Comms Plan
 - Budget

Larapinta Dreaming – Adventurous Journey



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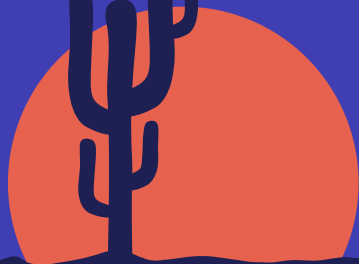
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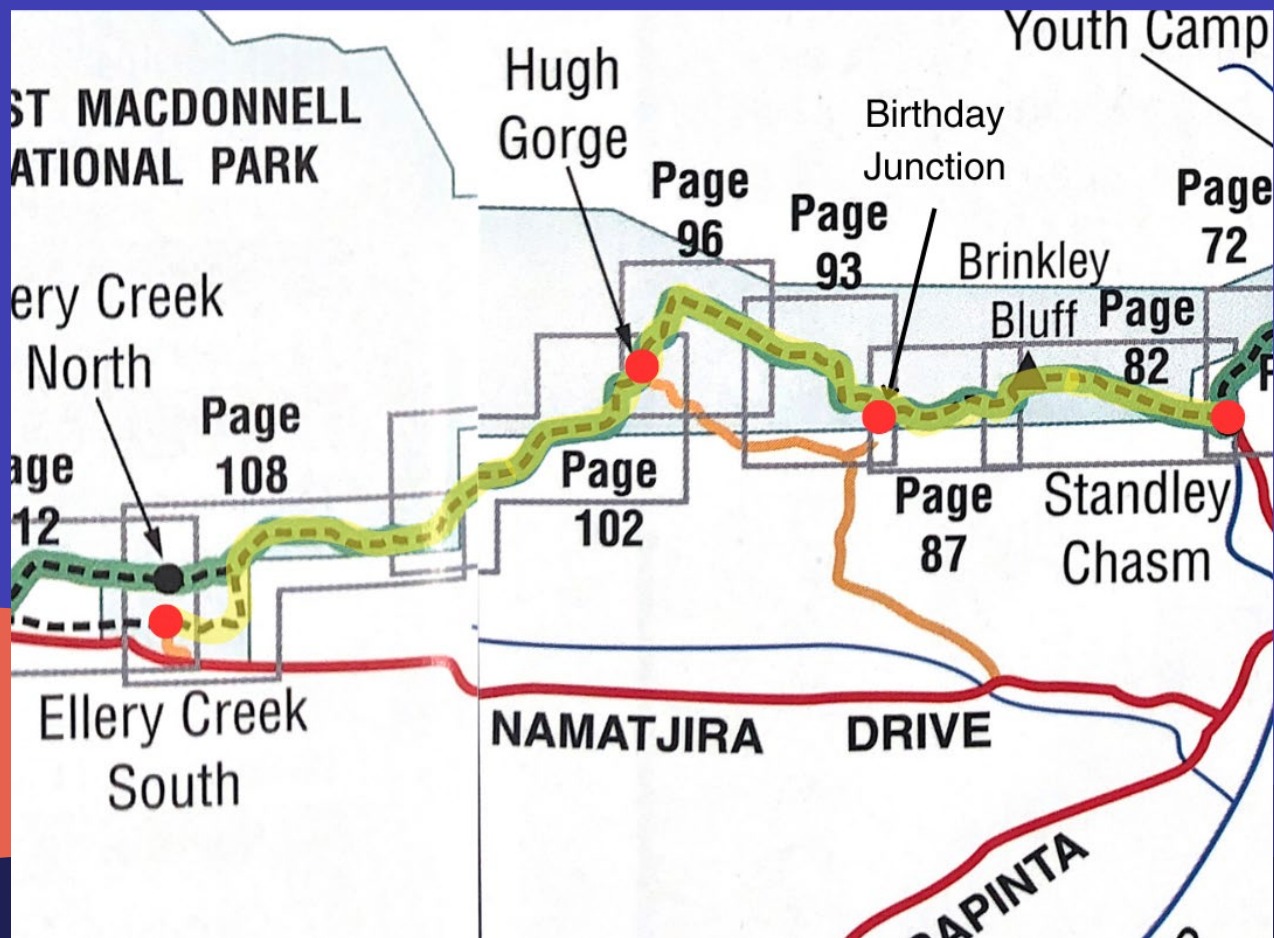
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A dark blue silhouette of the Australian continent is centered in the background. The number '02' is written in a large, orange, sans-serif font over the upper part of the map.

02

The Journey





Day 1 - Ellery Creek South to Rocky Gully

Climbing
over
Heavitree
Range



Around Alice
Valley View



Arriving at Rocky
Gully Camp



Day 2 - Rocky Gully to Hugh Gorge

Ghost
Gum
Flat



Between Ghost
Gum and Hugh



Outside Hugh
Gorge

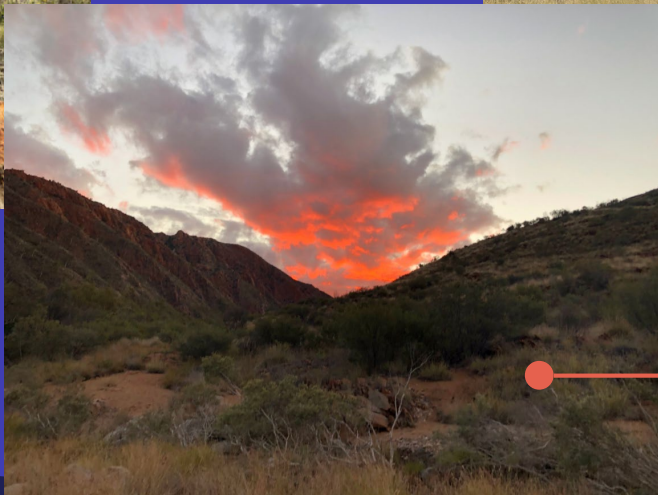


Day 3 - Hugh Gorge to Fringe Lily



Hugh Junction

Arrival at Fringe
Lily



Morning at Fringe
Lily



Day 4 - Fringe Lily to BDay Junction



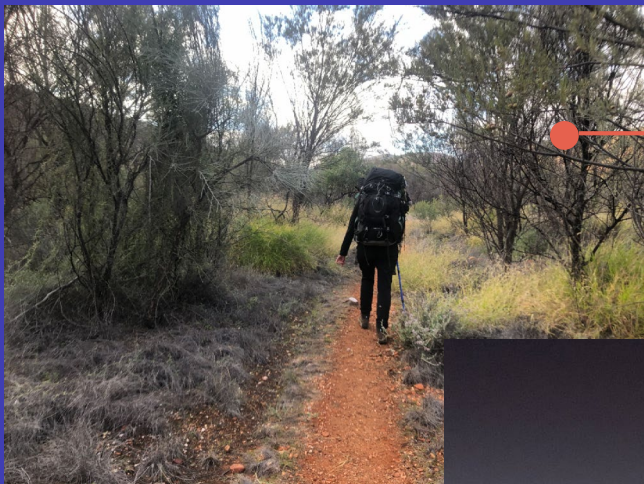
Windy Saddle

Around Rocky
Tallus and
Paisley Bluff

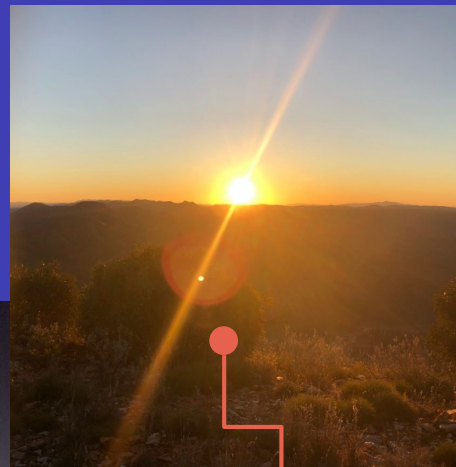


Games at Birthday
Junction

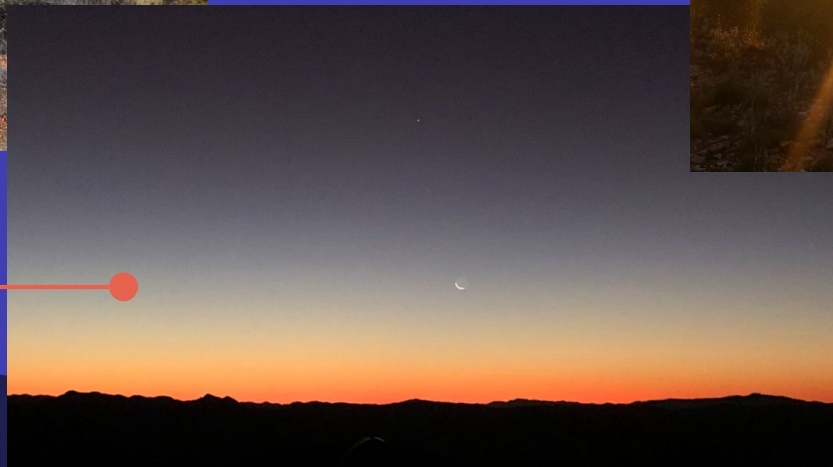
Day 5 - BDay Junction to Brinkley Bluff



Walking to
Stuart's Pass



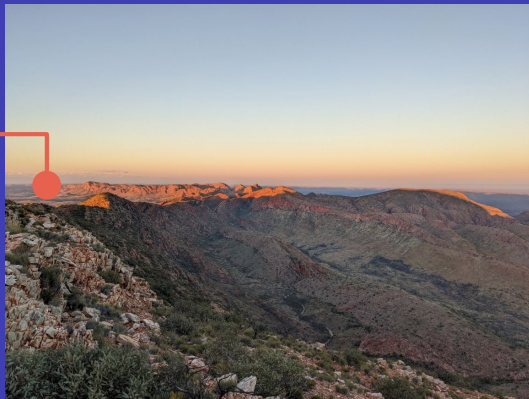
Sunset at
Brinkley



Dusk at
Brinkley Bluff

Day 6 - Brinkley Bluff to Standley Chasm

On top of
Brinkley's
Bluff



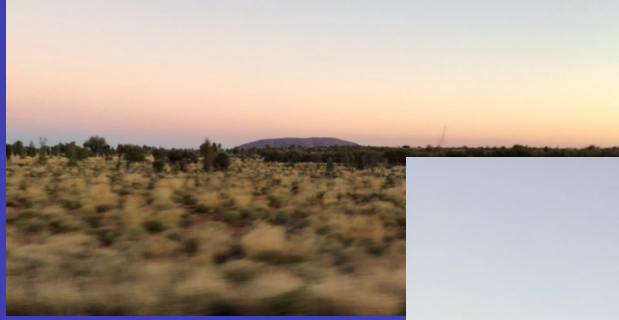
Reveal Saddle



Nearly
there!



Uluru Experience



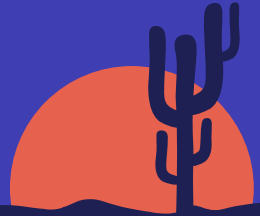
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03

Review and Lessons

Overall Feeling

- In reflection, we feel as though we've made a huge accomplishment.
- The whole process challenged us and in ways we didn't expect; mentally, physically, bureaucratically, emotionally
- It was tough working with another person with different ideas on how to accomplish your goals.



Lessons and Advice

01

Get on the same page

Discuss your goals as a team during the planning process.

02

Confirm early

Confirm attendance with a deadline date.

03

Make a goal timeline

Write down a checklist with a timeline – stick with it to stay on track.

04

Skill level

Make sure everyone is physically and mentally prepared for the challenge.



Final Acknowledgements



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