

Canteen Creek Central

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Can-teen Creek

Alternate name: Owairtilla, Orwairtilla, Orwaitillya and Orwaitilla.

Location: 604km North East of Alice Springs. 275 km South East of Tennant Creek

NT Region: Central

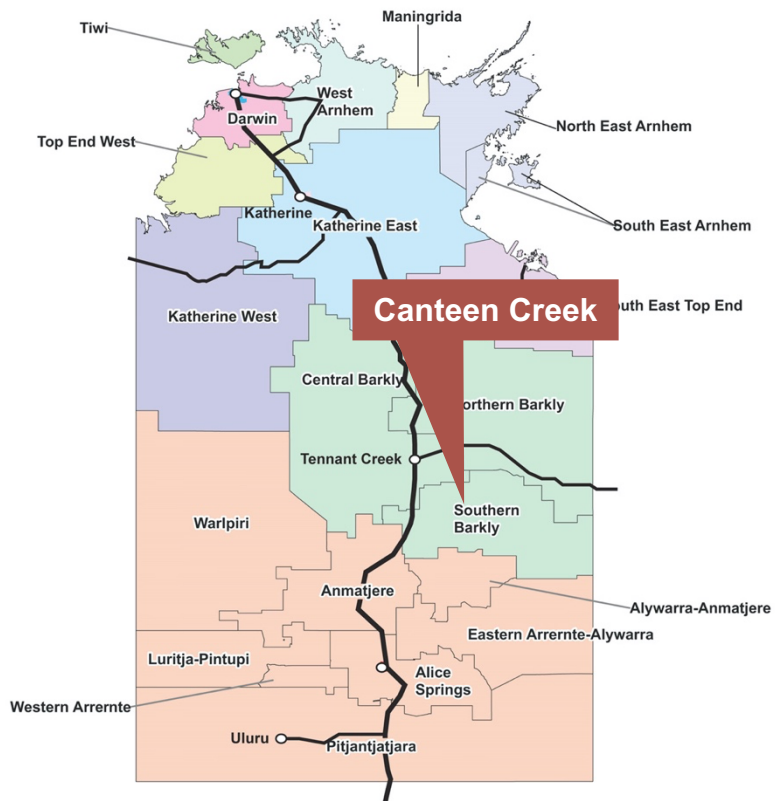
Population: Approx. 220 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Alyawarr

Phone: No phone service

Internet: Only personal use of internet in the accommodation



Climate (Central)

Season	Description	Temp. Range
Winter (June to August)	Cooler and dry	-7°C to 32°C
<p>The temperature can drop below 0°C overnight in winter. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.</p> <p>Humidity Range 20% – 50%</p>	<p>Fine weather with minimal rain is the norm with the possibility of getting quite cold by Territory standards between the June to July period. Spring (Sept-Nov) and Autumn (Mar-May) in Central Australia see warm days and cool evenings.</p>	
Summer (December to February)	Hot and dry	16°C to 45°C
<p>The temperature can rise above 40°C in summer. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.</p> <p>Humidity Range 30% – 95%</p>	<p>Central Australia has a semi-arid climate. In the summer months, the days are generally hot, sometimes very hot. If rain is to fall, it is more likely in the summer months, which may lead to road closures.</p>	

Infrastructure, facilities and services

Community	<p>Church: Yes</p> <p>Community halls or sheds: Yes</p> <p>Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes</p> <p>School: Yes</p> <p>Library: No</p> <p>Council Office: Yes</p> <p>Women's Centre: Yes</p> <p>Childcare Centre: Yes</p> <p>Aged Care Centre: Yes</p> <p>Community Safety: No</p> <p>Banking: Yes</p> <p>Recreational/other facilities: Canteen Creek Sports Centre caters for a variety of ball sports like Football, Softball, basketball, netball, badminton. Bush walking and camping in the nearby Davenport-Murchinson National Park.</p>
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Community store	Canteen Creek Store	Telephone (08) 8964 1900
	<p>Basic groceries, frozen food and household goods are usually available. Fresh fruit and vegetables arrive weekly on Tuesday. It is advisable to bring any speciality products/items required.</p>	
	Opening hours	<p>Monday – Saturday 9.00am – 5.00pm</p> <p>Sunday Closed</p>

Other food outlets	No
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Food orders	Food orders may be placed online through Woolworths in Alice Springs. Please check with clinic staff regarding collection/delivery.
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Commercial accommodation	Epenarra Station	Telephone (08) 8964 1511
	Approximately 60km from the community.	

Fuel	Fuel is available from the Canteen Creek Store
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Police station	Ali Curung Police Station	Telephone (08) 8964 1959
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Community Safety	No
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Other police contacts	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
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Telephone/internet/mail

Mobile phone¹/phone	Only a pay phone.
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Internet	Yes, personal use is available.
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Mail	Canteen Creek CPA	
	Mail arrives via air once a week to the community.	
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday 8.00am – 4.30pm

¹ Telstra 3G/Next G is typically the only mobile services that work in more remote parts of the Northern Territory. See link – <http://telstra.com.au/mobile-phones/coverage-networks/our-coverage/>

Access

Road	The community is located approximately 275km South East of Tennant Creek. Travel 85km South on the Stuart Highway then turn left onto Kurundi Road, travel 190km East along an unsealed road past Wutunugurra (Epenarra) community. It is approximately 3.5 hours from Tennant Creek. The drive from Alice Springs is approximately 604km and takes 6.5 hours.
Air	The Aerodrome is 500m from community. It is used by the RFDS and the mail plane regularly. The airstrip is sealed and equipped with lights for night use.
Regular passenger transport	No regular passenger service to Canteen Creek.

Health centre

Health service²	Department of Health (DoH) Canteen Creek Health Centre Lot 117, Canteen Creek Road, Canteen Creek, NT, 0872	Telephone (08) 8964 1510 Email canteencreek.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au Web www.health.nt.gov.au
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday 8.00am – 5.00pm
	Facilities	Five consulting rooms, one emergency room and one hearing room.
On-call 24/7 service	Yes, 24/7 on call service	
Medical Records System³	PCIS	
Vehicles	The clinic has one ambulance and one Landcruiser Prado, 4WD manual to be used for patient transport to Tennant Creek.	
GPs	Yes, visiting services only.	
Visiting services	Includes Ophthalmology, Dietetics, Midwifery, Podiatry, Audiology and Dental.	
Acute care	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) and MRaCC.	
Other	Birthing women birth in Alice Springs.	

Alcohol

Alcohol⁴	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.
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Governance

Local Government	The local council is the Barkly Shire Council. The land council is the Central Land Council (CLC).
Outstations	None

² For a more detailed description of the health centre and their services, please contact the Health Service directly.

³ Training should be arranged before you arrive in the community.

⁴ It is an offence to consume or bring alcohol into a dry community in the Northern Territory.

Other tips and relevant information

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Be prepared for the variable standard of accommodation in communities. A sleeping bag sheet insert is a good idea for protection against biting insects.

Whenever possible, avoid being on the road from dusk till dawn. Apart from the unfenced cattle station, the region has a population of feral horses, donkeys, dogs and the occasional camel along with a native population of Kangaroos and Dingoes. All of which are a significant road hazard.

On arrival, please check with the Health Centre to understand any health or social issues within the community. They can also let you know of any sacred sites to avoid.

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