



MEDIA RELEASE

Pedal Between the Parks

Alice Springs residents are being asked to get on their bikes ... and pedal along the Simpsons Gap bike path to celebrate its 15th birthday.

Parks and Wildlife Service southern region interpretive officer Kylie Cowan said the free family bike ride for Alice Springs residents on October 14 would begin at Simpsons Gap and end 17km later at the Alice Springs Desert Park, where participants would be treated to a free barbecue.

"This is the first time we are having the family bike ride and if this year's event is successful we will be hoping to turn it into an annual event," Ms Cowan said.

"Riding along the bike path is a great way to experience the spectacular places that are right here in our backyard.

"This event is also a good chance to find out more about how locals can enjoy the Simpsons Gap area."

"But because the weather is starting to warm up we would urge participants to drink plenty of water and slip, slop, slap."

Ms Cowan said people keen to take part must register their interest by calling 8951 8259.

She said the ride is being timed to start at the morning so it would end with a lunchtime barbecue at the Desert Park.

"At the end of the ride all people will be able to have a chat around the barbecue with the rangers and Desert Park staff, as well as touring through the Desert Park if they wish," Ms Cowan said.

"For those locals who haven't yet bought their Territorian Pass that allows them 12 months unlimited access to the Desert Park, this would be a great day to do it."

Ms Cowan said the bike path was officially opened on 14 October 1991 with more than 8000 people riding along the path annually.

She said participants at this year's Simpsons Gap bike path birthday bike ride would be able to park their cars at the Simpsons Gap start point and be bussed from the Desert Park end point back to their cars for \$6.

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Media Note – For more information contact Kylie Cowan on 8951 8208

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