

Ulana (Wallace Rockhole)

Central Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: U-Lana

Alternate name: Ulana, Uranda and Wallace Rock Hole

Location: 120km west of Alice Springs

NT Region: Central

Population: Approx. 120 residents

Access: Road

Language groups: Western Arrernte

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Only personal use of internet in the accommodation



This map of the Northern Territory, divided into regions, has been adapted from the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) Program Management and Implementation Section (2008) Map of the Northern Territory

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: No</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: No</p> <p>Aged Care Centre: No</p> <p>Community Safety: Yes</p> <p>Banking: Yes</p> <p>Recreational/other facilities: Ulana offers rock art and cultural tours including bush tucker and bush medicine talks. The community also has an art gallery with local paintings and pottery and annual picnic horse races.</p>	
Community store	Wallace Rockhole Shop and Art Centre	Telephone (08) 89567993
	<p>The store supplies fresh fruit and vegetables, some dairy products, frozen meats, dry goods, and limited household products. It is recommended you bring any dietary or specialty products as they may not be available.</p>	
	Opening hours	Monday – Sunday 10:00am – 4:00pm
Other food outlets	NA	
Food orders	Woolworths	Telephone (08) 8958 6575
	Coles	Telephone (08) 8952 4575
Commercial accommodation	Wallace Rockhole Tourist Park	Telephone (08) 8956 7993
Fuel	70 Roesch St, Wallace Rockhole NT 0872	Telephone (08) 8956 7415
	<p>Diesel and unleaded fuel are available from the Wallace Rockhole Council Service Centre.</p>	
Police station	Hermannsburg police service the community	Telephone (08) 8956 7422
Community Safety	Yes, there is a community safety service.	
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra	
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.	
Mail	Wallace Rockhole CPA	Telephone (08) 8956 7415
	<p>Lot 27 Roesch St, Wallace Rockhole NT 0872.</p>	
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm

¹ Telstra 3G/Next G are 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	Access to the community is via Larapinta Drive 95km west of Alice Springs on a sealed road to the Wallace Rockhole turnoff followed by 20km on a dirt road. The drive takes around 1.5hrs. The road can become impassable in heavy rain.	
Air	No airstrip in Ulana.	
Regular passenger transport	Centre Bush Bus Bush Bus will go to Wallace Rockhole twice a week depending on demand.	Telephone (08) 8953 0127
Health centre		
Health service ²	Wallace Rockhole Clinic Department of Health 2 Armstrong Rd, Wallace Rockhole NT 0872 Hermannsburg services the clinic. Operating hours Facilities One emergency room and one treatment room.	Telephone (08) 89516040 Email ntaria.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au Web www.health.nt.gov.au Wednesday Only 9:30am – 3:30pm
On-call services	Intercom for afterhours emergencies, otherwise phone Hermannsburg clinic on (08) 8951 6040.	
Medical Records System ³	PCIS	
Vehicles	The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance. **Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.	
GPs	Nurses and GPs are a visiting service from Hermannsburg Community.	
Visiting services	Visiting services frequently supplied by Central Australian Aboriginal Congress.	
Acute care	MRaCC and St Johns Ambulance	
Other	Birthing women birth in Alice Springs.	
Alcohol		
Alcohol ⁴	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.	
Governance		
Local Government	Local Council is the McDonnell Shire Council. Land Council is the Central Lands Council CLC.	
Outstations	Nil	

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

³ Training should be arranged before your arrival 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.

Disclaimer

This information is prepared in good faith and to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing. However, Aboriginal communities, like any community, can change as the population shifts and people move on. Please contact the RAHC Regional Coordinator or the Health Centre Manager to confirm any key issues or concerns you may have ahead of your RAHC placement. RAHC also values any input you can provide to improve our Community Profiles.

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