

Special Conditions: Madigan, Colson and Hay River Tracks

1. Preamble:

Under Sections 4 & 5 of the Aboriginal Land Act, a permit is required to travel through Aboriginal land. While travelling along Simpson Desert tracks in the Northern Territory, you will be travelling through the country of Pmer Ulperre, Uleralkwe, Uleperte, Ahantye/Arrkeyerre, and Ilarte estate groups. Aboriginal people still visit and use the area for hunting and cultural purposes. Please respect the cultural heritage of the area.

Definitions:

Tracks means the Madigan, Colson and Hay River tracks.

Travellers means all persons travelling down the Tracks.

2. Direction and timing of travel

(a) For safety reasons, travel throughout the Simpson Desert is **NOT** permitted between 1st December and 15th March.

(b) **Madigan Track**

- Camp 1-5 - Two-way travel.
- Camp 5-15 - One-way travel **ONLY** is permitted – The direction of travel is from West to East.
- Camp 16 to the QLD border – Two-way travel.

(c) **Colson Track** – Two-way travel.

(d) **Hay River Tracks** – Two-way travel.

3. Prohibited Areas

(a) Access is **NOT** permitted to **Madigan Camp 3 or Camp 4**.

(b) Access is **NOT** permitted to the **Allitra Tablelands**.

(c) Access is **NOT** permitted to the **Plenty Lakes**.

(d) Access is **NOT** permitted on the track to Geosurveys Hill.

(e) Off track driving is **NOT** permitted with the exception of making camp, which must be limited to within 100 metres of the track, which includes side tracks off the main track.

(f) For cultural reasons traditional Aboriginal owners request that visitors do not visit **Madigan Camp 2**.

(g) Access to rocky outcrops and/or hills is prohibited on Aboriginal land.

(h) Do not drive on clay pans. Vehicle tracks scar the clay pans and can be seen for more than 25 years.

4. **Camping**

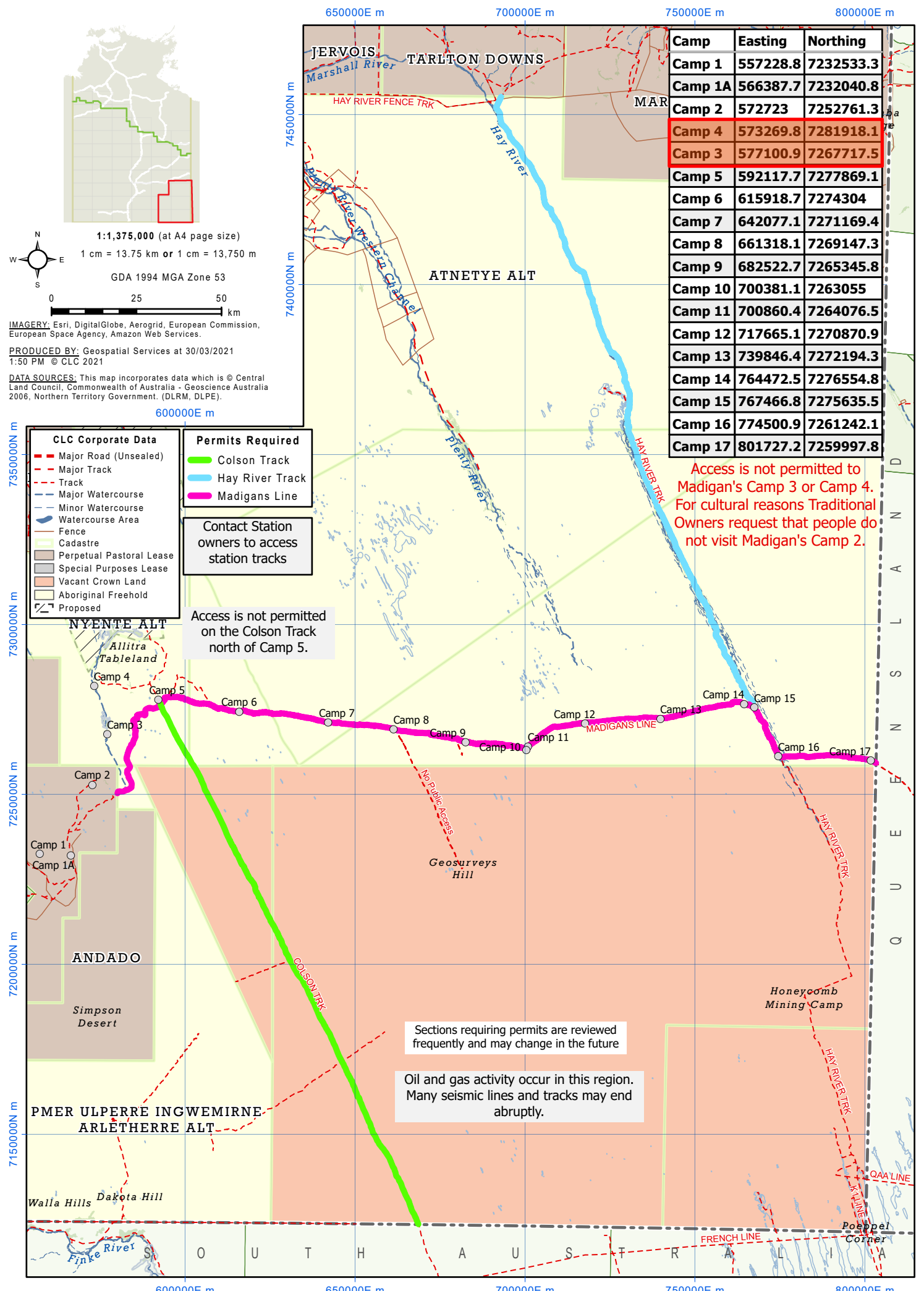
- (a) Collecting firewood along the Madigan, Colson and Hay River tracks is strictly prohibited.
- (b) Standing and fallen timber is protected. Please take adequate firewood with you for the duration of the transit. There is little firewood in the desert and it takes hundreds of years to grow large enough to use as firewood.
- (c) Be careful with fires and ensure all fires are extinguished when departing the campsite.
- (d) Rubbish is not to be left behind. Take all rubbish with you.

5. **Driving**

- (a) Caravans and Boats are **NOT** permitted. 4WD trailers are permitted.
- (b) Night driving is **NOT** permitted. Night driving is defined as driving when the sun has set.
- (c) Quad bikes and ATVs are **NOT** permitted. Motorbikes are permitted.
- (d) All vehicles must display a high visibility flag.
- (e) Vehicles must be registered with relevant state and territory governments.
- (f) All drivers and riders must be licensed.
- (g) Public road rules must be followed.
- (h) While travelling along the track, tyres must be suitably deflated to protect the sand dunes, maintain good track conditions and assist in your driving. Please check the manufacturer's guidelines for your vehicle to ensure suitable air pressure in all tyres for the track.

6. **Special Rules**

- (a) Drones are **NOT** permitted.
- (b) Keep this permit in the glovebox of your vehicle available for inspection at all times.
- (c) Walkers and cyclists are permitted with a support vehicle. Solo walkers and cyclists need to apply for a special permit through the Central Land Council.
Travellers must **NOT** remove any artefacts, including but not limited to rocks. These remain a connection for the Traditional Owners to family who travelled through the Simpson Desert for thousands of years.



Camp	Easting	Northing
Camp 1	557228.8	7232533.3
Camp 1A	566387.7	7232040.8
Camp 2	572723	7252761.3
Camp 4	573269.8	7281918.1
Camp 3	577100.9	7267717.5
Camp 5	592117.7	7277869.1
Camp 6	615918.7	7274304
Camp 7	642077.1	7271169.4
Camp 8	661318.1	7269147.3
Camp 9	682522.7	7265345.8
Camp 10	700381.1	7263055
Camp 11	700860.4	7264076.5
Camp 12	717665.1	7270870.9
Camp 13	739846.4	7272194.3
Camp 14	764472.5	7276554.8
Camp 15	767466.8	7275635.5
Camp 16	774500.9	7261242.1
Camp 17	801727.2	7259997.8