

Finke River

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The Finke River, known to the Arrernte people as Larapinta, is believed to be the world's oldest river system.

About Finke River

- It is a major but **intermittent river** of **central Australia**.
- **Course:**
 - It **starts** in the **MacDonnell Ranges** in the Northern Territory.
 - The river forms where **two smaller creeks, Davenport and Ormiston, meet**.
 - It flows for about **600 kilometers** (370 miles) **towards the Simpson Desert** in **South Australia**.
- It is often called "the **oldest river in the world**."
 - A combination of geological records, weathering profiles, and radionuclide measurements in the surrounding sediments and rocks has enabled scientists to date this river system to the **Devonian (419 million to 359 million) or Carboniferous (359 million to 299 million) period**.

- **Most of the time**, the Finke River looks like a **series of waterholes**. But **after heavy rains**, it can turn into a **powerful, fast-flowing river**.
- **During big floods**, its water can even **reach the Macumba River** and eventually **Lake Eyre**.
- Some of its **main smaller rivers that flow into it** are **Ellery Creek** and the **Palmer and Hugh Rivers**.

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