



Highlights

Top End Regions

making the most of Territory Parks

A Day round Darwin Parks

Start with a delightful tropical beach walk at Casuarina Coastal Reserve or a stroll through the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens. Take a picnic lunch out to Berry Springs Nature Park and enjoy a refreshing swim. Finish the day finding out about bombs and Darwin's role in WWII at Charles Darwin National Park.

A Taste of the Top End

Let Litchfield National Park give you a taste of the rugged beauty of the Top End. You can choose spectacular and popular places, like Florence and Wangi Falls, or peaceful places like Greenant Creek and the historic ruins at Bamboo Creek Tin Mine.

Linger in the Gorge

Stay long enough at Nitmiluk National Park to enjoy the visitor centre, river cruises, lookouts, walks, and then paddle down the river for a treat.

Break up the Stuart Highway

Drop into paradise at Leliyn (Edith Falls), Nitmiluk National Park. Travel back in time at Elsey National Park. Go underground at Cutta Cutta Caves. Ease the aches and pains in the warm waters of Tjuwaliyn (Douglas) Hot Springs Park.

Head West

Don't miss the tufa dams at Giwining / Flora River, the rich culture of Judbarra / Gregory National Park, or the 'beehive' formations at Keep River National Park.

Detours to Kakadu

Break up the Arnhem Highway trip to Kakadu by making short detours: to Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve where you can walk to the waterlilies; to Window on the Wetlands, where you can see for miles; and to Mary River National Park, where you can stretch your legs on the Bird Billabong Walk.

Take the 4WD away from it all

Networks of 4WD tracks in Judbarra / Gregory National Park as well as Litchfield and Mary River National Parks take you to wide, wild horizons - but remember to travel well equipped.

Explore on Foot

Walk away from the crowds. Park welcome signs show maps of walks nearby. Longer walks like the Tabletop Track in Litchfield and the Jatbula Trail in Nitmiluk take you to another world, but plan these walks carefully.

Meet Top End Wildlife

Visit the Territory Wildlife Park to enjoy our wildest wildlife experience. There are four easy walking trails through Woodland, Monsoon Forest, Wetlands and Paperbark Forest. This park is an essential introduction and chance to experience Top End habitats and wildlife all in one location. Enjoy the shuttle trains, café and daily presentations.

The Parks and Wildlife Commission



of the Northern Territory welcomes you to unique natural, cultural and historic places. We encourage you to make the most of your visit with safety and comfort in mind.

Safety and Comfort

Observe all safety signs, including crocodile warnings - **BE CROCWISE**. Carry and drink plenty of water. Protect yourself against biting insects and sunburn, cover up and wear a hat, sunscreen and sturdy shoes. Choose a walk to match your fitness. You'll find park Fact Sheets and latest road conditions at Tourism Top End, Katherine Visitor Centre and on our website.



Respect and Care

Help protect the rugged beauty and wildness of parks, take your rubbish away with you, and remember that all wildlife (native plants and animals) and cultural items are protected.

Travel Information

| Departing Darwin | Distance | Drive time |
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| Alice Springs | 1491 km | 15 hr |
| Batchelor | 98 km | 1 hr 15 min |
| Judbarra / Gregory National Park | 617 km | 6 hr 30 min |
| Kakadu National Park | 257 km | 3 hr |
| Katherine | 332 km | 3 hr 30 min |
| Litchfield National Park (via Batchelor) | 129 km | 1 hr 30 min |
| Mary River National Park | 100 km | 1 hr 20 min |
| Mataranka | 420 km | 4 hr 30 min |
| Nitmiluk National Park | 362 km | 4 hr |
| Tennant Creek | 986 km | 10 hr |
| Territory Wildlife Park | 57 km | 1 hr |
| Window on the Wetlands | 60 km | 1 hr |

For more information:

Parks and Wildlife Commission
Tel: 8999 4555 (Darwin) or 8973 8888 (Katherine)
www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au

Territory Wildlife Park
Tel: 8988 7200
www.territorywildlifepark.com.au

Tourism Top End
6 Bennett St, Darwin
Tel: 8980 6000 or 1300 138886
www.tourismtopend.com.au

Katherine Visitor Centre
Cnr Stuart Hwy & Lindsay St, Katherine
Tel: 8972 2650 or 1800 633142
<http://www.visitkatherine.com.au/>

Window on the Wetlands Visitor Centre
Tel: 8988 8188
www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au

Kakadu National Park
Tel: 8938 1120
www.environment.gov.au/parks/kakadu

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Territory Parks Alive 2014

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- Guided walks
- Campfire talks
- Slide shows
- Activities

- Venture beyond the bitumen
- Engage in 'the Tropics'
- Discover stories from the past



Top End Regions
MAY to SEPTEMBER
2014



Territory Parks Alive! Walks & Talks 2014

Rangers, guides and traditional owners: hear first hand stories about the Territory's unique parks and reserves May to September



Turtle Releases

Guided Activity
When: May to October
For bookings and more information:
 Ph (08) 8999 4555

Darwin is lucky to have marine turtles nesting on its city beaches. Join us for a close encounter with a turtle hatchling. Bring your camera for a photo opportunity with a baby turtle.



Charles Darwin National Park

Guided Walk
When: Wednesdays 7 & 21 May; 4 June; 16 July; 20 August; 3 & 17 September.
Time: 5.00 - 6.00 pm
Meet: 1st rotunda in picnic area
Bookings ESSENTIAL - Ph 8999 4555*
 *minimum and maximum numbers apply
Bushtucker Bites - Discover the abundance of bushtucker available in this coastal park. Plant ID with a twist.

Biting insects can be a problem in the Park around sunrise and sunset. Wear protective clothing and apply insect repellent.

Howard Springs Nature Park

Guided Activity
When: Wednesdays 14 May to 13 August
Time: 9.00 - 9.30 am
Meet: Ranger office
Bookings ESSENTIAL - Ph 8999 4555*
 *minimum and maximum numbers apply
Barra Bites - Want to get up close to a big barra? Join a Ranger as they hand feed breakfast to barramundi and turtles in the huge spring fed pool.

Berry Springs Nature Park

Guided Walk
When: Wednesdays - 18 June to 23 July.
Time: 11.00 am - 12 noon
Meet: Rangers office
Springs 'n' Things - join us for a stroll along the creek to hear about the source of the springs and the wildlife that rely on this water. Don't forget your hat, water and sunscreen.

Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve

Cultural Talk
When: Every Wednesday 7 May to 10 September
Time: 9.00 - 9.30 am
Meet: Pandanus Knoll carpark on the far side of the dam wall
Book: Bookings preferred
Phone: Window on the Wetlands (08) 8988 8188
Goosing around in the wetlands - Come and share our stories. Find out about the awesome Magpie Geese and their connection to the wetlands. Enjoy this and many other stories about wetland wildlife.



Window on the Wetlands Visitor Centre

Nature Talks
When: Daily (except Wednesdays and Sunday afternoons)
Time: 8.30 am, 10.15 am, 1.15 pm & 4.15 pm
Meet: Visitor Centre balcony
Wicked Wetlands - Discover a rich variety of wetland plants, animals and culture. Learn about the ecological significance of the coastal wetlands.

Territory Wildlife Park

There is an entry fee into the Park, but talks and displays are free.
Tucker Time at the Billabong
When: Daily
Time: 9.00 am
Meet: Billabong Rotunda
 Join a keeper and feed breakfast to the creatures who live on and in the billabong.

The Ooloo Sandbar Experience

When: Daily
Time: 10.10 am
Meet: Main Station
 Experience handfeeding Freshwater Whipray and Barramundi.

Birds of Prey Displays

When: Daily
Time: 11.00 am & 2.30 pm
Meet: Flight Deck
 Meet the raptor inhabitants of the Park for a spectacular show of free flying birds.

Litchfield National Park

Guided Walk
When: Every Thursday & Saturday - 15 May to 27 September
Time: 10.30 - 11.30 am
Meet: Termite mounds carpark
Termites Unearthed - Discover a fascinating insect world living in fire proof fortresses.

Guided Walk

When: Every Tuesday - 27 May to 26 August
Time: 10.00 - 11.00 am
Meet: Bamboo Creek carpark
Hardship and heartbreak - Delve into the fascinating mining history of the Bamboo Creek area. Discover the harsh, remote life of our pioneer miners.

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Slide Show

When: Every Wednesday night - 14 May to 24 September
Time: 7.00 - 8.00 pm
Meet: Wangi Falls picnic area (near the information shelter)

Litchfield: a taste of the Top End - Bring along your picnic rug or chair and join a Ranger for a visual tour of Litchfield.

Katherine Gorge Nitmiluk National Park

Guided Walk

When: Tuesday & Thursday 1 May to 28 August
Time: 9.00 - 10.00 am
Meet: Trackhead Sign at the start of the Baruwei Lookout walk - Picnic Ground Area access point.

Discover the Baruwei Lookout Walk - Take a walk with a Ranger and discover the cultural and biodiversity value of the escarpment and river corridor at the entrance of Nitmiluk. The guided walk takes you up to the Baruwei Lookout return (approx. 1 hour). Be prepared to walk - bring your hat, water, sturdy shoes and sunscreen.



Leliyn - Edith Falls Nitmiluk National Park

Slide Show
When: Every Thursday - 3 June to 30 September
Time: 7.00 - 8.00 pm
Meet: Leliyn (Edith Falls) picnic area
Jawoyn Country - The wildlife, the culture and the management. Bring a chair or a picnic blanket.

Guided Walk

When: Every Tuesday - 2 June to 30 September
Time: 10.00 am - 11.00 am
Meet: Leliyn (Edith Falls) kiosk
Either one of the two topics below - see poster on Park
Top Pools Guided Tour - Join a Ranger for a guided walk up to the Top Pools.
Or
Riverine Ramble - Join a Ranger for a guided walk along the river corridor.

Judbarra / Gregory National Park

Slide Show
When: Every Tuesday - 27 May to 29 July
Time: 7.00 - 8.00 pm
Meet: Big Horse Creek Campground
Beyond the Bitumen - Travel from north to south on the big screen and experience the diversity of life and habitats in the Park. Bring a chair or picnic blanket.

Slide Show

When: Every Thursday - 29 May to 31 July
Time: 6.30 - 7.30 pm
Meet: Bullita Campground
Limestone, Spikes and Speargrass - Discover the geology and plantlife of this stunning part of the Northern Territory.

Keep River National Park

Campfire Talk
When: Wednesday evenings - 7 May to 27 August
Time: 7.30 - 8.30 pm
Meet: Goorrandaling Campground
Secrets of Keep River National Park - Aboriginal culture, spectacular geology and many different habitats feature in Keep River National Park. A Ranger will share some secrets around the campfire. Bring your questions and a chair or picnic blanket.

Even more to see and do!

Community Events, Traditional Owner Talks, Bike Rides and More



Scan the QR code on this brochure or call (08) 8999 4555 for information on some special one-off activities which will be taking place on NT Parks this year.

Visit www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au/parks/walks/territory-parks-alive for details



Heading South?

Look for the ochre Parks Alive brochure for events happening in Territory Parks in and around Alice Springs and the Barkly region.