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# **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.

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.

Help protect the rugged beauty and wildness of parks, take (native plants and animals) and cultural items are protected.

# Travel Information

Departing Darwin	Distance	Drive time
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

Did you enjoy your 'Territory Parks Alive' activity? We would love to hear your feedback. To comment please phone (08) 8999 4555 or email interpsupport.PWCNT@nt.gov.au

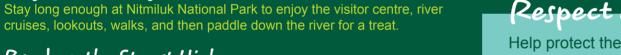
Window on the Wetlands Visitor Centre Tel: 8988 8188 www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au

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



# Respect and Care

your rubbish away with you, and remember that all wildlife



Break up the Stuart Highway

A Day round Darwin Parks

Darwin National Park

A Taste of the Top End

at Bamboo Creek Tin Mine.

Linger in the Gorge

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 Tiuwaliyn (Douglas) Hot Springs Park

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

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

Highlights

making the most of Territory Parks

**Top End Regions** 

#### 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

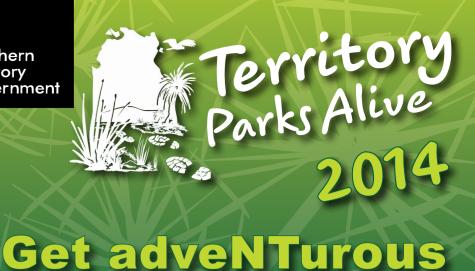
Networks of 4WD tracks in Judbarra / Gregory National Park as well as Litchfield and Mary River National Parks take you to wide, wild horizons but remember to travel well equipped.

## 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.



· Guided walks Campfire talks
Slide shows Activities

• Venture beyond the bitumen • Engage in 'the • Discover stories

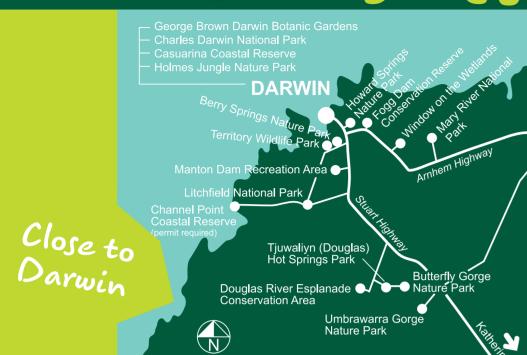








# **Territory Parks Alive! Walks & Talks 2014**



#### 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 Oolloo 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.1hour). 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 7.00 - 8.00 pm Time: Meet:

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: Goorrandalng 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.

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

Big Horse Creek Campground

#### 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 some special one-off

activities which will be taking place on NT Parks this year.

Visit www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au/ 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