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	DISTANCE	TIME			
Baruwei Walk (via Lookout)	1.8 km	1 hour	Views of the picnic area, Katherine Gorge & 17 Mile Valley.	GRADE 3 - MEDIUM Short, steep track. Condition varies. 	From the river at start of the walk.
	4.8 km	2 hours	Continue walking from lookout along the escarpment and back down towards the visitor centre.		
Windolf	8.4 km	3.5 hours	Views of the lower Gorge from Pat's Lookout. Seasonal swimming in the river. Seasonal waterfall at Southern Rockhole.	GRADE 3 - MEDIUM 	From the river at the end of the walk and at Windolf junction.
Butterfly Gorge	12 km	4.5 hours	Shaded gorge with butterflies and rainforest leading into Katherine Gorge. Deep water, seasonal swimming.	GRADE 3 - MEDIUM 	From the river at the end of the walk and Butterfly Gorge trail junction.
Lily Ponds	19.8 km	6.5 hours	Creek side walk with views of lower Gorge. Seasonal Lily Pond Falls and seasonal swimming in the river.	GRADE 4 - MEDIUM TO DIFFICULT last 1 km rough. 	From the river at the end of the walk and Butterfly Gorge trail junction.
Smitt Rock (Dunlop Swamp camping)	23.6 km (17.4 km)	8.5 hours	Seasonal swimming below Dunlop swamp and at Smitt Rock. Gorge views. Emergency Call Devices (Dunlop Swamp and Smitt Rock).	GRADE 4 - MEDIUM TO DIFFICULT last 2 km rough. 	From the river at the end of the walk. Also at Windolf and Butterfly trail junctions.
Eighth Gorge	33.2 km	2 days	Good view of the upper gorge area. Large valley with extensive rock outcrops. Emergency Call Device. Seasonal swimming in river and at campsite.	GRADE 4 - MEDIUM TO DIFFICULT Wilderness trail with track markers. Extreme heat - Sept to April. 	From the river at the end of the walk and Jawoyn Valley trail junction.
Jawoyn Valley	39 km	2 -3 days	Galleries of Jawoyn paintings. Good views of upper gorge area. Large valley with extensive rock outcrops.	GRADE 4 - MEDIUM TO DIFFICULT Wilderness trail with track markers. Extreme heat - Sept to April. 	From the river at the gorge / north - east end of the walk and Eighth Gorge Trail junction.

Australian Walking Track Grading System - User Guide for Northern Territory Parks				
Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
				
No bushwalking experience required. Flat even surface with no steps or steep sections. Suitable for wheelchair users who have someone to assist them. Walks no greater than 5 km.	No bushwalking experience required. The track is a hardened or compacted surface and may have a gentle hill section or sections and occasional steps. Walks no greater than 10 km.	Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep hill sections a rough surface and many steps. Walks up to 20 km.	Bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may be long, rough and very steep. Directional signage may be limited.	Very experienced bushwalkers with specialised skills, including navigation and emergency first aid. Tracks are likely to be very rough, very steep and unmarked. Walks may be more than 20 km.

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Information Sheet



Nitmiluk National Park

Southern Walks



Explore the Katherine Gorge system and surrounding escarpment via the Southern Walks; where you can enjoy spectacular views, swimming and camping away from the crowds.

The network of tracks begin near the Nitmiluk Centre with a climb high onto the rocky escarpment. All are return walks.

Be aware that it is hot and rugged up on the escarpment so choose a walk that suits your level of fitness and follow the guidelines here for a safe and enjoyable walk.

Registration

For overnight walks, all walkers **must register** at the Nitmiluk Centre between 8am and 1pm and **deregister upon return**. The Parks Information Desk is located in the Nitmiluk Centre and is open from 8am to 4pm. Please ensure you return to deregister from overnight walks before 4pm. While registration is not required for day walks, you may register your day walk as a safety precaution.

All walkers should let someone responsible know where they are going and when they will be back.

Long term parking is available at the Ranger Station.

Day Walks

Wear:

- loose fitting, light-

coloured clothing and sunscreen

- a broad-brimmed hat
- sturdy shoes or boots (not thongs).

Carry:

- at least 3 litres of water per person
- sunscreen

Overnight Walks

Camping is only permitted at Dunlop Swamp, Smitt Rock and the 8th Gorge. If you plan to camp overnight you will need a **camping permit** from the Nitmiluk Centre. Permits can be purchased between 8am and 1pm.

You will be required to pay a refundable \$50 deposit, which you can collect when you deregister upon your return.

As a minimum, overnight walkers should carry:

- 3 litres of water per person
- sturdy footwear and thick socks
- broad-brimmed hat and sunscreen
- basic first aid kit
- map and compass
- pocket knife
- insect repellent and mosquito net
- matches or lighter
- gas or fuel stove - open fires are not permitted.

Trail Conditions

The walking trails vary in difficulty and length. Refer to the list of walks on the back of this sheet for a summary of the conditions you can expect on each trail.

All walks are marked by a blue triangle on a white background.



Stay on the marked trails at all times.

Trail markers are usually located every 20-50 metres. Intersections are marked by sign posts. If you have walked for five minutes without seeing a marker, go back to the last marker and find the next marker. Be aware that often worn paths through the bush are animal tracks, not the walking trail.

It can be extremely hot between September and December. Temperatures on the escarpment are often 10°C hotter than near the river. Walk in the cool of the day and drink plenty of water. Check at the Nitmiluk Centre for the availability of drinking water.

Emergency Radios

Emergency Call Devices (ECDs) are located at various locations, as shown on the map.

ECDs are for:

- contacting a Ranger in an emergency
- reporting a delay in your return

Checkpoints

For your safety please register your passing in the checkpoint book at Dunlop Swamp. This can help Rangers locate you in an emergency.

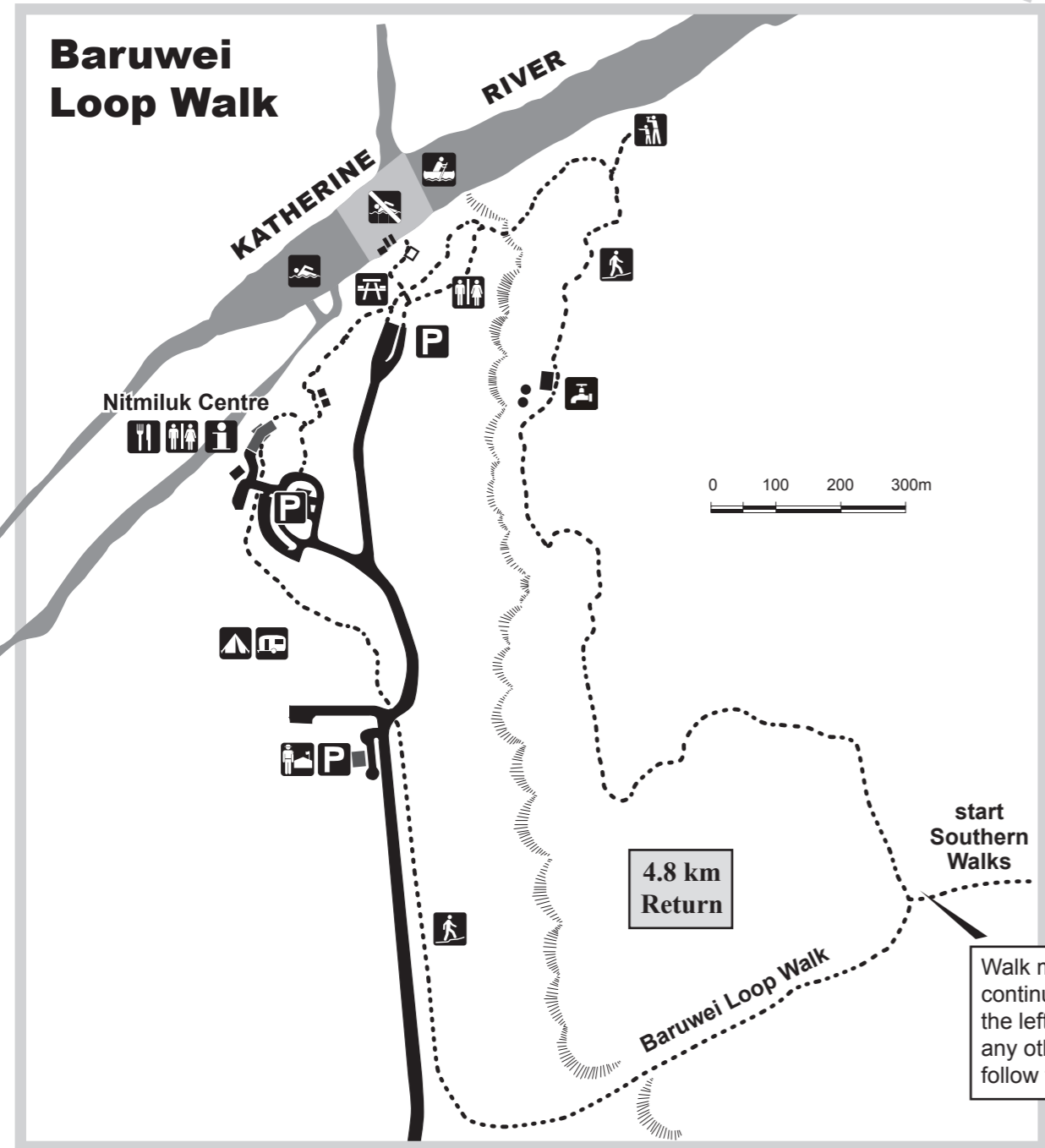
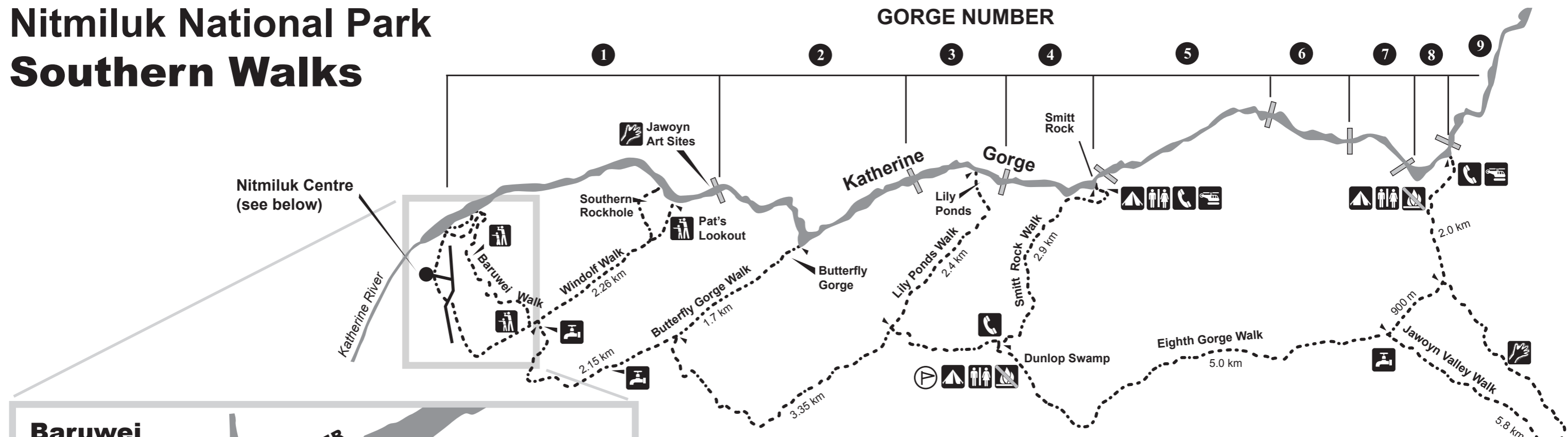
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Nitmiluk National Park Southern Walks
























 Toilets only at Smitt Rock, Dunlop Swamp, and 8th Gorge campsites. At all other sites please bury waste at a depth of 30 cm, well away from campsites and waterways.

Look after yourself and the Park

- Carry and drink at least three litres of water each day.
- Wear sturdy shoes, a hat and sunscreen.
- Take care on the steep tracks and loose rocks.
- Open fires are not permitted in the Park.
- Please take all your rubbish out with you.



Legend			
	Information		Emergency Call Device
	Water		Jawoyn Art Sites
	Camping		Grade 3 Track
	Caravans		Grade 4 Track
	Toilets		Lookout
	Picnic tables		Canoeing
	No fires		Swimming
	Kiosk		No swimming
	Ranger Station		Checkpoint
	Parking		Rock Bars
	Helipad		

Walk map located here. To continue the loop walk go to the left of the map. To start any other Southern Walks follow the track to the right.