

Do Your Pets a Favour . . . Leave them at Home



Information Sheet

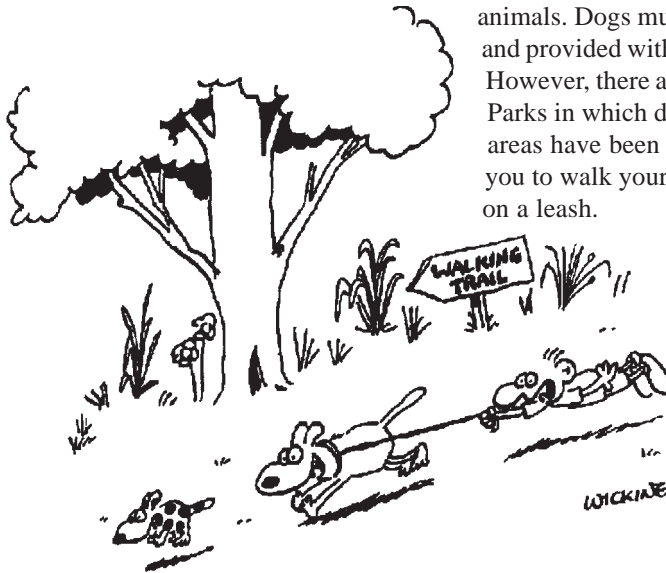
The Parks and Reserves of the Northern Territory are set aside as conservation and recreation areas for you to enjoy and for native animals to live in safety.

To keep our parks as great places for people and native animals, pets are generally *not permitted* in Northern Territory Parks and Reserves.

Exceptions to the Rules:

Seeing and hearing guide dogs are permitted in all Parks. They must however, be held on a leash by the owner at all times and you are required to obtain a permit from the Parks and Wildlife Service before arriving at the Park.

Some Parks have designated areas which are listed on the back of this sheet. Most designated areas are carparks. This allows dog owners to visit some sites with their animals. Dogs must be tied up and provided with water. However, there are also some Parks in which designated areas have been set aside for you to walk your dog, held on a leash.



Rules concerning the taking of pets into Northern Territory Parks and Reserves have become necessary because:

- dogs and cats are hunters by nature and will kill native birds and animals if given a chance;
- barking dogs scare native animals and annoy visitors;
- pets can foul picnic areas, creating a health hazard.

Our National Parks are the best chance that wildlife has of surviving in today's world. Contribute to the conservation effort by leaving your pets at home.

Dogs may be used during the hunting season in Northern Territory Hunting Reserves. You must obtain a permit from the Parks and Wildlife Service first and keep all dogs on a leash when not hunting.

The three designated hunting reserves are:

*Harrison Dam
Howard Springs Hunting Reserve
Lambells Lagoon.*

Before you visit Northern Territory Parks and Reserves, check with the local Parks and Wildlife office. Be sure of the conditions relating to pets in the Parks you are visiting.

Park visitors found to be in breach of these regulations are subject to on-the-spot fines.

Where Can I Leave my Pet?

If it is necessary for your pet to travel with you, it makes sense to check ahead and see where you can leave them whilst visiting certain Parks.

A range of dog kennels and catteries exist near most major towns. Advice on these facilities can be obtained from local regional Tourism Associations;

- Tourism Top End - (08) 8936 2499,
- Katherine Visitor Centre - (08) 8972 2650,
- Barkly Tourism - 1800 500 897 or (08) 8962 3388,
- Central Australian Tourism - (08) 8952 5800,

or by phoning the NT Tourism Information HELPLINE on 1 800 621 336.

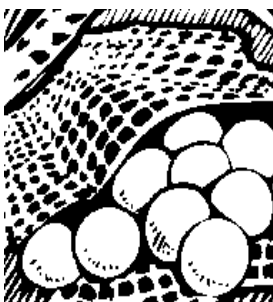
Separate rules apply for taking horses, donkeys, mules and camels (or any other animals) into Northern Territory Parks and Reserves. For further information contact the regional offices listed below.



Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory

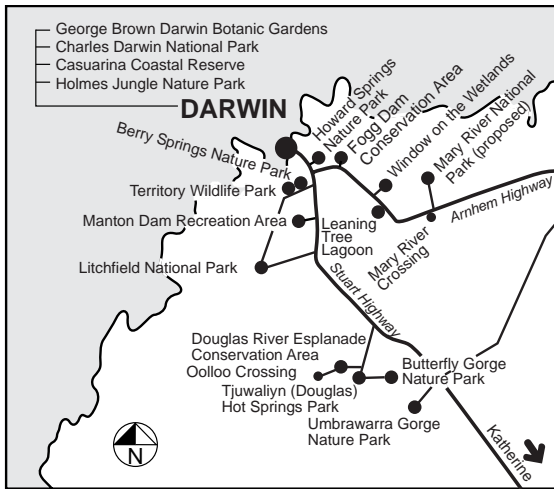
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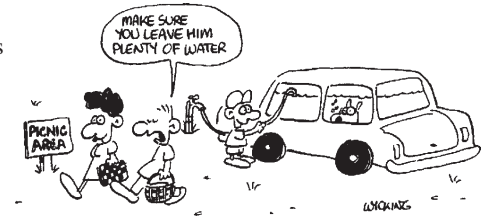
Where can I take my Pets in Territory Parks?

Dogs may only be taken into designated areas in the following Parks and Reserves. It is your responsibility to check signs or find out from the Park Ranger where designated areas are within the Park or Reserve.



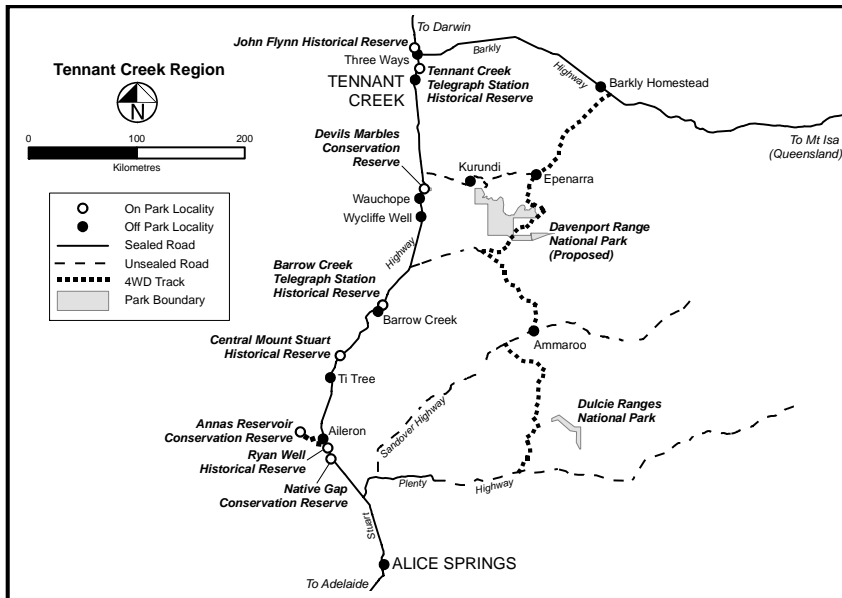
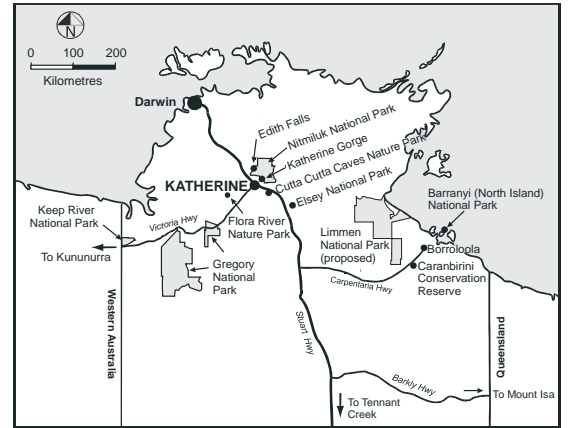
Darwin Region

George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens
 Casuarina Coastal Reserve
 Holmes Jungle Nature Park
 Leaning Tree Lagoon Nature Park
 Mary River Crossing
 Ooloo Crossing



Katherine Region

Gregory National Park
 Victoria River Depot Historical Reserve



Tennant Creek - Alice Springs Regions

Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historical Reserve
 Attack Creek Historical Reserve
 Chambers Pillar Historical Reserve
 Central Mt Stuart Historical Reserve
 Devils Marbles Conservation Reserve
 Emily and Jessie Gaps Nature Park
 Heavitree Gap Police Station Historical Reserve
 Henbury Meteorites Conservation Reserve
 John Flynn's Grave Historical Reserve
 John Flynn Historical Reserve
 Junction Reserve
 Owen Springs Reserve
 Ryan Well Historical Reserve
 Tennant Creek Telegraph Station
 Watarrka National Park

