

# Keep River National Park



## Fact Sheet


**Experience Keep River National Park, it may be small but there is lots to see and do. Located 468 kilometres from Katherine, it sits right on the Territory's border with Western Australia.**

**Access** (see map overleaf)  
The Park entrance is 3 km east of the NT/WA border. The 2WD gravel roads to the main attractions may be corrugated. Roads are closed at times due to flooding between November and April.


Find out Park road conditions by phoning the Parks and Wildlife offices listed below. Other road conditions are available by phoning 1800 246 199, or checking the road conditions website: [www.roadreport.nt.gov.au](http://www.roadreport.nt.gov.au)

**When to Visit**  
The most comfortable months to visit the Park are from May to August when temperatures range between 10°C and 35°C. However, while the weather is warmer and wetter during the rest of the year, the wetlands become spectacular, the woodlands lush and the campgrounds quieter between November and April.

**What to See and Do**  
Aboriginal sites, spectacular geology and many different habitats feature in Keep River National Park. The geological formations are particularly spectacular and walks from both campgrounds offer opportunities to explore this unique landscape. Sandstone habitats host notable species like the Short-eared Rock-wallaby, White-quilled Rock-pigeon and Sandstone Shrike-thrush.

 **Aboriginal sites** - The *Miriwoong* and *Gajirrabeng* people have lived in this area for thousands of years. Scattered throughout the Park are sites containing evidence of their


occupation. You can visit an interesting structure on Ginger's Hill, and see paintings at Langgerrbi (Nigli Gap) at Jarnem. Jenemoom has paintings and other traces of the *Miriwoong* people's long occupation.

 **Walking**  
**Ginger's Hill walk** - This easy (200 m return) walk leads to a stone structure typical of many built by Aboriginal groups through the region. Its purpose is revealed at the top of the hill.

**Goorrandalng Walk** - leaving from the campground is a 2 km (1 hour, Grade 3 - moderate) walk that weaves through the sandstone. It presents magnificent views of rock formations and experiences of the sandstone habitat.

**Jenemoom Walk** - This 3 km, (2 hour, Grade 3 - moderate) walk follows the bed of the Keep River to a site once used by the *Miriwoong* people as a wet season shelter. See evidence of their occupation in a midden containing the remains of many meals over many years.

**Jarnem Walks** - A 7 km loop track gives you three walk options from the Jarnem campground - the complete loop (allow 3 h - Grade 4), walk to the lookout and back (5.5 km, 2 h return - Grade 4), or walk to the art site and back (5.2 km, 2 h return - Grade 3). The views from the lookout are particularly stunning in the early morning and late afternoon light.


**Visitor Facilities**  
 **Woorrilbem / Cockatoo Lagoon and Information Centre** - visit the Information Centre to find out more about the Park. It has a picnic area and is close to *Woorrilbem / Cockatoo Lagoon*, a great place to watch birds.

## Safety and Comfort

- Observe park safety signs
- Carry and drink plenty of water
- Wear a shady hat, sunscreen and insect repellent
- Wear suitable clothing and footwear
- Carry a first aid kit
- Avoid strenuous activity during the heat of the day
- Ensure your vehicle is well maintained and equipped
- Do not swim - Estuarine Crocodiles may inhabit waterways, observe warning signs

## Please Remember

- Take your rubbish away with you - bins are not provided
- Keep to designated roads and tracks
- All cultural items and wildlife are protected
- Pets are not permitted in the Park
- Nets, traps and firearms are not permitted
- Take care with fire, light fires only in fireplaces provided
- Camp only in designated camping areas
- Collect firewood before arriving at your picnic or campsite
- Generators are **only** permitted at Goorrandalng campground and must be turned off by 8.30pm
- Check that your vehicle is not transporting pests like weeds and cane toads.

 **Camping** - There are two camping areas - one at Goorrandalng, 18 km from the Park entrance, the other at Jarnem, 32 km from the entrance. Camping facilities include tables, wood-fired barbecues and pit toilets. Drinking water is available at Jarnem and along the road just past the Ranger Station turnoff (see map overleaf).

## Parks & Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory

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