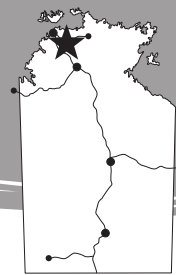


Window on the Wetlands Visitor Centre



Fact Sheet

Take in the view from Window on the Wetlands Visitor Centre, the highest point on the lower Adelaide River floodplain.

From the top floor of the Centre enjoy superb views across the floodplains, especially during the early morning or late afternoon. Wet season views of the flooded wetlands can often be accompanied by spectacular lightning storms.

Limilngan-Wulna people speak for this land. Known as *Ludawei*, this site is an important part of their culture. The three hills represent Turtle Dreaming, called LULAK.

The name Beatrice Hill was given to the site on the June 6 1864, by naval officers surveying the Adelaide River on board HMS Beatrice.

Northern Coastal Wetlands

The Adelaide River is one of eight rivers in the Top End with large floodplains in their catchments. Together, their floodplains create a great expanse of coastal wetlands, one of the rarest and most threatened land systems in the world. They are collectively known as the northern coastal wetlands.

The Arnhem Highway takes you across five of the eight rivers as you travel between Darwin and Jabiru. The catchments of these rivers are not separate from one another, especially those east of Darwin.

Their lower reaches almost join up in the wet season. Large native animals like wallabies move between catchments. Unfortunately so do weeds and feral animals, such as pigs and buffalo.

The Visitor Centre

Window on the Wetlands Visitor Centre provides an introduction to the northern coastal wetlands. Details of places to visit and activities in the immediate area are available from local guides at the visitor centre.

Interactive displays offer an insight into the ecological processes that occur in the wetlands, seasonal changes and the problems of feral animals and weeds.

Guides can help you with detailed information on wildlife and on local Aboriginal and European history.

Cultural Activities

Cultural talks, activities, demonstrations and refreshments are available. It is essential to book for these additional services, fees apply. For bookings and further information: phone 8988 8188.

Entry is free.

Opening hours - 8.00 am - 5.30 pm daily. Front entry gates locked at 5.30pm.

Access

Travel approximately 60 km from Darwin along the Stuart and Arnhem Highways. You'll easily see the upswept line of

Safety and Comfort

- Carry and drink plenty of water.
- Wear a shady hat, sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Wear suitable clothing and footwear.
- Avoid strenuous activity during the heat of the day.
- Beware of theft. Lock vehicles and secure valuables.

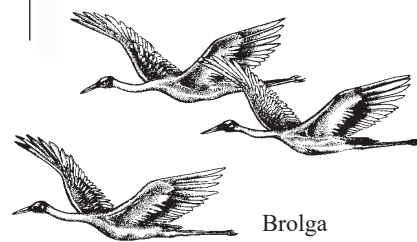
Please Remember

- Put your rubbish in the bin or take it away with you.
- Keep to designated roads and tracks.
- All cultural items and wildlife are protected.
- Camping is not permitted.
- Pets are not permitted.
- Check that your vehicle is not transporting pests like weeds and Cane Toads.

the Visitors Centre roof, which reflects the contours of the hills in the area.

Parking - there is quite a steep walk from the car park to the entrance of the Visitor Centre. A drop-off area is provided at the entrance for less able passengers.

Whilst visiting Window on the Wetlands why not also enjoy Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve and/or Djukbinj National Park. Maps and other fact sheets are available.



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