Picturesque waterfalls and great swimming are the well known features of this section of the Jawoyn-owned Nitmiluk National Park. While Nitmiluk’s landscape changes from lush green in the wet season (November - April), to sparse and brown late in the dry season, there is always refreshing water to enjoy at Leliyn.

Access (see map overleaf)
Leliyn can be reached by following the Stuart Highway north from Katherine for 40 km then following a sealed road for another 20 km.

When to Visit
The most comfortable and popular months to visit the Park are from May to September. Periodic flooding can cut access to Leliyn for short periods in the wet season.

What to See and Do
Walking - There are two walks at Leliyn.

Leliyn Trail
Distance: 2.6 km loop
Time: 1 hour
Grade: 3 - moderate
This circuit walk ascends a hill then drops to cross the upper pool above the falls. It then climbs up the other side of the falls before descending to the level of the main pool where there is a river crossing. Views of the waterfalls and Edith River from two lookouts are a feature of this walk. So is swimming in the upper pool. Wet season conditions can limit access, reducing the walk to a return trip to the first lookout and top pool.

Sweetwater Pool
Distance: 8.6 km return
Time: day or overnight
Grade: 4 - mod - difficult
This walk leads to a fantastic swimming spot. It can be done as a day or overnight walk. There are toilets at the Sweetwater Pool camping area.

Swimming
Swimming is the most popular pastime at Leliyn. Both the lower and upper pools are excellent swimming spots, as is Sweetwater Pool. They may be closed due to dangerous conditions at times during the wet season. Picnic and camping facilities are provided at the Falls. Gas barbecues and tables, and toilet and shower facilities are provided for your use. There is a kiosk where you can obtain your permit for camping at Sweetwater, purchase food and drinks.

Camping - Leliyn has a landscaped campground with unpowered sites. Generators are not permitted. Camping fees apply and should be paid at the kiosk near the picnic area. When the kiosk is open, campers should pay fees before setting up camp. After hours visitors should find a site and pay fees at the kiosk the next day. The campground does become full during the peak tourist season (June to Sept), and sites are issued on a “first in first served” basis.

Flora and Fauna
You can see three main habitats at Leliyn: the sandstone escarpment, riverine corridor and open eucalypt woodland. Each habitat is within a short walking distance of the carpark. Several species of interest are found in this part of Nitmiluk, including the stunning Gouldian Finch and Hooded Parrot. The shy Black Wallaroo has also been recorded in the area.

Gouldian Finch
Erythrura gouldiae

Safety and Comfort
- Observe park safety signs
- Swim only where recommended, observe warning 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

Please Remember
- Take your rubbish away with you
- 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
- Fires are not permitted in this Park
- Avoid using soaps and detergent in or near waterways
- Camp only in designated camping areas
- Generators are not permitted in this Park
- No fishing is permitted.
- Check that your vehicle is not transporting pests like weeds and cane toads.
For more information see our website: www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au or contact Katherine Visitor Centre on (08) 8972 2650