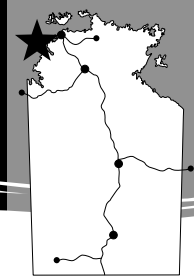


Channel Point Coastal Reserve



Fact Sheet

Channel Point Coastal Reserve is a small intact sample of the Territory's isolated coastline, just waiting for you to explore.

It protects 250 ha of coastal habitats opposite the Peron Islands, between the Daly River mouth and Channel Point where there just happens to be some very good fishing spots. Wadjigan and Kiuk people are the Aboriginal Traditional Owners for this area.

Access

You need a Visitor Permit, campsite booking and access key to visit the Reserve whether you arrive by car or boat. See page 3 for Visitor Permit Information.

The Reserve is about 240 km south west of Darwin. Travel to Litchfield National Park either via the sealed roads from Batchelor, or via the Cox Peninsula Road and Litchfield National Park Road.

Once in Litchfield, turn west off the sealed park road just north of Wangi Falls, and travel 67 km along the unsealed Marindja (Labelle/Twin Hills) road to the Reserve. *See map back page.*

When to Visit

The Reserve is usually open May to October, or for a longer period if road conditions allow.

What to See and Do

Visitors who will enjoy the Reserve most are self sufficient anglers with a well equipped 4WD vehicle and boat, who are experienced with Top End coastal winds and waters, shallow seas and large tidal ranges.


From the Reserve, anglers can access the waters of Anson Bay, including the Daly River mouth.


Visitors without boats who like isolated coastal views, beach walks, mangroves, monsoon forests and woodlands will also enjoy the Reserve.


Where not to go

Visitors must not enter Aboriginal Land Trust areas (which includes the intertidal waters and creeks), including the Bulgul Community and Peron Islands without a Northern Land Council permit (penalty \$1,264).

Safety Issues

 **No Swimming** - Saltwater Crocodiles and Box Jellyfish inhabit these waters. Launch and retrieve boats with caution. Carry vinegar in case of Box Jellyfish stings.

 **Biting Insects** - Biting insects are part of the coastal web of life, especially when nearby wetlands are still wet. Wear protective long loose clothing and apply insect repellent. Bring a large mozzie-proof tent to retreat into if necessary.

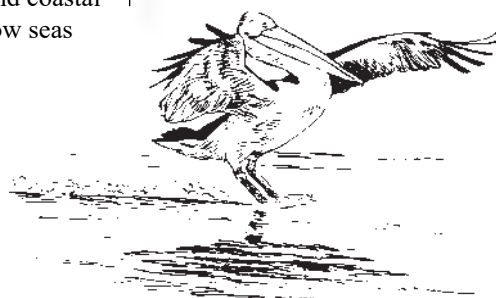
 **Cliffs** - Be aware of the cliff edge close to the campground. Use a torch when walking at night.

Safety and Comfort

- No swimming - crocodile and box jellyfish habitat.
- Ensure your vehicle and boat are well maintained and equipped.
- Carry and drink plenty of water.
- Carry sufficient food and fuel.
- Carry a first aid kit, vinegar and communication equipment.
- Wear suitable clothing and footwear, a shady hat, sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Avoid strenuous activity in the heat of the day.
- Observe all park signage.

Please Remember

- Display your permit on the dashboard of your vehicle.
- A permit is required for Drone use - conditions apply and it must be obtained prior to your arrival in the reserve.
- Camp only in your pre-booked site in designated camping areas.
- Collect fallen firewood only.
- Only light fires in communal fire places. Keep fires small.
- Generators must be turned off between 10 pm and 6 am.
- Don't litter on land or sea, take your rubbish away to recycle.
- Don't bury fish waste, return it to deep waters or take it away.
- All cultural items, animals and plants are protected.
- Observe fishing regulations.
- Nets, traps and firearms are not permitted (cast nets, crab pots and hand spears excepted).
- Pets are not permitted.
- Check that your vehicle is not transporting weeds and pests like Siam Weed and Cane Toads.
- Motor bikes and quad bikes are not permitted.
- Keep to designated roads and tracks.
- Do not enter Channel Point Community residential area.
- Do not enter Aboriginal Land and Sea Country.



Australian Pelican
Pelecanus conspicillatus

Parks & Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory

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nt.gov.au/park-bookings
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PALMERSTON NT 0831

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25 Chung Wah Terrace,
Palmerston, NT, 0830
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Visitor Facilities

Boating - there is a hard surface boatramp. Depending on the size of your boat you will need a tide of greater than 3.5 metres to launch safely. Local tides are 20-30 minutes earlier than Darwin tides, with a tidal range of 8 metres. Check tide charts (www.bom.gov.au/oceanography/tides) and weather forecasts before you leave home to ensure your safety.

Information - signage at the boatramp carpark orientates you to the Reserve and Anson Bay including depths at lowest tides.

Unisex Composting Toilets and Showers - are located within walking distance of the campground.

Camping - The designated camping area is 500 metres away from the boatramp on top of the beach cliffs. The ten sites are unpowered and designed for cars pulling boat trailers.

Bore Water is available at the boatramp, please use sparingly and turn tap off after use.

Generators are permitted, but silent packs are preferred. Generators must be turned off between 10 pm and 6 am.

Communal Fireplaces are located in the picnic areas near the campgrounds. Only light fires in the fireplaces provided. Use your own gas stove for cooking at your campsite.



Be prepared for mozzies!

Arrive well equipped

This is an isolated reserve, you'll need to bring: water, food, gas cooking stove, camping gear, tool kit, first aid supplies, footwear, clothing, insect repellent and sunscreen. Make sure your boat and marine equipment meet legal safety requirements outlined at www.nt.gov.au/marine/marine-safety. Fit your boat canopy for shade.

Consider taking a book or some cards for evening activities and binoculars and a camera to catch the beauty of the coast.

Emergency Contacts



The nearest Health Centre is at Batchelor (145 km), phone 8976 0011.

Emergency Services:



- Phone 000 (variable reception) or use your marine communications system (VHF CH16).
- Contact the Rangers via the Emergency Call Device (ECD) located in the boatramp carpark.

There is no permanent ranger presence, however rangers patrol the area regularly.



Tamarind trees have been part of Top End coastal life since the 1700s when Macassan fishermen planted them at their trepang fishing camps. The trees marked their camps and provided shade. They also provided fruits that flavoured their cooking and added Vitamin C to their diet, preventing scurvy.

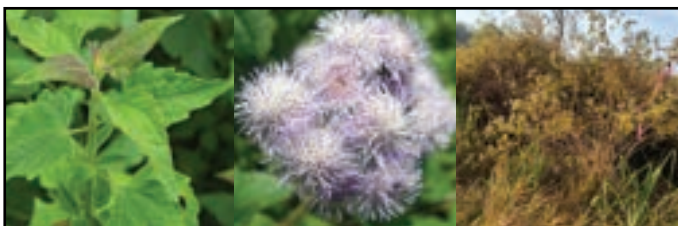
Weed Alert!

Siam weed has been found in the Northern Territory for the first time, along the unsealed road to Channel Point. It is one of the world's worst weeds and a serious threat to all Top End landscapes.

Siam weed seed can easily attach to vehicles and clothing. Help keep fishing and camping areas free of Siam weed. Stay on the track as you travel to and from Channel Point Coastal Reserve.

For more information go to:

www.nt.gov.au/siam



Stem and leaf.

Flowers.

Infestation habitat.

Courtesy Queensland Government.

Tamarind Fish

Ingredients

Cayenne Pepper	small pinch
Tamarind Paste	1 tsp
Coriander Seeds	1/2 tsp
White Cumin Seeds	1/2 tsp
Fresh Coriander	1 tbsp
Garlic Clove	1 crushed
Sea Salt	to taste

Method

1. Blend the tamarind paste and fresh coriander with two tbsp hot water. Put to one side.
2. In a small, heavy frypan dry roast the coriander and cumin seed until aromatic then grind to a powder. Mix all the ingredients together to make the marinade.
3. Pour the marinade over the fish (salmon works well) and leave at least 30 minutes.
4. Grill for 5 minutes or until the flesh flakes. Serve with lemon slices and salad.

Reference: www.seasonedpioneers.co.uk

Permit, Access Key and Gate

Why a Permit System?

Access to the Reserve is restricted by an agreement between the Northern Territory Government and Aboriginal Traditional Owners of the area. A maximum of 10 vehicles or 50 people (which ever comes first) can visit the Reserve at any one time.

Visitor Permits regulate access to this small, isolated, yet potentially very popular Coastal Reserve. They help to maintain the quality of your experience and reduce visitor impacts. Permit holders travel through Aboriginal Land to reach the Reserve however must not enter other Aboriginal land and/or waters over Aboriginal land.

How Much does it Cost?

Camping Fee per night:

- *Adults* \$ 15.00
- *Child (5-15 years)* \$ 8.00
- *Family (2 adults, 4 children)* \$ 38.00

Key Deposit:

(refundable) \$250.00

* **GST Inclusive in all fees**

How far ahead can I book?

You are able to book your trip and campsite six months ahead of the date you wish to visit - the Reserve is usually open May to October, or for a longer period if road conditions allow.

How long can I stay?

As per By-law 8 (3) visitors cannot camp in a camping area for more than 14 days in a 28 day period. No day visits without a permit.

Which Gates to Lock?

Gates outside the Reserve:

Leave them as you find them.

Gate at entrance to Reserve:

Ensure it's locked behind you.

Times to arrive and leave?

Move into a campsite *after* 12 noon on your arrival date. Move out of the campsite *by* 11.00 am on your departure date. Leave no trace of your being in the Reserve.

How do I get my Visitor Permit and Access Key?

You can book in advance, but only six months ahead of the current date. You can only book one visit at a time. Visit nt.gov.au/park-bookings to make a booking.

NOTE: Dates cannot be reserved without payment of Camping Fees.

To make a booking:

- 1 Visit the NT Parks Booking System - create your online account and search for Channel Point.
- 2 Select your camping dates, book and pay online (*you cannot pay the Access Key deposit - this must be paid when you collect your key*).
- 3 Your booking confirmation (Camping Tag) and Visitor Permit will be emailed to you. This tag must be printed and displayed on your vehicles dashboard whilst visiting the Reserve.

From four working days prior to your visit:

- 1 Collect your Access Key from the Parks and Wildlife office at:-
 - Palmerston - Level 4, Goyder Building, 25 Chung Wah Tce, Palmerston, NT.
or by prior arrangement
 - Katherine - 32 Giles Street, Katherine, NT.

Bring your Visitor Permit with you plus photo identification and \$250 Access Key deposit.

The deposit can only be paid by credit card.

How do I get my \$250 Key deposit back?

Return the key to either the Palmerston or Katherine Parks and Wildlife Commission office *by close of business (4 pm) on the key return date specified on your permit (no more than four days after your booking departure)*.

What will my permit conditions be?

The Permit Conditions are detailed on the Visitor Permit you will receive. You must read and ensure that anyone travelling with you is aware of and understands these permit conditions.

Further Information

Online through: nt.gov.au/parks

or contact the Permits Office - Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security,

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