

Barranyi (North Island) National Park



Fact Sheet

Barranyi (North Island) National Park, 5421 ha in area, lies within the Sir Edward Pellew group of islands approximately 30 km from the mouth of the McArthur River and Carrington Channel entrances (refer to marine chart AUST 305).

The island is the traditional home of the *Yanyuwa* Aboriginal people. The Park plays an important role in the preservation and protection of their culture and tradition.

The Park is Aboriginal freehold land and has been leased to the Northern Territory Government for management as a National Park. A local management committee comprised of Parks and Wildlife staff, traditional custodians for the area and residents from Borroloola assist with the management of the Park.

People wishing to visit the Park should become aware of local conditions by contacting the local Parks and Wildlife Commission Rangers or Borroloola police.



Access (see map overleaf) Access is by vessel only, via a 35 kilometre journey along the McArthur River and Carrington Channel to reach Gulf waters.


 The closest launching site for vessels visiting the Park is the boat ramp at King Ash Bay, accessed via Borroloola along a formed gravel road. Small craft regulations applicable to the Northern Territory apply.


Sea conditions vary throughout the year. Moderate to strong southeasterly winds prevail during the dry season, making the shallow waters of the Gulf quite rough and extremely hazardous. The wet season is dominated by northwesterly winds and both cyclones and severe wind squalls

are a possibility. *Care should be exercised when boating in these waters.*

What to See and Do

  **No Swimming** - swimming is not recommended due to the presence of Saltwater Crocodiles, Box Jellyfish and other dangerous sea creatures. **Be Crocwise.**

 **Walking** - The island has numerous long white sandy beaches suitable for walking and beachcombing. The island's interesting mix of sea and land based birds makes it an ideal place for birdwatching. Whilst wandering along the waters edge be aware that Saltwater Crocodiles do inhabit the area.

 **Camping** - is available at Paradise Bay and Mud Bay. Facilities are limited - see map overleaf.

Fishing - The waters around Barranyi National Park are excellent for fishing, whether you're after reef or pelagic varieties. Northern Bluefin Tuna, Spanish Mackerel, Queenfish and many of the trevally family abound for most of the year. Reef fish include Red Emperor, Golden Snapper, Coral Trout, Parrotfish and Large-mouth Sea Perch. If the weather is rough it is possible to fish from the rocks.

Features of the Park

The island has a picturesque coastline with sweeping sandy beaches, small coves and sandstone cliffs. Inland from the coast exposed sites with poor soils support plant communities dominated by low open woodland and sandplain woodplain. A small area of the island support vine-thicket communities where you may find large Fig trees, *Ficus virens*.

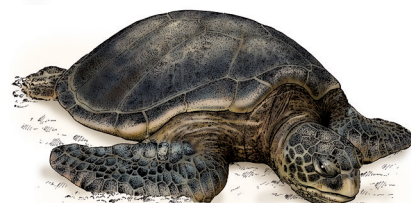
Safety and Comfort

- Swimming is not recommended
- Carry and drink plenty of water
- Wear a shady hat, sunscreen and insect repellent
- Wear suitable clothing and footwear
- Carry a first aid kit
- Ensure your boat is well maintained and equipped.

Please Remember

- Take all rubbish away with you
- Water is available but is not suitable for drinking
- All cultural items and wildlife are protected. The residential area of the traditional owners at Webe Point is out of bounds
- Pets are not permitted in the Park
- Nets, traps and firearms are not permitted
- Take care with fire, light fires only in fireplaces provided
- Avoid using detergent and soap on or near the island.
- Camp only in designated camping areas
- Use firewood sparingly. Gas cookers are preferred
- Generators are not permitted in this Park
- Observe all fishing regulations
- Check that your boat is not transporting pests like weeds and cane toads.

Due to the isolation and lack of feral predators the Park is an important refuge for fauna. The island's beaches provide an important nesting site for four species of marine turtle as well as a resting point for many species of migratory bird.



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