

Litchfield National Park



Swimming

Litchfield National Park has many beautiful designated swimming areas for visitors to enjoy. Florence Falls, Buley Rockhole, Wangi Falls, Walker Creek, Cascades, Tjaynera Falls and Surprise Creek Falls are all great spots for a refreshing dip.

As all these natural waterways are affected by wet season rains, it is important to check for closures prior to your visit. With heavy monsoonal rains (Oct - April), many of these sites are closed due to inaccessible roads, the risk of flash flooding and the possibility of Saltwater (Estuarine) Crocodiles entering the areas. After the wet season these areas are surveyed to determine the absence of saltwater crocodiles before being opened to visitors.

Swimming is an enjoyable activity but remember these simple points to ensure the experience is a safe and pleasurable one.

Safety and Comfort

- Swim only in designated swimming areas - **DO NOT SWIM** in the Reynolds River or roadside creeks.
- Read and comply with all safety and regulation signs on site - **note closures**.
- Wear a shady hat and apply sun screen.
- Children under 12 must be supervised by a responsible adult.
- Always enter water slowly and feet first.

- Glass is **not permitted** in all park waterways.
- Never swim alone.
- Recognise and don't exceed your swimming capabilities.
- Avoid fast running water.

Avoid Serious Injury

- Beware of submerged obstacles in natural waterways.
- Never rush into cold water. Ease your body in slowly to adjust to the temperature.
- Don't dive or jump into pools. This could result in serious injury or death to yourself or others.
- Walk, don't run around water's edge. Rock surfaces may be slippery resulting in a fall.
- Keep an eye on weaker swimmers in your group.
- Inflatable toys and floats should be used with caution and not be substituted for swimming ability.
- Fishing is not permitted at swimming sites.

Community Comfort

- Don't mix alcohol and swimming. Alcohol consumption increases the risk of injury as you can't react as well if you get into trouble.
- Respect other visitors enjoying the area and behave accordingly.

Wet Season (Oct - April)

- Stay out and away from water during thunderstorms.

- If lightning starts seek shelter away from large trees and open areas.

Protect the Park

- Pets are not permitted in the Park.
- Take your rubbish away with you, including cigarette butts.
- Don't disturb rocks and natural features in the area.
- All flora and fauna is protected.
- Water monitor lizards are common in and around the pools. They won't hurt you if you leave them alone.
- Do not feed native animals.
- Comply with all requests and directions from Park Rangers.

In an Emergency



- There are Emergency Call Devices at Florence Falls, Wangi Falls, Tolmer Falls and Sandy Creek (Tjaynera Falls).
- There is no mobile phone coverage throughout Litchfield National Park.

First Aid

- A health clinic is located in Batchelor, east of the Park.

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Swimming in Litchfield

Please observe the following warning signs throughout the Park.

