

# Keep River National Park



## Walking Tracks

There are six diverse walks available for visitors to experience the natural and cultural wonders of Keep River National Park.

For visitors with limited time the most popular walks are the Ginger's Hill and Goorrandalng walks.

**Ginger's Hill Walk**  
**Distance:** 200 m return  
**Time:** allow 15 min  
**Grade:** 2 - easy

A short walk leads to a traditional hawk-hunting hide. Built by a local *Miriwoong* elder, the hide utilised the hunting behaviour of hawks and other birds of prey. Aboriginal hunters would sit in the hide and light a small fire. As the smoke rose attracting the birds they would use a decoy to tempt the hawks to land within their reach. As the bird landed, it was grabbed, pulled in and killed.

**Goorrandalng Walk**  
**Distance:** 2 km loop  
**Time:** allow 1 hour  
**Grade:** 3 - moderate

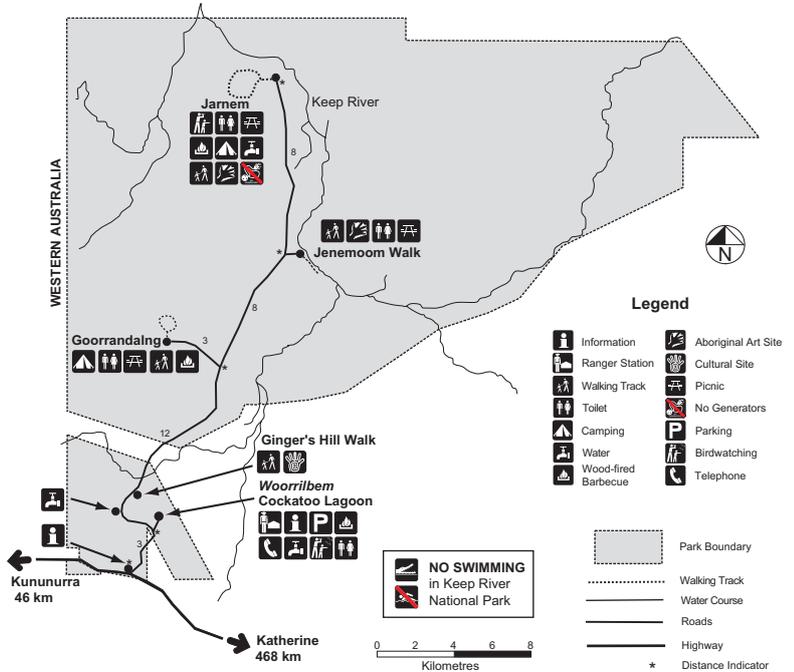
Located at the Goorrandalng campground, this moderate walk wanders through spectacular sandstone habitat. Follow the blue arrows and experience views of honeycomb sandstone formations and learn about the Brolga dreaming. Signs along the way explain about some of the plants and animals that make the Park their home.

**Jenemoom Walk**  
**Distance:** 3 km return  
**Time:** allow 2 hours  
**Grade:** 3 - moderate

Known as Jenemoom by the local *Miriwoong* people, this walk meanders along the bottom of a shallow gorge system where semi-permanent pools of water can remain throughout the year. Abundant bush tucker supported a number of family groups

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demonstrated by individual living shelters and numerous art sites.



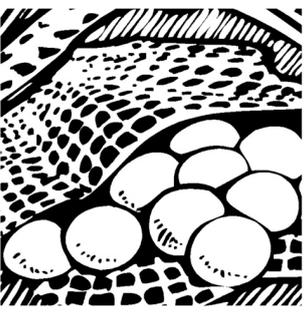
Australian Walking Track Grading System User Guide for Northern Territory Parks				
Grade 1 Easy (Disabled access)	Grade 2 Easy	Grade 3 Moderate	Grade 4 Moderate - Difficult	Grade 5 Difficult
No bushwalking experience required. Flat even surface with no steps or steep sections. Suitable for wheelchair users who have someone to assist them. Walks no greater than 5 km.	No bushwalking experience required. The track is a hardened or compacted surface and may have a gentle hill section or sections and occasional steps. Walks no greater than 10 km.	Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep hill sections a rough surface and many steps. Walks up to 20 km.	Bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may be long, rough and very steep. Directional signage may be limited.	Very experienced bushwalkers with specialised skills, including navigation and emergency first aid. Tracks are likely to be very rough, very steep and unmarked. Walks may be more than 20 km.

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## Jarnem Walks

These three walks all start at the Jarnem campground and stretch through a landscape of honeycomb sandstone and conglomerate hills.

### *Langgerrbi (Nigli Gap) Walk*

**Distance:** 6 km return

**Time:** allow 2 hours

**Grade:** 2 - easy

This walk heads west across the blacksoil floodplain before entering *Langgerrbi (Nigli Gap)* and following the base of the Jarnem escarpment.

Natural archways, gorges, balancing rocks and caves were all formed by the effects of wind and water erosion on the soft pockets of sandstone.

### *Jarnem Loop Walk*

**Distance:** 6.5 km loop

**Time:** allow 3.5 hours

**Grade:** 4 - moderate to difficult

This walk links the Lookout and *Langgerrbi (Nigli Gap)* walks and should be completed in an anti-clockwise direction. Continuing on from the Lookout turnoff, the track wanders down the hill across the eucalypt woodland heading towards the Jarnem escarpment. Smaller but similar to the Bungle Bungles in Western Australia, the soft sedimentary sandstone provided food, water and shelter for the local *Miriwoong* people. Several aboriginal paintings are visible at *Langgerrbi (Nigli Gap)*.

### *Jarnem Lookout Walk*

**Distance:** 4.6 km return

**Time:** allow 2.5 hours

**Grade:** 4 - moderate to difficult

At the *Langgerrbi (Nigli Gap)* intersection turn right and follow the trail as it winds its way along the base of the range. A steep climb following the natural creekline leads to a saddle where track markers direct you to the lookout and breathtaking views of the Keep River floodplain, Jarnem escarpment and *Miriwoong* dreaming trail.

## Overnight Walks

Overnight walks are permitted only under prior arrangement with the Ranger staff. A permit is required.

