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# EXPLORE THE KATHERINE REGION VISITOR GUIDE

MATARANKA – NITMILUK GORGE – PINE CREEK



Baruwei Walk Lookout

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When crossing from Queensland into the Northern Territory you need to put your clocks back ½ hour. Neither place has daylight saving.

South Australia and the Northern Territory usually share the same time, except from October to March, SA is one hour ahead.

If crossing from Western Australia into the Northern Territory add one and a half hours.

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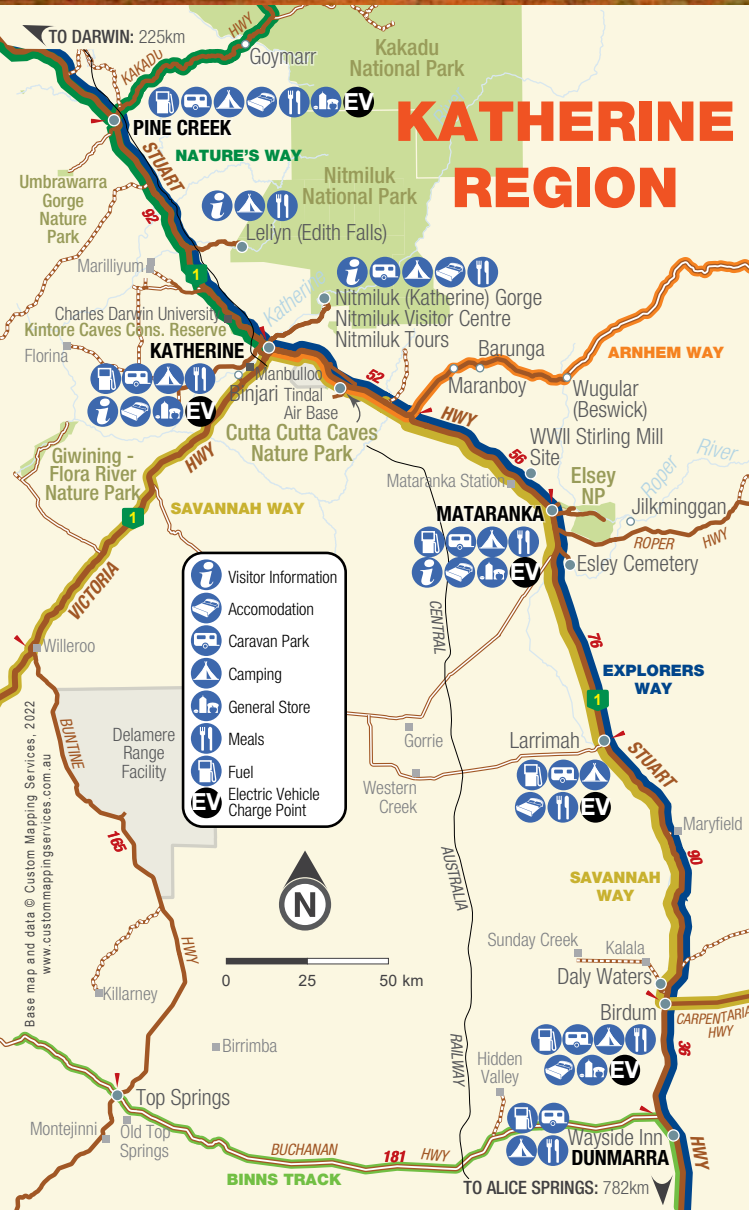
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## DID YOU KNOW?

Airbags go off with leg-breaking force -  
**DON'T PUT YOUR FEET ON THE DASHBOARD!**



# MATARANKA

Explore the Esley National Park, with thermal springs, historic writers and pioneers. And fish!

Mataranka Thermal Pools

Mataranka is a small pastoral town, made famous by the novel *“We of the Never Never”*, written by Jeannie Gunn. The story is about the nearby Elsey Station, written in 1908, and an autobiographical novel about the author’s experiences and daily life, in 1902 at the station.

Along the main street of Mataranka offers plenty of reasons to stop in and top up for a few days of adventure.



Mataranka Thermal Pools

Wander through the ‘Never Never’ Museum, browse the displays of local Aboriginal custodians, the Mangarayi and Yangman people.

Interpretive displays will show the importance of the Overland Telegraph Line construction, the North Australian Railway and the World War II influences. Located behind the Roper Gulf Regional Council office, keys can be collected from the Rural Transaction Centre during business hours.





*Homestead Replica*

Across the road from the Museum offers plenty of parking and a great park with skate park, tables and chairs and toilets. Scattered through the park on the northern end are assorted statues depicting the people from the Elsey Station in 1902, including Aeneas Gunn and wife Jeannie and a young girl known affectionately as 'The Little Black Princess' and her dog.

Approximately 13kms north of the Mataranka a historic site lays just off the road. The WWII Stirling Mill was in operation in 1942 and was important during the construction of the Gorrie Aerodrome, 10kms north of Larrimah.



*Termite Mound sculpture*

## MATARANKA DRY SEASON MARKETS

May - September  
SUNDAYS 9AM

**#ExploreMataranka**

**#ExploreOz**

**BP MATARANKA ROADHOUSE AND CABINS** is your one stop shop to fuel up and stock up. Including a wonderful art gallery, fantastic coffee & café area, all your necessary travel supplies, you can even check out their great range of camping and fishing gear.



### The one stop shop, at the north end of town

- Café & takeaway food
- Grocery store
- Fishing & camping gear
- Art gallery
- Clean amenities
- Best coffee & pies in town!

**Ph: 08 8975 4571     [matarankaroadhouse.com.au](http://matarankaroadhouse.com.au)**  
**10 Roper St Mataranka NT**





Elsey Cemetery National Park

## ELSEY NATIONAL PARK

This is a popular place for boating and fishing fans, who come to enjoy the joys of the serene Roper River. With ramps at 4 Mile and 12 Mile offering and easy launch for your canoe or boat you can easily spend a day paddling, fishing and exploring this stunning river.

Follow one of the park's bushwalks along the course of the river and pass through pockets of rainforests, discovering the park's riverine and rainforest species, on the easy Botanical Walk.

A visit to the Elsey Homestead Replica will help you understand how isolated and hard life was for the early settlers. Built in the 1980's for the film adaptation of the novel, the building is a reconstruction of the original homestead. This was faithfully replicated with every detail, including the hand-hewn local cypress pine.

Explore the Old Elsey Cemetery, just south of Mataranka, with graves dating back to 1926, with many final resting places of the local characters written about in the novel.

## HOW MANY SPECIES IN ELSEY NATIONAL PARK?



150+ Birds



32+ Mammals



15 Frogs



15+ Fish



50+ Reptiles

**TERRITORY MANOR MOTEL & CARAVAN PARK** located on the north end of town, offers comfortable rammed earth motel rooms and shady caravan park sites. With a restaurant with indoor or outdoor dining options, this is a great central spot to park up for a few days.



**TERRITORY MANOR**  
MOTEL & CARAVAN PARK



SWIMMING POOL



BIRDWATCHING



BARBECUE



LAUNDRY



PETS FRIENDLY

08 8975 4516

51 Martin Rd, Mataranka  
[www.territorymanor.com.au](http://www.territorymanor.com.au)





Bitter Springs

## BITTER SPRINGS

A short 2km drive off the Stuart Highway, Bitter Springs is a must do, for a dip or a day to two. Along the Roper River, discover clear thermal springs, famous for the blue highlights and clear waters. Set amongst tropical woodlands including paperbark forests and near pristine stands of the *Livistona mariae* fan palm, throughout the Elsey Park there are over 300 plant species.



The thermal pools in the park, has spring water rising from under the ground, at a rate of 30.5 million litres per day. The 34°C water is then contained in pools surrounded by paperbark and palm forests.



**BITTERSPPRINGS CABINS & CAMPING**, a quiet peaceful place where you can fish on the banks of The Little Roper River or enjoy the clear waters of Bitter Springs a short walk away. Base yourself here for at least a few days for great amenities and comfortable cabins.



### Caravans & Camping Cabins • Pets Welcome!

(08) 8975 4838 • [bitterspringscabins.com.au](http://bitterspringscabins.com.au)  
255 Martin Road, Bitter Springs



Cutta Cutta Caves

## CUTTA CUTTA CAVES NATURE PARK

Accessed from the Stuart Highway, approximately 75kms north of Mataranka and only 30kms south of Katherine, the Cutta Cutta Caves are set within nearly 1500 hectares of Nature Park. They are the only publicly accessible example of limestone caves in Australia! Enjoy a tour through the caves with Nitmiluk Tours. \*Fee applies

Formed millions of years ago these caves are about 15 metres below the surface and are still growing today. The karst landscape contains many nooks and crannies which shelter wildlife during the heat of day. Dominated by tropical savannah, enjoy the short 20 minute Tropical Woodland walk, beginning near the car park. The 650 m Karst Walk to the caves is accessible only to those going on a tour.

Cutta Cutta is a Jawoyn name for many stars. It was forbidden for Aboriginal people to enter the cave system. They believed this is where the stars were kept at night.

A stockman found the main cave in about 1900, naming it Smith's Cave, but during World War II servicemen renamed it 16 Mile Cave.

### WILDLIFE

Birds like the Common koels, Figbirds and Bowerbirds help disperse seeds and pollinate flowers along the rainforest floor. You may be lucky to see the Hooded Parrot or the endangered Gouldian Finch. Various Lizards and the harmless Brown Tree Snake are often seen with 5 species of bats, including Ghost & Horseshoe that are rarely seen. Keep a look out for Euro, Agile Wallaby and Antilopine Wallaroo.



Gouldian Finch



Delve 15 meters below the surface to discover the amazing limestone caves. (Enclosed shoes are mandatory - no thongs, crocs, sandals, hiking sandals) Guided Tours are the only way in which to see the Cutta Cutta cave. 27 kms south of Katherine



[nitmiluktours.com.au](http://nitmiluktours.com.au)

Tour Times 9am 10am 11am 1pm 2pm 3pm

1300 146 743



# KATHERINE

Where the outback meets the tropics, offering a mix of recent history and a story rich in culture



Katherine has a fascinating history. Ancient Aboriginal culture blends with more recent European settlement, combining to make this town and surrounding region the special place that it is today. Situated on the Katherine River, 320kms southeast of Darwin, Katherine is known as the place where “the outback meets the tropics” and is the central hub of the Savannah Way, which stretches from Cairns in Queensland, right across to Broome, W.A. The traditional lands of the Jawoyn, Dagoman & Wardaman Aboriginal peoples converge here, a meeting place for the indigenous people for thousands of years where ancient art and sacred sites abound.

The town site of Katherine, originally an 1870 settlement on the south bank of the river for which it was named (the present Knott’s Crossing) moved 3km downstream to the north bank. This location was named Emungalan (the indigenous name for “Place of Stone”) and a railhead for the North Australian Railway operated here from 1917 to 1926. This township quickly grew to 200 people, 90% of whom were male!

The construction of the high-level railway bridge in 1926 established the final location of Katherine town, back on the south bank. Very little remains of Emungalan other than a small cemetery and a few building relics. This final settlement included a new railway station, and the town became an important transportation link. The Great Depression era followed, bringing many challenges, which continued through until World War II.

**KATHERINE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE** is your first stop to find out how to make the most of your time. Local staff are passionate about their region and happy to help book all the exciting things to experience in the Katherine region. With easy caravan parking adjacent to the centre, on the corner of Lindsay and First Street, and a relaxed and cool centre with plenty of information at your fingertips, make sure you call in for expert advice.



**Book  
accommodation  
and tours**

**Katherine Visitor  
Information Centre**

**(08) 8972 2650**

visitor@ktc.nt.gov.au  
www.visitkatherine.com.au  
Crn Lindsay St & Stuart Hwy





*The Ghan*

**JOHN MCDOUALL STUART** passed through the region in 1862. Within 10 years the Katherine Telegraph Station was built. The completed Overland Telegraph Line bisected Australia and laid the groundwork for the railway from Adelaide to Darwin which commenced in 1878 but wasn't completed till 2004!

**KATHERINE RAILWAY** works were intended to link Darwin (then known as Palmerston) with Port Augusta in the south. The line made it to Pine Creek in 1889, Katherine in 1926, and 8km south of Larrimah in 1929, but work ceased, and the line closed in 1976. The dream of the north-south line languished until that final section was finished through to Alice Springs in 2004, enabling passengers to travel all the way through from Adelaide to Darwin on the famous 'Ghan.'

**WORLD WAR II** saw a significant military presence in the NT, to protect Australia's northern shore from the outbreak of war in the Pacific Ocean. Katherine became the southern most point of bombing by Japanese aircraft, resulting in the largest bomb crater in Australia!

**THE HIGH-LEVEL BRIDGE** was constructed in 1976, at the cost of a million dollars. Finally, there was a reliable means of vehicle crossing of the Katherine River. The bridge was the highest road bridge built anywhere in the Northern Territory and still provides reliable crossing to larger vehicles and road trains to this day. The bridge was named the Eugene Betti bridge after one of the construction foremen in 1991.

**KATHERINE AQUATIC CENTRE** offers visitors a well-equipped facility with the 50m, 6 lane lap pool at a year-round comfortable temperature between 27 - 32 degrees. With a toddler/baby pool, water park for the big and little kids, BBQ area, shade areas and lots of parking, enjoy a safe and family fun time while you keep yourself cool!

## Katherine Aquatic Centre

**May to October**  
(Hours change in wet season)  
**Monday–Friday**  
11am - 7pm  
**Sat / Sun / Public Holidays**  
11am - 4pm

(08) 8972 1944

katherineaquaticcentre.com.au  
2525 Stuart Hwy







Eugene Betti Bridge

# THE KATHERINE RIVER

This important river was named by John McDouall Stuart on 4th July 1862, after the second daughter of pastoralist James Chambers, one of the expedition’s sponsors. Its head waters are in the Nitmiluk National Park and follows through the town, also a major tributary of the Daly River. The Katherine River drops around 384m over its total length of 328kms.

Floods have been recorded throughout the years and major ones in 1957 with another in the main street in 1974.

In late January 1998, after heavy rain associated with Cyclone Les, producing 400ml of rainfall in a 48 hour period, the level of the river was raised by more than 21 metres and flooded a large part of the town. This caused the evacuation of two thirds of the community and major devastation.

In April 2006 a state of emergency was declared with the river peaking at 19 metres at the Katherine Bridge, on the Stuart Highway.



Katherine River level - March 2022

With much of Katherine’s history being tied up in the railway - the site of Katherine itself was moved twice during the railways construction, finding it’s eventual home in 1926.

**#ExploreKatherine**

**#ExploreOz**

## KATHERINE AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	32.6°	32.3°	32.6°	32.9°	31.2°	29°	29.4°	21.3°	35.1°	37°	36.4°	34.6°
Low	24.7°	24.4°	24°	22.8°	19.9°	17°	16.5°	17.6°	21.8°	24.7°	25.5°	25.4°

### FOR INJURED WILDLIFE CONTACT

(08) 89 886 121 or 0408 885 341



Katherine Hot Springs

# ATTRACTIONS

Add adventure, culture and fascinating historic sites together, and you'll make lasting memories

## KATHERINE HOT SPRINGS

Only 5 minute drive from the Katherine Post Office, you can enjoy a refreshing dip in thermal springs.

These natural springs are tucked into the banks of the Katherine River. Comprising of a series of clear pools, the first top pool is the direct source of the spring.

The water is clear with an average temperate being between 25-30 degrees Celsius, varying throughout slightly during the day. Enjoy a refreshing swim and relax in the thermal waters.

Enjoy a swim in the pools before, or after, a stroll along a scenic walking trail, that is well signed and informative.

Relax with an afternoon picnic in a large, shaded grass area, with facilities including tables, chairs, toilets and a Pop Up Café, and plenty of room for young ones to release some energy.



The main pool has a wheelchair access ramp, stainless steel hand rails and steps formed out of rock.

**Open: Daily - 7am to 7pm**

*Please Note: Access to the Katherine Hot Springs may be restricted during the Wet Season (September - April) dependent on river levels.*

**#ExploreKatherine**

**#ExploreOz**



Katherine Hot Springs





Katherine Helicopters

## KATHERINE HELICOPTERS

is a helicopter tour operator based in Katherine, Northern Territory. Operating two Bell Helicopters we offer a range of services, from tour flights up the serene Katherine Gorge to bespoke Heli-Fishing trips throughout the Top End of Australia. With the ability to carry up to six passengers in one aircraft, Katherine Helicopters are sure to be able to cater for all your helicopter needs.







☎ 0400 770 204

📷 @katherinehelicopters

📱 /katherinehelicopters

🌐 [www.katherinehelicopters.com](http://www.katherinehelicopters.com)

**A locally owned family business offering helicopter scenic flights throughout Katherine and the Top End.**

- Katherine Gorge
- 17 Mile Valley
- Edith Falls
- Kakadu
- Remote Landing at Sunset with Champagne and Cheese Platter
- Luxury Dinner Drop Off at Kumbidgee Restaurant





Barunga Festival

## KATHERINE REGION EVENTS 2022

 Check the Explore Katherine Facebook page for any date changes

### APRIL 2022

#### Daly Waters Campdraft & Rodeo

28 April – 1 May

#### 34th Big Horse Barra Classic

30 April – 1 May

[kgfc.net.au](http://kgfc.net.au)

### MAY 2022

#### Mataranka Never Never Festival

13 – 15 May

[matarankaneverneverfestival.com.au](http://matarankaneverneverfestival.com.au)

#### Mataranka Rodeo

14 May

#### Katherine Run Festival

21 May

#### Junk Fashion Parade & Outdoor Film

26 May

[katherineregionalarts.org.au](http://katherineregionalarts.org.au)

#### Metal Band Music Night

27 May

[gyracc.org.au](http://gyracc.org.au)

#### ASH Katherine Campdraft

27 – 29 May

[www.ashsnt.com](http://www.ashsnt.com)

### JUNE 2022

#### KRA Junk Festival 2022

4 June

[katherineregionalarts.org.au](http://katherineregionalarts.org.au)



#### Katherine Pride Festival

17 – 19 June

[topendpride.com.au](http://topendpride.com.au)

#### Edith Falls Triathlon

18 June

[kmsc.com.au](http://kmsc.com.au)

#### Malandarri Festival Borroloola

24 – 25 June

[artbacknt.com.au](http://artbacknt.com.au)

### JULY 2022

#### Territory Day

July 1

[territoryday.nt.gov.au](http://territoryday.nt.gov.au)

#### NAIDOC Week Celebrations

3 – 10 July

[www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au)

#### Katherine Show

12 – 16 July

[www.katherineshow.org.au](http://www.katherineshow.org.au)

#### Remembering Balang Lewis

July 23

[katherineregionalarts.org.au](http://katherineregionalarts.org.au)

#### Big Rivers Collective Exhibition

July 29

[gyracc.org.au](http://gyracc.org.au)

#### Nitmiluk - Katherine Ultra Challenge

31 July

[kmsc.com.au](http://kmsc.com.au)

### AUGUST 2022



#### Barunga Festival

12 – 14 August

[barungafestival.com.au](http://barungafestival.com.au)

#### 4 Hour MTB

13 August

[kmsc.com.au](http://kmsc.com.au)

#### Katherine Cup Race Day

13 August

[katherineturfclub.com.au](http://katherineturfclub.com.au)

#### Kalkaringi - Freedom Day Festival

26 – 28 August

[freedomday.com.au](http://freedomday.com.au)

### SEPTEMBER 2022

#### BRFL Grand Final Day

3 September

#### Deadly Darwin Comedy

10 September

[gyracc.org.au](http://gyracc.org.au)



*Low Level Crossing*

## LOW LEVEL NATURE RESERVE

Known to the local Aboriginal people as Gowutjima, a place associated with the river boiling and bubbling and rich in resources, the area has been used for generations.

In the 1930's, travellers on the North South Road began using The Low Level river crossing, whereas the original settlement, in 1872, had been using Knotts Crossing.

During the second World War, the Low Level Bridge was built, enabling traffic to cross the Katherine River. Underneath the Low Level Bridge there is a concrete weir, offering a wonderful photo opportunity as the water cascades over to the lower level.

Impassable during the majority of the wet season (Dec - April), when the water level can reach over 12m above, during the Dry season it is just over a metre high.

Since being built, over the years the Low Level Nature Reserve has become a popular local swimming hole. Water depths along the banks of the River are only 1-2 metres, with rock pools fringing the edge. This makes it ideal for families to cool down and enjoy.



*Family Park at Low Level Nature Reserve*

A shady grassed picnic area is on the western side of the Low Level Nature Reserve, above the river bank. With a playground for the children to enjoy, gas BBQ and toilet facilities, this is a place you can truly relax.

## DID YOU KNOW? CROCODILES

- Replace up to 4000 teeth in their lifetime
- Lifespan of 35-75 years
- Top swimming speed 35Kph
- Can grow between 1.5 and 7 metres





*Dr. Clyde Fenton OBE*

## HISTORIC HOUSES, INTERESTING ICONS AND A MEDICAL MAN

The history of a region can offer an insight to what it took to establish the thriving community you see today. The pioneers of a town, are people who do what they can do, the best they can, and the whole community benefits and grows. Katherine is full of characters, reminders and memories, and shares them well. It's makes it easy to explore so many of them.



**See Katherine Heritage Trail  
Points of Interest on page 20-21**

**DR CLYDE FENTON OBE**, was a self-taught pilot who flew without the aid of navigation equipment and air charts. Unlike other doctors with the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS), he was his own pilot, as the RFDS did not use doctors as pilots. Fenton privately raised money for an aircraft and, in March 1934, arrived in Katherine as the Government Medical Officer. His aerial ambulance rescue service grew into the Northern Territory Aerial Medial Service.

In 1940, Dr Fenton was called up by the RAAF and eventually based at Manbulloo airstrip, making many emergency medical flights. Leaving the Territory after the war, he left behind a Gypsy Moth, his name to a primary school and other legacies.

### THE KATHERINE MUSEUM AND GARDENS

Discover the unique history of the Katherine region. Start at the McNamara Cottage and House of Iris gift shop, visit Dr Clyde Fenton's Gypsy Moth, explore the Overland Telegraph Line display and Wallie's Shed to see diverse displays of people, place and culture.



### EXPLORE THE HISTORY OF THIS FASCINATING REGION



- Diverse displays of people place and culture
- Dr Clyde Fenton's, the flying doctor, iconic Gypsy Moth
- House of Iris Gift and Book Shop
- Free community and children's gardens

Phone 08 8972 3945

[www.katherinemuseum.com.au](http://www.katherinemuseum.com.au)

[www.facebook.com/KatherineMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/KatherineMuseum)

20 Christie Road, Katherine NT (enter from Gorge Rd)  
Admission fees apply



## THE O'KEEFFE RESIDENCE

Restored by the National Trust in 1988, this small residence was built in 1942. After the war, housing was in short supply so homes were built from whatever they find.

Built using local Cypress pine, iron sheeting, bark for the ceiling and flywire. This is wonderful example of bush innovation and construction, and one of very few of these buildings left.



Despite other well known owners, the house gained its name from it's last residence, John & Olive O'Keeffe. Olive was a nurse for Dr Fenton before WWII, who both were well known, dedicated locals, giving so much to their growing community.

## THE BRONZE HORSEMAN ICON

A tribute at the southern entrance to the main street of Katherine, to Peter Sing – Sabu, for his role as a pioneering outback stockman and contributions to the cattle industry.

Born in December 1940 to Wardaman woman Maggie Jaman, and father, station cook Harry Kim Sing. At the age of 4 Maggie gave her son Mele to Manbulloo Station manager, Tom Fisher who raised him as his own and called him Sabu. Being part of two cultures, Mele found the distant sounds of ceremony, heard from the homestead, difficult and upsetting.



Later Sabu contacted his mother and husband who were employed at Wave Hill, while he was working as a stockman. Sabu was made head stockman, thanks to expert guidance from other legendary stockman.

Sabu could speak Gurindji, Mudburra and Walpiri languages, mimic bird and animal calls and could sooth the wildest of horses. He made leather goods and could turn his hand to any type of bush craft.

**KATHERINE PUBLIC LIBRARY** is a comfortable setting where you can select from a great variety of reading and digital options. This is an opportunity to learn more on the local history of the region from a good selection of non-fiction and fiction books. Or take advantage of the printing service if needed during your travels or just enjoy a cool, quiet and relaxed space.

## Katherine Public Library

- Cool and comfortable
- Free wifi!
- Short-term memberships
- Printing services

### Opening Hours

Tue to Fri 9am – 5pm  
Saturday 9am – 12pm  
Sun & Mon CLOSED

**(08) 8971 1188**

[www.ktc.nt.gov.au](http://www.ktc.nt.gov.au)

Level 1, Randazzo Centre  
16 Katherine Terrace





# SHOPPING

Stroll down the Katherine Tce for relaxed shopping and restocking, ready for your next adventure

## BOTTLESHOP HOURS

We know the NT is warm, thirsty weather, but if you purchase take away alcohol you just need to plan ahead. Most towns in the NT are a 'dry town' meaning that you cannot consume alcohol in public places within the town region.

Other regions may have adjusted hours so it pays to check the website to check the open times: [www.takeawayalcohol.nt.gov.au](http://www.takeawayalcohol.nt.gov.au)

- From Monday to Friday, 2pm to 8pm
- Saturday and public holidays (except Christmas Day & Good Friday) 12 noon to 8pm
- Sunday from hotels from 2pm to 8pm - all other stores closed



## KATHERINE COMMUNITY MARKETS

Saturdays throughout dry season 8:30am - 12:30pm

Night Markets last Saturday of each month 4 - 9pm

*Closed in the wet season*

[katherinemarkets.com.au](http://katherinemarkets.com.au)

## NITMILUK (KATHERINE) - DINING



From stunning views at the Visitor Centre Café to fine dining at Cicada Lodge or enjoying an amazing sunset dinner tour, you are spoilt for choice at Nitmiluk National Park.

**P: 1300 146 743**

**E: [reservations@nitmiluktours.com.au](mailto:reservations@nitmiluktours.com.au)**



[www.nitmiluktours.com.au](http://www.nitmiluktours.com.au)





Katherine Tce, (Stuart Highway)



### SHOPPING LOCAL:

- Helps local businesses support local sports & events
- Lowers environmental impact by reducing carbon footprint
- Ensures more jobs for local families

**KATHERINE CAMPING & FISHING**, the locals go-to for all things adventure and outdoors. With years of experience in the region the team at Katherine Camping & Fishing can supply you with caravan parts and accessories, top brand fishing gear, camping and hiking gear and everything else you need to get you out and about in the Top End's great outdoors. As well as wealth of local knowledge.

## One stop ADVENTURE shop!



- Camping Equipment
- Hiking Products & Food
- Fishing Gear
- Caravan Spares
- Gas Refills
- Toilet Chemicals



Convenient Caravan & Motorhome parking out the back



58 Katherine Terrace, Katherine  
(Corner of Stuart & Victoria Highways)

[www.katherinecamping.com](http://www.katherinecamping.com)

PH (08) 8972 3456



**KATHERINE HERITAGE TRAIL**

- |    |     |                                                          |
|----|-----|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | B11 | Overland Telegraph Pylons 1870's                         |
| 2  | C9  | Gallon Licence Store                                     |
| 3  | C9  | Knotts Crossing 1870's                                   |
| 4  | E8  | Old DCA Building                                         |
| 5  | C10 | Old Katherine Cemetery                                   |
| 6  | D8  | Hospital Site 1930's                                     |
| 7  | E8  | Old Airstrip 1930's                                      |
| 8  | K6  | Old Works Dept Site 1950's Hostel                        |
| 9  | C13 | Railway Workshops 1940's                                 |
| 10 | F17 | Catholic Church Site 1950's                              |
| 11 | E14 | Butchers Shop. M. Alwright's House 1947                  |
| 12 | F15 | 1930's House (Car Parts Store)                           |
| 13 | E13 | Uniting Church                                           |
| 14 | G14 | Old Town Hall 1930's (CWA Building)                      |
| 15 | F13 | Katherine Stores 1926                                    |
| 16 | F13 | Commercial Hotel (Crossways)<br>– Currently Stuart Hotel |
| 17 | F13 | Picture Theatre, Dynasty's Rest 1950's                   |
| 18 | G13 | 1926 Railway Station                                     |

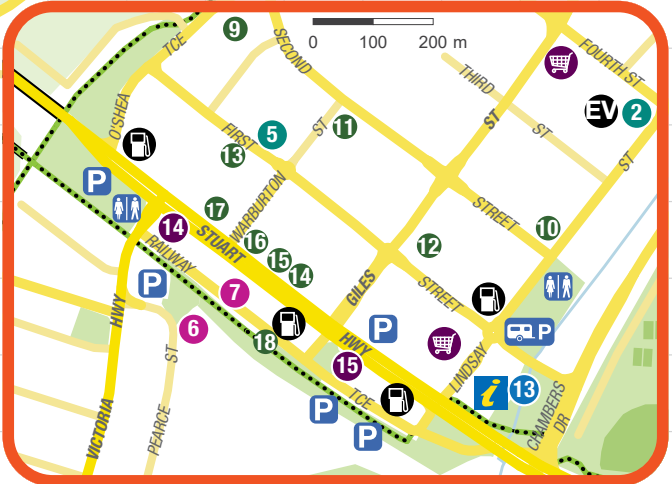
**NATURE'S WAY  
EXPLORERS WAY**  
TO PINE CREEK: 92km

**SAVANNAH WAY**  
Manbulloo Homestead 9km





# KATHERINE



Main Roads

Other Roads

Shared Path

Information Centre

Fuel

Electric Vehicle Charge Point

Hospital

Supermarket

Parking

Caravan Park

RV Dump Point

Toilet

Swimming Pool

- ### Accommodation

  - 1 A17. Cicada Lodge
  - 2 D18. Beagle Motor Inn
  - 3 U4... Munbulloo Homestead
  - 4 S4... Riverview Tourist Retreat
  - 5 E13. St Andrews Serviced Apartments
- ### Art

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# TRAVEL WITH PETS

Travelling with our furry or feathered friends allows all the family to enjoy a holiday! Being prepared is the key to ensure every member is kept safe

## KEEP A LOOK OUT!

New to Australia, Ehrlichiosis is a dangerous dog disease, carried by brown ticks found across northern Australia. Left untreated, it can be fatal, so please use tick prevention to keep your dog safe.

## TICK PREVENTION

- The first line of defence is a fresh tick collar. Note the date and change them as required. Most collars work best when kept dry.
- Regularly inspect your dog. Ticks hide in small crevices: inside ears, between toes and under their paws, between the pads.
- An internal tick medicine will kill any ticks living on your dog. One bite and they will drop off. Just be mindful that one bite from an infected tick can infect your dog!
- Ehrlichiosis cannot be passed simply from dog to dog, it spreads through ticks themselves. If you do find ticks on your dog, please visit a vet ASAP for treatment.

## PET TRAVEL TIPS

- Carry your pet's medical info, including vaccination records.
- Ensure your pet is harnessed or crated for their own protection in the car.
- Carry extra water & bowls to allow for the heat.
- Remember heat affects their paws as well. Be mindful of hot ground!
- Take care when out bush, baits are used to protect stock in the NT.

**RELLAMS PET RETREAT** is a caring, family run, special place for your travel buddy. Offering kennels that are fully airconditioned with outdoor access and security cameras, ensuring your pet is always well cared for. You can even get your pet groomed while you can relax and enjoy the National parks, knowing your special family member is being lovingly cared for.



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# ART & CULTURE

The colours, textures and spirit of the region inspires both traditional and modern art forms; all highlighting creativity and beauty

Street Art

## STREET ART

Throughout the town you are enticed to admire the colours and stories of the street art. In 2019 a collaboration instigated by Katherine Regional Arts (KRA), between Proper Creative Darwin and their professional street artists and local community members, brought together different aspects drawn from the region and town through art.

Some collaboration enjoyed the involvement of local young people, who helped from the beginning with the design inspiration, painting, and the outlines of the murals.



'**Bats and Mangoes**', designed by 17 year old Chloe Forscutt and installed by Chloe and Mackinlay Colling. Mentored by muralist Kaff Eine, they were helped to execute this colourful creation, found on the main road of the CBD.

“ *These murals create a sense of ownership and pride of a very public place in Katherine* ”  
– KRA executive officer Jacinta Mooney

Jesse Bell is one of the Northern Territory's most notable muralists and was commissioned to install the mural, designed by another Territory artist Dave Collins, that commemorates the Royal Australian Air Force. This is positioned opposite the military memorial on Station Road.





'**Neighbour**' was also painted by Jesse Bell and tells the unique and beautiful tale of a lesser known hero of our local region.

Neighbour, as he was known, was an Alawa man, southeast of Katherine. He was arrested in 1911 and placed in neck and hand chains. He was walked to the Roper Bar Police Station by a policeman who was on horseback.

When they reached the Wilton River crossing, Neighbour swam across, in chains, with the policeman following.

The horse stumbled and the policeman was swept down the river. Neighbour, despite being in chains, dived into the river and saved him from drowning. Due to this heroic act, Neighbour had all charges dropped and he was awarded the Albert Medal of Bravery.



## OLIVE O'KEEFFE

Sister Olive O'Keeffe (nee Harvey) a nurse at the Katherine Hospital, was very well known across much of the Territory and warmly known as Keffie.

Born on 14 May 1907 in Queensland, Olive completed a 4-year nursing degree and went on to study midwifery before moving to Katherine in 1937. As an assistant to Dr Clyde Fenton who had formed Territory Air Medical Service, Olive often flew with him across the region to see patients across the Territory.

Married to John O'Keeffe in 1938, the couple spent some time in Alice Springs before returning to Katherine in 1963. Olive returned to the Katherine hospital and ran the outpatients ward and was honoured with an MBE in 1965, for her contributions to nursing and tuberculosis work with Aboriginal people. She died in 1988 in her beloved home of Katherine.



Mimi Aboriginal Art and Craft

## MIMI ABORIGINAL ART & CRAFT

Our artwork is as diverse as the lands and people it represents. Spanning the entire Katherine region, from the Tanami Desert in the west, up to the Kimberly and across to Arnhem Land.

We proudly display and stock the diverse styles and mediums Indigenous to these lands.

Mimi Aboriginal Art and Craft is a 100% Aboriginal community-owned not-for-profit art centre, visitors can often enjoy the experience of watching and chatting with artists while they paint and create. We take pride in providing a sustainable way for our artists to sell and an ethical way for our guests to purchase authentic Indigenous artwork.

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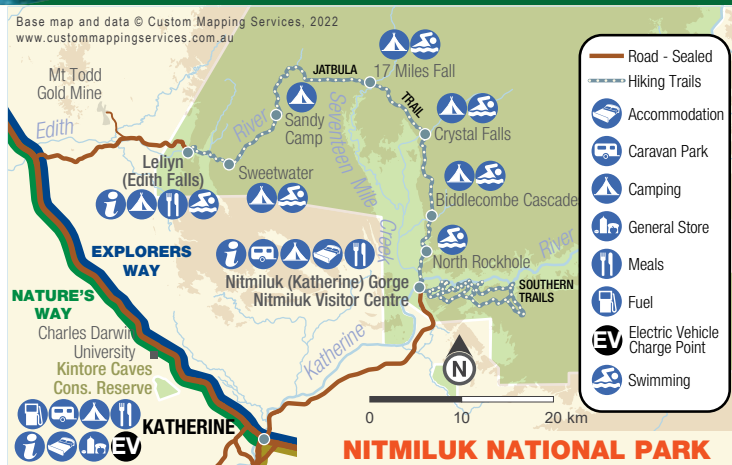


# NITMILUK NATIONAL PARK

An ancient, diverse and spectacular landscape where Jawoyn people live, work and continue to share their culture with the community and visitors

*Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge*

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For thousands of years Nitmiluk has been the foundation of the Jawoyn Aboriginal people, providing an abundance of water and food, and a gallery of art and artefacts. Today it's a living testament of ancient Aboriginal culture.

The park's main entrance is located 30 kilometres northeast of Katherine via a sealed road. Keep a watch out for the many Wallabies - small Kangaroos - that are inquisitive of visitors and haven't yet learned the road rules. See Page 37 for Gorge Rd icons

Many visitors to the Northern Territory choose to immerse themselves in the natural beauty and culture of Nitmiluk Gorge and National Park with an extended stay in the region or at the Nitmiluk Caravan and Camping grounds, while others with pressing travel schedules have only the time to touch the surface of this ancient landscape.

## WHEN TO VISIT

The most comfortable time to visit Nitmiluk National Park is from May to September. During the wet season, flooding of the Katherine River may restrict the range of activities available and in some cases prevent access to the park.

## THE CICADA - DID YOU KNOW?

- Only the males sing
- Females can lay up to 600 eggs
- Their songs can reach 120 decibels
- Can live for up to 17 years in the nymph stage



## TRADITIONAL SEASONS

<b>Jeyowk</b>	January February	Wet weather
<b>Bankarrang</b>	March April May	End of wet weather
<b>Mapaparr</b>	June July August	Cold dry weather
<b>Jungalk</b>	September October November	Hot dry weather
<b>Guran</b>	December	Hot and humid weather, rains begin to fall

## NITMILUK (KATHERINE) GORGE

Formed over millions of years, as the Katherine River, originating in Kakadu National Park, carved through ancient sandstone forming thirteen gorges. Stunning waterfalls, rapids and magnificent vistas of escarpments look down on this amazing landscape.

Freshwater crocodiles are seen sunbaking along sandbanks, while a variety of birds and wildlife surround you in a variety of habitat areas.

There are areas specifically for swimming and canoeing, a truly magnificent way to explore this ancient region.



### Helicopter Flights

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### Canoeing Trips

Canoe Hire Available



### Visitor Centre

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### Cultural Tours

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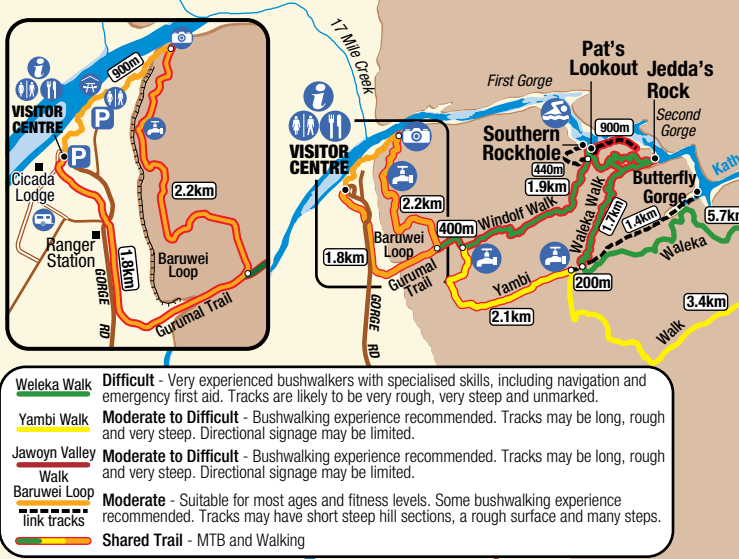


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## BARUWEI WALK VIA LOOKOUT

Distance return from Nitmiluk Centre	Time return from Nitmiluk Centre	Features (summary)	Trail Rating	Water Available (river water is not treated)
1.8km	1 hour	Views of the picnic area, Katherine Gorge & 17 Mile Valley	Grade 3 MODERATE A short steep track Conditions vary	Water available at the Nitmiluk Centre or from tanks at the top of the hill.
2.2km	2 hours	Continue walk from lookout along escarpment and back down towards the visitor centre.	As above	As above



### GRADE 3 - MODERATE

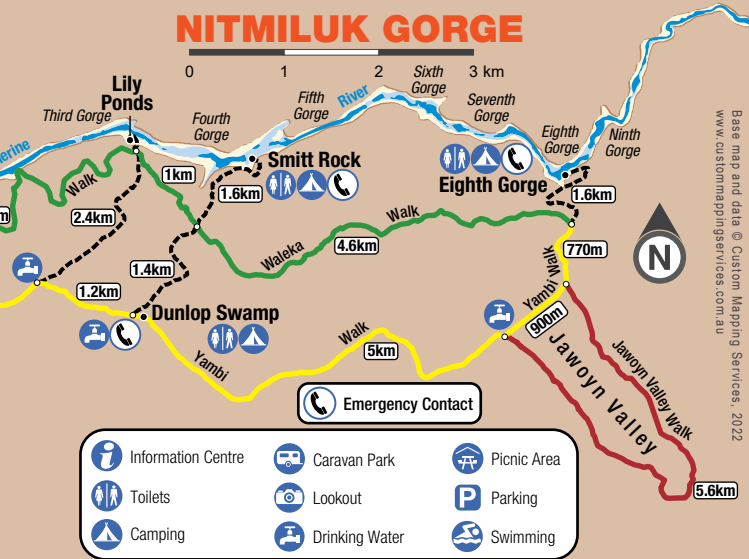
Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep hill sections a rough surface and many steps. Walks up to 20 km.

## CICADA LODGE

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# NITMILUK GORGE



## BARUWEI

Experience a taste of what Nitmiluk's great walking network offers, even if your time is limited. On the western end of the Katherine Gorge, the Baruwey Lookout and Loop Walks provide views of the picnic area, Katherine Gorge and 17 Mile Valley.

The Lookout and Loop walks have varying conditions, but are mainly a short, steep track with an average level of fitness required and are graded as moderate difficulty, so choose a walk to suit your level of fitness.

**CARRY WITH YOU**



At least 1 litre of water per person



Sunscreen



Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge



Blue-Face Honeyeater



Red-Tailed Black Cockatoos



## ABOUT THE JAWOYN

Jawoyn is recognised among Aboriginal peoples over a large area of the Northern Territory's 'Top End'. It is an all-encompassing expression used in reference to language, culture, people and territory including 17 clans making up the group.

## HISTORY

Nitmiluk is the Jawoyn name for Katherine Gorge. It is pronounced Nit-me-look, and literally means Cicada Place. The name was given by Nabilil, an important figure of the Creation Time. As he travelled through the country, he came to the Gorge where he heard the song of the Cicada, "Nit, Nit, Nit!"

The Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park and Jawoyn Association logo is a painting by a deceased traditional owner of Nitmiluk. It depicts Bolung (the rainbow serpent), Nitmi (the cicada), mussels, fish and rocks. By tradition, Bolung still inhabits the deep pools of the second Gorge at Nitmiluk, and care must be taken not to disturb him.



**Nitmiluk**  
**Katherine**

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## Campground

Powered & unpowered sites



## Cabins

1 or 2 bedroom



## JAWOYN WORDS

MEANING	WORD	NOTES ON PRONOUNCIATIONS
Cicada	Nitmi	<p>These letters are sounded different to the English sounds</p> <p><b>rd, rt, rn, rl:</b> all “r-rounded sounds made by holding the tongue in position for the ‘r’ (tongue tip bend back) while making – a , d, t, n or l sound</p> <p><b>j,tj, ny, ly:</b> all “y-coloured” sounds made by holding the tongue in the position for say ‘y’ (tongue tip down) while making a j, ti(-ch), n or l sound</p> <p><b>rr:</b> this trilled ‘r’ sound is made by flapping the tongue tip against the gum ridge behind the upper front teeth) like saying a quick ‘d’ sound)</p> <p><b>g:</b> pronounced as in <i>get</i> (not George)</p> <p><b>ng:</b> pronounced as in <i>sing</i> (not finger)</p> <p><b>r:</b> Always pronounced, even at the end of words (like in American pronunciation of <i>car</i>)</p>
Water	Wak	
Fire	Wurrk	
Moon	Di rrt	
Kangaroo	Gu po	
Red Tail Black Cockatoo	Garr -ak	
Bat	Bur -dit	
Freshwater Crocodile	Goy-marr	
Saltwater Crocodile	Gee-ngah	
Dingo	Jorrl-kkan	
Northern Bushtail Possum	Weerrk	
Goodbye	Boh Boh	

### MODERN DAY

Today, Jawoyn invite you to visit their country and to share the experience and grandeur of Nitmiluk Gorge. Step back to a time long past when the mythical figure of ‘Bula’ travelled this land leaving his image as paintings in rock shelters – images that depict the stories of the Jawoyn people and can still be seen and admired today.

***“Our people - the Jawoyn tribe - are the traditional owners of the area now known as Nitmiluk National Park. Since the coming of white people we have been able to keep alive our traditions and care for our country through our Law.”***

### BARRAMUNDI FUN FACTS!

- Barramundi are called **Martbiyn** by the Jawoyn, meaning “**large-scaled silver fish**”
- Most are born male, then turn into females at 3-4yrs old
- Have been recorded over 1.2m long & weighing over 40kg
- Can produce upwards of 32million eggs in a season



### Nabilil Dreaming Sunset Dinner Tour

*The jewel in the crown of the Nitmiluk experience*

- Two gorge experience
- Tour includes a three course meal cooked on board the boat
- Glass of sparkling wine on arrival

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Nitmiluk  
Katherine





*Leliyn (Edith Falls)*

## **LELIYN (EDITH FALLS)**

Enjoy all year round, the refreshing water of Leliyn (Edith Falls). Picturesque waterfalls flowing into great swimming pools, with stunning walks throughout.

Located on the western side of Nitmiluk National Park, owned by the Jawoyn people, Leliyn is 60kms north of Katherine, as you travel further along the Stuart Highway.

Grassy campsites in bush settings make Leliyn a scenic spot where you can camp up for a few days. Enjoy an afternoon, or make a day of it from Katherine, with gas BBQ's, picnic tables, toilets and showers, and a Kiosk for cool drinks and food.

Swimming is what you are there for! Enjoy both upper and lower pools or Sweetwater Pool if you are hiking or overnight adventure. The pools are open during the Dry season.

Leliyn is the finishing point of the 62km Jatbula Trail walking track, which begins at the Gorge end of Nitmiluk National Park.

## **UMBRAWARRA GORGE NATURE PARK**

This stunning gorge offers striking colours of sharp red cliffs and sandstone overhangs. Best visited early to mid-Dry season, you will see the creek flowing and can swim in the rocky pools, lined with sandy beaches. An easy 1km walk along the creek into the gorge or wade, swim or rock-hop along the way.

Look carefully and see the Wagaman Aboriginal art on the gorge walls.

The carpark of the gorge was the site of a tin mine in the early 1900's.

Located 3kms south of Pine Creek, this unsealed road can become very dusty and corrugated, with steep dips and creek crossings for 22kms.



*Umbrawarra Gorge*



# PINE CREEK

Pine Creek celebrates the gold rush that was stumbled upon during the 1870s construction of the Overland Telegraph Line.

*Pine Creek Railway Scales*



This is a quiet town to meander around enjoying the easy pace. With many historic buildings and markers, you will find a few lunch and accommodation options available.

Head to the Enterprise Mine Pit Lookout offering interpretive signage for a better insight or meander around this quiet town and it's easy pace. With many historic buildings and markers and a few lunch and accommodation options, why not stop for a day.

Pine Creek is the only original mining town remaining in the Top End from the gold rush era of the 1870s, and The National Trust Museum building is the oldest surviving prefabricated structure in the NT. Venture in to learn of the gold rush, local Chinese history and more.



*Enterprise Mine Pit Lookout*

**The Pine Creek Railway Precinct** narrates the story of this important transport for mining supplies. Pine Creek was one of four dispersal bases on the Northern Australia during WWII once the railway was extended to Katherine. The original Beyer Peacock locomotives are on display.

**Pine Creek Bakery** is a wonderful early example of both historical and architectural significance to the region, being a timber framed building clad in galvanised corrugated iron. The bakery includes a main store building, with a bush timber verandah.

**Bonrook Station Homestead** is another wonderful example of these buildings, so common in the NT from 1897 - 1937. With no ceiling or wall linings, the buildings were likened to being 'in an oven', but easily dismantled & moved. This one is over 100 years old.

**Fossicking** is popular in Pine Creek. Visit [www.minerals.nt.gov.au](http://www.minerals.nt.gov.au) for permit and details to try your luck!



## CAMPING & CARAVAN ETIQUETTE

**NOISE** - Keep your music and noise to a level that is polite for your space only. If you are in a family park, which most are, children will always be children. Be tolerant.

**PETS** - Just because you love your pet, others may not. Always have your animals on a lead, fenced in, or appropriately caged. Always pick up waste after your animal.

**WATER** - Check with each park if there is a fee for filling tanks due to drought. Some places are grateful for your grey water on the ground, others not so. Check first.

**AMENITIES** - Never empty your toilet cassette in the ablution block of any public toilet. Always clean up after yourself in shared bathrooms. Think of others.

**SPEED LIMITS** - Stick to the speed limit. You are on holidays. Slow down.

**MIND YOUR SPACE** - Don't cut through other people's sites, especially under their awnings, just to save a few steps. Be neighbourly.

**RUBBISH** - Dispose of your rubbish in bins provided. Otherwise dispose of it at your next opportunity.

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## BUSH TUCKER

Diverse landscapes across the Jawoyn (Katherine) region provide a diverse range of native bush-tucker options:

- Insect foods included certain ants, grubs, moths and beetles.
- Fish and turtles were plentiful in the waterways
- Birds included waterfowl, scrub fowl, the cassowary and the jabiru.
- Reptiles such as goannas, crocodiles and snakes provided healthy sources of meat
- Marsupials such as kangaroos and wallabies were also good for meat.
- Plants provided edible fruits, nuts, seeds, stems, and fronds.
- Fruits included figs, lilly pillies, quandong, bush apples and plums.
- Nuts included those of the cycad, and pandanus, while the seeds of acacias and various grasses were ground into flour to bake bread cakes on open fires



Wonder Word: EXPLORER

# SPOTTO!

## ARE YOU DRIVING TO NITMILUK (KATHERINE) GORGE?

Get the whole family to look out for these fun points of interest, while you are heading out to Nitmiluk Gorge or back. 5 points for each box you can tick below. Add another 5 points if you are the first to see the image below and call “Spotto”!



☐ Dog Head Rock



☐ Plane Crash



☐ Remote Bus Stop



☐ Shrek on a Bike



☐ Tonka Rockpile



☐ Wandering Poppy

## FIND THE WONDER WORD!

Find every word in the list in order for the WONDERWORD to appear

E	L	F	A	L	L	S	P	P	M
S	E	E	G	R	O	G	I	E	A
A	L	T	X	P	N	R	N	L	T
D	I	A	L	I	T	I	E	I	A
A	Y	B	P	R	R	R	C	D	R
C	N	M	P	E	E	R	A	O	A
I	A	A	H	N	E	V	O	C	N
C	R	T	U	E	R	E	I	O	K
K	A	S	K	M	I	W	S	R	A
K	U	L	I	M	T	I	N	C	R

Crocodile  
Mataranka  
Nitmiluk  
Gorge  
Bat

Leliyn  
Sun  
Track  
Katherine  
Pine

Creek  
Cicadas  
River  
Falls  
Park

Swim  
Camping  
Trip



# TOURIST DRIVES OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

These iconic drives showcase an ancient culture and the natural diversity of this spectacular Territory. Follow these ‘self-drive’ options and when you share your memories on social media include: #ExploreKatherine #ExploreOz so we can join your journey!

## NATURES WAY

[northernterritory.com/drive/natures-way](http://northernterritory.com/drive/natures-way)

Darwin is your starting point, for a journey that reaches the ancient wonders of 3 National Parks, including Kakadu, Nitmiluk and Litchfield National Parks. All with their natural beauty, you can spot crocodiles along the banks of the river as you take a tour cruise along lily pad wetland, rich in bird life and stunning photo opportunities. Explore the rock art galleries, gentle and adventurous walking trails and plunge pools for cooling dips, before taking the loop back to Darwin.

## SAVANNAH WAY

[northernterritory.com/drive/savannah-way](http://northernterritory.com/drive/savannah-way)

This incredible 3700 kilometre drive traverses rugged and challenging country, from Queensland to the beauty of the Northern Territory, then journey onto Western Australia for an ultimate outback road trip. Passing through a variety of habitats, from savannah to tropical landscapes, journey through five World Heritage listed areas and 15 National parks. Camp out under big night skies, and marvel at ancient rock art or catch a famous Barramundi.

## EXPLORERS WAY

[tinyurl.com/2p95bs5m](http://tinyurl.com/2p95bs5m)

Follow in explorer John McDouall Stuart’s footsteps on a trail he first blazed in the 1860s, on a 3000km drive. Pass through diverse landscapes and some of Australia most famous icons, explore the rich Indigenous culture on sealed highways between Adelaide and Darwin.

## ARNHEM WAY

[northernterritory.com/drive/arnhem-way](http://northernterritory.com/drive/arnhem-way)

From Katherine to Nhulunbuy, on the Gove Peninsula, you need to be prepared for adventure. Explore one of Australia’s last unspoilt areas, with pristine beaches and stunning wetlands. You may be lucky to discover rare birds and native wildlife or catch a variety of fish along the way. Be delighted by local artwork in these remote regions, strong in culture.

\*A permit is required from the Northern Land Council and necessary to preserve the culture and beauty of the region.

										<b>DISTANCE GRID</b> Measured in kilometres Approximate distances only	
										ADELAIDE RIVER	
										ALICE SPRINGS	2911
										ADELAIDE RIVER	1384
										ADELAIDE RIVER	1531
										ALICE SPRINGS	2249
										BARBURY CREEK	1833
										BARBURY CREEK	4266
										BROOME	2443
										DALY WATERS	3027
										DARWIN	2396
										DUNMARRA	2292
										ELLIOTT	1331
										ERLDUNDA	3014
										JABIRU	2711
										KATHERINE	1268
										KULGERA	2529
										LARRIMAH	2605
										MATARANKA	2801
										PINE CREEK	2199
										RENNER SPRINGS	2038
										KATHERINE	2063
										THREWEAYS	1997
										TIMBER CREEK	1724
										TIT TREE	1925
										WAUCHOPE	1906
										WYCLIFFE WELL	1576
										YULARA	





## 10 DAYS KATHERINE



### DAYS 1-3

- ▶ Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge
- ▶ Spotto along the way!

### DAY 4

- ▶ Mimi Art Gallery
- ▶ Street Art collection
- ▶ Katherine Helicopters flight adventure



### DAY 5

- ▶ Cutta Cutta Caves Nature Park

### DAY 6

- ▶ Katherine Museum & Heritage Trail
- ▶ Katherine Hot Springs

### DAY 7

- ▶ Shopping, stock up
- ▶ Katherine Camping & Fishing
- ▶ Low Level Nature Reserve

### DAY 8

- ▶ Aquatic Centre fun
- ▶ Café relax day

### DAY 9

- ▶ Fishing

### DAY 10

- ▶ Leliyn (Edith Falls)



## SUGGESTED ITINERARIES FOR THE REGION

### 3 DAYS MATARANKA

#### DAY 1

- ▶ Never Never Museum & Park display
- ▶ Bitter Springs Thermal Pools



#### DAY 2

- ▶ Mataranka Thermal Pools
- ▶ The Elsey Homestead Replica



#### DAY 3

- ▶ Elsey National Park highlights
- ▶ Old Elsey Cemetery
- ▶ Bush Walks
- ▶ Fishing

### 2 DAYS PINE CREEK

#### DAY 1

- ▶ Enterprise Mine Pit Lookout
- ▶ The National Trust Museum
- ▶ Historic buildings & displays
- ▶ Railway history



#### DAY 2

- ▶ Umbrawarra Gorge Nature Park

