

Umbrawarra Gorge Nature Park



Fact Sheet

Umbrawarra is a striking isolated gorge featuring steep red cliffs, and a lovely creek which meanders through it in the early to mid-dry season.

Visitors can walk alongside the creek to a large pool with a small sandy beach, whilst the rest of the gorge can only be reached by wading, swimming and rock hopping.

The Wagiman people speak for this land. Look carefully and you'll see Aboriginal art on the gorge walls. The carpark near the entrance of the gorge was the site of a tin mine in the early 1900's.

Access (see map)

The Park is located about 245 km from Darwin and about 115 km from Katherine. Drive along the Stuart Highway to about 3 km south of Pine Creek. Then turn south west onto an unsealed road. The next 22 km can become very dusty and corrugated. This section contains steep dips and creek crossings. Drive with care.

Roads - the Park can be reached by all vehicles in the dry season (May - September). Towing caravans along this road is not recommended due to the corrugations. During the wet season (October - April), the road is only accessible by 4WD vehicles and may become impassable after rain. Consult maps and check road conditions on 1 800 246 199 prior to your visit, or visit the website www.roadreport.nt.gov.au

When to Visit

It is best to visit in the dry season, (May to September) when the

river level has dropped and the gorge is accessible.

What to See and Do



Camping - a small campground with a pit-toilet is only a short distance from the gorge entrance. Water is not provided. Camping fees apply and should be deposited in the honesty box provided. (A 'Park Fees' brochure is available for details on other parks).



Swimming - rocky pools and small sandy beaches provide beautiful swimming spots, early to mid-dry season only. The creek stops flowing late in the dry season.



Walking - an easy 1 km walk leads into the gorge but if you want to go further along the creek you will have to swim and rock-hop. There are magnificent views from the cliff tops.



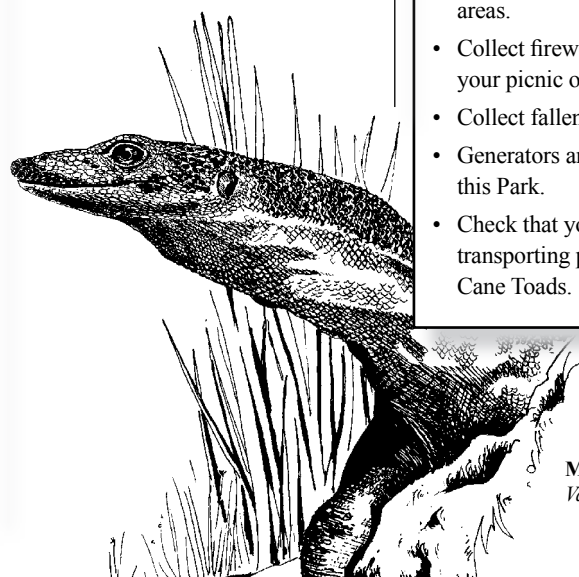
Rock climbing/abseiling - permits must be obtained from the Batchelor or Palmerston Parks and Wildlife Service offices before you arrive in the Park.

Safety and Comfort

- Observe park safety signs.
- Swim only where recommended, observe warning signs.
- Carry and drink plenty of water.
- Wear a shady hat, sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Wear suitable clothing and footwear.
- Carry a first aid kit.
- Avoid strenuous activity during the heat of the day.
- Ensure your vehicle is well maintained and equipped.
- Beware of theft, lock vehicles and secure valuables.

Please Remember

- No bins are provided, please take your rubbish away with you.
- Keep to designated roads and tracks.
- All cultural items and wildlife are protected.
- Pets are not permitted in this Park.
- Nets, traps and firearms are not permitted.
- Take care with fire, light fires only in fireplaces provided.
- Avoid using soaps and detergent in or near waterways.
- Camp only in designated camping areas.
- Collect firewood before arriving at your picnic or campsite.
- Collect fallen timber only.
- Generators are not permitted in this Park.
- Check that your vehicle is not transporting pests like weeds and Cane Toads.



Mertens water monitor
Varanus mertensi

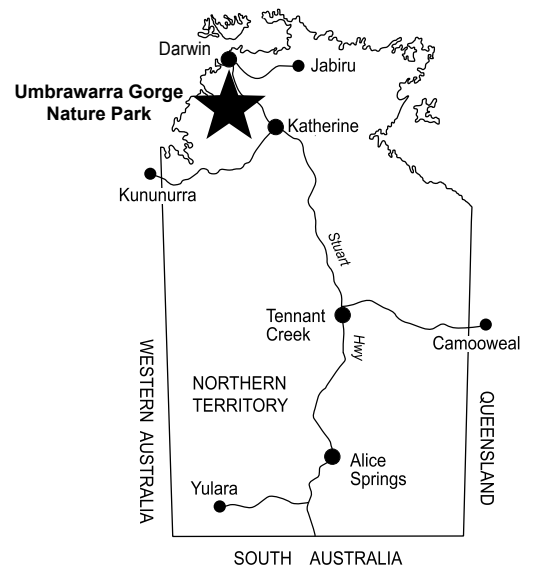
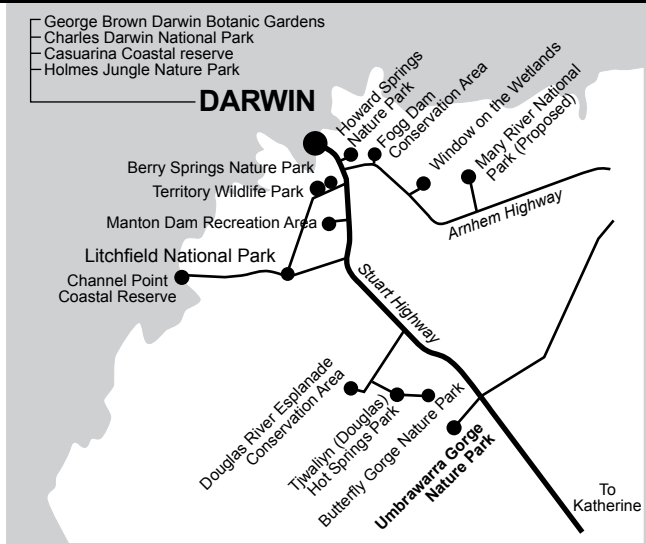
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LEGEND



Walking



Camping



Picnic Area



Barbeque



Toilets



Swimming

--- Park Boundary

— Unsealed Road



0 500 1000
metres

**Jindare Station
(Private property)**

To Stuart
Highway
22 km

