

A deep gorge carved through ancient sandstone by the Katherine River draws thousands of visitors to the Jawoyn-owned Nitmiluk National Park each year.

Distinctive dissected sandstone country features above the gorge, lush rainforest gullies inhabit giant cracks in the gorge walls, and broad valleys meander through both the high and the low country.

This diverse and spectacular landscape is also a cultural landscape, where Jawoyn people live and work, continuing and sharing their culture.

Access (see map overleaf)

The Park's main entrance is located 30 kilometres northeast of Katherine via a sealed road.

The road may be closed at times during the wet season due to flooding. Find out Park road conditions by phoning the Parks and Wildlife offices listed below. For other road conditions, phone 1800 246 199, or check the road conditions website:


www.roadreport.nt.gov.au

When to Visit


The most comfortable months to visit are from May to September. Wet season flooding between December and April may restrict the range of activities available and sometimes prevent access to the Park.


What to See and Do

Boat tours - Nitmiluk Tours operate a variety of tours in the Gorge system. Tours depart from the boat ramp and can be booked at the Nitmiluk Centre or on 1300 146 743. Bookings are recommended.


 **Flying** - A helicopter ride is an excellent way to see


the gorge system. Flights provide magnificent views of the Arnhem Land Plateau and the Gorge system. Trips available include scenic flights and special heli-tours to remote parts of the Park. Bookings through Nitmiluk Tours are recommended.

 **Walking** - Numerous walking tracks offer a variety of experiences from riverbank strolls to spectacular overnight walks. *Overnight walkers are required to book and register with Rangers at the Nitmiluk Centre.*

 Jawoyn art can be seen along the base of the sandstone escarpment in the Gorge system. Other evidence of Jawoyn activities are located throughout the Park.

More detailed information about the Southern Walks and the Jatbula Trail is available in the Nitmiluk Centre, from Park information sheets, on the website or by calling Rangers at the Park.

 **Canoing** - Canoes can be hired at the Gorge by the hour, half day, full day or overnight. Private canoes can be used in the Gorge. For your safety, you must register and pay a refundable deposit at the Nitmiluk Visitor Centre. A small fee also applies. The upper gorges are accessible to canoes, by carrying them over the rocks separating gorges.

 **Camping** - There are powered sites at the Gorge or unpowered, sites at Leliyn (Edith Falls). Campsite bookings are required for overnight canoeing and camping as numbers are restricted. A deposit applies to private canoes and bushcamping. Check at the Nitmiluk Centre for the availability of drinking water


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

Please Remember

- Take your rubbish away with you.
- Keep to designated roads and tracks
- All cultural items and wildlife are protected. Do not touch the Aboriginal artsites.
- Pets are not permitted in the Park
- Nets, traps and firearms are not permitted
- Avoid using soaps and detergents in or near waterways
- Camp only in designated camping areas
- Generators are not permitted in this Park
- Observe all fishing regulations. There is **no fishing** permitted at Edith Falls and lures only in the Katherine River.
- Check that your vehicle is not transporting pests like weeds and cane toads.

and location of toilets. Only fuel stoves are permitted.

 **Boating** - Private powered vessels are prohibited from the gorge system from 1 June to 31 August. At other times, except when the river is closed due to wet season flooding, private vessels may use the first gorge.

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These vessels must be registered and a fee paid at the Nitmiluk Centre before launching. Vessel restrictions and speed limits apply. Private vessels must be less than 4 metres long with a maximum 10hp motor. The speed limit is seven nautical miles/hour. Other normal waterway rules apply.

Fishing - Fishing is a popular pastime for many visitors to the Gorge. Normal barramundi fishing controls apply. No bait fishing is permitted, use lures only.

Visitor Facilities

Park facilities at the Gorge include:

- a grassed picnic area with gas barbecues, tables and toilets
- a fully serviced campground with powered sites
- the Nitmiluk Visitor Centre with interpretive displays, cafe, souvenir shop and tour booking desk
- tour launch and canoe hire adjacent to the boat ramp
- swimming area.

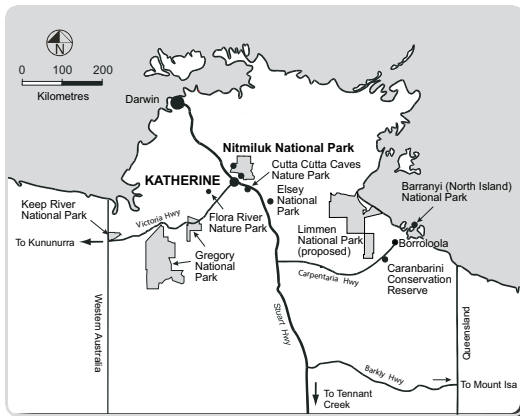
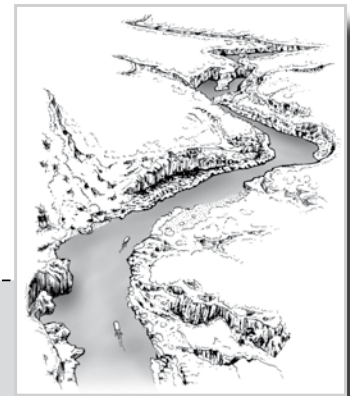
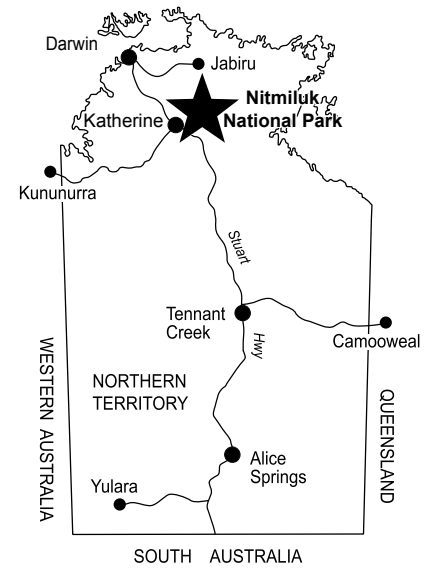
Leliyn (Edith Falls)

The large pool at the base of the falls and shady picnic area make Leliyn a favoured stop for visitors travelling northwards. Leliyn is accessed by driving 40 kilometres north from Katherine and then following the sealed access road for 20 kilometres.

Park facilities at Leliyn (Edith Falls) include:

- a fully serviced campground with toilet and shower facilities. Unpowered sites only.
- a picnic ground with gas barbecue and tables.

Refer to the Nitmiluk National Park Leliyn Fact Sheet for further information.



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