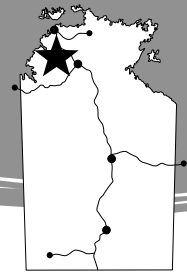


Douglas River Esplanade Conservation Area



Fact Sheet

Permanent water and a large variety of trees attract many birds, fish and other animals to this Conservation Area, established to protect part of the Douglas River and its riverine wildlife.

Along the river, springs bubble to the surface from underlying groundwater aquifers forming quiet, shady pools, rushing cascades, thermal pools, sandy beaches and unusual limestone formations.

Access (see map)

If you are travelling south, take the Old Stuart Highway scenic route from Adelaide River. If travelling north take the scenic route just north of Hayes Creek, then take the Ooloo Road until you reach Douglas Daly Park. (see map).

The Conservation Area is located approximately 140 km from Katherine and 200 km from Darwin. Once in the Conservation Area a dirt track provides dry season access (May - September) for all vehicles.

When to visit

The most comfortable time to visit is in the dry season (May - September). Heavy rains during the wet season (October - April) may cause road closures.

What to see and do



Picnicking - there are three designated day-use picnic areas.



Walking - follow the creekline along the Douglas River and explore the riverine habitat and enjoy the quiet pools, sandy beaches and cascades.



Camping - there is a large camping area and nine well spaced bush camp sites along the river offering a variety of bush camping experiences.

This area is managed by Douglas Daly Park. Visitors are requested to check in at the office where you will be allocated camp sites. Camping fees apply. More information available at the Douglas Daly Park Store, telephone 8978 2479.

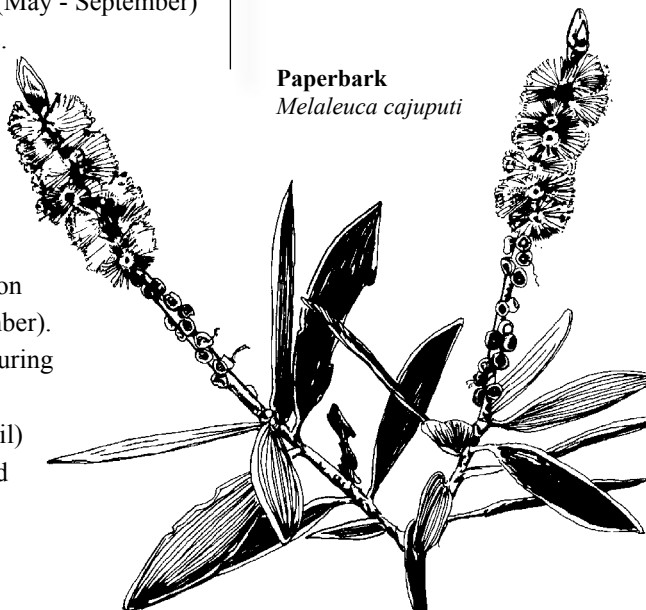
Safety and Comfort

- **NO SWIMMING** - Saltwater (Estuarine) Crocodiles may inhabit areas of this river.
- 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.
- Check wet season road conditions on 1 800 246 199.

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.
- Use fuel stoves if possible.
- Take care with fire, keep campfires small. Light fires only in fireplaces provided.
- Collect fallen timber only.
- Avoid using soaps and detergent in or near waterways.
- Camp in numbered sites only. Each site has a maximum capacity.
- Please do not clear vegetation to make your camp.
- Some sites are closed each year to allow revegetation.
- Bury toilet waste 15 cm deep at least 100 m away from the river.
- Check that your vehicle is not transporting pests like weeds and Cane Toads.

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