

The scenery at Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve is impressive year-round. But as wetlands across the Top End recede, the dam becomes a birdwatchers delight. A dry season sunrise is spectacular.

This Reserve provides a haven for wildlife amongst Darwin's developing rural fringe. It is part of the Adelaide River catchment, which is one of several connected catchments that make up the Top End wetlands. These wetlands have international significance because of their beauty, natural systems and importance to Aboriginal people.

The *Limilngan-Wulna* people speak for the land in Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve and play an important role in it's management.

The dam was built in the mid 1950's to provide irrigation for the Humpty Doo Rice Project. The RAAF Airfield Construction squadron built the dam and named it Fogg Dam after the Managing Director, Mr J D Fogg, of Utah Australia Ltd. When the agricultural scheme failed the dam had already become a dry season refuge for wildlife, especially waterbirds. Fogg Dam had become a Bird Protection District in 1959.

Access (see map)


Fogg Dam is located approximately 65 km east of Darwin along the Arnhem Highway. It has all weather access and is open all year.

When to Visit


Between December and July you may find a greater variety of birds, some quite easy to photograph, among lilies and

other water plants which flower at this time of year.


What to See and Do


 **Woodlands to Waterlily Walk** - leads you through forests that fringe the floodplains. A boardwalk then takes you onto the Dam. There are signs and lookouts along the way.

Length: 2.2 km return.
Time: 45 minutes
Grade: easy.



 **Monsoon Forest Walk** - winds through a variety of habitats, including monsoon and paperbark forests, and then onto the floodplains. There are signs along the way.

Length: 2.7 km return.
Time: 1.5 hours.
Grade: easy.

 **Dam Wall Access** - shaded bird viewing platforms are located on the dam wall. You will need to park your vehicle on the dam wall to access these. Park and access with care.

 **Pandanus Lookout** - wonderful views of the Dam. Great for sunset or sunrise picnics. Parking available.

Biting Insects - beware, biting insects are part of the wetland web of life. Mosquitoes can be a problem in the Park around sunrise and sunset. Wear protective clothing and apply insect repellent.

  **No swimming** - Saltwater (Estuarine)
Crocodiles inhabit these waters, stay clear of the waters edge.

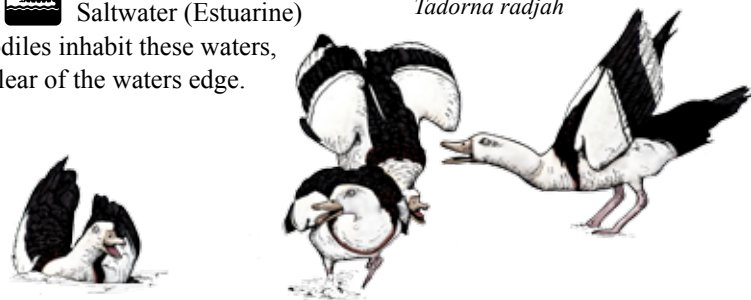
Safety and Comfort

- Observe park safety signs.
- Observe all crocodile warning signs - **DO NOT WALK ON DAM WALL.**
- 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

- 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.
- Camping is not permitted.
- No fishing.
- Check that your vehicle is not transporting pests like weeds and Cane Toads.

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