Explore the Katherine Gorge system and surrounding escarpment via the Southern Walks; where you can enjoy spectacular views, swimming and camping away from the crowds.

The network of tracks begins near the Nitmiluk Visitor Centre with a climb, high onto the rocky escarpment. All are return walks. Be aware that it is hot and rugged up on the escarpment so choose a walk that suits your level of fitness and follow the guidelines here for a safe and enjoyable walk.

Permits and Fees
For overnight walks, all walkers must obtain a permit at the Nitmiluk Visitor Centre between 7am and 1pm. The Parks Information Desk is located in the Centre and is open from 7am to 4pm. Camping is only permitted at Dunlop Swamp, Smitt Rock and the 8th Gorge. Camping fees of $3.30 per person per night apply and will be payable when you obtain your permit at the Nitmiluk Centre.

As a minimum, all walkers should carry:
- 3 litres of water per person per day
- a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) or satellite phone on longer walks
- sturdy footwear and thick socks
- broad-brimmed hat and sunscreen
- basic first aid kit
- pocket knife
- insect repellent and mosquito net
- matches or lighter
- gas or fuel stove - open fires are not permitted.

Trail Conditions
The walking trails vary in difficulty and length. Refer to the list of walks on the back of this sheet for a summary of the conditions you can expect on each trail. Stay on the marked trails at all times. Trail markers are usually located every 20-50 metres. Intersections are marked by sign posts. If you have walked for 100 metres without seeing a marker, go back to the last marker and find the next marker. Be aware that often worn paths through the bush are animal tracks, not the walking trail.

It can be extremely hot between September and December. Temperatures on the escarpment are often 10°C hotter than near the river. Walk in the cool of the day and drink plenty of water. Check at the Nitmiluk Visitor Centre for the availability of drinking water.

All walks are marked by coloured triangles on a white background.

Emergency Contact
Emergency Call Devices (ECDs) are located at various locations, as shown on the map. ECDs are for:
- contacting a Ranger in an emergency situation.

Checkpoints
For your safety please register your passing in the checkpoint book at Dunlop Swamp. This can help Rangers locate you in an emergency.

Information Sheet

### Nitmiluk National Park

**Southern Walks**

- **Barrawel Walk** (via Lookout) 1.8 km 1 hour Views of the picnic area, Katherine Gorge & 17 Mile Valley.
- **Waleka Walk** 16.5 km one way - Pat’s Lookout to Smitt Rock Walk 2-3 days Spectacular views of the second gorge from Jeddas Rock and the upper gorge area. Travels the sandstone escarpment via undulating rock platforms and shallow gullies.
- **Windsor Walk** (via Lookout) 8.4 km 3.5 hours Views of the First Gorge from Pat’s Lookout. Seasonal swimming at Southern Rockhole (seasonal waterfall).
- **Butterfly Gorge Walk** (via Yambi Walk) 12 km 4.5 hours Shaded gorge with butterflyfish and rainforest leading into Katherine Gorge. Deep water, seasonal swimming.
- **Lily Ponds Walk** (via Yambi Walk) 19.8 km 6.5 hours Creek side walk with views of the Third Gorge. Seasonal Lily Pond Falls and seasonal swimming in the river.
- **Smitt Rock Walk** (via Yambi Walk) (Dunlop Swamp camping) 23.6 km 8.5 hours Seasonal swimming below Dunlop swamp and at Smitt Rock. Gorge views. Emergency Call Devices (Dunlop Swamp and Smitt Rock).
- **Eighth Gorge Walk** (via Yambi Walk) 33.2 km 2 days Good view of the upper gorge area. Large valley with extensive rock outcrops. Emergency Call Device. Seasonal swimming in river and at campsite.
- **Eighth Gorge and Jawoyn Valley return** (via Yambi Walk) 39 km 2-3 days Galleries of Jawoyn paintings. Large valley with extensive rock outcrops.

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**Australian Walking Track Grading System - User Guide for Northern Territory Parks**

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- No bushwalking experience required. Flat even surface with no steps or steep sections. Suitable for wheelchair users who have someone to assist them. Walks no greater than 5 km.
- No bushwalking experience required. The track is a hardened or compacted surface and may have a gentle hill section or sections and occasional steps. Walks not greater than 10 km.
- 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.
- Bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may be long, rough and very steep. Directional signage may be limited.
- Very experienced bushwalkers with specialised skills, including navigation and emergency first aid. Tracks are likely to be very rough, very steep and unmarked. Walks may be more than 20 km.

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For more information please contact Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory at 1300 065 450.
Look after yourself and the Park
• Carry and drink at least three litres of water each day.
• Wear sturdy shoes, a hat and sunscreen.
• Take care on the steep tracks and loose rocks.
• Open fires are not permitted in the Park.
• Please take all your rubbish out with you.

Toilets only at Smitt Rock, Dunlop Swamp, and 8th Gorge campsites. At all other sites please bury waste at a depth of 30 cm, well away from campsites and waterways.

View of the Gorge from Pat’s Lookout, on the Waleka Walk.

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Baruwei Loop
Side tracks and links
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Yambi Walk

Southern Walks map located here. Please check carefully that you are headed in the right direction at this point.

DO NOT COMMENCE THE SOUTHERN WALKS UNLESS WELL PREPARED TO DO SO.