



The picturesque Douglas River, rejuvenating thermal springs, and abundant riverine wildlife are some of the wonderful features which keep visitors coming back year after year to this great Top End Park.

The Park is owned by the *Wagiman* people who jointly manage it with the Parks and Wildlife Commission.

The *Wagiman* women have the cultural responsibility of looking after this land. They ask that you help care for their country and respect their sacred places during your stay. The Park is an important place for women's business ceremonies and *Wagiman* women retain the right to close the park should they wish to carry out ceremonies on their land.

Access (see map)

The Park is located approximately 130 km from Katherine and 200 km from Darwin. 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. The last 7 km into Tjuwaliyn is a formed gravel road providing dry season access (May - September) for all vehicles. The towing of caravans and trailers is usually possible.

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. Check road conditions on 1800 246 199, or visit the website www.roadreport.nt.gov.au

What to see and do



Swimming - *Wagiman* women worry that visitors might burn themselves in the very hot water that sometimes comes into the river. Please test the water before you enter and supervise your children carefully. Swimming is not permitted in the sacred site. Swimming is best suited to the cooler pools some 200 metres upstream and downstream. The Commission monitors water quality in swimming areas in parks and may close them for health reasons at short notice.



Camping - there is a large camping area with toilets and showers, barbecues, picnic tables and water. Power is not available. Camping fees apply and should be deposited in the honesty box provided. **Note - if you wish to use a generator please camp in the generator use area and show consideration to other campers.**



Walking - follow the river bed downstream. The fallen timber in the river bed is evidence of powerful wet season floods.



Little-red Flying-fox
Pteropus scapulatus

Safety and Comfort

- Beware some parts of the river are very hot.
- Observe park safety 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

- Men are not permitted near the sacred site.
- Glass is not permitted in or near the river.
- Bins are not provided, please take rubbish away with you.
- Keep to designated roads and tracks.
- All cultural items and wildlife are protected.
- Pets are not permitted.
- Nets, traps and firearms are not permitted.
- Take care with fire, light fires only in fireplaces provided.
- Soaps and detergent are not permitted in the river bed.
- Camp only in designated camping areas.
- Generator area provided.
- Check that your vehicle is not transporting pests like weeds and Cane Toads.

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Tjuwaliyn (Douglas) Hot Springs Park

