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Limmen National Park



Isolated Limmen National Park offers a wonderful remote park experience, but you will need to be fully self-reliant when you visit. Featuring spectacular sandstone formations, numerous river systems and associated wetlands, it is also steeped in culture and history.

Access

The Park is situated in the Gulf region, about 275 km south-east of Katherine and 65 km from Borroloola. It can be accessed from the Stuart Highway via the Roper Highway (turnoff 10 km south of Mataranka), or via the Carpentaria Highway that runs through the Gulf region from the Highway Inn (near Daly Waters) into Queensland.

Please drive carefully. All roads within the Park are unsealed and can be closed due to seasonal flooding from November to May. Roads leading to the Park may also be affected by flooding at this time. Check Park road conditions by phoning the Parks and Wildlife offices listed below. Other road conditions are available by phoning 1800 246 199, or checking the road conditions website: www.roadreport.nt.gov.au

Climate

The Gulf region sits between the wet tropics and the arid zone. South-easterly breezes keep temperatures comfortable between April and August, from September to January they can reach the 40's. Most of the 800 mm average rain falls between December and April, causing flooding and road closures throughout the region.

What to See and Do

Camping - Short-term camping areas with facilities are provided at Towns River, Butterfly Falls, Limmen Bight River, Southern Lost City and Munbililla.

Bush Camping is available at the Yurrlmundju, Mountain Creek and Baba Didi sites. Limmen Bight Fishing Camp and Lorella Springs Wilderness Park (out of the Park) are also popular.

Fishing - With the Roper, Towns and Limmen Bight Rivers flowing into the Gulf of Carpentaria to the east, there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy fishing. Boat ramps are provided at Towns River, Limmen Bight Fishing Camp and Munbililla.

Sightseeing - The many lagoons close to the main road are a bird watchers delight and the intriguing pillars of the lost city formations host some of the Park's more notable wildlife.

The **Southern Lost City** is 35 km south of the Nathan River Ranger Station. At the end of the 4 km track you can enjoy a 2.5 km walk among the rock formations. Access to the **Western Lost City** is by 4WD vehicle only.

You will need a key from the Ranger Station to unlock the gate at the start of the 28 km track to the **Western Lost City**. It begins just north-west of the Nathan River Ranger Station and ends at a 300 metre walk and short climb to views over the O'Keefe Valley. Call and organise the key prior to your visit, as the Ranger Station is not always attended.





Swimming - The rivers and creeks nmen National Park at

within Limmen National Park are inhabited by Estuarine (saltwater) Crocodiles. **Do not swim** in any of the rivers or creeks in the Park.

Butterfly Falls is the only place in the Park considered safe for swimming, although not suitable towards the end of the Dry

Visitor Facilities

Make sure you have enough fuel

as the pool becomes stagnant.

Safety and Comfort

- Ensure your vehicle is well maintained and equipped and that you have enough fuel
- Keep to designated roads and tracks
- Swim only at Butterfly Falls, observe warning signs
- Observe park safety signs
- Carry and drink plenty of water
- Wear a shady hat, sunscreen and insect repellent
- · Carry a first aid kit
- Avoid strenuous activity during the heat of the day

Please Remember

- Put your rubbish in the bin or take it away with you
- All cultural items and wildlife are protected
- Pets are not permitted in the Park
- Nets, traps and firearms are not permitted in the Park
- Avoid using soaps and detergents near waterways
- Take care with fire, light fires only in fireplaces provided
- Camp only in designated camping areas
- Collect fallen timber for firewood on the way to your picnic or campsite
- The use of chainsaws is not permitted within the Park
- Observe all fishing regulations
- Quad and trail bikes are not permitted off-road within the Park
- Turn generators off by 8.30pm

and food for your journey through the Park. There are no services for 338 km between Roper Bar and Cape Crawford, although limited fuel and supplies are available at Limmen Bight Fishing Camp.

At Nathan River Ranger Station you can collect the key to access the Western Lost City, get more information about the Park, or contact a Ranger in an emergency.

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