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| | DISTANCE | TIME | | | |
| Baruwei Walk (via Lookout) | 1.8 km | 1 hour | Views of the picnic area, Katherine Gorge & 17 Mile Valley. | GRADE 3 - MODERATE Short, steep track. Condition varies.  | Water available at the Nitmiluk Centre or from tanks at the top of the hill. |
| | 4.8 km | 2 hours | Continue walk from lookout along escarpment and back down towards the visitor centre. | | |
| Waleka Walk | 16.5 km one way - Pat's Lookout to 8th Gorge Walk | 2-3 days | Spectacular views of the second gorge from Jeddas Rock and the upper gorge area. Traverses the sandstone escarpment via undulating rock platforms and shallow gullies. | GRADE 5 - DIFFICULT Wilderness trail with track markers. Extreme heat - Sept to April.  | From the various water tanks along the Yambi Walk and at the river. Boil river water before use. |
| Windolf <i>(via Yambi Walk)</i> | 8.4 km | 3.5 hours | Views of the First Gorge from Pat's Lookout. Seasonal swimming at Southern Rockhole (seasonal waterfall). | GRADE 3 - MODERATE  | From the water tank at the Windolf Walk junction. |
| Butterfly Gorge <i>(via Yambi Walk)</i> | 12 km | 4.5 hours | Shaded gorge with butterflies and rainforest leading into Katherine Gorge. Deep water, seasonal swimming. | GRADE 3 - MODERATE  | From the water tank at the Butterfly Gorge trail junction. |
| Lily Ponds <i>(via Yambi Walk)</i> | 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. | GRADE 4 - MODERATE TO DIFFICULT last 1 km rough.  | From the water tank at the Lily Ponds junction. |
| Smitt Rock <i>(via Yambi Walk)</i> (Dunlop Swamp camping) | 23.6 km (17.4 km) | 8.5 hours | Seasonal swimming below Dunlop swamp and at Smitt Rock. Gorge views. Emergency Call Devices (Dunlop Swamp and Smitt Rock). | GRADE 4 - MODERATE TO DIFFICULT last 2 km rough.  | From the water tank at Lily Ponds or Smitt Rock junction. |
| Eighth Gorge <i>(via Yambi Walk)</i> | 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. | GRADE 4 - MODERATE TO DIFFICULT Wilderness trail with track markers. Extreme heat - Sept to April.  | From the water tank at Eighth Gorge trail head. |
| Eighth Gorge and Jawoyn Valley return <i>(via Yambi Walk)</i> | 39 km | 2 -3 days | Galleries of Jawoyn paintings. Large valley with extensive rock outcrops. | GRADE 4 - MODERATE TO DIFFICULT Wilderness trail with track markers. Extreme heat - Sept to April.  | From the water tanks at Smitt Rock and Eighth Gorge junctions. |

| Australian Walking Track Grading System - User Guide for Northern Territory Parks | | | | |
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| Grade 1 | Grade 2 | Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 |
|  Easy (disabled access) |  Easy |  Moderate |  Moderate to Difficult |  Difficult |
| 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. |



Nitmiluk National Park



Southern Walks

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 begin 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. **Correct cash to be placed in campfee envelopes** - no card facilities or change provided.

All walkers should let someone responsible know where they are going and when they will be back. Long term parking is located at the Ranger Station.

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 April. 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

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



Nitmiluk Visitor Centre for the availability of drinking water.

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

Checkpoints

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

IN AN EMERGENCY

Call 000 - mobile reception can be poor to unavailable on the walks.



Southern Rockhole.

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