**Waleka Walk**
- **Distance:** 14 km one way
- **Time:** 2-3 days
- **Features:** Spectacular views of the second gorge from Jolda Rock and the upper gorge area. Travels the sandstone escarpment via undulating rock platforms and shallow gullies.
- **Trail Rating:** GRADE 5 - DIFFICULT
- **Water Available:** From the various water tanks and river at designated campsites. Boil river water before use.

**Lily Ponds**
- **Distance:** 19.8 km
- **Time:** 6.5 hours
- **Features:** Creek side walk with views of lower Gorge. Seasonal Lily Pond Falls and seasonal swimming in the river.
- **Trail Rating:** GRADE 4 - MODERATE TO DIFFICULT
- **Water Available:** From the water tank at the Lily Ponds junction.

**Smitt Rock** (via Tamba Walk)
- **Distance:** 23.6 km one way
- **Time:** 8.5 hours
- **Features:** Seasonal swimming below Dunlop swamp and at Smitt Rock. Gorge views. Emergency Call Devices (Dunlop Swamp and Smitt Rock).
- **Trail Rating:** GRADE 4 - MODERATE TO DIFFICULT
- **Water Available:** From the water tank at the Smitt Rock junction.

**Eighth Gorge** (via Tamba Walk)
- **Distance:** 33.2 km
- **Time:** 2 days
- **Features:** Good view of the upper gorge area. Large valley with extensive rock outcrops. Emergency Call Device. Seasonal swimming in river and at campsite.
- **Trail Rating:** GRADE 4 - MODERATE TO DIFFICULT
- **Water Available:** From the water tank at Smitt Rock junction.

**Jawoyn Valley** (via Tamba Walk)
- **Distance:** 39 km
- **Time:** 2-3 days
- **Features:** Galleries of Jawoyn paintings. Large valley with extensive rock outcrops.
- **Trail Rating:** GRADE 4 - MODERATE TO DIFFICULT
- **Water Available:** From the water tanks at Smitt Rock and Eighth Gorge junctions.

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**Information Sheet**

**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 8am and 1pm. The Parks Information Desk is located in the Centre and is open from 8am 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 collected when you obtain your permit at the Nitmiluk Centre.

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.

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**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 river before returning.

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**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.

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

- **Easy (unsealed access):** No bushwalking experience required. Flat even surface with no steps or steep sections. Suitable for wheelchair users who need assistance to walk. Walks no greater than 5 km.
- **Easy (sealed access):** 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 10 km.
- **Moderate:** 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.
- **Moderate to Difficult:** 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.
- **Difficult:** 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.
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 on the Waleka Walk.

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- Meals
- Drinking Water
- Lookout
- Aboriginal Art
- Rock Bars

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.