



kakaduTM
NATIONAL PARK



Fishing & Boating

Kakadu is a World Heritage listed park.
The park is listed for its natural and cultural values.

When boating and fishing in Kakadu, you are expected to obey laws created to protect the park's values. These include the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000* and the *Northern Territory Fisheries and Marine Acts*.

These laws require you to carry the correct safety equipment in your vessel and observe fish possession limits. Northern Territory catch limits apply unless otherwise specified.

Commercial fishing is not permitted in Kakadu National Park. Fishing tour operators may conduct tours with a current Kakadu National Park permit.



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Kakadu is a great place for boating.

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Please obey fishing and boating regulations.

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Do not clean fish within 50 metres of a water body unless using a designated fish cleaning facility.

RESTRICTED WATERWAYS

For environmental and cultural reasons fishing and boating are prohibited in certain areas. Refer to shaded areas on the maps on the following page.

MORE INFORMATION

Laws relating to fishing and boating are regularly reviewed and may change.

For current recreational fishing information and to report any suspicious activity or crocodile incidents call Kakadu National Park Headquarters on (08) 8938 1120.

For more detailed information about fish possession limits and for fishing tips see the NT Fisheries website: www.nt.gov.au/d/Fisheries.



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PARK NOTE

Fishing rules

The following regulations apply to fishing in Kakadu National Park.

FISH POSSESSION LIMITS

Kakadu National Park has the same possession limits as in the Northern Territory's Mary and Daly River Fish Management Zones. A general possession limit of 15 fish applies to each person. Included within this limit, you may only have a maximum number of the following species:

- 3 Barramundi (minimum overall length 55cm, fillet 27cm)
- 2 Black jewfish
- 2 Spanish mackerel
- 3 Golden snapper
- 3 Threadfin salmon
- 3 Mangrove jack (minimum length 35 cm)
- 3 sharks (excluding protected species)

Sawfish, northern river and speartooth sharks are protected and must not be taken.

To assist with identification and effective enforcement:

The entire skin must be left on fillets or trunks.

If a fillet is dissected, each portion will be considered a whole fillet and equal to half a fish.

Fillets of managed species must be kept separate from fillets of other species.

For full details of NT possession limits for all other species that don't appear in this list, see: www.nt.gov.au/d/Fisheries

OTHER RULES

You may not use or possess nets, firearms, spears, traps or any device designed for taking an animal or fish other than:

Rods or handlines with a single hook or lure attached.

Landing nets are permitted only for landing fish. They may not be used for any other purposes.

A live animal (including fish) cannot be used as bait.

Dead bait fish may be used only if caught within Kakadu.

The use of processed bait is restricted to coastal areas of the park, except the West Alligator River where all fishing is prohibited.

Do not leave a fishing line unattended.

Do not tether fish.

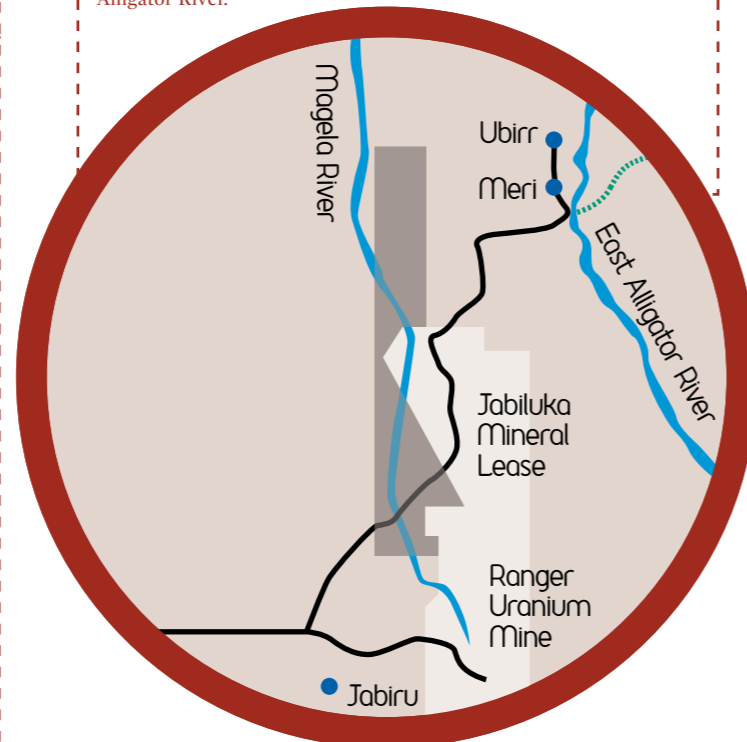
Do not clean fish within 50 metres of a water body unless using a designated fish cleaning facility.

Do not clean fish on the water if within one kilometre of land.

Crabs must not be taken.

Nets, traps and pots used for recreational fishing outside the park may be transported into or through the park only along the Oenpelli Road, Arnhem Highway and Kakadu Highway. These items must be securely stowed at all times and not used

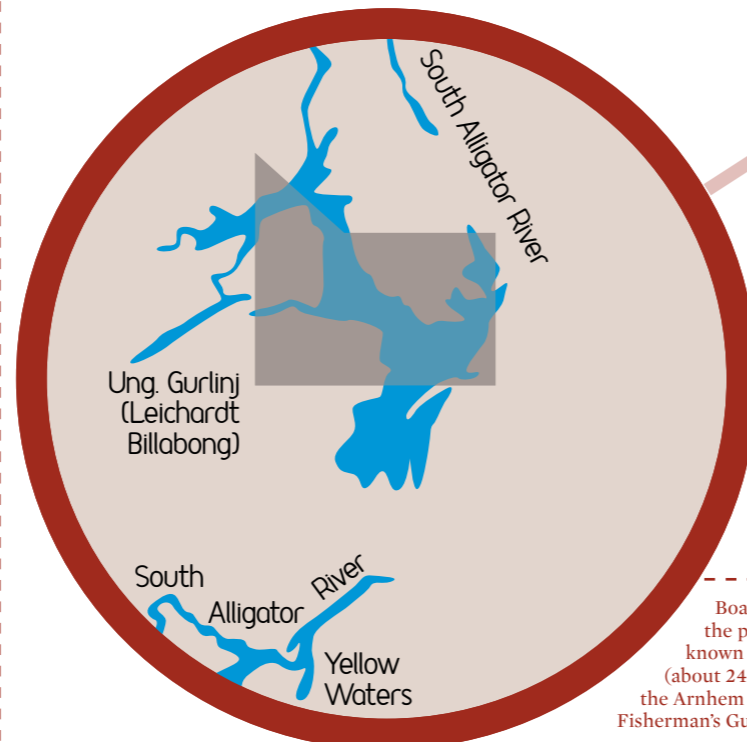
While fishing is permitted on the Magela downstream of the crossing, boating is not. A permit is required to boat on Magela Creek from Mudginberri to Nankeen Billabongs, including the Oenpelli Road crossing. This does not apply to the tidal area of Magela Creek accessed by boat from the East Alligator River. Note that a permit is required to enter Arnhem Land on the eastern side of the East Alligator River.



Map legend

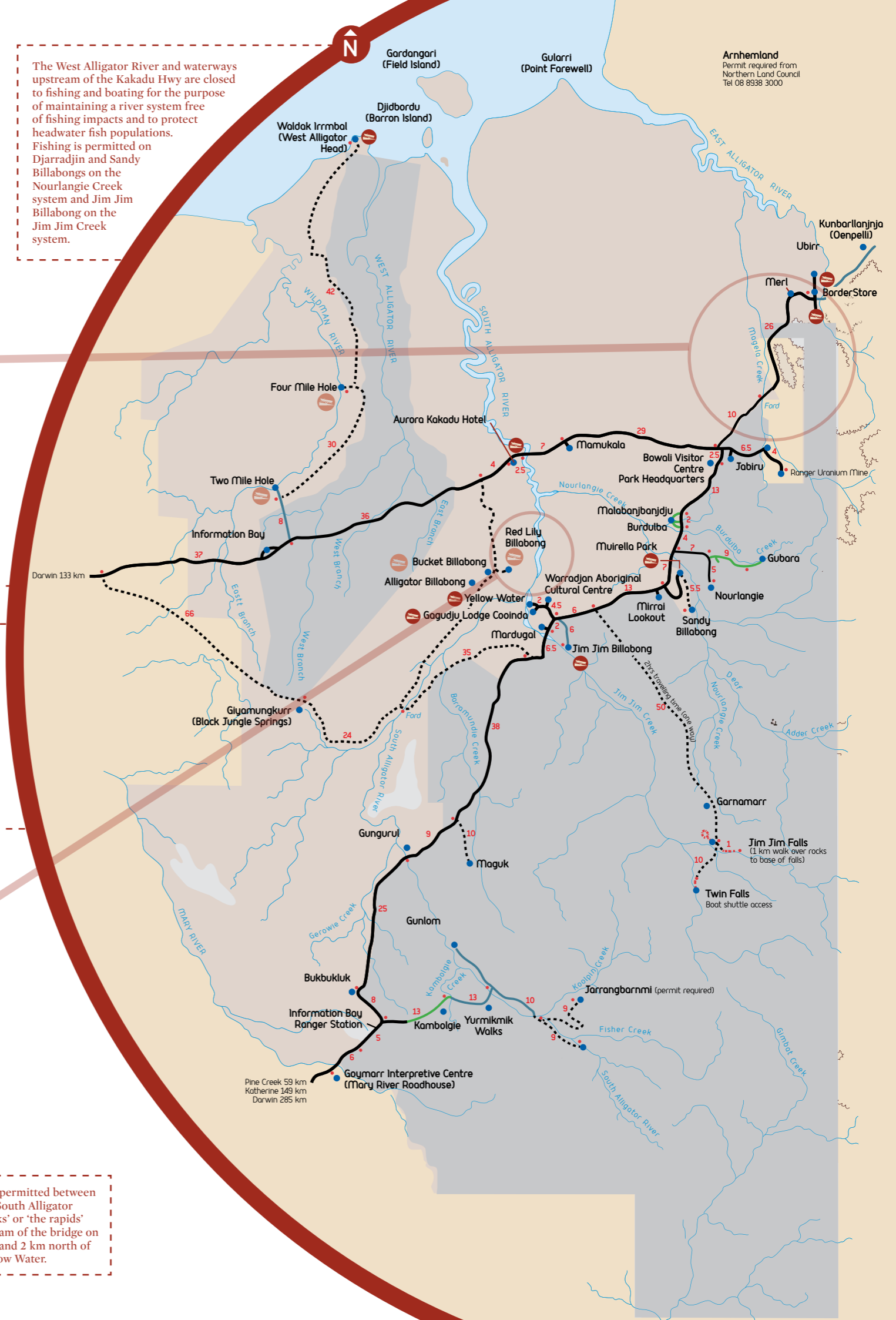
- No fishing in these areas
- Formed boat ramp
- Unformed boat ramp
- Road distances
- Unsealed 2WD (may only be 4WD accessible during wet season)
- Principal locations
- Unsealed 2WD (closed during wet season)
- Sealed road
- 4WD (closed during wet season)
- Walking track

See the Kakadu National Park Visitor Guide for a detailed map of the park.



Boating is not permitted between the part of the South Alligator known as 'the forks' or 'the rapids' (about 24 km upstream of the bridge on the Arnhem Highway) and 2 km north of Fisherman's Gully on Yellow Water.

The West Alligator River and waterways upstream of the Kakadu Hwy are closed to fishing and boating for the purpose of maintaining a river system free of fishing impacts and to protect headwater fish populations. Fishing is permitted on Djarradjin and Sandy Billabongs on the Nourlangie Creek system and Jim Jim Billabong on the Jim Jim Creek system.



Arnhemland
Permit required from
Northern Land Council
Tel 08 8938 3000

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Navigating on an outgoing or low tide can be hazardous. If in doubt seek local advice.



BOATING SAFETY

Boating in Kakadu's waterways can be dangerous due to strong currents, sand bars, submerged logs and crocodiles. For your safety:

- All non-powered vessels are prohibited
- Tell a responsible adult where you are going and when you expect to be back
- Make sure you comply with NT Marine Safety legislation and have enough safety equipment for every person on board - life jackets, drinking water, oars, flares, torches, tool kit, extra fuel and a satellite phone
- Ensure your boat and motor are in sound working order and drain plugs are tightly inserted
- Check the tides. For Cahill's Crossing add 5 1/2 hours to Darwin tide times. For the South Alligator River bridge, add 4 hours on to Darwin tide times
- Check the weather. Where possible seek local knowledge. If in doubt, don't go out

CROCODILE SAFETY

Estuarine (saltwater) crocodiles are extremely dangerous and present a risk to people boating or fishing in Kakadu. For your safety:

- Avoid crocodiles - do not approach or feed them
- Keep well away from the water's edge and do not enter the water
- Be alert when fishing on riverbanks
- Take extreme care when launching and retrieving boats
- It is an offence to clean fish within 50 metres of a water body unless at a designated fish cleaning facility
- Use a landing net to boat fish
- When releasing fish, do not put any part of your body in the water
- Camp in designated camp sites well away from waterways
- Do not go near the water at night
- Be alert and look out for crocodiles if collecting water from waterways
- Do not get into regular daily routines near the water



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Keep your hands well out of the water, use a landing net.

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The tracks show a crocodile has visited this campsite.

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