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NATIONAL PARK

Jim Jim Falls and Twin Falls

Welcome to Jim Jim Falls and Twin Falls. These areas are powerful and spiritual places for Aboriginal custodians.

Nayuhyungki, the creation ancestors, travelled across this area. Many have left their spiritual essence here, as a reminder of their actions. Almudj, the Rainbow Serpent, travelled along these waterways and now rests in the Twin Falls plunge pool. Yamidj started his creation journey here, leaving behind yams, red ochre and his essence in the form of a katydid (small green grasshopper).

Today, water continues to shape this landscape. In the wet season, heavy rains flood escarpment creeks and great volumes of water thunder over the falls to flood the lowlands. At this time, the area is inaccessible by road, but is spectacular by scenic flight.

In the dry season, the creeks and falls slowly dry up and the area can be visited by 4WD. Whenever you visit, the steep sandstone gorges, monsoon forests and plunge pools will leave you awestruck.

"We want tourists to visit our land not only to learn and enjoy, but also to be safe and respectful of the land... moving slowly through country..."

The Aboriginal custodians of Jim Jim and Twin Falls



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1 Early dry season view of Jim Jim Falls from the viewing pool.

2 Wet season Jim Jim in full flood via a scenic flight. Credit: The Scenic Flight Company

3 Karnamarr (red-tailed black cockatoo).

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For more information or to plan your trip visit

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4 The Barrk Marlam walk provides amazing views but should only be attempted by the fit and well prepared.

ROAD ACCESS (Dry season only)

The 50 kilometres road into the area is unsealed and often corrugated. Please observe the 60 km/hr speed limit. Only high clearance 4WD vehicles can continue from Karnamarr campground to Jim Jim Falls and Twin Falls.

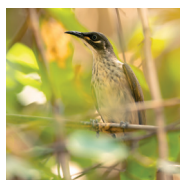
The tracks are narrow and winding, so trailers are not permitted (leave them at the campground).

The creek crossing with a firm concrete base can be more than 0.4 metres deep. A snorkel is highly recommended.

Check road conditions at kakadu.gov.au/access or by calling Bowali Visitor Centre on 08 8938 1120.

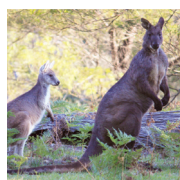
CAN YOU SPOT THE ENDEMIC RESIDENTS?

This area is truly unique, home to many plants and animals found nowhere else in the world. Look out for some of these special species:



White-lined honeyeater's distinct dark cheeks have a pale gape mark that

extends upward under the blue eye. Calls include loud, wavering, slurred whistles.



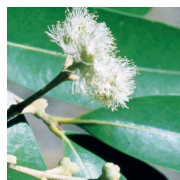
Barrk (black wallaroo) is a shy, beautiful marsupial.

The larger males are black while the smaller females are grey. Move quietly on the Barrk Marlam walk or the Twin Falls escarpment walk and you may spot one.



Doddorok (chestnut-quilled rock pigeon) is perfectly camouflaged

against the rocky stone country. This seed-eating bird's tiny legs make it appear to move on rollers! Walk quietly and slowly, listening for a soft coo. One may explode into flight right beneath your feet, don't step on it!



Anbinik is the largest growing tree of the escarpment country,

this ancient species is believed to have Gondwanan origins. It is the ancestor of our current eucalypts.

5 Hike to the top of the Arnhem Land escarpment, pass through monsoon vine forest and admire the view down into the gorge.



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7 Andjimdjim (water pandanus) gives its name to the gorge, creek and billabong that it lines.

TWIN FALLS

Twin Falls escarpment walk

FEATURES: Hike to the top of the Arnhem Land escarpment, pass through monsoon vine forest and admire ancient sandstone formations from the lookout. Follow the creek to the track's end.

DISTANCE: 6 km return

TIME: Allow 6 hrs

GRADE: Difficult, marked track.

NOTE: For the fit and well prepared only. Keep away from the edge. Carry and drink at least one (1) litre of water per person per hour, and keep walk markers in sight.

Budjmi lookout walk

FEATURES: Glorious escarpment views from a sandstone outlier (best in the afternoon light).

DISTANCE: 1 km return

TIME: Allow 45 mins

GRADE: Easy to moderate, marked track.

Note: Starts at Jim Jim Creek day use area which is a great picnic spot. View sandstone formations from the lookout.

KARNAMARR CAMPGROUND

OPEN: Arrive before 8.30 am — 8.30 pm

FACILITIES: Hot showers, wood barbecues, picnic tables.

SUITABLE: Tents, off-road camper trailers. No generators.

FEES: \$10 per adult, per night. No bookings.

JIM JIM FALLS

Viewing pool walk

FEATURES: Enjoy a stunning view of Jim Jim Falls with ease.

DISTANCE: 800 m return

TIME: Allow 1 hr

GRADE: Moderate, marked track.

Jim Jim Gorge walk

FEATURES: Monsoon forest along Jim Jim Creek, leading to dramatic escarpment walls and deep waterfall natural pool.

DISTANCE: 2 km return

TIME: Allow 3 hrs

GRADE: Difficult, involving scrambling over increasingly large boulders.

Note: The plunge pool beneath the falls is extremely deep and cold. Drownings have occurred here, we do not recommend swimming. Rocks and boulders can be slippery, and sturdy footwear is essential.

Barrk Marlam walk

FEATURES: Rugged ascent to the top of the escarpment, through Anbinik forests and across exposed sandstone heath country to the top of Jim Jim Falls.

DISTANCE: 6 km return

TIME: Allow 4–6 hrs

GRADE: Difficult, steep climb, marked track.

Note: For the fit and well prepared only. Carry and drink at least one (1) litre of water per person per hour. Keep walk markers in sight. Depart before 10 am to avoid heat illness.

WATER SAFETY



KAKADU VISITORS ARE URGED TO UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING WARNING TO ENJOY A SAFE VISIT.

Kakadu National Park has many spectacular waterways and natural pools however they can be dangerous for swimmers. **Observe ALL safety warning signs;** be aware of your surroundings; remember the location of Emergency Call Devices (ECDs) in case someone needs help; and carry a First Aid kit with you.

Watch for changes in the weather. Some waterways may flash flood causing dangerously strong currents, and many of the waterways are home to crocodiles. Crocodiles hunt by staying submerged and can attack in knee-deep water. Always stay a safe distance from the waters' edge. Be careful when walking near waterfalls or rock pools which can be slippery, and may contain submerged rocks or tree branches that pose risk. Water in rock pools can be extremely cold and may induce shock, especially on hot days. **The safest place to swim in Kakadu is in a public or hotel pool, and never swim alone.**

WHEN WALKING

- Keep to marked tracks — there are many sacred places in this area. To protect them, the area's custodians request you stay on marked tracks at all times.
- Wear sturdy footwear.
- Carry and drink plenty of water — at least one (1) litre per person per hour.
- On longer walks, bring energy foods and healthy snacks.
- Avoid walking in the hottest part of the day.
- Advise a responsible adult of your walking plans.

CROCODILE SAFETY

Kinga (estuarine [saltwater] crocodiles) inhabit all Kakadu waterways below the escarpment. They are extremely aggressive and can cause injury or death. For your safety, swimming is prohibited in all waterways in this area. The only exception is the plunge pool and beach pool where you may swim at your own risk. Here, rangers work hard to detect and remove estuarine crocodiles. While this reduces the risk of dangerous crocodiles, they can move back into the pool undetected at any time. We cannot guarantee a 100% crocodile-free area. Obey all crocodile warning and safety signs. Swim at your own risk in the Jim Jim Falls plunge pool only. Modjarrki (freshwater crocodiles) also occur here. They are usually very shy but may become aggressive when feeling threatened. Please do not approach or feed them.

For more information contact

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8 A scenic flight is a must-do to experience Kakadu's waterfalls during the wet season.

WALKING BEYOND MARKED WALKING TRACKS AND BUSH CAMPING

A permit is required to walk beyond marked walking tracks or to camp outside of Karnamarr campground. For permits and permit information contact the

Permits Officer on
08 8938 1140.
Download forms at
kakadu.gov.au/plan/permits/camping-and-bushwalking

LOOK AFTER YOURSELF AND THE PARK

- The traditional Aboriginal custodians of Jim Jim Falls and Twin Falls care about your safety.
- Enjoy the wildlife, but do not approach, feed or interfere with them.
- Protect yourself from the sun and biting insects — wear a hat and cover up with loose, light clothing.
- Do not climb or jump from rocks.
- Be mindful of cool water, which may be dangerous.
- Carry out all rubbish, including cigarette butts, fruit peel and tissues.
- Fishing is not permitted in this area.
- Use fuel stoves in preference to open fires. If lighting a fire, collect firewood on the way to your camp rather than at the campsite. Use firewood sparingly.
- Bury toilet waste at least 15 centimetres deep and 100 metres from campsites and waterways

IN AN EMERGENCY

- Use the Emergency Call Devices (ECDs), and check maps for locations
- These devices are only for emergency requests such as medical help, search and rescue, or to notify park staff of any other incident requiring an urgent response.

SAFE DRIVING

- Road is unsealed, drive to conditions. High-clearance 4WD only from Karnamarr campground to Jim Jim Falls and Twin Falls.
- Adhere to speed limits and other road signage.

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