

2019 VISITOR GUIDE





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Alcohol Restrictions

Kununurra & Wyndham

- Bottle shops hours: Monday to Saturday: 12pm to 8pm; Sunday: Closed.
- The sale and supply of liquor for consumption on premises is prohibited before 12pm, except where it is sold or supplied ancillary to a meal or to a lodger
- Takeaway sales restricted to between 12pm and 8pm
- Quantity limits of 11.25 Litres/ 1 carton per person per day of between 2.7% and & 7% mid or full strength beer, a maximum of 2.25 Litres/ 3 bottles of wine per person per day of up to 15% alcohol, and 1 Litre per person per day of over 15% alcohol/ spirits. There is no limit on light beer with 2.7% or less.
- Where a packaged liquor product is available from a manufacturer in a non-glass container, licensees are prohibited from selling the product in a glass container.

Halls Creek

- **Bottle shop hours:** Monday to Thursday: 10am to 6pm; Friday: 10am to 8pm; Saturday: 10am to 7pm; Sunday: Closed
- Takeaway is restricted to 2.7% alcohol, you cannot purchase mid or full-strength takeaway
- The sale and supply of liquor for consumption on premises is prohibited before 12pm, except where it is sold or supplied ancillary to a meal or to a lodger.

^{*}You are allowed to bring alcohol into Kununurra, Wyndham & Halls Creek but are not permitted to sell to anyone.

^{*}You may purchase alcohol at your licensed accommodation house in the East Kimberley.

Please note: Limits and restrictions correct at time of publication.

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The Kununurra Visitor Centre is the best place to familiarise yourself with all there is to see and do in the East Kimberley. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff are here to answer all of your enquiries; from planning your trip on-line or over the phone, to helping you out in person at the Visitor Centre. Offering tailored itineraries, exceptional local knowledge and a free booking service, the Kununurra Visitor Centre is your one stop shop!

The East Kimberley screams adventure! Whether you're 4wd-ing the dusty Gibb River Road, trekking through the 360 million year old Bungle Bungles (Purnululu National Park), cruising the magical expanse of Lake Argyle or flying over Mitchell Falls, there really is something for everyone! At the Kununurra Visitor Centre, we are passionate about our region, and our tourism operators.

Take a look at our website **visitkununurra.com** for some great ideas, get in touch or book your accommodation and experiences. If it's inspiration you're after, our Instagram and Facebook pages are sure to impress @VisitKununurra and be sure to share your adventures with us, while you're here **#VisitKununurra**.

See you soon, in the Kimberley









WELCOME TO THE EAST KIMBERLEY

As Chair of MG Corporation, I extend visitors a warm welcome to Miriuwung and Gajerrong country.

MG Corporation receives and manages the benefits transferred under the Ord Final Agreement to the Miriuwung and Gajerrong people, who are recognised under Australian law as holding native title over a determination area spanning almost 14,000 square kilometres of land in the East Kimberley region.

The area boasts a pioneering history and includes vast agricultural developments, Lake Argyle and its surrounds, pastoral interests and conservation land, as well as the Kununurra township itself. Traditional Miriuwung and Gajerrong interests also extend into portions of the Northern Territory.

Welcoming visitors to our land has been a part of MG culture for thousands of years, offering them safe passage and protection of their spiritual being throughout their journey. Miriuwung and Gajerrong people continue to manage and maintain these traditional protocols and proactively work to preserve and enhance MG language and culture.

MG country has much to offer visitors, whether swimming in Lake Argyle or local springs, visiting some of the local art galleries, camping or hiking in the beautiful countryside, fishing in the Ord river, canoeing on Lake Kununurra, or hiking in some of our national parks and conservation areas.

Once again, on behalf of Miriuwung and Gajerrong people as traditional custodians of the area, I welcome you to our country and hope that you enjoy your time in the East Kimberley.



Lawford BenningChair, MG Corporation



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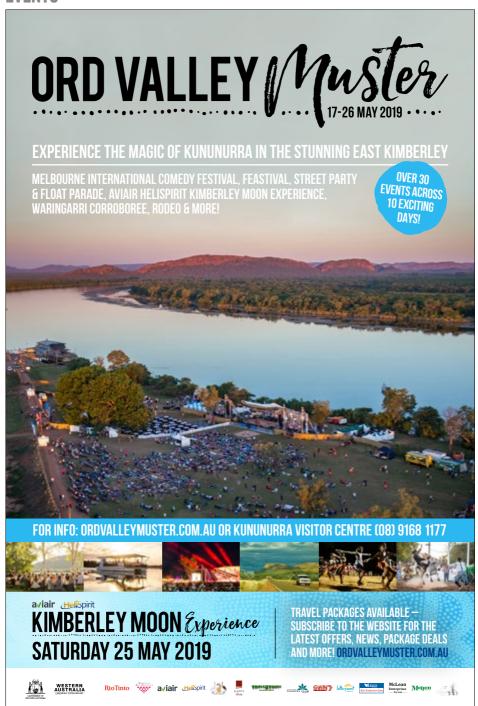
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Kununurra Town Map

East Kimberley Map

Argyle Homestead Museum









26 January

Australia Day CelebrationsWyndham Peter Reid Memorial Hall

26 January

Australia Day Celebrations

Kununurra Leisure Centre Contact: Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley mail@swek.wa.gov.au

TBC

Country Womens Association (CWA) -Annual General Meeting (AGM), TBC Contact: ordvalleycwa@gmail.com Annual General Meeting

8 March

International Women's Day Event

Contact: Kununurra Neighbourhood House 9168 1615 knx.house@bigpond.com *IWD celebrates women's achievements worldwide* and throughout history. Ladies only.

16 March

St Patrick's Quiz Night

Kununurra Leisure Centre Contact: St Joseph's School 9168 1079 admin@stjoknx.wa.edu.au

1 April

Ord Valley CWA 10th Birthday

Keep an eye on the CWA facebook page for event details

6 April

Dam to Dam, Ord River, Kununurra Contact: kununurrawaterskiclub@homail.com Dust off those dingys and get your motor running! KWSC Dam to Dam dingy dash, a 55km stretch down the mighty Ord river.

25 April

Anzac Day Services

Dawn Service - Anzac Hill Morning Service - Town Cenotaph Contact: Sec: Ed 9166 7700

25 April

Anzac Day Dawn Service

Five Rivers Lookout, Wyndham Contact: Richard Daniels 0439 038 550

27-28 April

Beyond the Bastion Brown Water Classic

Wyndham

Contact: Simon Turnbull 0423 417 608

4 May

First National Kimberley Lake Argyle Swim

Lake Argyle

Contact: Glenn Taylor 0407 289 238 www.lakeargyleswim.com gt@fitevents.com.au







17-26 May

Argyle Diamonds Ord Valley Muster

various locations

Contact: Kununurra Visitor Centre 9168 1177 info@visitkununurra.com

Argyle Diamonds Ord Valley Muster - over 30 events across 10 exciting days, including Rodeo, Corroboree, Street Party, Wild Walks, Comedy Festival & much more.

17-24 May

The Gibb Challenge

The Gibb River Road - Derby to El Questro Contact: simon@karunjie.com.au 0439 063 441 700km socially competitive mountain bike team relay, raising awareness and funds for Sirens of Silence.

22 May

National Simultaneous Storytime

Contact: Kununurra Library 9169 1227.

25 May

Kimberley Moon Experience

Jim Hughes Amphitheatre

Contact: Kununurra Visitor Centre 9168 1177

info@visitkununurra.com

9 June

Ord River Dragon Boat Marathon

Ord River, Kununurra

Contact: Glenn Taylor 0407 289 238 gt@fitevents.com.au www.ordriverpaddle.com.au A 55km Dragon Boat race down the mighty Ord River from the Lake Argyle dam to the Diversion dam in Kununurra.

TBC

Teddy Bears' Picnic, Celebrity Tree Park Contact: Kununurra Neighbourhood House 9168 1615 knx.house@bigpond.com

16 June

The Santanol Kununurra Half Marathon Kununurra

Contact: Glenn Taylor 0407 289 238 gt@fitevents.com.au www.knxrun.com.au A 21.1km run for solo runners or teams of 2/4.

TBC

Stars on the Bastion

Five Rivers Lookout, Wyndham Please refer to www.wyndhamstarsonthebastion. org.au for further details

7-14 July

NAIDOC Week, Various Locations Contact: Tanya Hill 0474 286 824.







Corner of Coolibah Drive & Ivanhoe Road www.kas.org.au facebook.com/agshow.knx

12-13 July

The 2019 Kununurra Agricultural Show Kununurra Agricultural Showgrounds Contact: Michelle 9168 2885

25-28 July

Halls Creek Campdraft & Rodeo

Halls Creek Rodeo Grounds Contact: Mervyn Wortley 9168 8915 rubyplains@kidman.com.au Three days of campdraft, rodeo and gymkhana events.

2-4 August

School/Campdraft/Rodeo

Kununurra Rodeo Ground Contact: Sophie Cooke 9168 7369 & 0407 344 399, knxrodeo@gmail.com

18 August

Long Tan Day (Vietnam Veterans Day)

Shire Cenotaph Contact: Sec: Ed 9166 7700.

TBC

Ladies Day/Halls Creek Cup

Wyndham Turf Club Contact: Lyn 9161 1241 For updates, please see Wydnham Turf Club News on Facebook.

TBC

Wyndham Cup, Wyndham Turf Club Contact: wyndhamturfclub@gmail.com For updates, please see Wydnham Turf Club News on Facebook.





6-7 September

Lake Argyle Adventure Race

Lake Argyle
Contact: Glenn Taylor 0407 289 238
gt@fitevents.com.au
www.lakeargyleadventurerace.com.au
Lake Argyle solo and team adventure race on
and around Lake Argyle comprising of a swim,
mountain bike and paddle!

TBC

Kununurra Cup Day

Kununurra Race Track
Please refer to Kununurra Race Club on Facebook.

2-6 September

Childrens Book Week

Kununurra Community Library Contact: Library 9169 1227.

6-8 September

Kimberley Writers Festival

Kununurra Community Library Contact: Library 9169 1227.

28-30 September

Apex Barra Bash, Lower Ord River Contact: Grub Wright 0438 925 979 Aaron Macnamara (coordinator) 0429 322 014.

October

Pentecost Pro, Home Valley Station Contact: Home Valley Station 9161 4322.

10 November

Kununurra Neighbourhood House -Family Disco

Contact: Kununurra Neighbourhood House 9168 1615 knx.house@bigpond.com A fun filled family evening with dancing, photo booth, games and great age-appropriate music!

11 November

Remembrance Day, RSL memorial park Wyndham Port

Remembrance Day, Shire Cenotaph Contact: Pres: TBC Sec: Ed 9166 7700

30 November & 1December

Christmas Markets, Kununurra Leisure Centre Friday 30th of November 4pm – 8pm and Saturday 1st of December 8am – 12:30pm Contact: kmi_secretary@outlook.com Please refer to the Kununurra Markets facebook page @Kununurramarketsinc for information.





Seasonal Sport

February - November

Kununurra Taekwondo

Leisure Centre

Contact: Sue Riley 0438 199 556 knxtaekwondo@gmail.com

April - September

Ladies' Netball

Multi-purpose courts - Chestnut Avenue Contact: Vanessa Jenkins 0428 710 185

April - October

Kimberley Rugby League

KAS Oval

Contact: kimberleyrugbyleague@gmail.com 0409371044 Sandra

September - December

Mixed Netball

Multi-purpose courts - Chestnut Avenue Contact: Vanessa Jenkins 0428 710 185

Continuous Events

January - December

CWA Craft Sessions

Contact: ordvalleycwa@gmail.com

January - December

CWA Monthly Meetings

St John SubCentre

Contact: ordvalleycwa@gmail.com

April - September

Kununurra Markets

Whitegum Park

Contact: kmi_secretary@outlook.com April - September Kununurra Markets, Whitegum Park, every Saturday 8am -12pm Contact: kmi_ secretary@outlook.com or 0419 590 795

April - November

Outdoor Cinema

Kununurra Picture Gardens, Coolibah Drive Contact: kununurrapicturegardens@gmail.com Saturday night plus special screenings. See website for more details - www.kpg.org.au

May - November

Saturday Night Speedway, Kununurra Speedway Track

Contact: secretary@kununurraspeedway.com.au



Flying from Perth

There are regular flights from Perth to Kununurra using a few different carriers, including Virgin, Airnorth and Qantas. Some of these flights are direct where others will go through Broome. Check individual carrier websites for more information including special rates during the shoulder season.

Flying from Interstate

It is easy to get into Kununurra from interstate, using one of three connections. You can choose to fly into Perth as mentioned above or there are also daily connecting flights from both Darwin and Broome.

Driving from Perth

Heading over to the East Kimberley is pretty straightforward from Perth and is one of the great drives Australia has to offer. Head up along the picturesque North West Coastal Highway before choosing to either take the Great Northern Highway, passing through Halls Creek and Warmun or the unsealed Gibb River Road to really start your East Kimberley adventure!

Driving from the East

Enter Kununurra from Darwin on the Victoria Highway which is linked to the Stuart Highway in the NT, Kununurra is approximately 500km from Katherine. Alternatively you can drive roughly 1000km on the unsealed Tanami Road from Alice Springs to Halls Creek.



TRAVEL TIPS

The East Kimberley is a very remote region with extremes in temperature and rugged terrain. It is known as Australia's last frontier. This is part of the attraction of the region but it is advisable for those intending to travel to make sure they are fully equipped and prepared prior to departure.

When travelling to Kununurra and the Gibb River Road specifically, please be aware that during the months of November to March (wet season), some places may be closed to visitors due to inaccessibility. It is advisable that you call the Kununurra Visitor Centre to obtain details of road closures, business closures and availability of tours during these months.





Average temperatures for East Kimberley

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MAX (°C)	36	35	35	35	32	30	30	33	36	38	38	38
MIN (°C)	25	24	24	21	19	15	15	17	20	23	25	25
RAIN (mm)	196	213	140	21	10	1.3	0.1	2.8	3.9	26	71	105

Useful Telephone Numbers

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Ambulance/Fire/Police	000
DBCA Parks & Wildlife service	08 9168 4200
Dept. WA Fisheries	08 9193 8600
Dentist	08 9168 1529
Hospital – Kununurra	08 9166 4222
Hospital – Wyndham	08 9161 0222
Hospital – Halls Creek	08 9168 9222
Kununurra Medical	08 9168 1001
Police – HCQ	08 9168 9777
Police – Kununurra 24hr	08 9166 4530
Police – Wyndham	08 9161 1055
Post Office – Kununurra	08 9168 1395
Post Office – Wyndham	08 9161 1241
Post Office – Halls Creek	08 9168 6253
RAC Agent – Kununurra	08 9169 1463
RAC Agent – Wyndham	08 9161 1305
Shire Office – Kununurra	08 9168 4100
Shire Office – Wyndham	08 9161 1002
Shire Office – Halls Creek	08 9168 6007
Taxi Service - Australia wide	13 1008
Jims Taxi – Wyndham	0418 950 434
KAMN Taxi – Wyndham	0437 486 113
Kimberley Vet Clinic	08 9169 1229

Volunteer Marine Rescue Services Monitor these frequencies:

East Kimberley	VMR 699
Wyndham	VHF 16
The Bastion	VHF 80
Lacrosse Island	VHF 81

Local Radio Stations

M	Tourist Info Radio	87.6
	Vision	88.0
	Triple J	100.0
	NW Regional	102.5
	PKR Radio (Hcq)	98.1
	Red FM	104.1
	Radio National	107.3
	Wyndham District High School	102.1
	Spirit Remote	102.5
	NW Regional (Wyn)	102.9
AΜ	ABC	819

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Road Condition Reports Shire of Wyndham

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East Kimberley	08 9168 4100
Shire of Halls Creek	08 9168 6007
Shire of Derby West Kimberley	08 9191 0999
Main Roads WA	1800 013 314
Main Roads NT	1800 246 199

Distances

Distances	
Kununurra to:	Km's
Argyle Diamond Mine Turnoff	163
Black Rock Falls	30
Broome	1,044
Bungle Bungles Turnoff	253
Bungle Bungles Visitor Centre	302
Darwin	829
Derby (via Great Northern Highway)	910
Doon Doon Roadhouse	107
Duncan Rd turnoff	56
Fitzroy Crossing	649
Gibb River Road turnoff	52
Grotto	66
Hoochery	15
Imintji Store	484
Ivanhoe Crossing	12
Kakadu National Park	742
Karratha	1,819
Katherine	510
Lake Argyle	70
Lake Argyle turnoff	35
Middle Springs	28
Molly Springs	32.5
Molly Springs turnoff	30
NT Border	42
Parry Creek Road (Kununurra end)	12
Parry Creek Road (Wyndham end)	85
Perth (via Coastal Highway)	3,333
Perth (via Great Northern Highway)	3,206
Sandalwood Factory	14
Timber Creek	253
Valentine Springs	18
Victoria River Roadhouse	343
Warmun	201
Wyndham	101

Kununurra to Derby via Gibb River Rd:	Km's
Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge	483
3roome	880
Charnley River Station	497
Charnley River Station turnoff	454
Derby	705
Orysdale River Station	354
El Questro	101
El Questro turnoff	85
Ellenbrae Station	236
Emma Gorge Resort	77
Fairfields Leopold Downs Rd turnoff	587
Galvans Gorge	419
Gibb River Rd/Kalumburu Rd junction	295
Gibb River Road turnoff	52
Home Valley Station	118
mintji Store	484
Kalumburu Aboriginal Community	562
Mitchell Plateau	542
Mitchell Plateau turnoff	457
Mornington Wilderness Camp	540
Mornington Wilderness Camp turnoff	458
Mt Barnett Roadhouse	405
Mt Elizabeth	396
Mt Elizabeth turnoff	366
Mt Hart Homestead	572
Mt Hart Homestead turnoff	522
Over the Range Tyre & Mechanical	439
Pentecost River	109
Silent Grove	521
Tunnel Creek	645
Windjana Gorge	608



Travel Smart

You can never be too prepared, especially in the rugged East Kimberley. Protection from the sun lessens the possibility of sunburn and dehydration. It is advisable to wear the appropriate clothing, hat and sunscreen and always drink plenty of water. Mosquitoes can carry Ross River virus and Encephalitis. Covering up and using an insect repellent will minimise the risk of these bites. When camping, use a fly screened tent or mosquito net.

Driving

The East Kimberley can be unforgiving, if unprepared. It is advised you take the relevant precautions to keep you and your loved ones safe whilst on the road. Be aware that from dusk until dawn, many animals (wallabies, kangaroos, cattle, horses etc.) are more active and can stray onto the roads from unfenced farms. 4WD vehicles are recommended on all unsealed/gravel roads. Always check with local authorities for the current road conditions before you depart. Take spare tyres, food and water. Road trains can be 50m long, please be cautious when looking to overtake them as it can take some time.

Bush Walking

It is advisable to always notify someone if you intend to undertake some bushwalking into more remote areas. Inform them of your departure time, destination and expected return time. Always carry sufficient water in case of any emergency.

Snakes

All snakes should be avoided and left alone. Most snake bites occur when trying to move or kill the snake as most are probably scared of you and will move out of sight before you spot them. Snakes are a protected species.

Crocodiles

There are two main species of crocodiles found in the East Kimberley; the estuarine or saltwater crocodile (known as 'salties') and the Johnson freshwater crocodile (known as 'freshies'). Salties are extremely territorial animals; they are considered to be the most dangerous and can grow up to seven metres in length. However, all crocodiles are potentially dangerous. Always observe warning signs and if in doubt don't swim, canoe or use small boats in estuaries, tidal rivers and deep pools.



Fires

Fires have an adverse effect on all things living; please ensure all fires are confined to appropriate fire places, are extinguished upon departure and always remember – BUSHFIRES KILL!

Flood and Cyclones

Cyclone season is generally between November and April. Please listen carefully to any cyclone alerts provided on radio or television stations to keep yourself and your loved ones safe. Alerts in the region can be found via www.bom.gov.au or www.fesa.wa.gov.au.

Cane Toads

When handling cane toads make sure you use gloves or a plastic bag. In Kununurra, you can drop cane toads off at the Kimberley Vet Centre and DBCA Parks & Wildlife service office.

Citrus Canker

STOP! Citrus canker has been detected in Kununurra and Wyndham. Quarantine areas cover a 50km radius from Kununurra and Wyndham post offices. Citrus remains safe to consume: however, if you purchase citrus in these areas it is important not to take it out of the quarantine areas! For more information see agric.wa.gov.au/citruscanker



Quarantine Aware

Western Australia is free from many of the insect or animal pests, plant and animal diseases and weeds which are present elsewhere in Australia, therefore there are strict quarantine laws on what can be brought into WA. If you are unsure then declare it, there are large penalties in place for those caught. For more information please visit www.agric.wa.gov.au



Travelling during the Wet Season

The months of November through to April are commonly known as the Wet Season in the North West, bringing with it tropical cyclones and flooding, which can cause widespread damage, injury and loss of life.

Before you set off:

- Familiarise yourself with Cyclone Warning and Alert systems
- Check road conditions and obey the road closure signs
- Prepare an emergency kit including a battery operated AM/FM radio
- Know the local ABC radio channel for all areas you plan to travel
- Tell someone about your travel plans

While travelling during the wet season:

- Check weather conditions on www.bom.gov.au
- Listen to ABC radio and follow advice from authorities
- Do not drive into water of unknown depth
- Do not park or camp in dry riverbeds





Government of Western Australia
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

Seven Golden Rules for Prospecting

- Put safety first
 - Make sure you have enough water, fuel, maps and first aid supplies.
 - Give serious consideration to taking some form of telecommunications and a global positioning system to fix locations, and a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) – it may turn out to be your most important safety device.
- Obtain a Miner's Right permit when prospecting on vacant Crown land (\$25 from any Mining Registrar's office).
- Obtain a 40E permit prior to prospecting within an exploration tenement (if you don't have written permission from the tenement holder).
- Get written permission

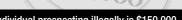
from the tenement holder when prospecting on:

- a mining lease
- an exploration licence (if you don't have a 40E permit)
- a prospecting licence

Comply with all legal requirements

when prospecting on a pastoral lease. You cannot prospect within 100 metres of any occupied building or within 400 metres of any livestock watering point without the consent of the pastoralist.

- Show respect when on Crown land because it is used by other people or set aside for many purposes.
- Fill any holes
 that you dug and repair ground that
 has been disturbed.



DID YOU KNOW ... that the maximum penalty for an individual prospecting illegally is \$150,000

- For more information about prospecting, please visit your nearest Mining Registrar's office to obtain a copy of Prospecting in Western Australia or download it from: www.dmp.wa.gov.au/prospectingwa
- To find your nearest Mining Registrar's office, please visit: www.dmp.wa.gov.au/regionaloffices

www.dmp.wa.gov.au/prospectingwa

Crocs are common | Crocs move around | Crocs are deadly

BE CROCWISE







They can be found over 200km from the coast in freshwater habitats (rivers and billabongs).

"It's OK to swim if you do not stay in too long."



It takes less than a second to be attacked by a crocodile.

"You are safe in the water when launching a boat because boat noise frightens crocodiles."



Crocodiles are extremely sensitive to sound and vibration, which in most cases will attract them.

For more information on 'Be Crocwise' visit: www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au











Bungle Bungle flight

The Bungle Bungle Range in Purnululu National Park should be on everyone's list when visiting the East Kimberley, and arguably the best way to experience it is by air. In a once in a lifetime trip, there are a number of options to marvel at the dramatic landscape and striking colours of the World Heritage listed site. There are four scenic flight operators offering slightly different tours from both Kununurra (300kms North of Purnululu) or within the park. Three of these are fixed wing, offering a comfortable and affordable experience, the other is by helicopter and gives the customer a close look at the 'beehive' like structure beneath.

Lake Argyle

Located just 70km South of Kununurra, Lake Argyle is the magnificent result of some of the greatest engineering ever witnessed in Australia. The result is a massive expanse of fresh water, the largest in Australia and equivalent to 19 Sydney harbours on average. It is home to an estimated 30,000 freshwater crocodiles, 26 species of native fish and a third of Australia's bird species. This means Lake Argyle is designated as a RAMSAR wetland of International Significance. You can take to the lake and enjoy one of our very popular lunch or sunset cruises or simply hire a canoe or paddle board and have a look around at your leisure!

Ord River Cruise

The Ord River provides one of the most stunning river systems in Australia – it is scenically beautiful and rich in wildlife and flora. You wouldn't want to visit Kununurra without taking a trip up the 55km stretch of river from Kununurra to the Ord Top Dam at Lake Argyle. As you wind up the river you will not be disappointed with the amount of wildlife on offer, including crocodiles, sea eagles, kingfishers, bats and more!

You can experience an awe-inspiring scenic cruise, one of Kununurra's most popular attractions, with one of the cruise companies, or hire a boat from one of our operators – contact us at Kununurra Visitor Centre for further details. Alternatively, take an evening in the slow lane and soak up a spectacular Kimberley sunset over Lake Kununurra with the Lake Kununurra Sunset Cruise, the perfect way to relax after a day exploring the spectacular East Kimberley region.

BOOK NOW WITH THE KUNUNURRA VISITOR CENTRE

visitkununurra.com 1800 586 868





Mitchell Falls / Mitchell Plateau

It may take some time and effort to reach this magnificent part of the East Kimberley, but when you do, it's definitely worth it! The Mitchell Falls are one of the most sought after attractions in the Kimberley and rightly so. You need to see it to believe it!

There are several ways you can reach Mitchell Falls or Mitchell Plateau and enjoy the walks and wildlife in the surrounding area. You can take a scenic flight from either Drysdale Station or Kununurra or you can drive along the Gibb River Road yourself and stay in the campground or Wilderness Lodge. There is also a scenic flight operator located on the ground should you wish to take to the air!

It is approximately 523kms from Kununurra to the Mitchell Falls Wilderness Lodge.

Gibb River Road

The Gibb River Road is often named at the top of the list when it comes to self-drive roads not to miss across the whole of Australia. Its rugged terrain and landscape provides a challenging yet rewarding adventure for anyone.

The Gibb River Road stretches for 660km straight through the heart of the Kimberley taking you from the eastern point of Kununurra/Wyndham to the western point of Derby/Broome. There is no right or wrong way to enjoy the Gibb River Road, just take your time and soak up the gorges, ranges, and waterfalls that epitomise the Kimberley region of Australia. This is really one not to miss.

You can pick up Gibb River Road maps from the Kununurra Visitor Centre or purchase a Gibb River Road Guide for \$5.







El Ouestro

Located about 100kms outside Kununurra, along the Gibb River Road, El Questro Wilderness Park is without a doubt worth visiting and staying for a couple of days! There are a few different options if you are looking to stay. You have the Homestead for the ultimate in luxury getaway and there is the main station and Emma Gorge which both offer a variety of camping or lodge style accommodation.

From your base there are lots of amazing spots to explore across El Questro, including El Questro Gorge, Emma Gorge and Zebedee Springs. Make an accommodation booking by contacting Kununurra Visitor Centre.



Bungle Bungle Ground Tour

The Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungle range) is as impressive on foot as it is from the air. Taking a guided tour of the impressive park allows you to get up close and personal with the many gorges and creeks that have been used for hundreds of years.

There are several walks within the park that are of varying length and difficulty, all of which are sure to delight. Choose to join up with a guide and really learn about how the land was used by the locals many years ago. You will learn about aboriginal art, spinifex plants and their many uses, the intricacy of termite colonies and much more

Things not to miss include Cathedral Gorge, a natural amphitheatre which amplifies every sound and Piccaninny Creek, one of the longer but rewarding walks.

For the best rates and to learn more about our fantastic tour operators for these East Kimberley icons then please visit our website www.visitkununurra.com



Day 1

Arrive into Kununurra, the eastern gateway to the Kimberley. Be sure to visit the Kununurra Visitor Centre for all your information and maps. Orientate yourselves and spend the day visiting local points of interest, such as a visit to local Argyle Diamond jewellers for the perfect luxury souvenir that you will never forget. Celebrity Tree Park and Kununurra Historical Society Museum, for those interested in the town's colourful beginnings with many artefacts and photos on display, Lily Creek Lagoon, the Diversion Dam, Kelly's Knob – particularly at sunset – take in the astonishing views of the Ord Valley and Lake Kununurra, or even try a movie at the outdoor Picture Gardens

Day 2

Take a thrilling day cruise on the Ord River between Lake Kununurra and Lake Argyle. Speed up the river and take in the amazing scenery and wildlife, including freshwater crocodiles, eagles and the elusive kingfisher. Arrive at the enormous Lake Argyle and before taking a leisurely trip on the 2000 square kilometre mass of water, delve into the Kimberley history by visiting the Argyle Homestead. For the more adventurous traveller, opt for a self guided canoe of the river over 1,2 or 3 days; marvel at the plethora of local wildlife in your own time and camp under the stars.

Day 3

Don't miss the chance to take to the skies and experience a scenic flight of the World Heritage Listed Purnululu National Park; the Bungle Bungle range. In a once in a lifetime flight you'll be amazed at the ancient landscape below and never forget the beehive-like structure formed over millions of years. Be sure to step inside the National Park with a local guide and marvel at the natural amphitheatre that is Cathedral Gorge. The return flight will take you over the largest operating diamond mine in the world, Argyle Diamond Mine. Day trips are also available at this impressive site.





Day 4

Enjoy a real outback experience and explore the area on horseback or by 4WD, carving out your own route into the rugged wilderness and impressive landscape, or join one of the many tours that are available. Check out the spectacular gorge country and discover breathtaking walking tracks and fresh waterholes to cool down in.

Day 5

Take a trip down the Lower Ord River in search of the elusive barramundi and look out for some saltwater crocodiles along the way! The barramundi fish is typical to the Kimberley but catching one isn't easy – join a fishing tour or even a helicopter tour where you can seek out some secret locations that won't disappoint!

Day 6

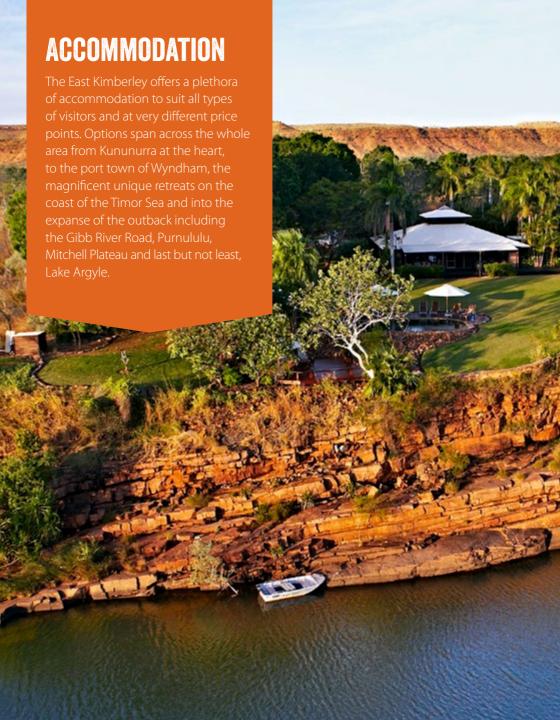
Just an hour's drive from Kununurra is the small port town of Wyndham. Take a drive out to what is known geographically as the 'Top Town of the West'. Wyndham has a diverse history of the cattle and mining industries, a small frontier town that typifies the true character of the Kimberley region. Visit places of interest such as the Five Rivers Lookout, Bastion Ranges, Three Mile Valley Walking Trail and Wyndham Port.

Day 7

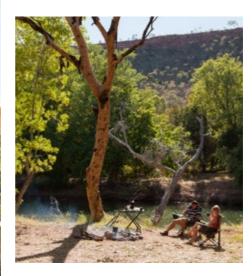
Before you leave town make sure you find something to take with you; explore Kununurra's contemporary and indigenous art and craft galleries. Find out about the unique Zebra Rock mined near Kununurra by visiting the showrooms and taking home your own piece of Kununurra! Tour around the Ord River Irrigation Area and discover its fertile land, growing vast amounts of fruit, sandalwood and chia. Head out and take some great photos at Ivanhoe Crossing and then across to the Hoochery, WA's longest functioning rum distillery and taste the best Ord River Rum. Check in at the Sandalwood Factory for local Sandalwood oil products.

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If you are arriving with your caravan then you will not be disappointed by the choice of caravan and camping sites available; powered sites can start from as little as \$35 a night. If you are travelling by car or plane or for a more luxurious stay, there are also four star accommodation providers offering a real 'Home-away-from-home' experience whilst still enjoying the ruggedness that the Kimberley has to offer.

For a better understanding of where the accommodation providers are, please refer to the map later in the guide. For a full list of accommodation providers please visit our website visitkununurra.com.

Gibb River Rd

- El Questro (100km from Kununurra)
- Home Valley Station (115km from Kununurra)
- Ellenbrae Station (230km from Kununurra)
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- Mt Elizabeth Station (390km from Kununurra)
- Charnley River Station (494km from Kununurra)
- Mornington Wilderness Sanctuary (546km from Kununurra)
- Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge (565km from Kununurra)
- Birdwood Downs Station (689km from Kununurra)

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Camping out under the stars

The East Kimberley is a great place to experience camping out under the stars. The dry season days are cooler and allow for fantastic walks into some spectacular country, and the nights are just made for a good night's sleep out in the bush. Pack up the swag and get out into the vast Kimberley, it's just begging to be explored.

The following information is provided to advise travellers of a few good camping out tips on how to make your overnight stay in the bush more enjoyable, not only for you, but for the next visitor also.

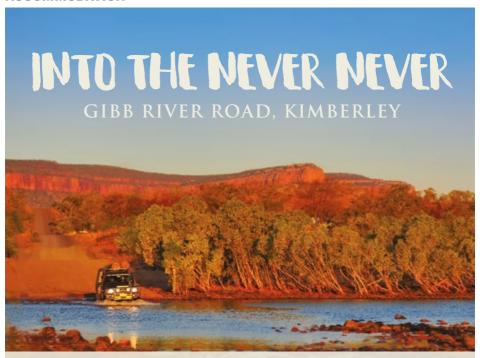
- Respect private property and Aboriginal land – seek permission before entering or camping and leave gates as you found them.
- Remember, all land belongs to someone.
- Observe fire restrictions and take care with fire at all times. Camp fires can only be lit in designated fireplaces and it is advisable to use fuel type stoves where possible. All fires should be fully extinguished prior to leaving the site.
- Avoid contaminating creeks and waterways with soaps and sunscreens.
- Admire and photograph plants and animals but leave them to themselves.

- Please dispose of your litter and rubbish where there are not rubbish bins, take your rubbish with you.
- Show consideration for fellow campers, please bury all human waste and toilet paper deeply.
- Help prevent the spread of weeds by removing prickles and burrs from clothing, pets and camping gear and disposing of them appropriately.
- Please endeavour to make the least amount of impact on the area in which you camp.
 The cutting down of any trees is prohibited.
- Camping within 20km of a town within the Shire of Wyndham and East Kimberley, if caught will result in \$200 on the spot fine. Please be aware Shire Ranges patrol the area daily.

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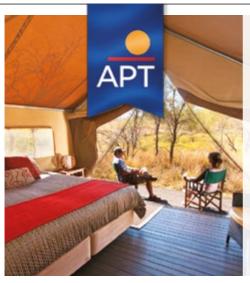












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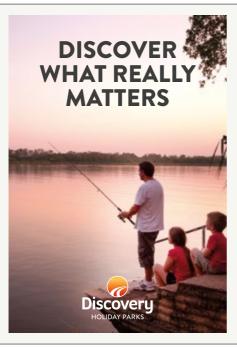


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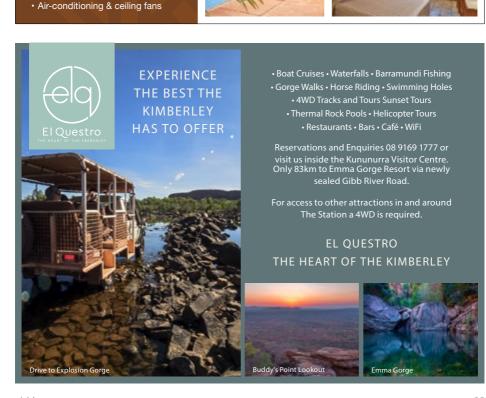






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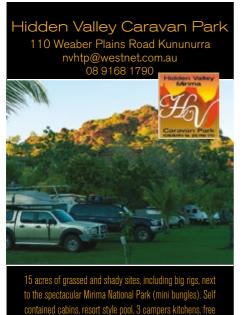






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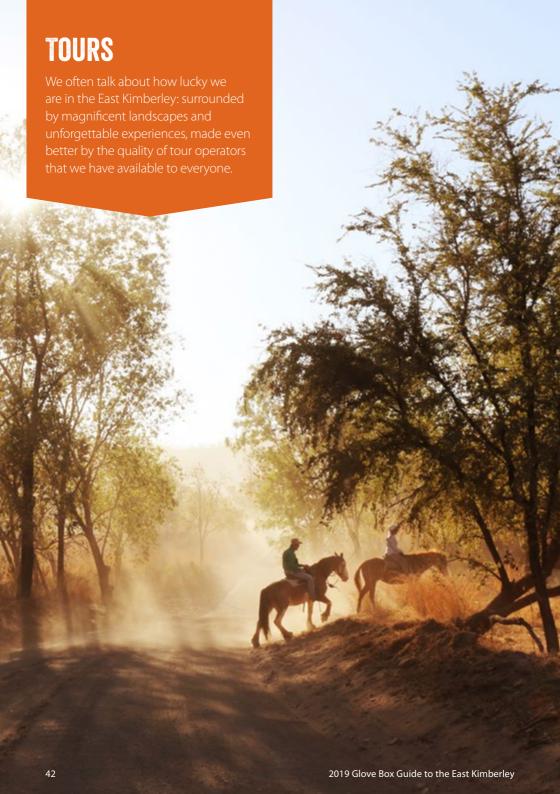
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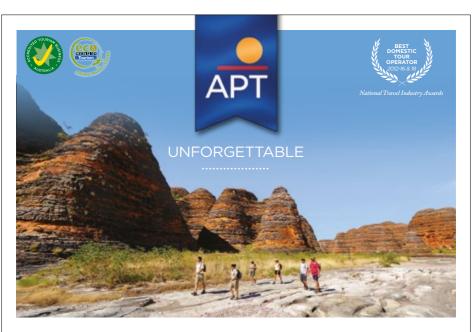




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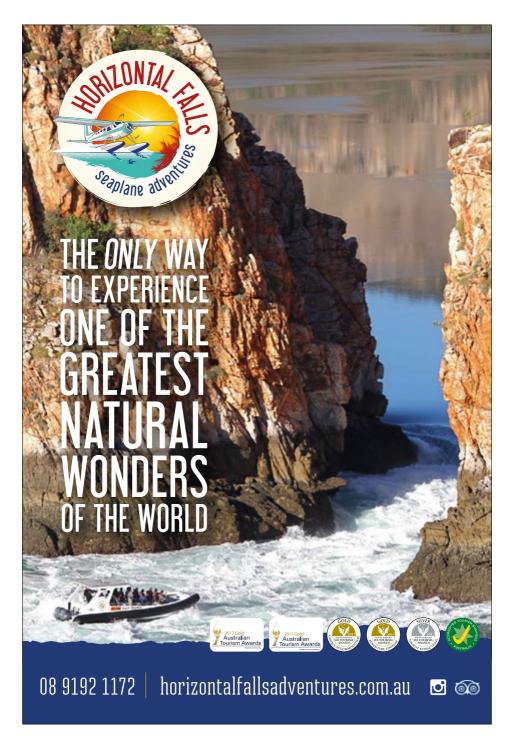
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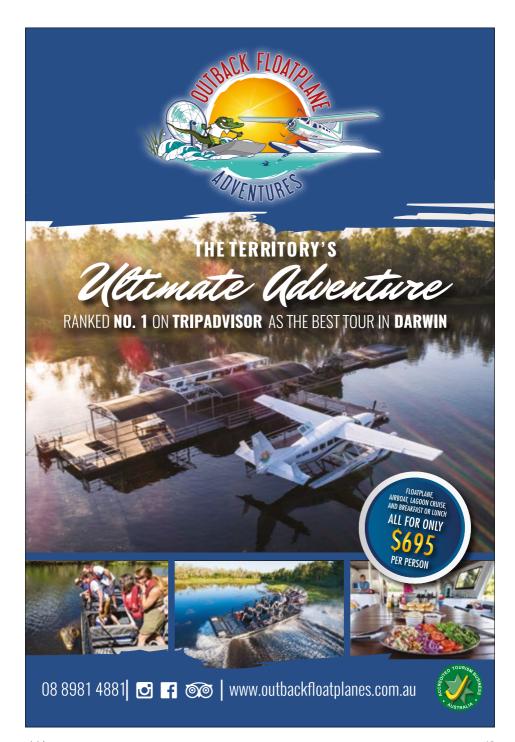




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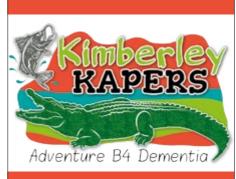
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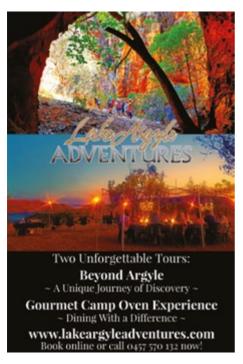




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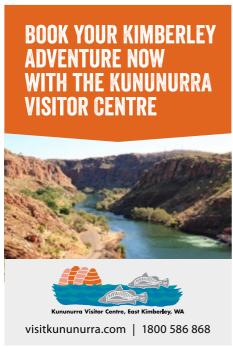
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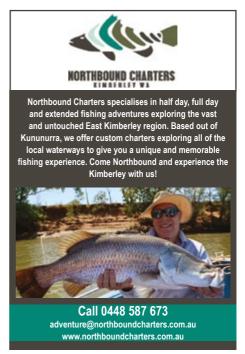
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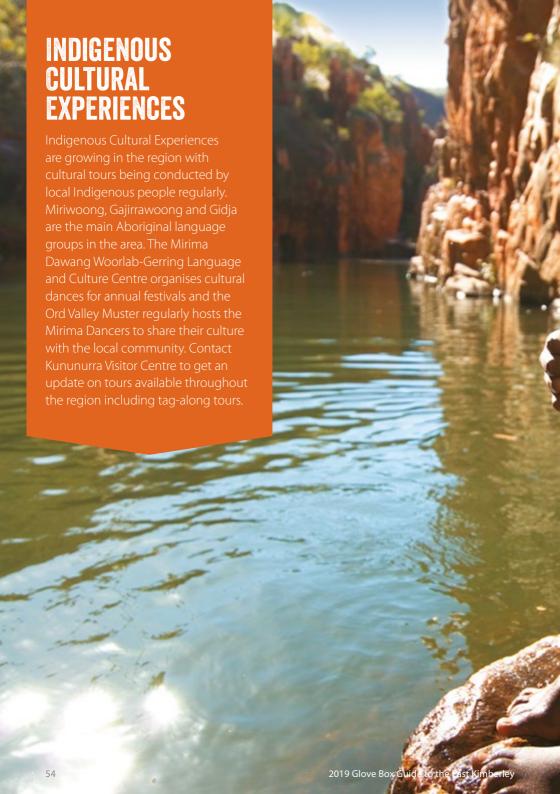
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Ngarranggarni Barramundi Dreaming Stories Jaliwang Ngarranggarni (Miriuwung)

A barramundi lives in the river at Tharram (Bandicoot Bar).

One day a crane fishing for food sees the barramundi and spears it with her beak, but is unable to catch it as the barramundi swims quickly away.

The barramundi travels up the Dunham River, past where the Worrworrum community is today, and on to Glen Hill where she scrapes off some of her scales as she passes through.

Today, these scales can be seen near the Glen Hill community's first gate as white rock on the hillside, most clearly visible in the late afternoon.

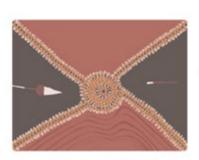
Here the barramundi is spotted by some women who try to catch her using nets made of rolled Spinifex grass (a traditional Miriuwung fishing method known as Gelganyem). But the barramundi flicks her tail and jumps over the trap. She escapes between the two hills of Barramundi Gap (Argyle Diamond Mine) and heads down to Bow River, where she comes to rest as a white rock. This rock, which can still be seen today, is guite different from all the others at Bow River.

- Story by Evelyn Hall - Artwork by Jodie Hall - Story provided by Ted Hall -



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Kimberley Aboriginal People

"Aboriginal people are connected to the land through our culture, law and dreaming. We have a responsibility to look after our land, just as it looks after us. Our country connects our people to the past, present and future" – Kevin George – Bardi Jawi Cultural Ranger.

Kimberley Aboriginal people are part of the oldest continuous culture in the world, dating back more than 50,000 years.

The cultural values and traditions of Kimberley Aboriginal people are vibrant and strong. They are embedded in the land through stories about the creation of country often referred to by non-Aboriginal people as the 'Dreaming'.

The Kimberley is a living landscape and the relationship between Aboriginal people and country is one of mutual respect and benefit.

Renowned for its vibrant colours, remarkable landscape and unique biodiversity, the Kimberley is home to some of Australia's priority biodiversity hotspots. It is also of outstanding importance to the nation and as such has been National Heritage Listed for its Indigenous cultural and natural values. The Indigenous nation has played an instrumental role in preserving, managing and enhancing the natural living environment.

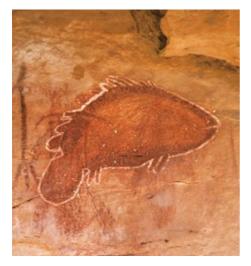
The Kimberley is a significant Aboriginal place that holds an energy found nowhere else in the world.

Kimberley Ranger Network

The Kimberley Ranger Network is facilitated by the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) and supported by the Australian Government. It works to realise Indigenous aspirations to look after country while providing real jobs, training and education, as well as improving socioeconomic standards and community wellbeing.

The Kimberley Ranger Network is a grass-roots initiative that encourages nation building, as elders work with rangers and young people to pass on traditional knowledge of looking after country while enhancing law, language and culture.

Kimberley Aboriginal people have declared a corridor of Indigenous Protected Areas – highly sensitive areas with important biodiversity values across the coast and deep into the heart of the Kimberley. The corridor is one of the largest Indigenous conservation areas in Australia and is providing opportunities to create ecosystem based business enterprises while protecting culture. The KLC facilitates 14 rangers groups that employ more than 100 Aboriginal rangers, elders and associated staff that look after land and sea country. Ranger activities can include fire management, feral species monitoring and eradication, research, water monitoring, rock art and cultural heritage management, climate change strategies, coastal monitoring and biodiversity surveys.



The Kimberley Ranger Network is not only achieving environmental success but generates positive social benefits that are far and wide reaching. The Kimberley is a big place, but you might just see the rangers in your travels. Make sure you keep an eye out and say hello.

Kimberley Rock Art

"Rock Art is like our library in the bush. When we find painted fingerprints and footprints, it tells us who the people were for that country. A painting of animals tells you what food you can find there. Paintings can warn us of danger too" – Jason Adams, Uunguu Ranger

The dynamic rock art of the Kimberley provides an amazing visual insight into ancient Aboriginal culture. The region is famous for its Wandjina and Gwion Gwion (Bradshaw) rock art that depicts spirit figures that have been painted on rocks and caves across the north Kimberley.

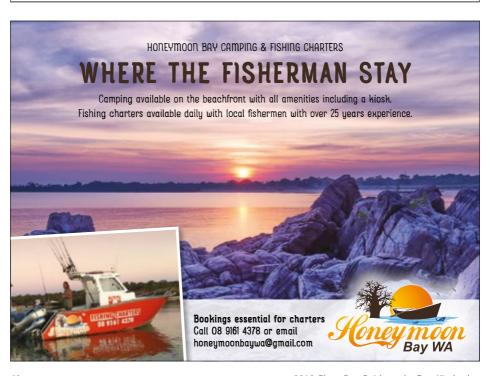
Rock art in the Kimberley is part of a dynamic, living culture that connects people, country and everything within it.

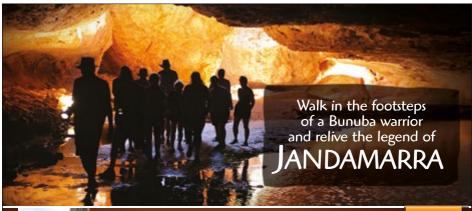
All rock art sites are protected under law and it is an offence to damage or interfere with any art sites. Kimberley Aboriginal people hope you enjoy the magic of the Kimberley but ask that you respect cultural places and rock art sites and follow all signs outlining where it is safe and not safe to visit



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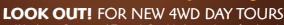




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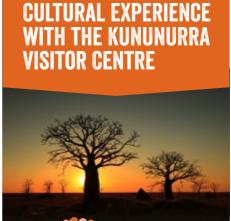


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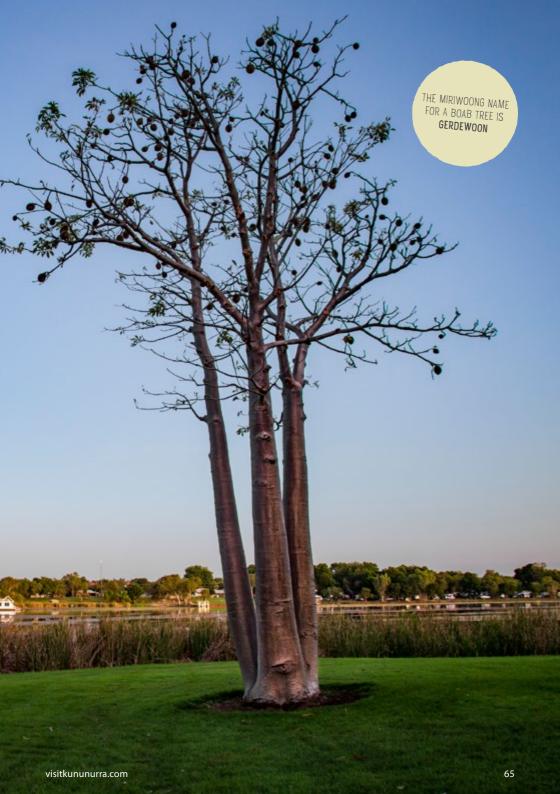
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LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Kununurra and surrounds are packed full of unique places to visit and things to do. Whether you're interested in the history of the region, our agricultural area, walking trails, wildlife, beautiful lookouts or a fresh water spring to relax in, there really is something for everyone!

With so much to see and do in the Kununurra area, it's easy to see that a week is not long enough. If you stop into the Kununurra Visitor Centre you can grab a map outlining points of interest, and perhaps even a local secret or two...





KUNUNURRA

Kelly's Knob Lookout

Great place to catch an East Kimberley sunset, located an easy walk from town. Scenic views over the town and valley.

Picture Gardens (May-Nov only)

Have a night out at the best outdoor picture theatre in the west. Located on Coolibah Drive, it's a great night out at the movies.

Kununurra Museum

Run by volunteers, the Historical Society is a must see for those interested in the region's colourful beginnings, with many artefacts and photos on display.

Celebrity Tree Park

Celebrity Tree Park was opened in 1984 and displays a variety of tree species as planted by famous visitors to town. Wander around and spot such famous names as John Farnham, Kate Ceberano, HRH Princess Anne, Richard Clapton and Baz Luhrmann, just to name a few.

Lily Creek Lagoon

Located right in town, the lagoon was filled after the construction of the Diversion Dam. For the avid wildlife watcher, the lagoon is home to many fresh water crocodiles and a myriad of birdlife.

Lake Kununurra

This lake was formed with the construction of the Diversion Dam and provides a permanent water supply to the irrigation area. Locals and visitors utilise the lake as a huge water-sports playground. Freshwater crocodiles are prolific along the 55 kilometres of waterway from the Diversion Dam up to the Lake Argyle Dam wall.

Lions Park Picnic Area

Situated downstream of the Diversion Dam, Lions Park is a great place to take a few photos, launch your boat or just have a picnic. Please be crocodile aware and definitely NO SWIMMING.

Mirima National Park

Also known as Hidden Valley or the mini Bungle Bungles, Mirima boasts fascinating rock formations that have taken shape over the past 350 million years. The park is home to several small walking trails, and plenty of local flora and fauna.

Diversion Dam

The Dam was the first stage in the construction of the Ord Irrigation Scheme and was completed in 1963. The Diversion Dam comprises 20 radial gates that are raised or lowered to regulate the water level of Lake Kununurra, primarily to maintain water flow to the irrigation area and also to manage wet season flood levels. Also forms part of the Victoria Highway.



IS BARNDABA

Elephant Rock/Sleeping Buddha

This large rock formation is located just out of Kununurra and is named after 2 unique rock features. From one angle, at Celebrity Tree Park, it appears as a Buddha in repose and from a THE MIRIWOONG NAME southern angle, an elephant head FOR VALENTINE SPRINGS is definable

Ivanhoe Crossing

This concrete causeway was constructed as part of the original road from Wyndham to Katherine in the NT. Due to varying water levels, please check with Kununurra Visitor Centre or Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley on road closures. Fishing is a favourite pastime around the Crossing but please be crocodile aware and definitely NO SWIMMING

Ord River Irrigation Area

Often referred to as ORIA, the irrigation area is the product of a bold and imaginative plan to develop part of the nation's tropical north for intensive irrigated agriculture, by harnessing the waters of the Ord River

ENROUTE TO WYNDHAM

Valentine Springs, Middle Springs and Black Rock Falls (4WD only)

During early post wet season, these areas show off spectacular waterfalls and cool waterholes Accessible via Parry Creek Road.

Ngamoowalem Conservation Park/ Molly Spring (4WD only)

Molly Springs can be accessed via the Victoria Highway, 30km west of Kununurra. The track is unsealed but can generally be accessed year round by 4WD.

Cockburn Range

This impressive range is the most prominent landform viewed on the Gibb River Road between the Great Northern Highway and the Pentecost River. This extensive sandstone escarpment rises over 600m above the surrounding plains.

The Grotto

Located just 2km off the Great Northern Highway, this delightful swimming hole lies at the base of 140 steps. The Grotto forms a natural amphitheatre and is a spectacular waterfall during the wet season rains.



Parry Creek Road (4WD only)

This old road to Wyndham (approx 100kms) takes you through some spectacular country, ranges and savannah lands. The back road to Wyndham, as locals know it, follows the Lower Ord River part of the way offering easy access into parts of the river for fishing and camping. The road also provides access into Parry Lagoons and Marlgu Billabong, RAMSAR rated areas of international importance for the conservation of wetland inhabitants. A bird watcher's paradise!

Mambi Island Boat ramp (4WD only)

Located along Parry Creek Road, Mambi Island Boat ramp provides access to the Lower Ord River. Saltwater crocodiles present in this area.

Old Halls Creek Road (4WD only)

Built about 1894 to provide access for those travelling from Wyndham to Halls Creek following the discovery of gold in 1885. The road features hand laid pavement stones that can still be seen today.

Parry Lagoons Nature Reserve (4WD only)

RAMSAR Nature reserve that includes Marlgu Billabong. Caution Saltwater Crocodiles are found in this area.

Telegraph Hill (4WD only)

Located off the Parry Creek Road, this vantage point provides wide vistas of the flood plains and distant ranges. Take time to explore the ruins of the old Telegraph Station built in 1914, which assisted shipping activities using the Wyndham Port during World War I.

Marlgu Billabong (4WD only)

A boardwalk and shaded bird hide have been constructed over a billabong within the Parry Lagoon Nature Reserve. A birdwatcher's paradise but be aware of Saltwater crocodiles in this area.

King River Road (4WD only)

Commencing just south of Wyndham the King River Road ends at the Karunjie Track.

Moochalabra Dam (4WD only)

This dam was constructed in 1971 to provide the Wyndham area with a water supply. The spillway forms a spectacular waterfall during the wet season.

Aboriginal Rock Art Paintings (4WD only)

Located close to Moochalabra Dam, these rock paintings show Wandjina Spirit ancestors and animals, all painted in natural ochres.

Prison Tree (4WD only)

This great example of a Kimberley Boab is near the King River Road. It was used by the early police patrols as an overnight lockup.







WYNDHAM

Crocodile Statue

This 20 metre long statue is the first introduction and welcome to visitors to the town. Its construction includes 5.5 kilometres of steel rods, 50kg of welding rods, 10 rolls of bird wire and 5 cubic metres of concrete.

Five Rivers Lookout/ Bastion Ranges

At 330 metres above sea level the Daharwi Range or Bastion Range provides a spectacular backdrop to Wyndham. Identify the five rivers that flow into the Cambridge Gulf (King, Ord, Durack, Forrest and Pentecost) or just take in the stunning views over the surrounding mudflats and ranges. A great place to catch a Kimberley sunset.

Three Mile Valley Walking Trail

Located at the base of the Bastion Range are the 2 walk trails of Three Mile Valley. One follows the Three Mile Valley Creek and the other heads past the Bastion Ranges for some spectacular views of the surrounding landscape.

Wyndham Port

Founded in 1885 the historic port area still plays an integral part in the pastoral, mining and tourism industries. Historic buildings still stand as testament to the early days of Wyndham Port including the Wyndham Museum. As the wharf is a working area, public access is denied onto the wharf and its surrounds.

Wyndham Community Recreational Fishing Jetty

Opened in 2012, the new jetty is a publicly accessible all-tides jetty that provides unrestricted access for locals, visitors and small craft wishing to engage in recreational fishing.

Wyndham Museum

Located in the old Courthouse building in the port area, it contains fascinating memorabilia, journal records and photographic displays of Wyndham throughout its colourful past.

Anthon's Landing

Site of the original wharf built in the 1880's. The wharf remains can still be seen at a low tide.



Wreck MV "Koolama"

Just off the wharf lie the remains of the State Ship "Koolama". This vessel was bombed by Japanese air raids in 1942 during World War II.

Aboriginal Dreamtime Statues

These large bronze statues in Warriu Park depict an Aboriginal family with native animals and are a proud reminder of Wyndham's rich Aboriginal heritage.

Afghan Cemetery

This cemetery contains the graves of Afghan settlers and cameleers (1890's) that provided an important means of transport between the cattle stations and towns of the regions. The graves are large due to the lead camel often being buried with its master.

Gully Cemetery

This cemetery is located at the main residential area of the Port. Containing many of the great pioneers it was used between 1922-1968.

Pioneer Cemetery

Located on the highway, this cemetery provides an insight into those who called Wyndham home in the early years (1886 – 1922).

Cambridge Gulf

In 1819, Lt. Phillip Parker King sailed his ship "Mermaid" into the huge inlet that he named the Cambridge Gulf, in honour of the Duke of Cambridge. Today the Cambridge Gulf provides access to the many ships and recreational boats that use the waterway. The Gulf is subject to huge tidal movements and features vast mudflats along its shores.

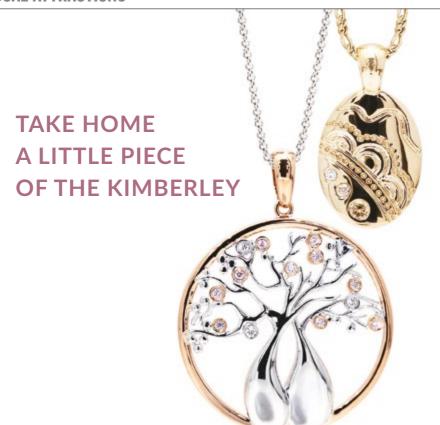


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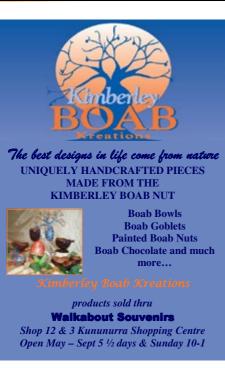
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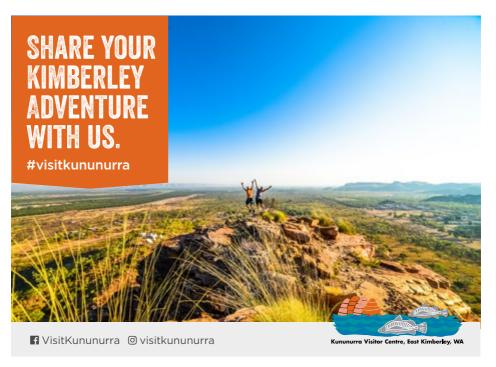




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Kimberley Waterways

Waterways carve their way through the Kimberley in a spectacular manner and provide a special resource for us all to enjoy. The Department of Water (DoW) is responsible for looking after all our water needs and into the future. DoW plan, allocate and protect the Kimberley's water resources, and provide information and advice on waterways management.

Across the Kimberley, 33 near pristine waterways and catchment areas have been identified. These areas represent some of the last remaining 'natural' ecosystems in Australia and are exceptionally beautiful.

The Kimberley rivers and wetlands have environmental, social, cultural and economic value. They are used for recreation and tourism, aquaculture and fisheries, watering of stock and irrigation, and are also an important ecological, scientific, cultural and spiritual resource.

Rivers of the East Kimberley include the Durack, Salmond, Chamberlain, Pentecost, Forrest, King and Ord. The Ord River, with its tributaries the Dunham, Panton, Nicholson, Bow and Negri rivers, produces the second largest flow volume in Western Australia.

In the early 1970's the Ord River was dammed to provide a more reliable supply of water for the irrigation areas. Lake Argyle, formed by the dam, is the largest man-made body of water in Australia. Its volume when full (when the dam starts to spill water) is approximately 10,700 GL, or roughly 15 times the combined volume of all of Perth's water-supply dams.

Protecting our waterways is important to ensure their long-term conservation. With increasing numbers of visitors, some waterways are already showing signs of people pressure.

We hope you can enjoy our waterways and as you do so, remember it is the responsibility of all who experience the beauty of the Kimberley to ensure that these virtually untouched areas remain as such; this can be achieved by following the advice given in the Camping Out section of this Guide



The Gut - Wyndham

This is a natural gap in the upper Cambridge Gulf that narrows to approximately 150 metres in width.

Upper Ord River - Kununurra

The most famous river of the East Kimberley, the mighty Ord, creates a variety of diverse ecosystems and is the water source for the Ord Irrigation Scheme. A large number of tourism related operations utilise the river and it provides a huge recreational waterway for both locals and visitors alike.

Lower Ord River - Kununurra

The Lower Ord refers to the section of the Ord River below Kununurra Diversion Dam flowing out to the Cambridge Gulf. Being salt-water attributes to the variations between the upper and lower Ord, both sections are diverse and unique in their own way. Salt water crocodiles inhabit this river.

Lake Kununurra

The lake was formed after the completion of the Diversion Dam (1962). It harbours a large variety of flora and fauna, forms wetland areas, and provides a water frontage to Kununurra. It is used extensively for a range of water sports and boat operators.

Lake Argyle

Lake Argyle was created by damming the Ord River (1973) and forms a storage reservoir for the Ord Irrigation area. The largest manmade lake in the southern hemisphere, by volume, now houses a hydro-electric plant that supplies power to the towns of Kununurra and Wyndham as well as the Argyle Diamond Mine. At flood capacity it is estimated the lake would cover over 200 sq km. Lake Argyle features many bays, inlets and islands and provides spectacular views either at water level or from the air.

Lake Argyle is a unique ecosystem, home to an amazing array of wildlife including 25,000 freshwater crocodiles, 26 species of native fish, 90 islands which are home to various marsupials and reptiles and approximately one third of Australia's bird species which at times, can number in the tens of thousands.

Hydro Power Station

This 33 megawatts Power Station is situated at the base of the Lake Argyle Dam wall. It was built in 1996 and is operated by Pacific Hydro.



Caring for Kimberley Waterways

The watercourses, spectacular gorges and permanent pools of the Kimberley are valuable tourist attractions. Most campers choose to stay beside rivers for the scenery and access to water for swimming, fishing, cooking and washing. When enjoying Kimberley rivers, help them by taking the following actions:

- Stay on existing tracks. New tracks destroy vegetation and cause erosion
- Park well away from waterways and use established campsites, trails and picnic areas.
 Tyres and trampling cause vegetation damage and soil erosion.
- Take all rubbish out with you and dispose of it appropriately. Follow the mantras "pack it in, pack it out" and "leave nothing but footprints".
- Use toilets where provided, or plan ahead and take a spade or trowel with you to bury faeces and toilet paper at least 100 metres from watercourses. This will minimise contamination of water supplies.
- Do not urinate in waterholes or creeks; this can spread disease
- Slip, slop, slap but don't slop excessively just before swimming; sunscreen chemicals can contaminate water holes, leaving a toxic surface scum.

- Ensure your boat is well serviced. Poorly maintained engines leak fuel and oil, which contaminate waterways.
- Wash dishes and yourself at least 50 metres from watercourses, use minimal soap, detergent or shampoo, and scatter used water. Even the best biodegradable soap can take years to break down and any soap product introduced into fresh water can severely affect plants and aquatic animals.
- Use only fallen, dead wood for fires or bring your own and keep fires small. Breaking standing trees or cutting down branches leaves obvious scars and destroys animal habitat – it is also illegal in some areas.
- Think before you dump anything near a river.
- Drive slowly through natural creek crossings.
 Wash from water can increase erosion and silting downstream.
- Fish for the future take home all tackle and only catch what you can eat. Size and bag limits apply.
- Regularly check all your equipment for seeds. Weed seeds are easily spread.
- Leave rocks, shells, plants, feathers, fossils, artefacts and other objects as you find them.
 Pass the gift of discovery onto those who follow. It is illegal to move fossils and artefacts.
- Never touch Aboriginal rock art or disturb sites of significance – penalties apply to anyone defacing these sites.





There is an adventure for everyone on the Ord River. Once the fastest flowing river in Australia it was harnessed by the construction of two dams in 1963 and 1971 to develop the agricultural industry in the Ord Valley. The damming of the Ord created two of the most spectacular lakes in Australia - Lake Argyle and Lake Kununurra. Lake Argyle is the largest reservoir of fresh water in Australia and the most spectacular scenic location in the East Kimberley.

Kununurra is located on the banks of the Ord River – one of the Kimberley's major waterways – and sits close to the Northern Territory border. The vast stunning landscape around Kununurra and the East Kimberley is truly awe-inspiring.

Cruise or fish the expansive, wildlife-rich waters of the Kimberley's Lake Argyle and Lake Kununurra – calm weather makes both of these locations a water skier's dream! Kununurra Ski Club host the Dam to Dam dinghy race annually. Saturday April 6th will see vessels head to the Top Dam Wall (55km trip) where they begin the race back down the river to Lake Kununurra and the shores at the ski club. This event is one of the many the Kununurra Ski club run throughout the

year. Further information can be found by contacting Kununurra Visitor Centre.

Both Lake Argyle and Lake Kununurra are great spots for keen bushwalkers, fishermen and those who are looking for a leisurely trip on the water. Cruises on both bodies of water are aplenty and can be booked through Kununurra Visitor Centre.

A wildlife cruise of Lake Argyle's shoreline and islands will give you close encounters with an incredible variety of native fauna, from fresh water crocodiles, fish and wallabies (looks like a small kangaroo) to more than 240 species of birds - almost one third of Australia's total known species.





When it comes to recreational fishing, the vast coastline of the East Kimberley with its many rivers and estuaries, provides a valuable habitat that is home to an incredible fisher resource.

Just one of the target species is the fabled Barramundi. Catching a barra is what many visitors to our region dream of and to ensure the sustainability of fish stocks please remember the following:

- Barramundi have a legal size limit between 55-80cm throughout Western Australia
- There is a state-wide bag limit of 2 barramundi and an overall possession limit of 2 barramundi per angler
- All Barramundi start life as male fish and depending upon habitat and food source change to female fish at about 80cm
- Barramundi may only be caught by means of a rod and reel or hand line
- When handling your catch always cradle the fish with wet hands under the belly. Don't hold a fish by the lower jaw and always support the fish's weight
- When measuring fish lay them on a wet smooth surface

The tidal waterways are also home to the highly sought-after mud crab, a delicacy on anyone's plate. Two types of 'muddies' are found in the region, the Green Mud Crab and the Brown Mud Crab. Size, bag and capture restrictions apply.

Please be aware that bag and size limits apply to most target species for off-shore fishing along our coastline. For more information visit www.fish.wa.gov.au

- A recreational license is required if using a throw net and fishing from a boat
- · Treat all fish humanely
- · Abide by all fishing regulations
- Use only legally approved tackle
- Bring all your rubbish home
- · Fish for the future

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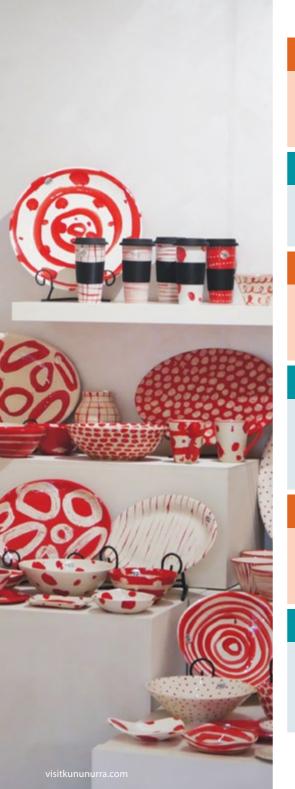
Barramundi have been recorded up to 150cm long and with weights in excess of 40kg, are thought to live up to around 20 years of age. Large females can produce 32 million eggs in a season.



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Artopia

Located on Konkerberry Drive – original art created by local artists that capture the dramatic Kimberley region, jewellery, photography, unique gifts and more.

Artlandish

Located on Papuana Street – specialises in current works and private collections from the Ochre Masters of the Kimberley, also offer a huge range of authentic boomerangs, boab nuts and more.

ART TRAIL

Kimberley Ornamental Stone Craft

Located on Riverfarm Road – unique Kimberley zebra stone hand crafted by local and international artists. Browse the gallery and take a look at the workshop, where they work the Zebra stone.

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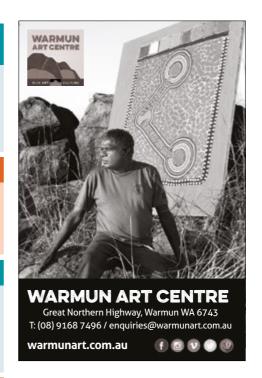
Located on Speargrass Road – Waringarri Aboriginal Arts is a wholly Aboriginal-owned art centre specialising in contemporary collectable Indigenous art of the East Kimberley region.

Rockalong Stonework

Located on the corner of Bandicoot and Daniella Way - offering unique products. Handmade on site from local zebra rock and other Kimberley siltstones. A huge range to choose from.



The Kununurra Visitor Centre have an art trail map with all of these locations marked out for you - making it easy for you to spend the whole day soaking up the wonderful Indigenous and modern art available in and around Kununurra.





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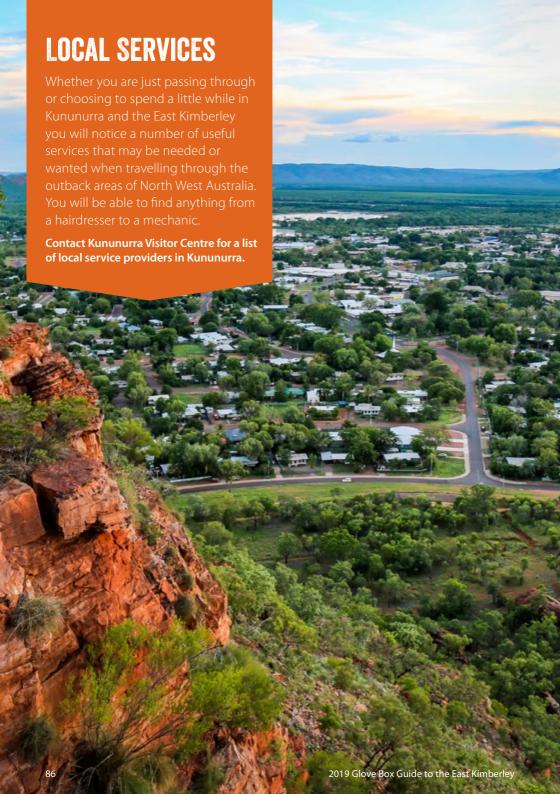


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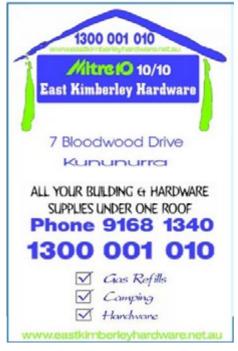


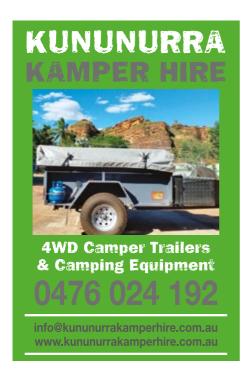
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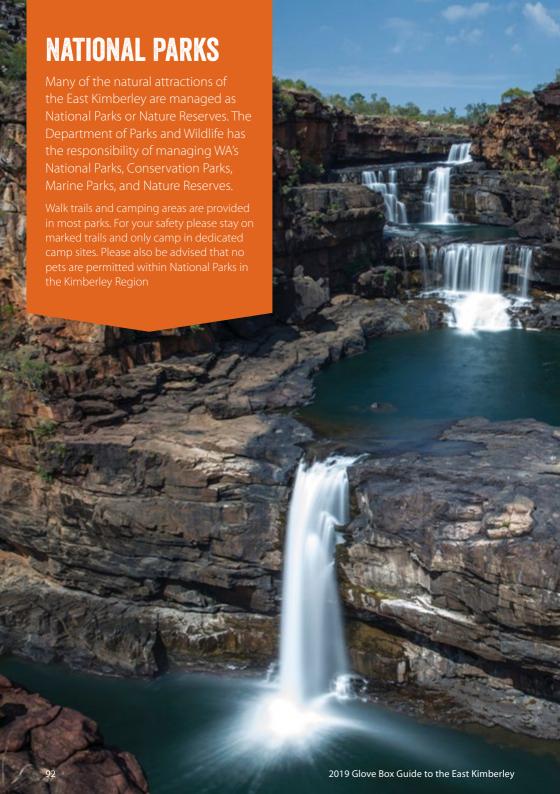
















In the Kimberley, visitor fees and camping fees may apply – these are listed below:

Park	Entry Fee	Camping Fee
Mirima	Yes	No Camping
Purnululu	Yes	Yes (online booking only)
Mitchell River	Yes	Yes
Windjana Gorge	Yes	Yes
Tunnel Creek	No	No Camping
Bell Creek and Silent Grove	Yes	Yes
Parry Lagoons Nature Reserve	No	No Camping
Wolfe Creek	No	No
Ngamoowalem	No	No Camping

All current National Parks fee rates are available at the Kununurra Visitor Centre along with Holiday and Season Park passes. If you intend to visit numerous National Parks while in WA these passes will save you time and money.

For all your WA National Parks info contact Kununurra Visitor Centre.

Mirima National Park (Hidden Valley)

Located just minutes from Kununurra, Mirima was declared a National Park in 1982 to conserve the natural features and the associated local Miriwoong people's sites.

Mirima is a small park with sandstone ranges, cliffs and valleys, similar in appearance to parts of the Bungle Bungle Range. The park features 350 million year old sandstone, subject to some striking colour changes due to sunlight variances, and the region is known for its spectacular photo opportunities.

Mirima is the name given to the area by the local Miriwoong people and retains many sites of cultural significance.

Access

Access is via a sealed bitumen road.

Mirima Facilities

An entry fee applies and facilities include an information shelter, tables, toilet and car park.

Camping or fires are not permitted at any time within Mirima National Park.

Walks

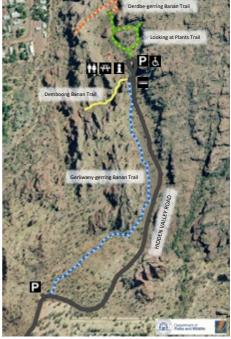
Four walk trails are available within Mirima.

"The Derbde-gerring Banan or "Lookout Walk" takes you to the top of the range and provides spectacular views over the Ord Valley and surrounding sandstone ranges. This 800m return walk is a Class 4 – moderate to difficult.

The "Looking at Plants" walk is a 400m return loop walk that includes a universal access boardwalk and trailside signage to help you get to know some of the local plants and their Traditional uses.

The "Demboong Banan" or 'gap trail' is 500m return and rewards you with a spectacular view of Kununurra through a gap in the eroded sandstone.





The "Gerliwany-gerring Banan" walk is a trail that traverses savannah woodland from the entrance right into the heart of Hidden Valley where the car park is situated. This walk is a moderate, 2.2km return walk.



Ngamoowalem Conservation Park

Ngamoowalem Conservation Park is one of the six conservation parks jointly managed between the Department of Parks and Wildlife and the Miriwoong and Gajerrong people. Ngamoowalem has four sites that can be visited; Molly Spring, Valentine Spring, Middle Spring and Black Rock Falls.

Molly Spring has a permanent pool, and in the wet season the rain creates stunning waterfalls at all the sites. The water flows off the Livistonia Range, which runs through the middle of the park. This unique range is home to a diverse range of plants including the cycad and fan palm. There are many sites of cultural significance in the conservation park.

Access

Molly Spring can be accessed from Victoria Hwy 30km west of Kununurra; the track is gravel but can be accessed by 2WD vehicles in the dry season. Valentines, Middle and Black Rock are all located off Valentine Spring Rd which comes off Victoria Hwy, 14km west of Kununurra. Valentine Spring Rd is gravel, corrugated and in the wet season floods, care must always be taken at creek crossings. Entrances to Middle and Black Rock are four wheel drive access only, the tracks are prone to flooding and require high clearance.

Facilities

There are picnic facilities provided at Middle and Black Rock, and no facilities at Valentines. Please take your rubbish with you. Molly Spring has picnic facilities, toilets and a car park with room to facilitate buses and vans.





Parry Lagoons Nature Reserve

The wetlands of this Nature Reserve provide important feeding and breeding grounds for many birds including some migratory shore birds from as far away as Siberia. Parry Lagoons has been listed on the Register of National Estate, and is a RAMSAR listed wetland of International significance.

In addition to the wetland of the Ord River flood plain, this 36,000ha reserve includes grasslands, woodlands and rugged sandstone outcrops and ranges.

Access

The main access road into the Reserve is Parry Creek Road which is approximately 20km south of Wyndham, off the Great Northern Highway. From the highway the road into the Reserve is gravel, corrugated and during the wet season prone to flooding. These roads may be closed without notice due to unseasonal rains.

Parry Lagoons Highlights and Facilities

Marlgu Billabong features a boardwalk and shaded bird hide that allows the traveller to take in the sights and sounds, of the many birds and maybe even a crocodile. Interpretive display boards assist visitors in identifying their surroundings and the many species which inhabit this beautiful area.







Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungle)

The Bungle Bungle Range is renowned for its striking sandstone domes, striped with orange and grey bands. Purnululu is the name given to the sandstone area by Aboriginal people and covers an area of almost 240,000 hectares.

The Bungle Bungle Range has been a tourist destination since 1983 and was granted World Heritage status in 2003.

Access

Purnululu will open in early April until the 1st of December depending on weather conditions. The park may also be temporarily closed due to fires or unseasonal rain.

Access is restricted to **4WD only** and only SINGLE AXLE off-road or heavy-duty trailers, caravans and other towable units are permitted in the park.

2WD vehicles and DUAL AXLE trailers, caravans and other towable units ARE NOT permitted into the park and will be asked to leave.

Visitors must register at the Department of Parks and Wildlife Visitors Centre on arrival.

Geology

The Bungle Bungle Range:

- Are an estimated 360 million years old.
- Rise over 200 metres high.
- · Formed during the Devonian age.
- Carved over 20 million years through erosional forces.
- The grey banding is formed by cyanobacteria.
- The orange banding is the result of oxidised iron compounds within the layers.

Facilities

There are two Parks and Wildlife campsites with basic amenities such as bush toilets and water. Visitors are advised to boil water prior to drinking. Campsites are non-powered.

Campground Bookings

Campground bookings can be made online at www.parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au. All visitors must register at the Parks and Wildlife Visitors Centre on arrival to the park.

Tour companies operate outside and within the park offering a range of guided walks, 4WD transfers, safari stays, accommodation and helicopter flights. Scenic flights are available from various locations along the Great Northern Highway between Halls Creek and Kununurra.

All tours can be booked through the Kununurra Visitor Centre.

Ngauwudu Management Area (Includes Mitchell River National Park)

The Ngauwudu Management Area is located in the far north of the Kimberley and is extremely remote. Visitors need to be completely self-sufficient as the area has few facilities. It is important to ensure that you carry sufficient water, food and fuel supplies. Camping and entry fees apply.

It is one of the most biologically important areas in the Kimberley. The landscape around the laterite-capped plateau varies from mangroves and wetlands, to woodlands and lush rainforest pockets. The area has a rich diversity of wildlife, with many rare animals, such as the Monjon (Australia's smallest rock wallaby) and the black grass wren.

The area contains many Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and features fine examples of the various forms of rock art.

Access

The Ngauwudu Management Area is restricted to 4wd vehicles only, via the Gibb River Kalumburu Rd and the Port Warrender track. The 85km Port Warrender track is narrow, winding and at times extremely rough with numerous washouts and corrugations.

Only Dry season access to the plateau is permitted. It is recommended that you contact the **Kununurra Visitor Centre** prior to departure to gain the up-to-date road reports in this region.

Aerial access is available from Drysdale River Station, Wyndham and Kununurra by way of numerous scenic flights.



Ngauwudu Highlights and Facilities

The Mitchell Falls are formed by a series of spectacular cascades and are best viewed just after the wet season, (May – July) when maximum water is falling. The falls normally flow all year round but by the late dry season (Sept-Oct) can be reduced to only a trickle. The total height of the falls is 150m.

There are numerous walk trails within the area and most are considered moderate to difficult. These walk trails take you to the Mitchell Falls, Merten's Gorge and into Surveyors Pool. The falls are hazardous; always stay away from cliff edges.

Campsites are located at the Plateau and also at the King Edward River (Munurru). Fees apply at both areas and both have basic toilet facilities. One private safari style tented camp is also available near the Mitchell Plateau airstrip.

4wd ground tours and aerial scenic flights (helicopter) are also available.

Scenic fixed wing flights can be arranged by the **Kununurra Visitor Centre** staff who can also advise of tour schedules and bookings if required.



Wolfe Creek Crater

On the edge of the Great Sandy Desert and the extensive spinifex grasslands of the East Kimberley lies the Wolfe Creek meteorite crater, the second largest crater in the world from which fragments of a meteorite have been collected. The crater is 880 metres across and almost circular. Today, the floor is about 60 metres below the rim, and is generally flat, but rises slightly in the centre. The porous gypsum found in this central area supports reasonably large trees and contains a number of sinkholes that may reflect the position of stress fractures formed by the impact from the meteorite.

Although it has long been known to Aboriginal people, who called it Kandimalal, the Wolfe Creek meteorite crater was only discovered by Europeans in 1947, during an aerial survey. The Aboriginal Dreaming tells of two rainbow snakes who formed the nearby Sturt and Wolfe Creeks as they crossed the desert.

Access

Wolfe Creek Meteorite Crater National Park is situated approximately 152km by road south of Halls Creek along the Tanami Road. When travelling to Wolfe Creek be prepared for unsealed roads, it is always recommended to travel in a 4wd vehicle due to the corrugations. Contact the **Halls Creek Visitor Centre** for up to date road conditions before travelling.

Facilities

There is a Department of Parks and Wildlife campsite with basic toilets, however you need to be totally self sufficient for all your supplies. Please note there is no water available.





The feature of the East Kimberley and the Kununurra region is the Ord River Irrigation Area (ORIA).

Located in the East Kimberley region of Western Australia's far north ORIA was the product of a bold and imaginative plan to develop part of the nation's tropical north for intensive agriculture by harnessing the waters of the Ord River. The ORIA is the realisation of a dream held by Kimberley Durack, grandson of the famous Durack pioneers. He believed the rich soils of the river flats along the Ord would be ideal for an extensive irrigation scheme and was instrumental in establishing the first experimental plots in 1941. This led to the development of the Kimberley Research Station in Ivanhoe Plains in 1946.

The Kununurra area is a unique agricultural and horticultural area unmatched by any other growing region in Australia. What sets it apart is an abundant supply of reasonably priced land and water and an excellent climate.

Since their discovery in the late 1870's by Alexander and John Forrest, the fertile alluvial plains of the lower reaches of the Ord River have long lured pastoralists and farmers to the East Kimberley.

Around 14,000 hectares in size, the ORIA lies north and south of Kununurra with the dominant crops being melons, mangoes, pumpkins, sandalwood, chia and seed crops.

Further details can be found by contacting Kununurra Visitor Centre and picking up a copy of 'The Ord'.

Advice and bookings for Agricultural based tours are available within Kununurra through Kununurra Visitor Centre.

ORIA Calendar of Development

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1879	Alexander Forrest, explorer, names Kimberley district and Ord River and makes a diary note related to the Ord area – "an extent of country equal to about 25 million acres has been opened up for pastoral and agricultural settlement".		
1884	First cattle arrive on Ord River		
1886	Durack Family arrive with cattle following epic droving trip from Queensland		
1928	Frank Wise, agricultural advisor, visits area		
1941	First experimental irrigation plots		
1946	Kimberley Research Station developed		
1962	First farmer settlers arrive		
1963	Diversion Dam construction completed		
1972	Lake Argyle Dam completed		
1974	Dominant crop being cotton ceased		
1974–80	Diversification into sorghum, peanuts and rice		
1985	Research Station renamed Frank Wise RS		
1987	Trial plots of sandalwood established		
1990-06	Dominant crops are sugar, mangoes, melons and pumpkins		
1996	First commercial sandalwood crops established		
2007	Sugar cane ceased		
2007	Dominant crop is sandalwood		
2008	Hemp trial		
2009–10	Cotton, rice and wheat trials. One of the largest producers of Chia in Australia		
2001–12	Ord Stage 2 in full development		
2013	Ord Stage 2 completed. Lease granted to Kimberley Agricultural Investments KAI		

ORIA Facts

- Agricultural returns approximately \$100 million per annum to the area
- Stage 1 (current) holds 15,000 ha of irrigated land
- Stage 2 (future) adds a minimum of 8,000 ha of agricultural land
- Lake Argyle Dam capacity is 10,765 GL
- The Diversion Dam holds 100 GL of water and is used to hold head for the ORIA
- The average farm in the ORIA applies 24 mega litres per day for irrigation.

Today ORIA successfully produces the following:

A variety of melons, including rockmelon and watermelon: Citrus fruits such as lime and grapefruit: mangoes, bananas, paw paw and other exotic tropical fruits. Harvested vegetables include squash, zucchini, pumpkin, corn and green beans. Our most widely grown crop is Indian sandalwood, seeds and pulses: Chia, maize, chickpeas, borlotti beans, dark red kidney beans; also sorghum, hybrid bird seed and sunflowers.

There are also trial crops:

Rice, wheat, sugar cane, soybeans and cotton.





Wyndham

The town of Wyndham was gazetted in 1886 and named after Lady Broome's eldest son and is recognised geographically as the Top Town of the West.

Retaining its links with its diverse history of the cattle industry and mining, Wyndham today is a small frontier town that typifies the true character of the Kimberley Region.

Throughout its colourful history of early explorers, the gold rush days of Halls Creek, the pioneering cattle families and the construction of the Wyndham meatworks in 1913, Wyndham offers an insight into the Kimberley Region and the hardships experienced by all who opened up the region.

Rich in Aboriginal history, the area surrounding Wyndham introduces the visitor to some fantastic examples of Indigenous heritage including rock-art, cultural sites and professional Indigenous tourism operations.

Based from Wyndham, the visitor has access to the spectacular ranges that surround the town, the Cambridge Gulf and the awesome Kimberley coastline.

The Wyndham Information Centre is located on the Great Northern Highway at Kimberley Motors. For local directions, maps, fuel and supplies see the friendly staff. Refer to the map of Wyndham to locate the attractions listed on the following pages.

Warmun (Turkey Creek)

Warmun is an Aboriginal community approximately 200km from Kununurra along the Great Northern Highway. The world renowned Warmun Art Centre is located in the community and is open to visitors. The community has limited facilities but is well served by the Turkey Creek Roadhouse for fuel, supplies and accommodation or as a base from which to visit the Purnululu National Park.

Into the Northern Territory

Great places to spend a day or more in the Northern Territory are the Keep River National Park and the Gregory National Park or try a bit of barra fishing on the Victoria River, all within a couple of hours drive from Kununurra.

Fuel is available at Timber Creek and at the Victoria River Roadhouse.

Katherine is 526km from Kununurra and is about 5-6 hours travel time.

If you are travelling north to Darwin allow yourself approximately 3-4 hours for the drive from Katherine. Better still, take your time and experience all the region has to offer from the world heritage listed Kakadu National Park, the old gold mining town of Pine Creek, the Douglas Daly region, Adelaide River Township and Litchfield Park.

The city of Darwin having survived the bombings of World War II and Cyclone Tracy in 1974 is today a modern city that boasts all the services and facilities required of a population of around 120,000 people. With an international and domestic airport and a national rail link, Darwin offers wide and varied accommodation and tour options with easy access to the iconic Territory destinations.

Distances to:

Darwin > Katherine	324km
Katherine > Tennant Creek	687km
Tennant Creek > Alice Springs	505km
Alice Springs > Kulgera	274km
Darwin > Kakadu (Jabiru)	254km
Alice Springs > Uluru	448km



Keep River National Park

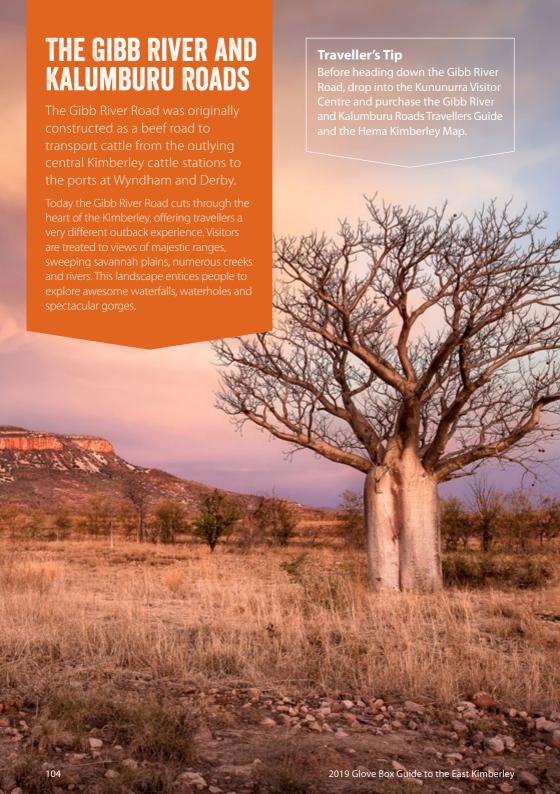
Located about a 40 minute drive east of Kununurra are the spectacular ranges and geological formations that make up the Keep River National Park. Featuring numerous walk trails and two camping areas, the Park is the region's best kept secret.

Savannah Way

The Savannah Way is an adventure drive trail from Cairns in Queensland, through the Northern Territory into Western Australia, ending in Broome. Along the 3,699km journey the traveller will experience a diverse and unique Australian landscape that can change and transform around every corner and along every remote stretch of outback road. Places like the Undara Lava Tubes and the town of Normanton, the Nitmiluk and Gregory National Parks and the famous Gibb River Road and Lake Argyle to name a few.

Duncan Road

Is a 429km gravel road that criss-crosses the WA/NT border from the Victoria Highway to Halls Creek meeting up with the Buchanan Highway 140km east of Halls Creek. The drive takes the traveller through some spectacular outback scenery to the east of Lake Argyle.



Your Self-drive Adventure

The following advice is designed to assist in the planning of your self-drive adventure along the Gibb River Road and for those intending to travel onto Kalumburu.

All trips in the Kimberley are dependent upon road conditions and the Kununurra Visitor Centre can advise of up-to-date road reports. The information presented here is recommended for trips planned between May and October.

A high clearance 4WD is strongly recommended for those intending to travel the Gibb River and Kalumburu Roads, and consideration must be made if intending to tow any form of trailer or caravan. It is recommended that any trailer or caravan be specifically designed and built with major off-road structural capabilities.

Along the Gibb, camping is restricted to designated camp sites; however there are a number of stations that offer comfortable accommodation options. The lighting of fires is only allowed in designated fire places, and all rubbish should be disposed of in the rubbish bins if available, otherwise you are required to take your rubbish with you.

Please note that pets are not permitted in National Parks and please seek permission before taking them onto private property.

Safety

- · Carry sufficient drinking water
- · Carry at least 20 litres of extra fuel
- · Carry two spare wheels or a full tyre repair kit
- Carry a selection of vehicle spares, ie. fan belt, fuel filter, radiator hoses etc.
- Before heading off into any remote region, inform family and friends of your intended departure and arrival times
- Drive to road conditions at a safe comfortable speed
- Be crocodile aware at all waterways
- Allow sufficient time to explore the region in order to ensure any enjoyable Gibb River Road experience.

The Kalumburu Road

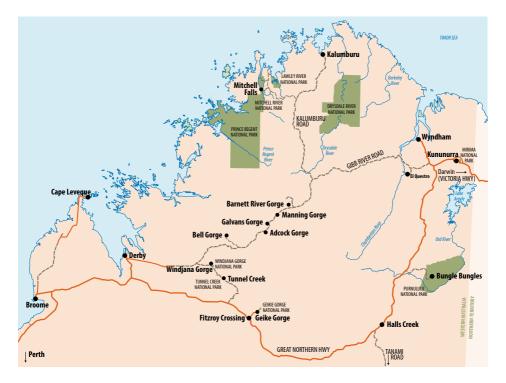
The junction of the Kalumburu road and Gibb River road is 241km from the Eastern end of the Gibb River road. The Kalumburu road is 267km of rough unsealed road, offering access to the Ngauwudu River (Mitchell Plateau) National Park and the Aboriginal community of Kalumburu.

If you're heading up to Mitchell Plateau you will need to purchase an Unguu pass; available at the Kununurra Visitor Centre, Drysdale River Station or Munurru camp ground. For more information go to www.wunambalgaambera.org.au .

Camping and room accommodation, fuel, tyre repair and replacement are available at Drysdale River Station. Camping is also available at the Munurru camp ground on the King Edward River along the Port Warrender road and the Mertens camp ground at the start of the Mitchell Falls walk. Room accommodation is available at APT Ungolan safari camp.

Access and camping is available at the Kalumburu Community although two permits are required prior to entry. The first permit is to be obtained through the Department of Aboriginal Affairs at www.daa.wa.gov.au . The second permit is to be purchased upon arrival at Kalumburu from the Kalumburu Corporation. There is also room accommodation available through the Kalumburu mission.

The Kalumburu community is a dry community. Tourists are able to consume alcohol at both of the beach camps, but aren't allowed to drink or reveal alcohol in town.



Gibb River Road Attractions

El Questro & Emma Gorge

Pentecost River

Cockburn Ranges

Home Valley Station

Diggers Rest Station

Barnett River Gorge

Manning Gorge

Galvans Gorge

Bell Gorge

Silent Grove

Lennard River Gorge

Windjana Gorge

Tunnel Creek

The Kununurra Visitor Centre can provide all of the information and advice that you need on all things Gibb River Road, alternatively check our website to book accommodation.



WYNDHAM TOWN MAP



KUNUNURRA TOWN MAP

- Kununurra Visitor Centre
- Artlandish
- Kimberley Fine Diamonds
- 4 Walkabout Souvenirs
- Kimberlev Croc Motel
- 6 Kununurra Country Club Resort
- Town Caravan Park
- 8 East Kimberley Hardware
- 9 The Hair & Beauty Retreat
- 10 Poinciana Lodge
- 11 Lakeview Apartments
- 12 Freshwater Apartments
- 13 Kimberleyland Holiday Park
- 14 Kununurra Lakeside Resort
- 15 Mirima National Park
- 16 Hidden Vallev CP
- 17 Waringarri Aboriginal Arts
- 18 Ivanhoe Cafe
- 19 Kingfisher Tours

- 20 Kimberley Air Tours
- 21 Aviair
- 22 Helispirit
- 23 Kununurra Speedway
- 24 Swim Beach
- 25 Triple J Tours
- 26 Kununurra Cruises
- 27 Kununurra Golf Club
- 28 Discovery Holiday Parks
- 29 Historical Society / Kununurra Museum
- 30 Kununurra Home & Garden
- **31** Camping, Clothing & Rural Supply
- 32 Rockalong Stonework
- 33 Kununurra Kamper Hire
- 34 Bushcamp Surplus Store
- 35 Wunan House B&B
- **36** Nina's Jewellery



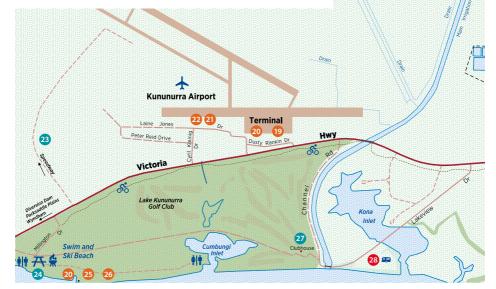
- Accommodation
- Tours and Activities
- Local Attraction
- Business
- Barbecues
- Boat Ramp
- Car Park
- & Cycle Path

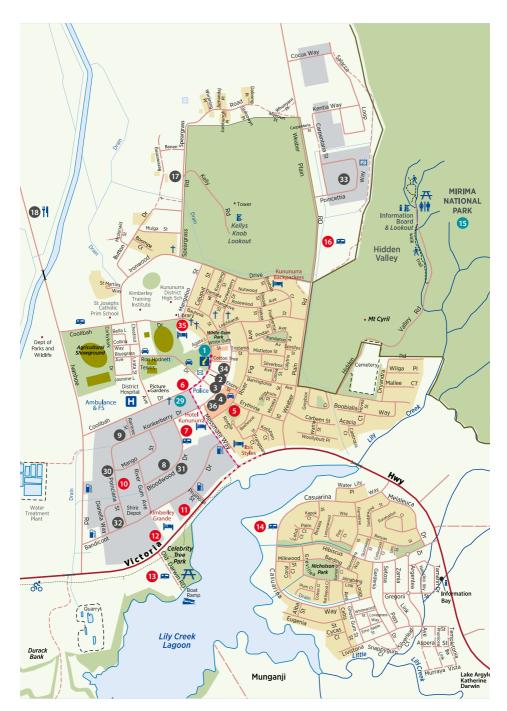
- Fuel
- Hospital
- Industrial Area
- i Information Bay
- **L**ookout
- Park/Reserve Recreation
- A Picnic Area
- † Place of Worship

- **†|†** Public Toilets
- Residential Area
- Visitor Centre
- **☆** Walk Trail

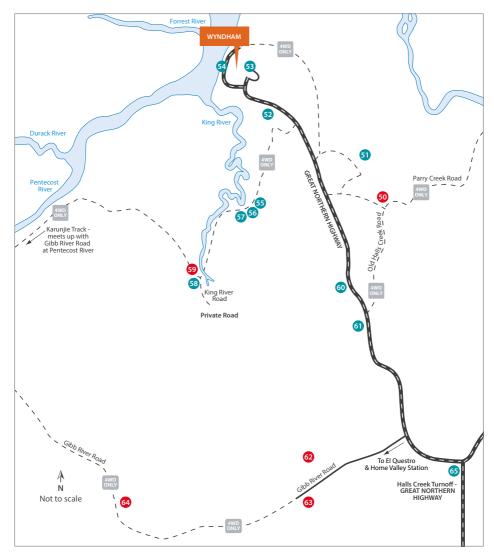
Accommodation Caravan Parks

Motels, Hotels etc.





EAST KIMBERLEY MAP

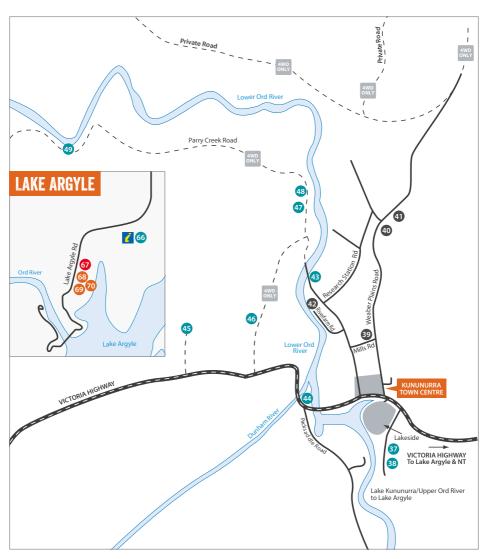


- 37 Rodeo Grounds
- 38 Kununurra Racecourse
- 39 Ord River Co-Op
- **40** The Sandalwood Factory & Cafe **49** Mambi Island Boat Ramp
- 41 Hoochery Distillery
- 43 Ivanhoe Crossing & Motocross Club 52 Wyndham Racecourse
- 44 Diversion Dam, Info Bay & Lions Park 53 Five Rivers Lookout (The Bastion) 62 El Questro Emma Gorge
- 45 Molly Springs

- 46 Valentine Springs
- 47 Middle Springs
- 48 Black Rock Falls
- **50** Parry Creek Farm Tourist Park
- 42 Kimberley Ornamental Stonecraft 51 Marlgu Billabong

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- 55 Spillway
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- 57 Aboriginal Cave Paintings
- 58 Prison Boab Tree
- 59 Digger's Rest Station
- 60 Rest Area Maggie Creek
- **61** The Grotto
- 63 El Questro Wilderness Park



64 Home Valley Station

65 Rest Area - Halls Creek turnoff

Lake Argyle

66 Argyle Downs Homestead Museum Warmun Art Centre

67 Lake Argyle Resort

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Additional Tour Operators and Attractions outside the map area

APT Kimberlev

Outback Float Plane Adventures

Kimberley Coastal Camp

Bungle Bungle Guided Tours

Woolah Tours

2k Tours

Northbound Charters

Ultimate Adventures

Horizontal Falls Seaplane Adventures

Kangaroo Haven Kununurra

Kimberley Kapers

Berkeley River Lodge

Luridgii Tours





Argyle Downs Station was established in 1886 when Patrick (Patsy) Durack sent his eldest sons Michael Patrick (MP) and John Wallace (JW) from Queensland to set up the station.

Patsy Durack arrived in 1887 to help his sons and his wife Mary arrived in 1889 after a financial disaster left his Queensland interests in ruin. Mary died at Argyle from malaria on 24th January 1893.

Grieving from the loss of his wife, Patsy built a new homestead from handcrafted limestone blocks with crushed termite mounds as mortar and wide verandas paved with flat riverbed stones. This was a magnificent building for its time. Patsy Durack died on 24th January 1898, exactly 5 years to the day after his beloved wife.

In 1969 it was suggested that the fine, old, historically significant homestead should be preserved for posterity before the waters backing up behind the Ord Dam to form Lake Argyle inundated the property. Work began on dismantling the homestead for storage prior to reconstruction and it was estimated it would take two wet seasons from the completion of the dam to submerge the vacant homestead. Unexpected heavy rain caught everyone by surprise and by January 1972 much of the valley was submerged. While much of value at the original site had to be abandoned to the waters, the Homestead building as well as grave stones and plaques were rescued.

The stones taken from the old homestead were numbered for reassembly in its original position and remained in storage in Kununurra waiting funding. A grant for \$98,330 was received from the Federal Government and \$30,000 from the WA Government. Reconstruction work began 16kms from the original site on a hill top above the shores of Lake Argyle. The museum homestead is estimated to be about 85% true to the original building with its wide verandas and doors on opposite sides allowing cool breezes to blow through from any direction, and a gun barrel hallway which funnels air through.





The Argyle Homestead Museum was officially opened on the 23rd of June, 1979 and the key to the front door presented to Dame Mary Durack, granddaughter of Patsy and Mary.

Treasured items have been donated to the museum by Durack family members, and period furniture, articles, equipment and photographs have been gathered and assembled for display.

The Argyle Homestead Museum is now managed by the Kununurra Visitor Centre with a caretaker in residence from April to September. A small fee is payable upon entry during April to September to help maintain this legacy to Patrick Durack and his family.

The book 'The Duracks of Argyle' written by Dame Mary Durack's daughter Patsy Millett is available exclusively at the Argyle Homestead Museum and the Kununurra Visitor Centre.



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