



## Katherine to Kununurra \* (Sample - For Display Purposes)\*

### Itinerary Recommendations & Options

<p>When deciding what time you will depart Katherine decide where you plan to spend the night and which attractions you want to visit along the way.</p> <p>The long 500km drive to Kununurra is very scenic but only has a small number of attractions relative to the distance making it easier to calculate travel time.</p> <p>Allow a couple of hours for stop overs around Timber Creek and Victoria River – slightly longer if you plan to do the scenic walks around the Victoria River section</p>	<p>Quick Tip 1</p> <p>When planning the day decide whether you will drive all the way to Kununurra or stay at Keep River National Park or Lake Argyle.</p> <p>Drive to Kununurra if you plan to do any of the full day tours into the Bungle Bungles/ Lake Argyle or to the Mitchell Falls.</p> <p>Otherwise a recommended itinerary would be to drive to Keep River National Park and spend the night. Arrive mid afternoon spend time exploring and doing the walks late afternoon. The effect the colours of sunset have on the surrounding landscape make it a memorable experience. Next morning visit Lake Argyle before arriving in Kununurra mid to late morning</p>
<p>Please note there is a high population of active wildlife at night sunrise, sunset along the Victoria Highway.</p> <p><b>Driving at sunrise, sunset and during the night should be avoided. There is a very high risk of hitting a Kangaroo or other animal thus causing damage to the vehicle.</b></p>	<p>Quick Tip 2</p> <p>Depart Katherine after sunrise and aim to arrive to your destination well before sunset</p>
<p>If stocking up with supplies in Katherine. Please note there is a quarantine station on the border.</p>	<p>Quick Tip 3</p> <p>The quarantine station on the border between Western Australia and the Northern Territory means you will have to dispose of any meat, fruit and vegetables you are carrying.</p>
<p>Gregory National Park is a beautiful National Park however is very remote with challenging 4WD tracks and sees very few visitors. If you are planning to Explore Gregory National Park it is not a day trip destination you need to spend at least 1 night.</p>	<p>Quick Tip 4</p> <p>Entry into Gregory National Park should only be attempted if 2 vehicles travelling together and you are well prepared with multiple spare tyres and recovery gear.</p>

### Accommodation Recommendations

<u>Accommodation</u>	<u>Brief Summary</u>
<p>Keep River National Park Gurrandalng Campground 18km north of Hwy Jarnarm Campground 22km north of Victoria Hwy</p>	<p>Beautiful Location but with no amenities at Gurrandalng picnic tables only Jarnarm has toilets &amp; water but no shower pick of the two campgrounds</p>
<p>Town Caravan Park 40 Bloodwood Drive Kununurra WA 6743 Phone: 08 9168 1763 Freecall: 1800 500 830</p>	<p>Pick of the Caravan parks in Kununurra centrally located 300m from the Post Office. Shady powered sites, grassed areas new pool all facilities and amenities.</p>
<p>Kona Lakeside Tourist Park Lakeview Drive Kununurra WA 6743 Tel: (08) 9168 1031 Fax : 08 9169 1135</p>	<p>Powered/Unpowered sites along the banks of Lake Kununurra, large shady trees, Tropical swimming pool picturesque garden setting, canoe hire, fishing</p>

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A long 500km drive to Kununurra with stopover half way at Timber Creek,. Along the way you will also cross over the beautiful Victoria River. Your departure time will depend on what time you want to arrive at Kununurra and which attractions you want to visit along the way. Allow a couple of hours for stop overs around Timber Creek and Victoria River – slightly longer if you plan to do the scenic walks around the Victoria River section.

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### **Timber Creek & Surrounding Attractions**

**Timber Creek** is a small town servicing the local cattle industry and increasingly tourism, It is used as a base for exploring the Gregory National Park and fishing the Victoria River. Attractions include The Lookouts, Historic Police Station and a Sunset Cruise on the mighty Victoria River.

#### **Timber Creek Heritage Trail**

This walking trail is 2 km one way and was developed jointly between the Parks & Wildlife, Northern Territory Tourist Commission and Timber Creek Community Government Council. The walk includes the Timber Creek Police Station museum and also takes you through vegetation typical of the area.

#### **The Lookouts**

A 4WD recommended road off the highway climbs to the top of the surrounding escarpment. Here the lookouts offer views of the surrounding valley and river. There are four sites, the last one being the town view and the first is a monument to the nackerroos. Travel beyond the fourth lookout is restricted and leads into private property

#### **Historic Police Station**

The first police station was built in 1898, the second in 1908 and the third in 1935. There are no remains of the first police station. Both the later stations have been preserved by National Trust and the 1908 station serves as a museum. The museum illustrates police history and all facets of life within Timber Creek

The **museum** is open daily 1-3pm and costs \$2, but check in town first. It's a familiar display of miscellaneous pioneering relics, retrieved from the surrounding undergrowth and used to illustrate a pithy historical commentary about the region.

#### **Parks & Wildlife Headquarters**

The HQ offers descriptive signs of the area and history. The Park Ranger will be helpful.

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## **Timber Creek Tours**

### **Scenic Flights**

Northern Air Charters run scenic flights from Timber creek which include cattle stations as well as the other attractions .

### **Boat Cruises**

Max's Victoria River boat tour runs two tours daily except Sunday. Early morning Gregory explorer and an evening sunset cruise.

### **Fishing**

Victoria River Barra Safaris has excellent local knowledge of the best fishing spots.

### **Victoria River Crossing Attractions**

**Joe Creek Walk** and the **Escarpment walk** are both great walks amongst this very beautiful and rugged environment. Like all walks make sure you are carrying plenty of water.

#### **Escarpment Walk**

Distance            3 km return  
Time                 1 ½ hours  
Grade:               Moderate walk with some steep sections.

Situated on the Victoria Highway, 2km west of Victoria River Roadhouse. Follow stories of the Nungali and Wardaman people as you meander up this rocky path with spectacular views of the Victoria River and surrounding escarpment. The walk is steep in places, but you can avoid the more strenuous sections by stopping at the Garramawun Lookout and returning to the carpark from there (1km, 40 minutes return).

#### **Joe Creek Picnic Area and Nawulbinbin Walk**

Distance            1.7 km loop  
Time:                1 ½ hour  
Grade:               Moderate to difficult

Situated off the Victoria Highway, 10 km west of Victoria River Roadhouse. Access via 2km of unsealed 2WD road, that may be closed during the wet season. Nestled in a valley below Livistona-crowded scree slopes, just being at the Joe Creek Picnic area is awe-inspiring. The Nawulbinbin Walk leads up a steep rocky slope to the base of the escarpment wall. Following this wall you can discover Aboriginal paintings and enjoy fabulous views of the surrounding escarpment and valley below.

#### **Kuwang Lookout**

Distance            100 metres return  
Time:                15 minutes  
Grade:               Short, easy walk.

On the Victoria Highway. Visit Kuwang Lookout for views of the Stokes Range and an insight into the culture of the Aboriginal people who have resided here for thousands of years.

## **Gregory National Park**

At 12,900 square kilometres, Gregory National Park is the Territory's second largest after Kakadu. The park has two sections separated by the Aboriginal owned Stokes Range area.

Geographically Gregory National Park is a very attractive and rugged area that remarkably sees few visitors. The more remote areas accessible by four wheel drive offer spectacular gorges and forests. The rivers carry abundant fish and there are safe waterholes for swimming.

To fully appreciate Gregory National Park requires a four wheel drive and at least an overnight camp. As a single day visitor you can drive down a corrugated road (two wheel drive accessible in the dry) through light woodland to Bullita Homestead and Limestone Gorge. Check with Parks and Wildlife 08 8975 0888 that Limestone Gorge is open otherwise difficult to justify the day trip.

### **Attractions**

#### **Bullita Homestead**

Access to Bullita Station from the Victoria Highway is by conventional vehicle but from there on it becomes rough and demanding four-wheel-drive country. Bullita offers a unique outback experience. You can sit under the verandah of the old homestead, a timber and corrugated iron building which has been restored and contains informative signs. To sit back and look at the area and read the history leaves you in awe of the early pioneers. If you feel that way you are not alone based on the comments in the visitors book

#### **Limestone Gorge**

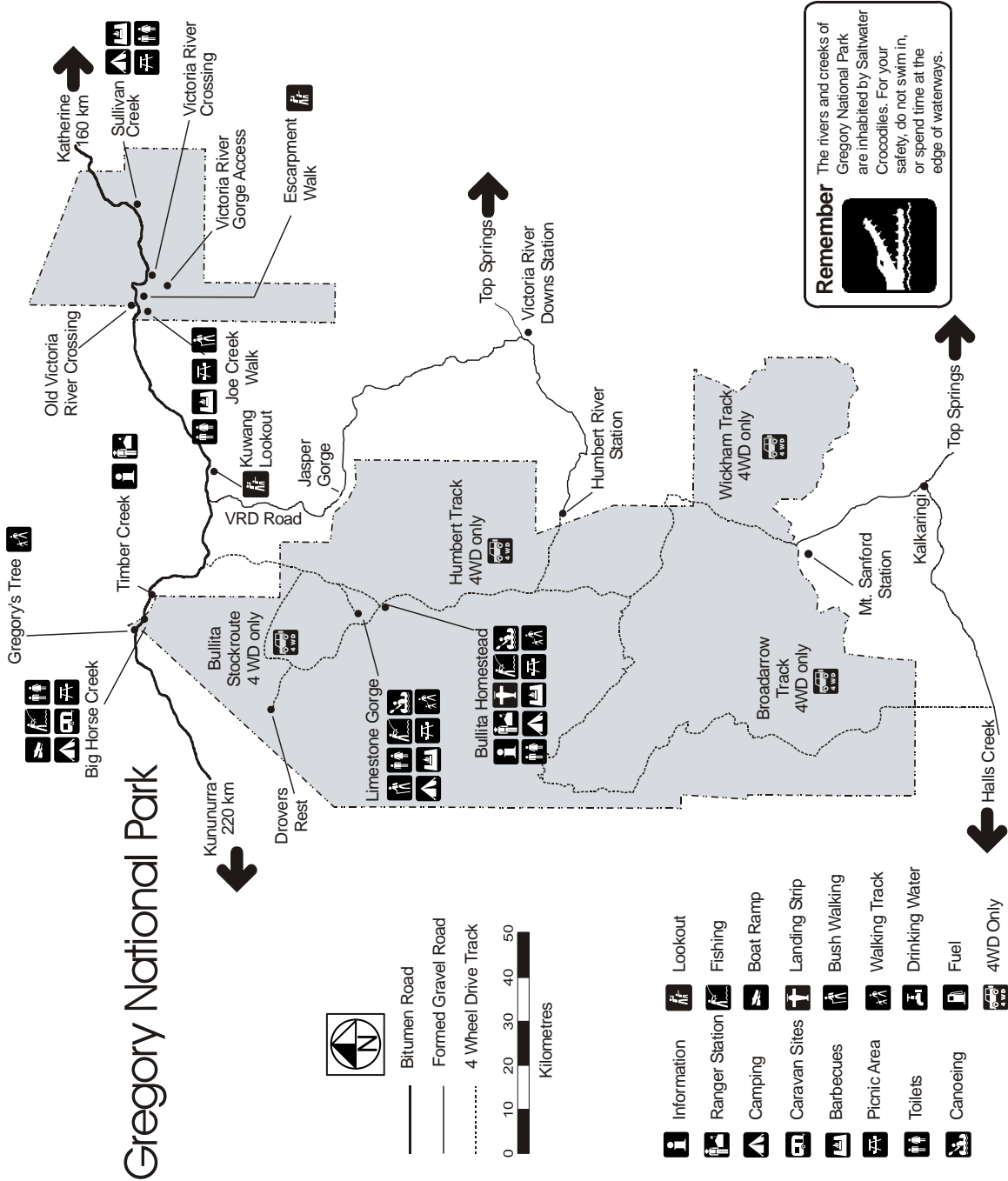
Four-wheel- drive only access to Limestone Gorge. The area has some incredible formations and rock art. Camp near Limestone Creek where it is safe to swim. The countryside is splendid and superbly scenic. You can lose yourself here which might be the whole idea in the first place.

There are signs and information on the natural tafu dams. Here you'll find a 25-minute marked walking trail looping up onto the surrounding escarpment, a croc-free billabong and a campsite. Both the Limestone Gorge and this route are one-way only from Bullita, and are closed from December to March

#### **Four Wheel Driving**

Four-wheel-drive enthusiasts have plenty of room to experiment. This is the major attraction of this park. There are four challenging four wheel drive tracks in this region. Parks and Wildlife Commission have informative signs in the beginning of each track, and have fact sheets on the route in a tray at the base of the sign. The Fact sheets includes history and places of interest. If venturing into the bush it is important that you have the necessary precautions and preparation it is a very difficult and remote area. Recommended for enthusiasts and groups of 2 vehicles.

# Gregory National Park

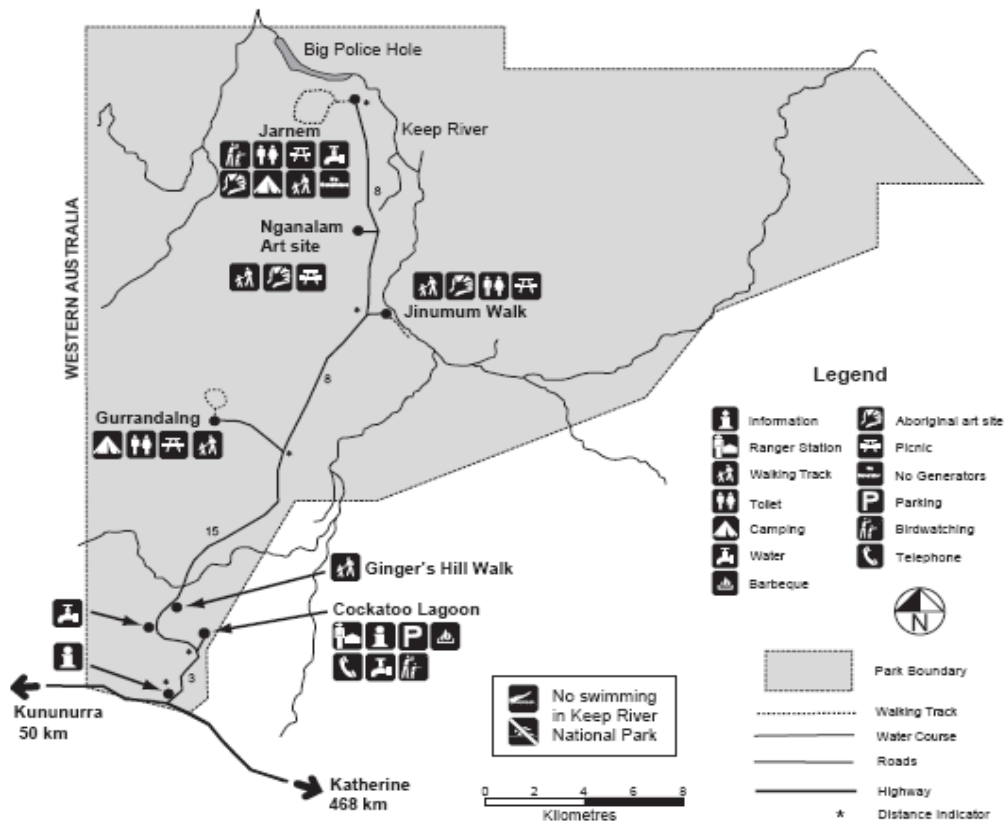


## Between Katherine & Kununurra (Keep River National Park)

### Keep River National Park

**\*\*Recommended**

On the border between the NT & WA, the 57,000-hectare Keep River National Park offers great scenery, bushwalking, Aboriginal art sites and some of the most spectacular geological features in the Top End. The network of trails are arguably the best short walks in Northern Australia. It is “unknown” because it is not marketed by the Kimberley Tourist commission being just over the border and it is too far away from the mainstream attractions in the Northern Territory. Best seen late afternoon when the setting sun brings out the rich red colours of the landscape.



**Ginger's Hill Walk** This short (200m return) walk leads to a stone structure typical of many built by Aboriginal groups through the region. Its purpose is revealed at the top of the hill.

**Gurrandalng Walk** From the Gurrandalng campground is a short (2km, 1 hour) walk that weaves through the sandstone. It presents magnificent views of rock formations and experiences of the sandstone habitat.

**Jinumum Walk** This 3km, 2 hour walk follows the bed of the Keep River to a site once used by the Miriwoong people as a wet season shelter. See evidence of their occupation as you stand upon a midden containing the remains of many meals over many years.

**Nganalam Art Site** This art site reveals rock art characteristic of the area and is accessed via an easy 200m return walk.

**Jarnem Walks** An 8km loop track gives you three walk options– the complete loop (allow 3hour), walk to the lookout & back (4.6km, 2 hr return), or walk to the art site and back (5.5km, 2 hr return). The views from the lookout are particularly stunning in the early morning and late afternoon light.

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