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should break down, always stay with the vehicle.

Quarantine

Restrictions apply on all vehicles entering WA. For more

Travellers

national parks. Camping fees apply at most parks.

Carry plenty of fuel and water. There are often vast distances between facilities and services in the Kimberley. If your car

Parks with camping areas are indicated inside this brochure.

You can help conserve our environment and save money by

Park opening times vary and depend on weather conditions.

Contact the local visitor centre or DEC offices for updates.

Most are open by the end of April and close in early December.

A fee is charged for your vehicle to enter many of WA's major

purchasing a National Park Pass from Kimberley visitor centres

National Park Passes

or DEC offices.

Visitor fees

Camping

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considered. to travel long distances in a short time then flights should be Vast distances separate the Kimberley's attractions. If you want

Derby or Broome. contact travel agents, Kimberley visitor centres or DEC offices in attractions with stop-overs and ground tours. For information The Ibis Aerial Highway links flights to major Kimberley

Caring for the Kimberley

conserve the environment. Travelling responsibly can reduce your impact and help to placed on the natural environment and local communities. Kimberley's protected areas. This means that huge pressures are Every year more than two million visitors make their way to the

Please consider the following when travelling in the Kimberley.

- in WM's protected areas. and picking wildflowers. Pets and firearms are not permitted Appreciate nature and refrain from feeding native animals
- concern, but your responsibility. designated areas. Your safety in natural areas is our • Stay on marked roads, tracks and paths and camp only in
- .smatevesses aldeulev agemeb and detergent in rivers or streams can kill aquatic life and Leave no rubbish or other traces of your visit. Using soap
- designated fireplaces. Preferably use your own portable stove. Not all parks allow fires. For those that do, only light fires in
- Check weather forecasts and road conditions.
- places, coverage is limited. phone is a useful piece of equipment to take with you. In no mobile phone coverage in most of the Kimberley. A satellite extra fuel and water. Always carry a map of the area. There is Take appropriate clothing, first aid supplies, car equipment,
- entering private land. Respect the local community and ask permission before
- aware of environmental impacts. Choose responsible tour operators and guides who are

Times to visit

offices for up-to-date information. centres or Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and reserves are closed during this time. Check with local visitor flooding may make roads impassable for many weeks. Most parks Most of the region's rain falls between December and March; Kimberley. The best time to visit is between May and November. The weather needs to be considered when travelling to the

temperatures can drop to zero degrees. it's cooler. Be aware that during these months, night Most people travel to the area between June and August when Temperatures in the Kimberley can reach 50 degrees celsius.

Road access and conditions

duite corrugated. only for four-wheel-drive vehicles and at times during the season, Highway. Allow longer travelling time on the Gibb River Road. It is River Road, starting at either end and return via the Great Northern Four-wheel drive vehicles can take a circular route. Take the Gibb Enter the region from the west at Broome or the east at Kununura.

Tunnel Creek national parks is via the Gibb River Road. River, King Leopold Conservation Park, Windjana Gorge and Access to the far northern parks of Mitchell Plateau, Drysdale

centres for all road conditions. National Park access is four-wheel drive only. Check with visitor and Windjana national parks are off this highway. Purnululu caravans. Access to Purnululu, Geikie Gorge, Tunnel Creek sealed and suitable for light-weight vehicles and those towing gravel road off the Great Northern Highway. The highway is Windjana Gorge and Tunnel Creek are also accessible via a

and Broome are places where visitors can refuel and restock. in remote areas. Kununura, Halls Greek, Fitzroy Crossing, Derby It's essential to carry additional fuel and water when travelling



the size of Ireland. the east. At 421,000 square kilometres, it is roughly five times Australia stretching from Broome in the west to Kununuria in The Kimberley region is in the extreme north of Western

The Kimberley Region

National Parks and Reserve

A VISITOR'S GUIDE TO

Western Australia

and rugged, red ranges decorated with sacred Aboriginal rock art. cave systems, spectacular waterfalls, mangrove fringed estuaries Australia is rich and diverse with unique wildlife and mysterious remnant rainforests and savannah woodlands. This part of Experience the timelessness of this vast and remote area with its

unforgettable memories of one of Australia's special places. in this region by vehicle, boat and walking. You will take home grey sandstone domes. Explore the numerous parks and reserves shorebirds. Visit the World Heritage Area of striped orange and wetlands that are a stopover point for international migratory You can stand on the rim of a spectacular meteorite crater. View





information phone (08) 9311 5333 or visit www.agric.wa.gov.au

Aboriginal art

Kimberley lands and waters have deep cultural significance for Aboriginal people. Aboriginal art sites are common in the area, but very few are officially open to the public. Please respect Indigenous culture and heritage by leaving the area as you found it.

Aboriginal communities

Entry permits are required to enter some communities. Contact the Department of Indigenous Affairs on (08) 9235 8000 or visit www.dia.wa.gov.au or the Kimberley Land Council on (08) 9168 2298, email kununurra@klc.org.au

Crocodiles

Treat all waters as potential crocodile habitat. Camp well away from rivers and water holes and do not go swimming.



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East Kimberley Visitor Centre

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Kununurra Visitor Centre

Derby Visitor Centre Ph: (08) 9191 1426 info@derbytourism.com.au

For more information on parks and reserves visit DEC's NatureBase website at www.naturebase.net



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Kimberley

Rowley Shoals Marine Park

The marine park is 180 nautical miles (324 km) west of Broome and only accessible by boat. The shoals are two atolls which are ideal for diving with exceptional water visibility. They are one of three breeding sites in WA for the red-tailed tropicbird. Camping and fishing are not allowed in this area.

Geikie Gorge National Park 法 👬 🍝 开林🕶 主 🛥 📟

Bunaba guides run Aboriginal heritage tours in the park, which is 20 km from Fitzroy Crossing. Check with the local visitor centre for tour times. National park rangers take boat cruises down the Fitzroy River through Geikie Gorge, into narrow canyons with near vertical walls. There are fruit bats, freshwater crocodiles and an abundance of bird life.

Turn off the Great Northern Highway to visit Tunnel Creek and Windjana Gorge. Check with local visitor centres for access road conditions.

Tunnel Creek National Park 📫 🎊 🗴 📽

Tunnel Creek flows through a spacious, water-worn tunnel beneath the limestone of the Napier Range in this national park. At least five species of bats live in the cave and stalactites descend from the roof in many places.

Windjana Gorge National Park 🗪 \Lambda 👬 🕻 🍝 🎊 1

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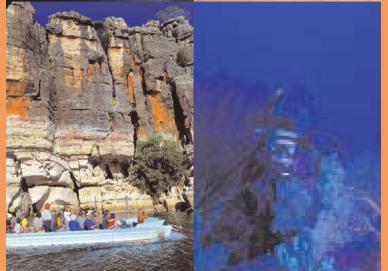
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King Leopold Ranges Conservation Park

<u>፟</u> The Gibb River Road cuts through the park and the range of rugged sandstone, including Mt Ord, which at 937 m is the tallest peak in the Kimberley. Walk into Bell Gorge with its riverine plants, to reach the majestic falls. Camping is at Silent Grove or the Bell Creek campsites.

Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge in the north-west of the park offers full accommodation and meals. Advance bookings are essential. Camping is not permitted at the lodge.





Mitchell River National Park 🔺 🗰 🐄 🖬 🛥 🚄 坐

Mitchell River National Park lies in a remote part of the Kimberley and contains majestic waterfalls, Aboriginal rock art and sites of cultural significance to the Wunambal people. Access is fourwheel drive only via the Mitchell Plateau Track from the Kalumburu Road. This is a remote area with few facilities. Food and fuel are not available in the park, so extra fuel should be carried. Local water needs to be boiled or treated before drinking.

The Kalumburu Road is quite corrugated, slow-going and only suitable for four-wheel drive vehicles. A small shop sells fuel and other essentials at Drysdale Station, about 60 km from the Gibb River Road junction. It is a popular place to stop the night before making the journey up to Mitchell Plateau National Park.

Parks and reserves

Drysdale River National Park

Drysdale River National Park features open woodlands, the massive Drysdale River including waterfalls, rugged cliffs and gorges and unusual plant species. There are no visitor facilities. Local water needs to be boiled or treated before drinking. Access to the park is via Carson River Station. Contact Kalumburu Aboriginal Corporation on (08) 9161 4300 with details of your visit and to pay for a permit.

Parry Lagoons Nature Reserve 🚄 i 🌮 👬 🔤

The nature reserve is off the Great Northern Highway, south of Wyndham. It is a Ramsar Wetland Area internationally significant for waterbird breeding and is a stopover for migratory shorebirds. Saltwater crocodiles inhabit this area.

Mirima National Park

Situated on the outskirts of Kununurra, walk through an ancient mass of spectacular gorges and twisted valleys with spinifex and tropical woodland.

The Derdbe-Gerring Banan trail offers elevated views over the area, while the Demboon Banan Gap trail is an easy 500 m return walk through a narrow valley which has a view of the township.

Purnululu National Park 🗛 🛤 🖬 📞 🗺 🖴 🎊 🗴 丢

Allow between two and three hours to drive the 53 km, fourwheel drive access road into this World Heritage Area. It is renowned for its striking sandstone domes striped with orange and grey bands. There are several walks into chasms and gorges through unique plants and sandstone domes rising from spinifex-covered grasslands. This is a remote area with few facilities. There is no food or fuel in the park. Local water must be boiled or treated before drinking.

Kandimalal-Wolfe Creek Meteorite Crater \Lambda 🖬

Take a walk around the rim or into the centre of this meteorite crater - the second largest in the world. Conventional vehicles can only drive into the park on the access road during the dry season. There is a camping area with toilets only. Water is not available

