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PRIVATE AND ORGANISED CANOEING OR HIKING EXCURSIONS DOWN THE MURCHISON RIVER GORGE

INTERIM POLICY RULES

1. GROUP LEADER: Each party shall at all times be under the control of a competent and experienced leader.
2. SIZE OF PARTIES: The parties are to be limited to twenty members and in the case of Educational Groups, they are required to be 15 years of age and over.
3. REPORTING TO RANGER: The leader of each group or party shall report to the Park Ranger immediately before the trip is commenced and again immediately after the trip is completed.
4. TRANSPORT : Each group or party is to provide its own transport and where possible, as a safety measure, a member who is not travelling down the Gorge with the main party, should be appointed to check at key points en route along the escarpment regarding the progress of the party, in case of accidents.
5. EQUIPMENT: The responsible leader of the party is to furnish a list of equipment to be carried which must include:-
 - a) Water
 - b) Compass
 - c) Spade
 - d) Torch
 - e) Fuel (briquette or similar type)
 - f) Car tube
 - g) First-aid kit
6. FIRES: Care is to be exercised in lighting fires and ensuring that all fires are extinguished and safe before the party moves on.
7. CAMP REFUSE: All camp refuse must be cleaned up and burned or buried before the party moves on.
8. TOILET FACILITIES: Care must be exercised in respect of toilet habits and a small spade must be carried for this purpose.
9. FLORA AND FAUNA: All flora and fauna are protected which means that no saplings are to be cut and used for tent poles and no shooting is allowed.
10. RANGER'S INSTRUCTIONS: In addition, any instructions given by the Park Ranger are to be strictly adhered to.
11. GENERAL:
 - i) No excursion or trip by a party involving over-night camping is to be undertaken down the Murchison River Gorge without the prior approval of the National Parks Authority of Western Australia.
 - ii) If for unforeseen reasons, a party cannot attend the appointed date, notification is to be given by the Leader to the Ranger, Kalbarri National Park, advising accordingly.


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NOTE: A) Long-sleeved shirts and slacks recommended as suitable dress.
B) Rubber-soled shoes preferable.
C) Insect repellent useful and recommended.

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