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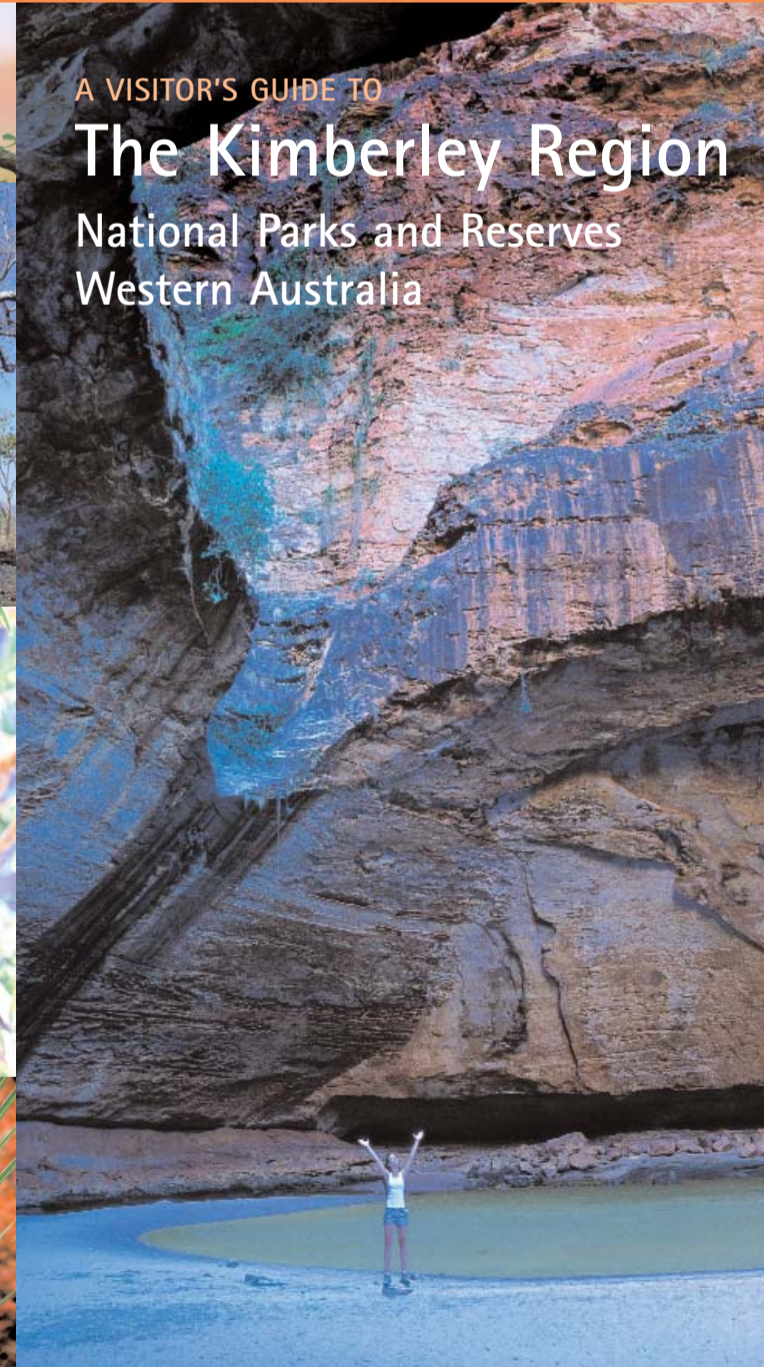
The Kimberley region is in the extreme north of Western Australia stretching from Broome in the west to Kununurra in the east. At 421,000 square kilometres, it is roughly five times the size of Ireland.

Experience the timelessness of this vast and remote area with its remnant rainforests and savannah woodlands. This part of Australia is rich and diverse with unique wildlife and mysterious cave systems, spectacular waterfalls, mangrove fringed estuaries and rugged, red ranges decorated with sacred Aboriginal rock art. You can stand on the rim of a spectacular meteorite crater. View wetlands that are a stopover point for international migratory shorebirds. Visit the World Heritage Area of striped orange and grey sandstone domes. Explore the numerous parks and reserves in this region by vehicle, boat and walking. You will take home unforgettable memories of one of Australia's special places.

## Welcome to the Kimberley



# A VISITOR'S GUIDE TO The Kimberley Region National Parks and Reserves Western Australia



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

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

## Road access and conditions

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

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

## Times to visit



## Contacts

DEC Kununurra office  
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Road condition report (24 hours)  
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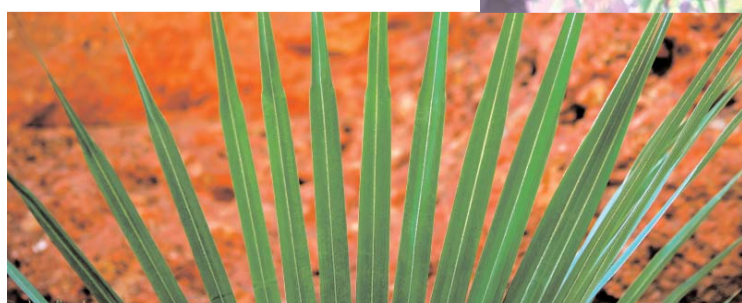
East Kimberley Visitor Centre  
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eastkimberley@bigpond.com

Halls Creek Visitor Centre  
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hcshire@hcshire.wa.gov.au

Kununurra Visitor Centre  
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kununurratb@bigpond.com

Derby Visitor Centre  
Ph: (08) 9191 1426  
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For more information on parks and reserves visit DEC's NatureBase website at [www.naturebase.net](http://www.naturebase.net)



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

## Caring for the Kimberley

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

## Ibis Aerial Highway



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

## National Park Passes

You can help conserve our environment and save money by purchasing a National Park Pass from Kimberley visitor centres or DEC offices.

## Opening times

Park opening times vary and depend on weather conditions. Most are open by the end of April and close in early December.

Contact the local visitor centre or DEC offices for updates.

## Visitor fees

A fee is charged for your vehicle to enter many of WA's major national parks. Camping fees apply at most parks.

## Camping

Parks with camping areas are indicated inside this brochure.

## Travellers

Carry plenty of fuel and water. There are often vast distances between facilities and services in the Kimberley. If your car should break down, always stay with the vehicle.

## Quarantine

Restrictions apply on all vehicles entering WA. For more information phone (08) 9311 5333 or visit [www.agric.wa.gov.au](http://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](http://www.dia.wa.gov.au) or the Kimberley Land Council on (08) 9168 2298, email [kununurra@klc.org.au](mailto: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.





