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Weano Recreation Area

Karijini National Park offers a variety of walk trails that are classified according to Australian standards. Please select those that suit your level of ability. Your safety is our concern, but your responsibility. See overleaf for trail classification descriptions.

Visitor safety

Warning! Flash floods can occur. Do not enter the gorges if there is significant rain in the area. If you are already in the gorges, leave promptly.

- Be prepared. Wear sturdy walking shoes to get in and out of the gorges. Before walking through water, change your shoes to those that can grip slippery wet rocks.
- Take enough water to stay hydrated while you are walking, there is no drinking water in the park.
- Keep your gear on your back and keep your hands free to help you balance.
- Stay on established trails and stand well back from cliff edges.
- Take care in the gorges. Rocks are smooth and slippery, particularly when wet.
- Walk with a companion. Do not enter these gorges two hours before sunset. You cannot follow these trails in the dark.
- Water in the gorges can be very cold, especially between April and September, and hypothermia can occur. During this time, the middle of the day is the best time to walk.
- Do not dive or jump into water.
- Do not take glass or alcohol into the gorges.

Lookouts



Junction Pool and Oxer lookouts

Class 2 and 3 – 800m, 30 minutes return

Follow the formed trail (Class 2) from the information shelter to the Junction Pool Lookout trailhead sign. It is clearly signposted and minimal bushwalking experience is required. Take the opportunity to view gorge-rim vegetation. Alternatively there is a small carpark near the lookouts.

From the trailhead, follow the sloping access path (Class 3) down to Junction Pool Lookout for views into Hancock Gorge. From here, follow a short trail with minor obstacles and a series of steps to the Oxer Lookout viewing platform. Some bushwalking experience is recommended.



Weano Gorge

Upper Weano Gorge

Class 4 – 1km, 45 minutes return

This trail is for experienced bushwalkers. From the car park the first section of the track is formed but there are obstacles including large rocks. This trail includes short steep sections with no steps.

There are trail markers.



Lower Weano Gorge, Handrail Pool

Class 5 – 1km, 1 hour

This trail is for very experienced bushwalkers. Follow the trail towards Junction Pool and Oxer lookouts, then turn left at the Weano trailhead. Read the trailhead sign and safety information before taking the steep, irregular steps to the bottom of the gorge. You will be walking through water so now is the time to

change your footwear to something suitable for gripping slippery wet rocks before walking down the gorge. The track is rough and unformed with obstacles. Use two hands on the rail as you carefully negotiate the slippery rocks on your climb down to Handrail Pool. The trail stops shortly after here.



Hancock Gorge

Kermits Pool

Class 5 – 1.5km, 2 hours return

This trail is for very experienced bushwalkers. A high level of fitness and agility is required. A trail leads towards the edge of the gorge. There are numerous natural obstacles. Negotiate uneven rock steps to reach steep metal stairs. Descend the stairs to the gorge floor and walk downstream to Kermits Pool. You will be walking through water. Before you negotiate the first pool, change your footwear to something suitable for gripping slippery wet rocks. Using narrow ledges to avoid getting wet is not recommended. Injuries can result from slips and falls. The trail ends at Kermits Pool. Do not proceed beyond this point. Penalties apply. For enquiries, contact park staff.



Leave No Trace



Plan ahead and prepare. Carry sufficient drinking water at all times. Wear suitable shoes.

Travel on durable surfaces. To protect the park, drive, walk and camp only on designated roads, tracks and camping areas. Wet roads can be hazardous and may be damaged by vehicles. Washouts can occur during heavy rain, resulting in road closures at short notice. Check travel conditions with Parks and Wildlife Service on (08) 9182 2000 or the Shire of Ashburton on (08) 9188 4444.

Dispose of waste properly. Go to the toilet before entering the gorges. Carry a rubbish bag and leave nothing but your footprints.

Leave what you find. This area is home to many species. Respect this unique environment and leave it as you found it.

Minimise campfire impacts. Ground fires and solid fuel fires are not permitted. Use the gas barbecues provided, or your own portable cooking appliance.

Respect wildlife. Do not disturb any animals. Do not contaminate pools with soap, detergents or sunscreen, as they can impact aquatic life. Pets and firearms are not permitted.

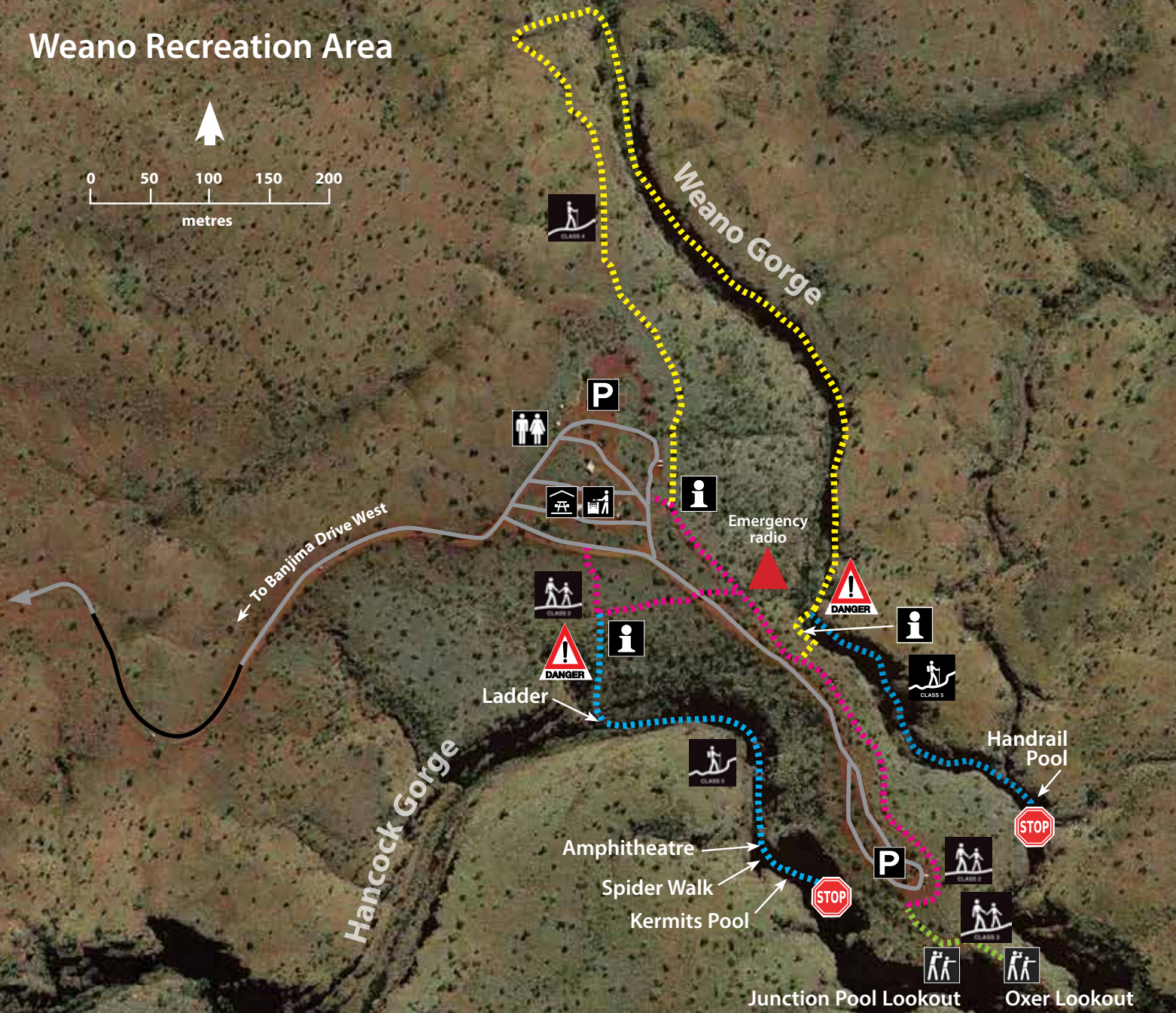
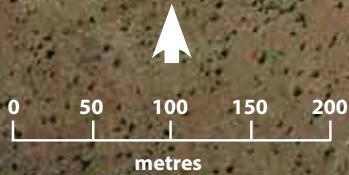
Contact information

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Key to symbols

	Lookout		Parking
	Information		Sheltered picnic table
	Toilets		Gas BBQ
	Sealed road		Unsealed road

Walk trail classifications

- Class 2** These walks are well defined with some steps and generally gradients are gentle.
- Class 3** These trails are defined and may include steps; loose surfaces; uneven ground; and short, steep sections.
- Class 4** These trails are moderately difficult and over variable surfaces – they require a good level of fitness. Expect steep gradients and natural obstacles including rocks and shallow pools.
- Class 5** These trails are difficult and a high level of fitness and agility is required. Trail markings are minimal, and steep sections with vertical drops are common. Expect to encounter natural hazards including large boulders; pools of water; slippery, wet rocks; and narrow, high ledges.

Safety information

- DANGER** Change in trail classification. Make sure you meet criteria.
- STOP** Do not proceed. Penalties apply. For enquiries contact park staff.