

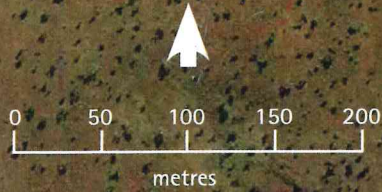
# LIBRARY

Department of Biodiversity,  
Conservation and Attractions

This PDF has been created for digital preservation. It may be used for research but is not suitable for other purposes. It may be superseded by a more current version or just be out-of-date and have no relevance to current situations.



Department of Parks and Wildlife



Weano Gorge

Hancock Gorge

To Banjima Drive West



Emergency radio



Ladder



Amphitheatre

Spider Walk

Kermits Pool



Junction Pool lookout

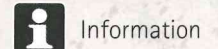


Handrail Pool



Oxer lookout

## Key to symbols



Information



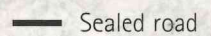
Toilet



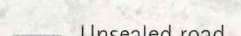
Parking



Lookout



Sealed road



Unsealed road

## Walk trail classifications



Class 2



Class 3



Class 4



Class 5

## Safety information



Change in trail classification. Make sure you meet criteria.



Do not proceed. Penalties apply. For enquiries contact park staff.



Emergency radio

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

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

- Be prepared. Wear sturdy walking shoes, and take plenty of water.
- Stay on established trails and stand well back from cliff edges.
- If hiking overnight, let a responsible person know.
- Take care in the gorges. Rocks are smooth and slippery, particularly when wet.
- Walk with a companion and ensure there is plenty of daylight left to complete the return trip.
- Water in the gorges is extremely cold, especially between April and September, and hypothermia can occur.
- Do not dive or jump into water.
- Do not take glass or alcohol into the gorges.

## Lookouts

### Junction Pool lookout



800 metres – 30 minutes return

Follow the formed track from the information shelter to the trail head sign for Junction Pool lookout. It is clearly signposted and no bushwalking experience is required. Take the opportunity to view gorge-rim vegetation. From the trail head, follow the sloping access path down to the Junction Pool lookout.

### Oxer lookout



800 metres – 30 minutes return

From Junction Pool lookout, follow a short steep trail with minor obstacles and a series of steps to the Oxer lookout viewing platform. Some bushwalking experience is recommended. In the late afternoon or early morning rock wallabies may be seen perched on rock ledges.



## Weano Gorge

### Upper Weano Gorge



1 kilometre – 45 minutes return

This trail is for experienced bushwalkers. From the car park the first section of the track is formed but as you begin to enter the gorge there are obstacles including large rocks and seasonal pools. This trail includes short steep sections with no steps. There are trail markers.

### Lower Weano Gorge



1 kilometre – 1 hour

This trail is for experienced bushwalkers. Follow the trail towards Junction Pool and Oxer lookouts, then turn left at the Weano trail head. The steps down into the gorge are irregular and very steep. Once at the bottom the track is rough and there are many obstacles. Negotiate the gorge until you reach a sign indicating a change in track conditions.

### Handrail Pool



150 metres – 30 minutes return

This gorge section is for very experienced bushwalkers. The track is very steep and difficult with a rough and unformed surface. Use the handrail provided to carefully negotiate the slippery rocks on your climb down into the chilly waters of Handrail Pool. The trail stops here.



# Weano Recreation Area

## Hancock Gorge

### Kermits Pool



1.5 kilometres – 2 hours return

This trail is for very experienced bushwalkers. A rough trail leads towards the edge of the gorge. There are numerous natural obstacles. Negotiate uneven rock steps to reach the ladder. Descend the ladder to the gorge floor. Follow the gorge floor downstream to Kermits Pool. Walk through the water and do not be tempted to negotiate the ledges to avoid getting wet. A slip or fall from here can be serious and a rescue can take many hours.

The trail ends at the stop sign. This is Kermits Pool. Do not proceed beyond this point. Penalties apply. For enquiries, contact park staff.



Hancock Gorge ladders