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Key to symbols

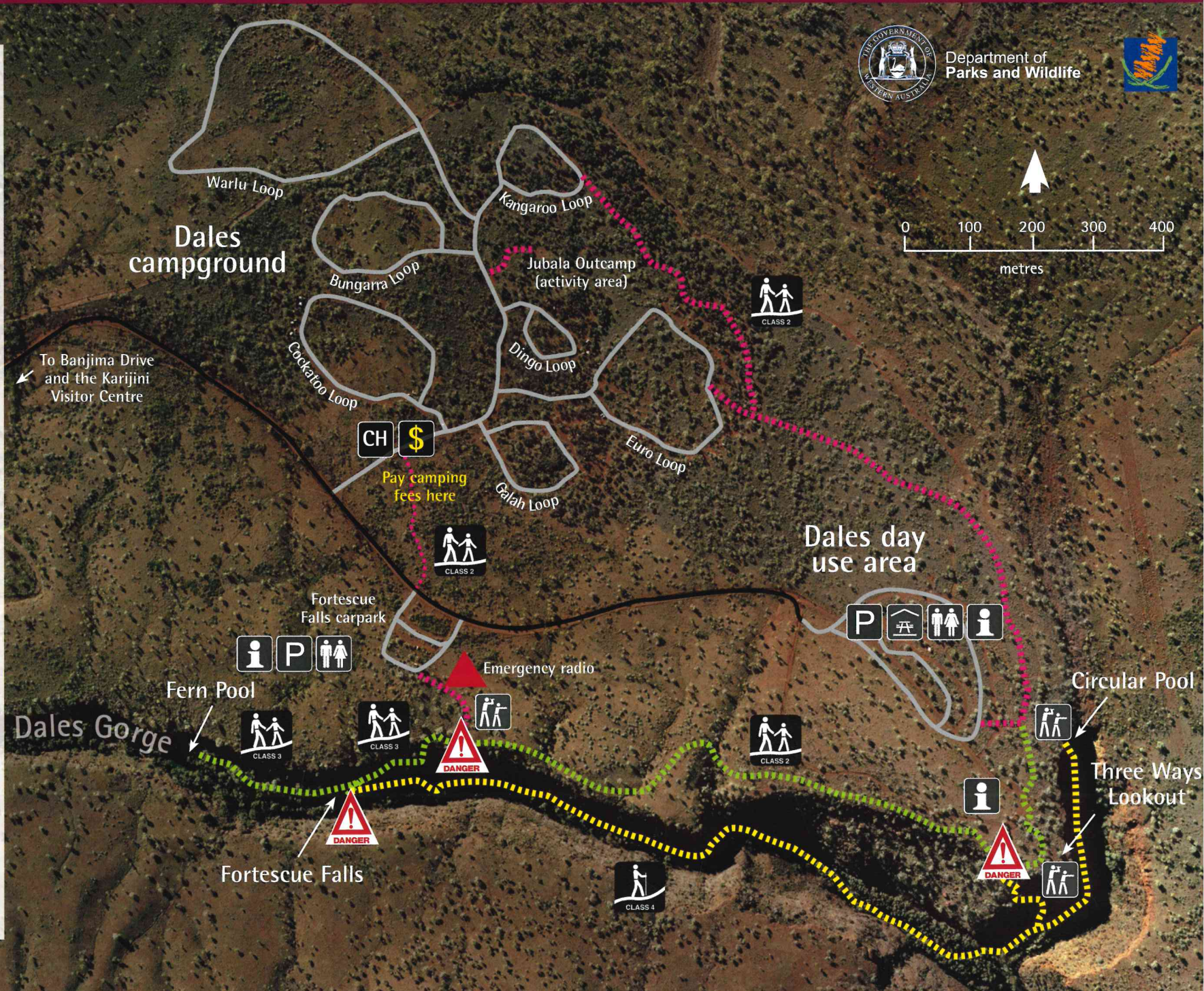
- Information
- Toilet
- Parking
- Sheltered picnic tables
- Lookout
- Pay camping fees
- Camp host (seasonal)
- Sealed road
- Unsealed road

Walk trail classifications

- Class 2
- Class 3
- Class 4
- Class 5

Safety information

- Change in trail classification. Make sure you meet criteria.
- 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.



Dales Recreation Area



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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.

From the Fortescue Falls car park you can access the following trails:

Fortescue Falls viewing area



150 metres – 15 minutes return

From the car park, follow the signposted track to the Fortescue Falls viewing area, where you can see one of very few permanent waterfalls in the park. There are a few small steps as you approach the viewing area.

Fortescue Falls



800 metres – 1 hour return

From the viewing area, follow the steep descent down to Fortescue Falls. There are some obstacles, including steps. Bushwalking experience is recommended.

Fern Pool



300 metres – 30 minutes return

From Fortescue Falls walk upstream along the gorge floor, leading to Fern Pool. Bushwalking experience is recommended.

Dales Gorge



2 kilometres – 3 hours return

This track links one end of the gorge to the other. Experienced bushwalkers can observe gorge life up close as they negotiate the bottom of the gorge. The track is rough with many obstacles and very steep in sections. There is limited signage. Walkers will be required to cross from one side of the gorge to the other. Return the same way, or negotiate the Circular Pool track and return to Fortescue Falls along the Gorge Rim track.

Gorge Rim



2 kilometres – 1.5 hours return

Begin the Gorge Rim track from the Fortescue Falls viewing area, or from the Circular Pool lookout. A vehicle can meet walkers at the other end or walkers can follow the trail back again. The formed track is signposted and some experience is recommended. There are short steep sections and occasional steps. Enjoy wonderful views into Dales Gorge. Interesting plants grow along the rim, many unique to the Pilbara.

From the Dales day-use area car park access the following trails:

Circular Pool lookout



800 metres – 30 minutes

A flat, formed track leads from the car park to the trail head sign. The short walk showcases gorge-top vegetation. The lookout offers spectacular views down into Circular Pool. Water from the gorge walls seeps into the pool and maidenhair ferns flourish in the shade.

Gorge Rim



2 kilometres – 1.5 hours return

Begin this track from either end of the gorge. If starting from the Circular Pool end, take in the views of the pool from the lookout provided. From here, follow the formed, signposted track towards Three Ways lookout. From the lookout continue along the gorge rim to Fortescue Falls. Some experience is recommended. Signs along the way provide information on plants and animals of the area.

Circular Pool



800 metres – 2 hours return

A very steep, rough track descends the gorge side from near Three Ways lookout. This track is for experienced bushwalkers. There is limited signage and many obstacles. Walkers will need to negotiate a ladder as they carefully make their way to the gorge bottom. From here, turn left and follow the gorge floor to Circular Pool.