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NATIONAL PARK

Jim Jim Falls & Twin Falls

Jim Jim and Twin Falls are powerful, spiritual places for the area's Aboriginal custodians.

Ancestral creator beings travelled across this area, creating the dramatic landscape and all living things within it. Many have left their spiritual essence here, as a reminder of their actions.

Almudj, the rainbow serpent, travelled along these waterways and now rests in the Twin Falls plunge pool. *Yamidj* started his creation journey here, leaving behind yams, red ochre and his essence in the form of a katydid (small green bush-cricket).

***"We want tourists to visit our land not only to learn and enjoy, but also to be safe and respectful of the land....
....moving slowly through country...."***

- The Aboriginal custodians of Jim Jim and Twin Falls.

Today, water continues to shape this landscape.

In the wet season, heavy rains flood escarpment creeks and great volumes of water thunder over the falls to flood the lowlands. At this time, the area is inaccessible by road, but is spectacular by scenic flight. In the dry season, the creeks and falls slowly dry up and the area can be visited by 4WD.

Whenever you visit, the steep sandstone gorges, monsoon forests and plunge pools will leave you awestruck.



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- 1 In the dry season, enjoy a stunning view of Jim Jim Falls with ease from the Viewing Pool.
- 2 In the wet season, see Twin Falls in full flood via scenic flight.
- 3 You may see *garnamarr* (red-tailed black cockatoo) flying overhead. This majestic bird is the campground's namesake.

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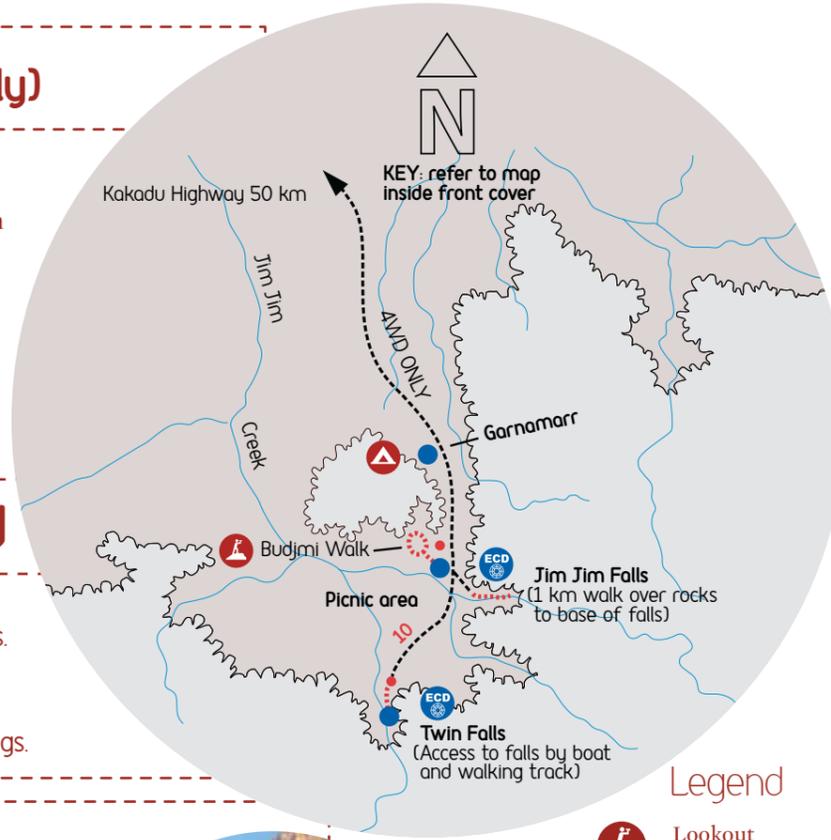
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PARK NOTE

Road Access (dry season only)

The 50 km road into the area is unsealed and often corrugated. Please observe the 60 km/hr speed limit. Only high clearance 4WD vehicles can continue from Garnamarr Campground to Jim Jim and Twin Falls. The tracks are narrow and winding, so trailers are not permitted (leave them at the campground). The creek crossing to Twin Falls is usually between 400mm to 600mm deep with a firm concrete base. A snorkel is highly recommended. Check road conditions at <http://kakaduroadreport.wordpress.com> or by calling Bowali Visitor Centre on



Garnamarr Campground

Open: 6:30 am – 8:30 pm
Facilities: Hot showers, wood barbecues, picnic tables.
Suitable for: Tents, off-road camper trailers. No generators.
Fees: \$10/person/night (under 16yrs free). No bookings.

Budjmi Lookout Walk

Features: Glorious escarpment views (best in the afternoon light) from a sandstone and granite outcrop.
Distance: 1 km return **Time:** Allow 45 mins
Grade: Easy. Marked track.
Note: Starts at Jim Jim Creek day use area - a great picnic spot.



Twin Falls in the dry season.

Gungkurdal (Twin Falls)

Boat Shuttle and Gorge Walk

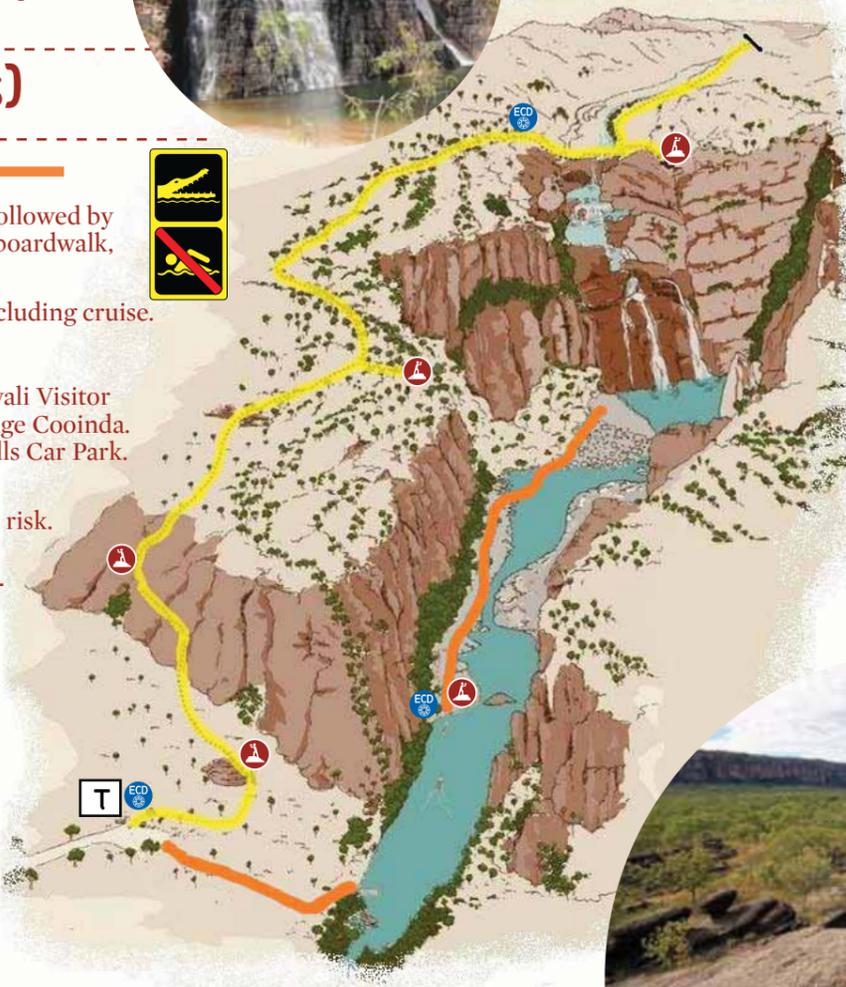
Features: A tranquil cruise up Twin Falls Creek, followed by a marked track over boulders, sand and a floating boardwalk, leading to the beach and plunge pool.
Distance: 1km return walk **Time:** Allow 2 hrs, including cruise.
Grade: Moderate. Marked track.

Boat Shuttle: Tickets can be purchased from Bowali Visitor Centre, Garnamarr Campground and Gagadju Lodge Cooida. The boat landing is a short walk from the Twin Falls Car Park. Last boat departs at 4:00 pm.

Note: No swimming at Twin Falls due to crocodile risk. You can cool off under showers on the boardwalk.

Twin Falls Lookout Walk

Features: Hike to the top of the Arnhem Land escarpment, pass through monsoon vine forest and admire ancient sandstone formations from the lookout. Follow the creek to the track's end.
Distance: 6km return **Time:** Allow 6 hrs
Grade: Moderately difficult. Marked track.
Note: For the fit and well prepared only. Keep away from the edge. Carry at least 3 litres of water per person and keep markers in sight.



- Legend
- Lookout
 - Emergency Call Device
 - Toilet

Barrk Marlam (Jim Jim Falls)

Viewing Pool Walk

Features: Enjoy a stunning view of Jim Jim Falls with ease.
Distance: 800 m return **Time:** Allow 1 hr
Grade: Easy to moderate. Marked track.

Plunge Pool Walk

Features: Monsoon forest along Jim Jim Creek, leading to dramatic escarpment walls and deep waterfall plunge pool.
Distance: 2 km return **Time:** Allow 3 hrs
Grade: Moderately difficult, involving scrambling over increasingly large boulders.
Note: The plunge pool is extremely deep and cold. Boulders can be slippery. This is a crocodile management zone. Please read all signs and swim at your own risk.

Barrk Marlam Walk

Features: Rugged ascent to the top of the escarpment, across exposed sandstone, to the top of Jim Jim Falls.
Distance: 6 km return **Time:** Allow 4-6 hrs
Grade: Difficult, steep climb. Marked track.
Note: For the fit and well prepared only. Carry at least 3 litres of water per person. Keep markers in sight. Depart before 10 am to avoid heat illness.



Endemic residents – can you spot them?

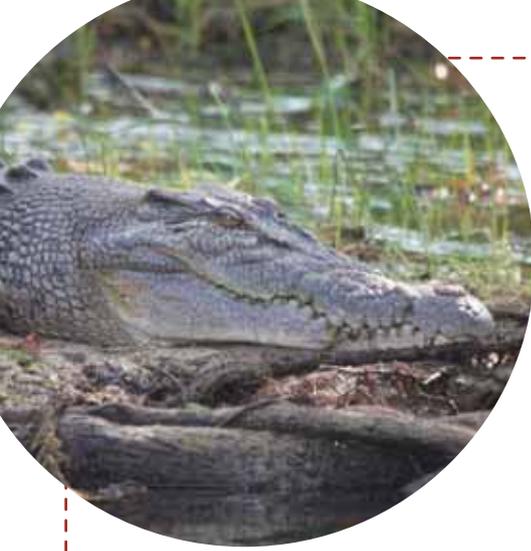
This area is truly unique, home to many plants and animals found nowhere else. Take your time to look out for some of these special species:

- 4 **Yilding** (white-throated grasswren) - with a beautiful song, this bird lives on the top of the escarpment in family groups. Sit quietly and listen for a metallic buzzing and chirping. Watch for them running amongst the spinifex.
- 5 **Gurrbelak** (chestnut-quilled rock pigeon) - perfectly camouflaged against the rocky stone country, this seed-eating bird's tiny legs make it appear to move on rollers! Walk quietly and slowly, listening for a soft coo - one may explode into flight right beneath your feet.
- 6 **Barrk** (black wallaroo) - a shy, beautiful marsupial, the larger males are black while the smaller females are grey. Move quietly around the base of the escarpment in the early morning and you may spot one.
- 7 **Anbinik** - the largest growing tree of the escarpment country, this ancient species is believed to have Gondwanan origins. It is the ancestor of our current eucalypts.



View from the Budjmi Lookout.





CROCODILE SAFETY & SWIMMING

Ginga (estuarine crocodiles) inhabit all Kakadu waterways below the escarpment. They are extremely aggressive and can cause injury or death.

For your safety, swimming is prohibited in all waterways in this area.

The only exception is the Jim Jim Falls Plunge Pool, where you may swim at your own risk. Here, rangers work hard to detect and remove estuarine crocodiles. While this reduces the risk of dangerous crocodiles, they can move back into the pool undetected at any time. We cannot guarantee a 100% crocodile-free area.

Obey all crocodile warning and safety signs.

Swim at your own risk in the Jim Jim Falls Plunge Pool only.

Madjarrki (freshwater crocodiles) also occur here. They are usually shy and non-aggressive. Please do not approach or feed them.

WHEN WALKING

Keep to marked tracks – there are many sacred places in this area. To protect them, the area's custodians request that you stay on marked tracks at all times.

Wear sturdy footwear.

Carry and drink plenty of water.

On longer walks, bring energy foods like fruit and nuts.

Carry a First Aid Kit.

Avoid walking in the hottest part of the day.

Advise a responsible adult of your walking plans.

Bury toilet waste at least 15 cm deep and 100 m from campsites and waterways.

WALKING BEYOND MARKED WALKING TRACKS & BUSH CAMPING

A permit is required to walk beyond marked walking tracks or to camp outside of Garnamarr Campground.

For permits and permit information contact the Permits Officer on 08 8938 1140. Download forms at environment.gov.au/resource/camping-and-bushwalking

LOOK AFTER THE PARK

Carry out all rubbish, including cigarette butts, fruit peel and tissues.

Fishing is not permitted in this area.

Enjoy the wildlife, but do not disturb or feed them.

Use fuel stoves in preference to open fires.

If lighting a fire, collect firewood on the way to your camp rather than at the campsite. Use firewood sparingly.

8 *Anjimjim* (water pandanus) gives its name to the gorge, creek and billabong that it lines.

9 Folding seen in the Kambolgie sandstone of the Arnhem Land Escarpment on the way to Jim Jim Falls.

LOOK AFTER YOURSELF

The traditional Aboriginal custodians of Jim Jim and Twin Falls care about your safety.

Estuarine (saltwater) crocodiles inhabit these waterways – observe and obey crocodile warning signs.

Do not approach or interfere with any wildlife.

Protect yourself from the sun and biting insects – wear a hat and cover up with loose, light clothing.

Drink 4–6 litres of water per day.

Beware of creeks flash flooding during the wet season.

Do not climb or jump from rocks.

Be mindful of cool water, which may be dangerous.

IN AN EMERGENCY

Use the Emergency Call Devices (ECDs).



These devices are only for emergency requests such as medical help, search and rescue, or to notify park staff of any other incident requiring an urgent response.

See maps for ECD locations.

SAFE DRIVING

Road is unsealed, drive to conditions. 4WD only from Garnamarr Campground to Jim Jim and Twin Falls.

Adhere to speed limits and other road signage.



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