**Waleka Walk**
14 km one way
2-3 days
Specular views of the second gorge from Sildas Rock and the upper gorge area. Traverse the sandstone escarpment via undulating rock platforms and shallow gullies.
**GRADE 4/5 - MODERATE TO DIFFICULT**
Wilderness trail with track markers. Extreme heat - Sept to April.
From the various water tanks and river at designated campsites. Both river water before use.
**From the water tank at the Windell Walk junction.**

**Smitt Rock**
(17.4 km)
Seasonal swimming below Dunlop swamp and Smitt Rock. Emergency Call Devices (Dunlop Swamp and Smitt Rock).
**GRADE 4 - MODERATE TO DIFFICULT**
last 1 km rough.
From the water tank at Lily Ponds or Smitt Rock junction.

**Eighth Gorge**
(19.8 km)
Creek side walk with views of lower Gorge. Seasonal Lily Pond Falls and seasonal swimming in the river.
**GRADE 4 - MODERATE TO DIFFICULT**
last 1 km rough.
From the water tank at the Lily Ponds junction.

**Jawoyn Valley**
(39 km)
3-4 days
Galleries of Jawoyn paintings. Large valley with extensive rock outcrops.
**GRADE 4 - MODERATE TO DIFFICULT**
Wilderness trail with track markers. Extreme heat - Sept to April.
From the water tanks at Smitt Rock and Eighth Gorge junctions.

**Day Walks**
- loose fitting, light-coloured clothing and sunscreen
- a broad-brimmed hat
- sturdy shoes or boots (not thongs)

**Call:**
- at least 3 litres of water per person
- sunscreen

**Overnight Walks**
Camping is only permitted at Dunlop Swamp, Smitt Rock and the 8th Gorge. If you plan to camp overnight you will need a camping permit from the Nitmiluk Centre. Permits can be purchased between 8am and 1pm.
As a minimum, overnight walkers should carry:
- 3 litres of water per person
- sturdy footwear and thick socks
- broad-brimmed hat and sunscreen
- basic first aid kit
- pocket knife
- insect repellent and mosquito net
- matches or lighter
- gas or fuel stove - open fires are not permitted.

**Trail Conditions**
The walking trails vary in difficulty and length. Refer to the list of walks on the back of this sheet for a summary of the conditions you can expect on each trail.

**Stay on the marked trails at all times.**
Trail markers are usually located every 20-50 metres. Intersections are marked by sign posts. If you have walked for 100 metres without seeing a marker, go back to the last marker and find the next marker. Be aware that often worn paths through the bush are animal tracks, not the walking trail.

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**Nitmiluk National Park Southern Walks**

**Explore the Katherine Gorge system and surrounding escarpment via the Southern Walks:** where you can enjoy spectacular views, swimming and camping away from the crowds.
The network of tracks begin near the Nitmiluk Centre with a climb, high onto the rocky escarpment. All are return walks.
Be aware that it is hot and rugged up on the escarpment so choose a walk that suits your level of fitness and follow the guidelines here for a safe and enjoyable walk.

**Registration**
For overnight walks, all walkers must obtain a permit at the Nitmiluk Centre between 8am and 1pm. The Parks Information Desk is located in the Nitmiluk Centre and is open from 8am to 4pm. While registration is not required for day walks, you may register as a safety precaution.
All walkers should let someone responsible know where they are going and when they will be back.
Long term parking is located at the Ranger Station.

**Checkpoints**
For your safety, please register your passing in the checkpoint book at Dunlop Swamp. This can help Rangers locate you in an emergency.

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**Australian Walking Track Grading System - User Guide for Northern Territory Parks**

**Grade 1**
- Easy

**Grade 2**
- Easy

**Grade 3**
- Moderate

**Grade 4**
- Moderate to Difficult

**Grade 5**
- Difficult

Very experienced bushwalkers with specialised skills, including navigation and emergency first aid. Tracks are likely to be very rough, very steep and unnavigable. Walks may be more than 20 km.

**Recommended equipment:**
- lightweight sleeping bag
- tent
- cooking equipment
- emergency food
- basic first aid kit
- sunscreen
- sturdy footwear

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**Emergency Radios**

Emergency Call Devices (ECDs) are located at various locations, as shown on the map.

**ECDs are for:**
- contacting a Ranger in an emergency
- reporting a delay in your return

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**Information Sheet**

**For more information see our website:** [www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au](http://www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au)
Look after yourself and the Park
• Carry and drink at least three litres of water each day.
• Wear sturdy shoes, a hat and sunscreen.
• Take care on the steep tracks and loose rocks.
• Open fires are not permitted in the Park.
• Please take all your rubbish out with you.

Southern Walks map located here. Please check carefully that you are headed in the right direction at this point.

View of the Gorge on the Waleka Walk.

Toilets only at Smitt Rock, Dunlop Swamp, and 8th Gorge campsites. At all other sites please bury waste at a depth of 30 cm, well away from campsites and waterways.