

# Butterfly Gorge Nature Park



Fact Sheet

This quiet gorge is tucked away at the base of a low sandstone plateau. The sheer rock faces, edged by dense riverine vegetation and rocky spinifex country, offer shaded riverine walks and beautiful scenery.

The Wagiman people speak for this land. Their ancestors are here. If you make your way quietly along the river to the entrance of the gorge, you may hear the ancestors calling.

The Park protects a part of the Douglas River which eventually flows into the Daly River about 50 km downstream.

## Access (see map)


The Park which is close to Tjuwaliyn (Douglas) Hot Springs Park is approximately 130 km from Katherine and 200 km from Darwin along the old Stuart Highway scenic route. The final 17 km into the Park is a four wheel drive track. Caravans cannot be taken into this Park.

Consult maps and check road conditions on 1 800 246 199 prior to your visit.

## When to Visit

It is only possible to visit the Park during the dry season (May - September). Heavy rains close the park each year.

## What to See and Do

 **Swimming** - a swim across the main pool and through the narrowest of gorges will get you to the upper pools. A little climbing and swimming leads to the most beautiful and peaceful gorge.



**Walking** - the gorge and main swimming area can be accessed via two different routes.

**Creek Walk** - this path follows the creek for 600 metres, terminating at a rocky outcrop. The more adventurous can climb over or swim around the rocks to reach the main pool.

**Lookout Walk** - a 30 minute walk through open woodland offering great views of the gorge before descending down to the main pool.

Do not walk alone. Beware of slippery rocks.

Past logging industries removed many of the huge Melaleucas. The timber was used to build the Stokes Hill Wharf in Darwin.



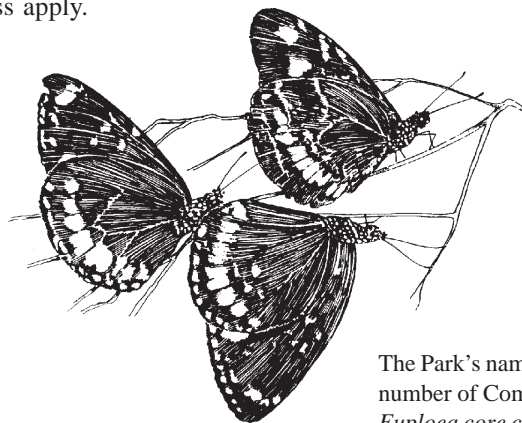
**No camping** - however you may camp nearby at Tjuwaliyn (Douglas) Hot Springs Park. You can also camp at the Douglas River Esplanade Conservation Area, which is managed by Douglas Daly Park. Visitors are requested to check in at the office where you will be allocated camp sites. Camping fees apply.

## Safety and Comfort

- Observe park safety signs.
- Swim only where recommended, observe warning signs.
- Carry and drink plenty of water.
- Wear a shady hat, sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Wear suitable clothing and footwear.
- Carry a first aid kit.
- Avoid strenuous activity during the heat of the day.
- Ensure your vehicle is well maintained and equipped.

## Please Remember

- No bins are provided, please take your rubbish away with you.
- Keep to designated roads and tracks.
- All cultural items and wildlife are protected.
- Pets are not permitted in this Park.
- Nets, traps and firearms are not permitted.
- Camping is not permitted.
- Check that your vehicle is not transporting pests like weeds and Cane Toads.



The Park's name comes from the large number of Common Crow Butterflies *Euploea core corinna* which shelter in the vegetation.

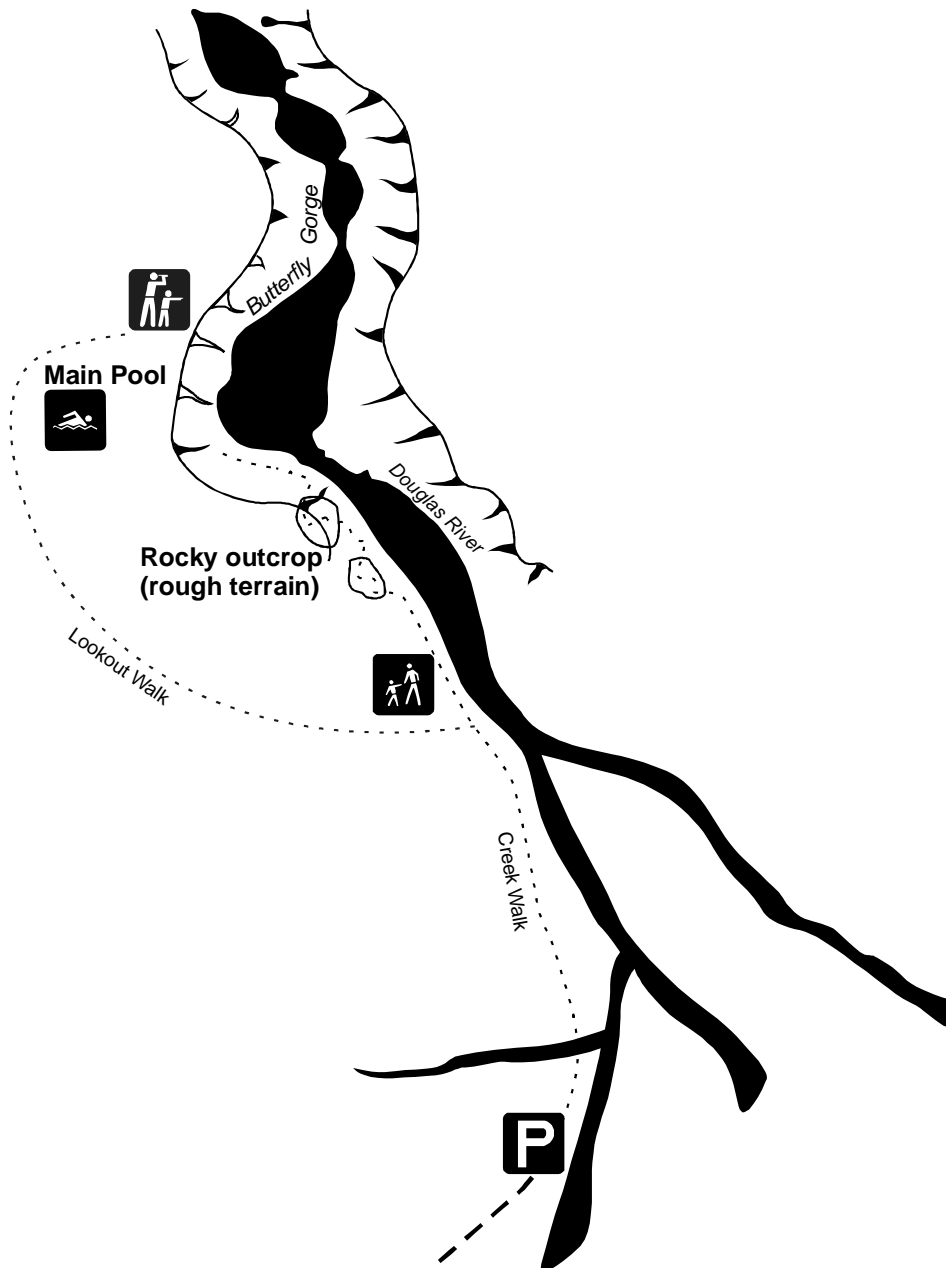
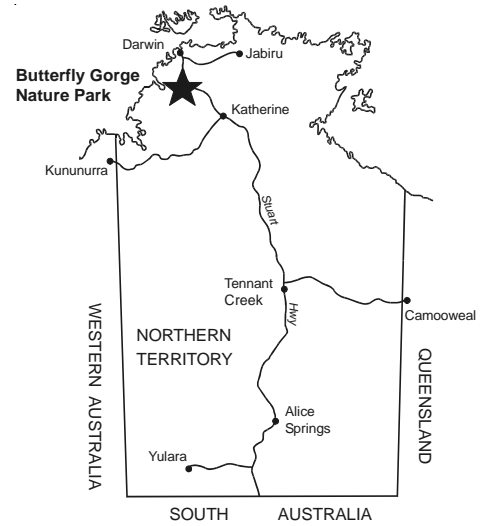
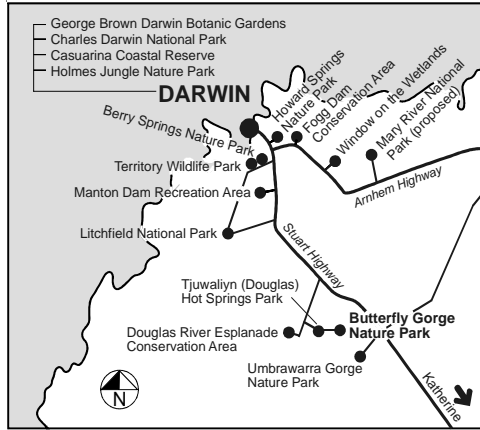
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### LEGEND



Parking



Swimming



Walking Track



Lookout

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metres

To Tjuwaliyn (Douglas)  
Hot Springs Park

17 km to Tjuwaliyn (Douglas) Hot Springs Park

24 km to Oolloo Road via Tjuwaliyn (Douglas) Hot Springs Park