

Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve



Fact Sheet

Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve is one of several parks in the lower Adelaide River catchment that provide havens for wildlife amongst Darwin's developing rural fringe.

The Adelaide River catchment is one of several connected catchments which make up the Top End wetlands. These wetlands have international significance because of their beauty, natural systems and importance to Aboriginal people.

The Limilngan-Wulna people speak for the land in Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve and play an important role in it's management.

The dam was built in the mid 1950's to provide irrigation for the Humpty Doo Rice Project. The **RAAF** Airfield Construction squadron built the dam and named it Fogg Dam after the Managing Director, Mr J D Fogg, of Utah Australia Ltd. When the agricultural scheme failed the dam had already become a dry season refuge for wildlife, especially waterbirds. Fogg Dam had become a Bird Protection District in 1959.

Access (see map)

Fogg Dam is located approximately 65 km east of Darwin along the Arnhem Highway. It has all weather access and is open all year.

When to Visit

Between December and July you may find a greater variety of birds, some quite easy to photograph, among lilies and other water plants which flower at this time of year.

What to See and Do



Woodlands to Waterlily

Walk - leads you through

forests that fringe the floodplains. A boardwalk then takes you onto the Dam. There are signs and lookouts along the way.

Length: 2.2 km return. Time: 45 minutes. Grade: easy.

Monsoon Forces winds through a variety of habitats, including monsoon and paperbark forests, and then onto the floodplains. Boardwalks keep your feet dry. There are signs along the way.

Length: 3.6 km. Time: 2 hours. Grade: easy.







Dam Wall Walk -

shaded viewing platforms available along the way. Wheelchair accessible.

Length: 2.2 km return. Time: 45 minutes. Grade: easy.

Pandanus Lookout -

wonderful views of the

Dam. Great for sunset or sunrise picnics. Parking available.

Length: 2.5 km return. Time: 1 hour.

Grade: easy.

Safety and Comfort

- Observe park safety signs.
- Observe all crocodile warning
- Carry and drink plenty of
- 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.
- Beware of theft, lock vehicles and secure valuables.

Please Remember

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





No swimming estuarine

crocodiles inhabit these waters stay clear of the waters edge.

> Comb-crested Jacana Irediparra gallinacea

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