

Litchfield National Park



Fact Sheet

Litchfield National Park covers approximately 1500 sq km and is an integral part of the Northern Territory's network of conservation reserves. The Park contains representative examples of most of the Top End habitats. It features numerous waterfalls which cascade from a sandstone plateau named the Tabletop Range, intriguing magnetic termite mounds, historical sites and the weathered sandstone pillars of the Lost City.

Aboriginal people have lived in all the area for thousands of years. It is important to the Koongurrukun, Marranunggu, Werat and Waray Aboriginal people whose Ancestral Spirits formed the landscape, plants and animals and are still present in the landscape today.


Access (see map)

Near Batchelor, 100 km south-west of Darwin, the Park is generally accessible all year (sealed roads) via Batchelor. In the dry season it is also possible to get to the Park via Cox Peninsula Road (some unsealed sections) and the Daly River Road (4WD).

When to Visit

This Park is spectacular at any time, though most 4WD tracks are closed during the wet season. Some swimming areas, such as Wangi Falls, become unsafe after heavy rain and are closed for swimming (often till June), but kiosk and picnic facilities remain open. Fuel is not available in the Park.


What to See and Do


 **Camping** - is available at Wangi Falls, Buley Rockhole and Florence Falls. 4WD camping areas are (dry season only) at Tjaynera Falls (Sandy Creek), Surprise Creek Falls and downstream from Florence Falls. Caravan camping is restricted to Wangi Falls and no powered sites


are provided. Walk-in camping sites are available along Walker Creek (dry season only).


Most campgrounds are managed by concessionaires.

Camping fees apply. (A 'Park Fees' brochure is available).


 **Accommodation and camping** - are available outside the Park at several commercial sites.


 **Picnicking** - shady spots available at Florence Falls, Tabletop Swamp, Greenant Creek, Wangi Falls and Walker Creek.

 **Kiosk** - located at Wangi Falls.

 **Swimming** - many pleasant swimming spots are scattered throughout the Park.

Popular ones include Wangi, Florence and Tjaynera Falls and Buley Rockhole. Some areas can become unsafe after heavy rain and are closed for swimming - heed warnings.

 **No swimming** - in the Reynolds River. Swim only in designated areas.

 **Walking** - beautiful, quiet walks leave from most popular sites. Signs in the carparks and along the tracks will show you the way. They vary between short strolls and walks of 1 to 3 km.

 **The Tabletop Track** is a 39km circuit bushwalk. Overnight walkers are strongly recommended to register their route with the Overnight Walker Registration Scheme on 1300 650 730. Overnight walkers must camp in designated campgrounds.

You can access the track at Florence Falls, Greenant Creek, Wangi Falls and Walker Creek. Day use walkers are encouraged to advise someone of their intended route and expected return.

Safety and Comfort

- Observe park safety signs.
- Note locations of Emergency Call Devices.
- Swim only where recommended, observe warning signs.
- Carry and drink plenty of water.
- Wear a shady hat, insect repellent and sunscreen.
- Scrub Typhus is transmitted by microscopic bush mites on grasses and bushes - avoid sitting on bare ground or grass, use a ground cover.
- 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

- Put your rubbish in the bin or take it away with you.
- Keep to designated roads and tracks.
- All cultural items and wildlife are protected.
- Pets are not permitted. Don't feed native animals.
- Nets, traps and firearms are not permitted.
- Take care with fire, light fires only in fireplaces provided. Fuel stoves are preferred at Walker Creek.
- Avoid using soaps and detergent in or near waterways.
- Camp only in designated camping areas.
- Collect firewood (fallen timber only) before arriving at your picnic or campsite
- Generators are not permitted in this Park.
- Observe all fishing regulations.
- Check that your vehicle is not transporting pests like weeds and Cane Toads.

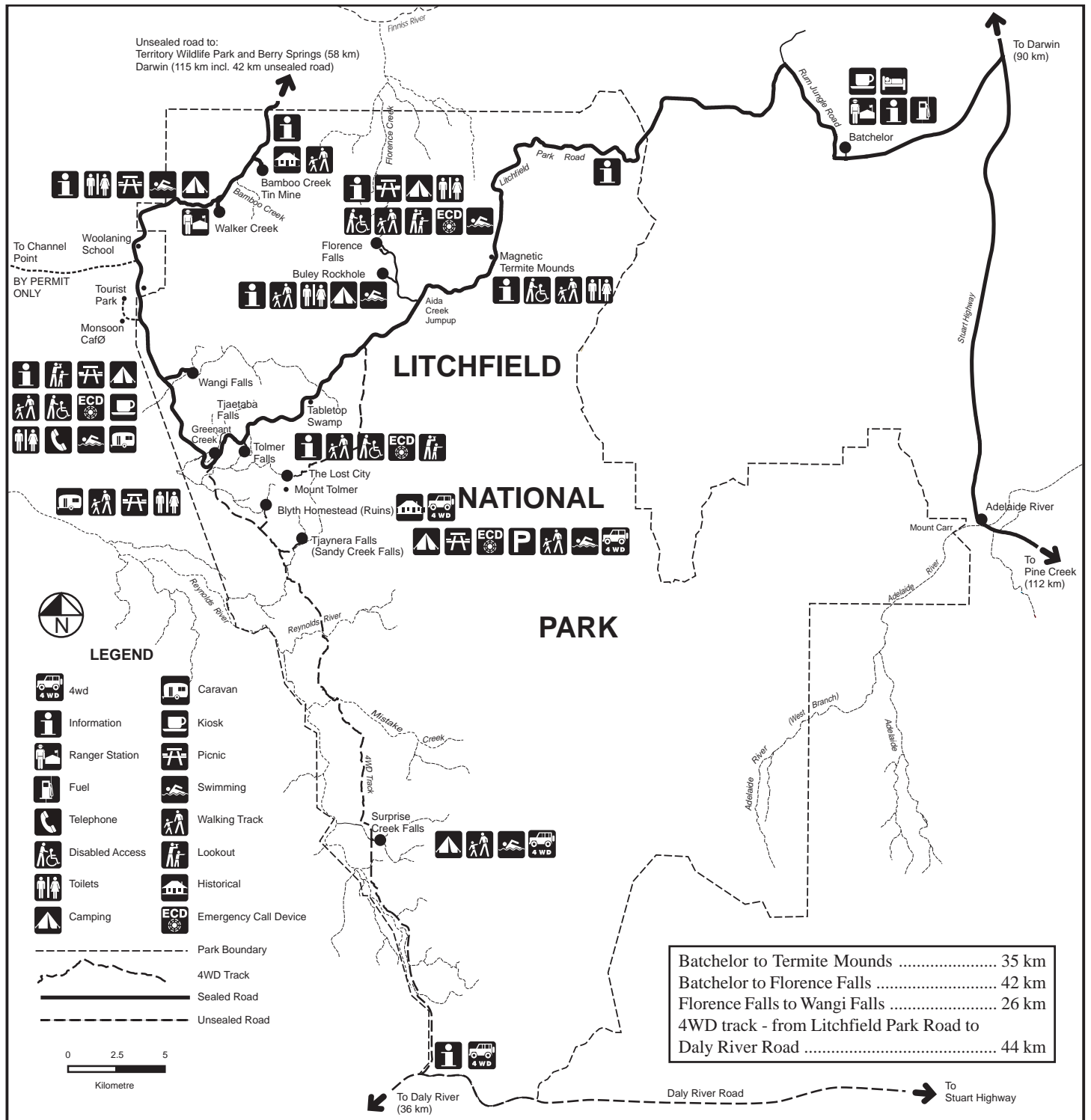
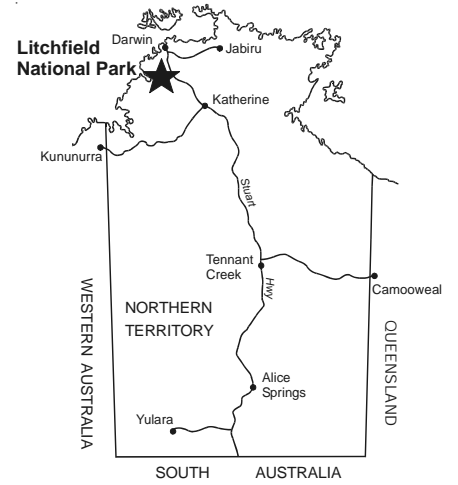
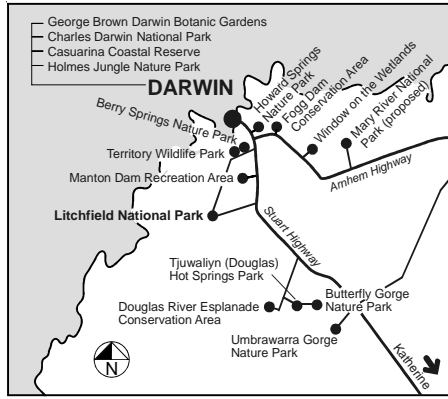
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