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NATIONAL PARK

PLANS SEASONS

Holiday planner

KAKADU NATIONAL PARK IS A SPECTACULAR CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

As Nayuyungki, the creation ancestors, journeyed across the country they created landforms, plants, animals and people. They gave Bininj/Mungguy (Aboriginal people of Kakadu) their languages and taught them how to live, and how to look after country.

Today, Kakadu is managed jointly by Bininj/Mungguy and Parks Australia to protect its outstanding World Heritage cultural and natural values. We invite you to experience the world's oldest living culture, stunning rock art, unique plants and animals, and wetlands of international significance.

PLAN YOUR TRIP THROUGH ABORIGINAL EYES

The Bininj/Mungguy calendar recognises up to six seasons and this may inform what activities are available at times of the year throughout the park. Kakadu seasons:

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| 1) Bangkerreng (storms) | 4) Kurrung (hot and dry) |
| 2) Yekke (cool but humid) | 5) Kunumeleng (pre-monsoon) |
| 3) Wurrkeng (cold weather) | 6) Kudjewe (monsoon) |

The most popular time to visit is from May to September during Yekke, Wurrkeng, and Kurrung seasons. At this time the weather is comfortable, and roads are generally open. Be sure to book tours, car hire and hotel bookings well in advance.

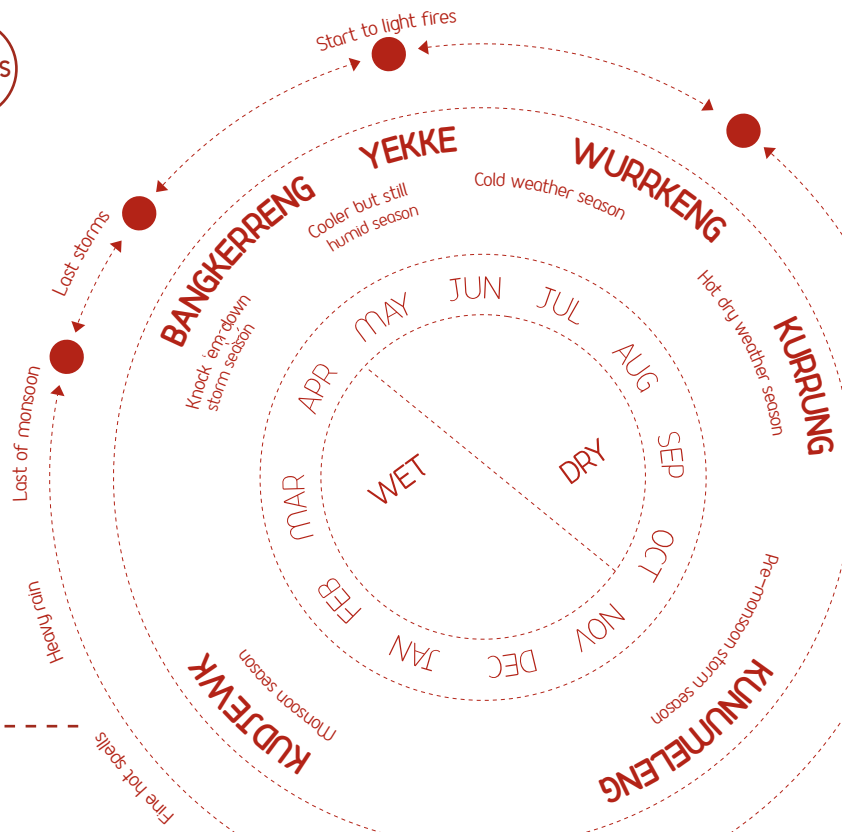
Kakadu is a feast for the senses in the quieter seasons too. From October (Kunumeleng), it becomes hotter and more humid with the arrival of the first rains. Flooding between December and April closes unsealed roads but many locations will remain open.

ACCESS REPORT

We recommend reviewing the daily road access report for latest updates on seasonal road conditions at kakadu.gov.au/access

For more information or to plan your trip visit

kakadu.gov.au



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1 Diagram of the six seasons of Kakadu.



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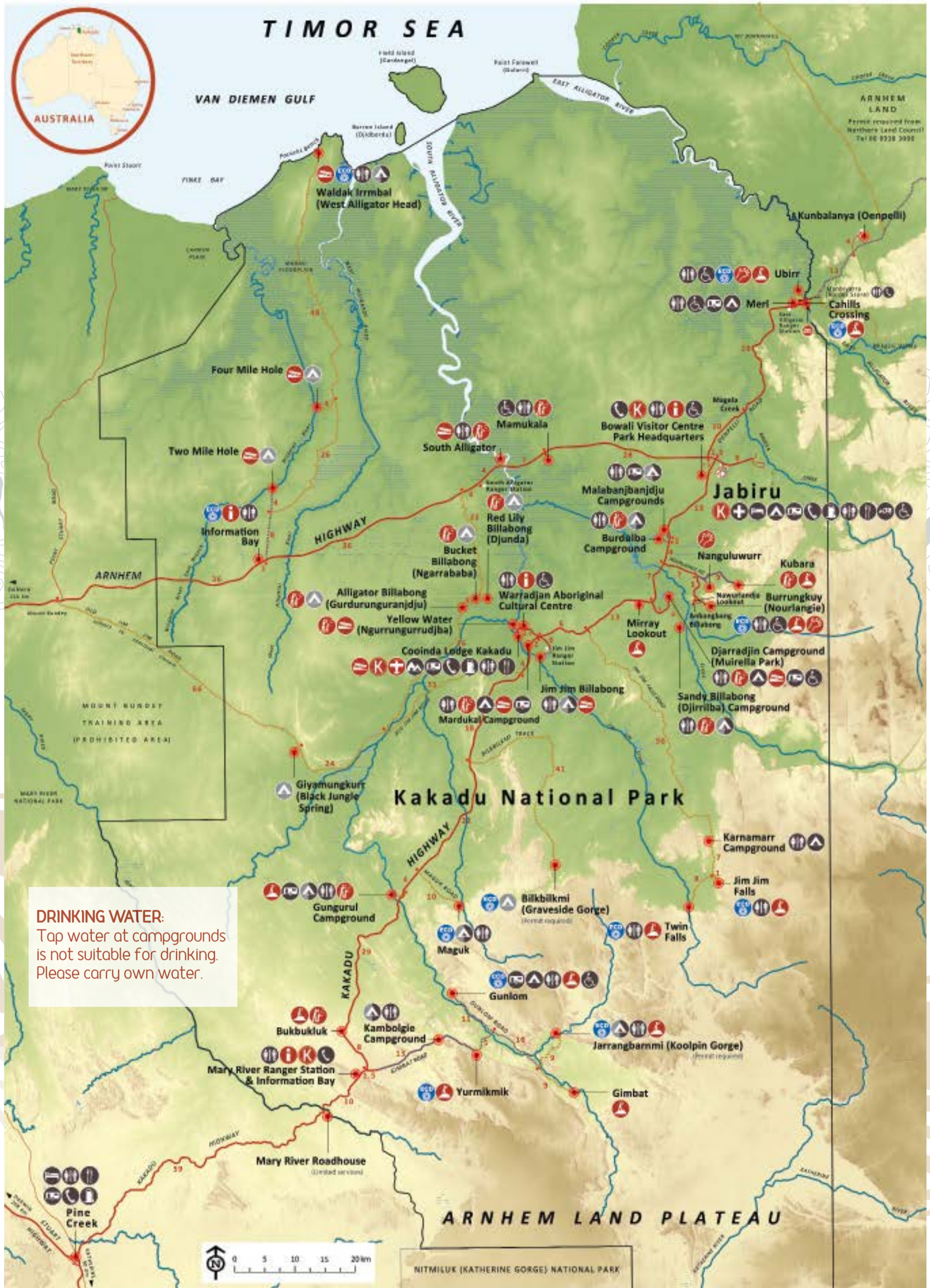
3 Many accessible campgrounds are on offer in Kakadu National Park.



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DRINKING WATER:
 Tap water at campgrounds is not suitable for drinking. Please carry own water.



- Principal location
- Sealed road
- Unsealed 2WD (may only be 4WD accessible during wet season)
- Unsealed 2WD (closed during wet season)
- 4WD (closed during wet season)
- Direction
- High - 500 metres
- 500m - 200m
- 200m - 100m
- 100m - 50m
- 50m - 20m
- 20m - 10m
- 10m - 5m
- 5m - 2m
- 2m - 1m
- 1m - 0m
- Island
- Waterbody
- Kakadu park pass cabin
- Information
- Book art class
- Bird watching
- Lookout
- Boat ramp
- Scenic flights
- Cemetery (see notes, book)
- Camping (free)
- Cruise ship
- Emergency call device
- Telephone
- Commercial accommodation (see and facilities vary)
- Camping (see apply, collect)
- Fuel available
- Accommodation
- Sewage dump point
- Medical centre
- Wheelchair access
- Foot (Dress & Open) foot only
- Toilet
- In a life threatening situation or emergency dial 000 for police, ambulance or fire & rescue services



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4 Check the park's website for cultural activities on offer.

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5 The incredibly beautiful Azure Kingfisher is just one of hundreds of species of birdlife found throughout Kakadu. Credit: Luke Paterson, NT Bird Specialists.



TOUR OPERATORS

For information and bookings, including commercial and Aboriginal cultural tours, contact the tour operators at: kakadu.gov.au/do/tours, or contact:

Kakadu Tours and Travel:
P 08 8979 2548

Tourism Top End Darwin:
P 1300 138 886

Katherine Visitor Information Centre:
P 1800 653 142

HOW TO PURCHASE A KAKADU PARK PASS

Visitors are required to purchase a park pass to enter Kakadu National Park. The entry fee includes entry to the park, ranger guided activities, and information. Purchase your park pass online, or from the Bowali Visitor Centre and other locations.

Northern Territory residents with proof of residency do not require a pass. Regular park pass checks take place throughout the park and fines may apply for non-compliance. For more information visit kakadu.gov.au/plan/passes

WATER SAFETY



KAKADU VISITORS ARE URGED TO UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING WARNING TO ENJOY A SAFE VISIT.

Kakadu National Park has many spectacular waterways and natural pools however they can be dangerous for swimmers. **Observe ALL safety warning signs**; be aware of your surroundings; remember the location of Emergency Call Devices (ECDs) in case someone needs help; and carry a First Aid kit with you.

Watch for changes in the weather. Some waterways may flash flood causing dangerously strong currents, and many of the waterways are home to crocodiles. Crocodiles hunt by staying submerged and can attack in knee-deep water. Always stay a safe distance from the waters' edge. Be careful when walking near waterfalls or rock pools which can be slippery, and may contain submerged rocks or tree branches that pose risk. Water in rock pools can be extremely cold and may induce shock, especially on hot days. **The safest place to swim in Kakadu is in a public or hotel pool, and never swim alone.**

For more information contact

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RANGER GUIDED ACTIVITIES

Connect with country and culture as our park rangers guide you through some of Kakadu's stunning sites. To view the program details, visit parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/do/ranger-guided-activities/

PROTECTING THE PARK

Kakadu National Park is a Commonwealth Reserve to which certain rules and regulations apply. It is illegal to bring pets, firearms, chainsaws, nets, or traps into the park. Kakadu National Park is a **no-drone zone** and all drone flights are prohibited. Thank you for following our Leave no Trace principles which includes taking all of your rubbish with you. Please stay on designated walking tracks whilst in the park and do not interfere with rock art.

BE CROCWISE

CROCODILE SAFETY

Estuarine (saltwater) crocodiles inhabit Kakadu waters. Deaths and severe injuries have occurred in the park. Obey all crocodile warning signs, do not take unnecessary risks, and keep away from the water's edge.

LOOK AFTER YOURSELF

Daytime temperatures in Kakadu are hot and we recommend you begin walking activities early in the day. Wear a hat and drink lots of water. Long-sleeved shirts and long loose trousers can protect you against sunburn and insect bites. Apply mosquito repellent around dusk and dawn.

CAMPING

Government legislation has prohibited alcohol in most parts of Kakadu National Park. However, you can drink alcohol if you are in a commercial tour group camp site, or in Jabiru, Cooinda, and selected campgrounds. Takeaway alcohol cannot be purchased in Kakadu. When camping, please camp in designated areas. See the list of approved campgrounds and venues at kakadu.gov.au/stay/camping

	April to May	June to September	October to November	December to March
TEMP.	24–34°C	21–33°C	24–37°C	24–34°C
Humidity	High	Low	High	High
Rainfall	Occasional	Rare	Possible	Frequent
Sealed roads	Check road access report	Open	Open	Check road access report
Unsealed roads	Generally closed	Open	Generally open	Check road access report
Visitor numbers	Medium	High	Low	Low

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