



# The Gulf and Victoria River region

## Savannah Way (4WD)

**G** 14 DAYS  
1407 km

Judbarra / Gregory National Park  
Keep River National Park

**PARK PASS** ♦ \* Refer to page 2 for details

The Savannah Way travels all the way east to west from Cairns in Queensland\* to Broome in Western Australia or vice-versa.

The Savannah Way offers something for everyone, from picturesque escarpments, huge river systems, waterfalls and some real life 'Aussie outback' experiences. Depending on your vehicle (off-road vs standard), you can choose your own route, but the best part of the Savannah Way is of course in the NT.

\*Make sure to check road conditions before travelling from QLD. The National Highway 1 to Borroloola is unsealed. A sealed road is available from Mount Isa to Three Ways into the NT.

### DAY ONE AND TWO

#### NT/QLD border to Borroloola

Welcome to the Northern Territory! Get ready for some of the best outback experiences you've ever had on a road trip. The Savannah Way takes you off the beaten track so it's important to plan your journey before setting off.

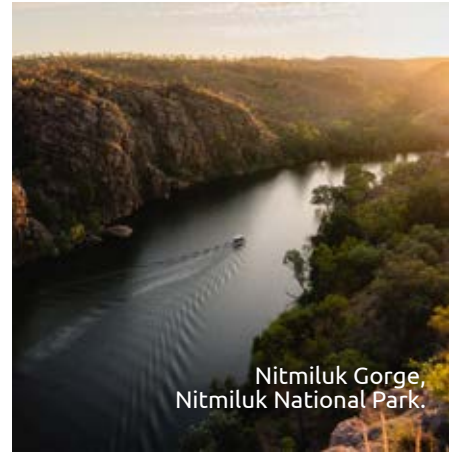
Head to Borroloola to stock up on supplies and then head out to King Ash Bay. A fishing hub nestled alongside the McArthur River – the perfect base for some great Barramundi and blue water fishing. Before you wet a line, make sure you are registered for **Million Dollar Fish**.







Judbarra/Gregory National Park.



Nitmiluk Gorge,  
Nitmiluk National Park.



Keep River National Park.

A yearly competition, where anglers are given the opportunity to claim cash prizes when catching tagged Barra throughout the Top End. The season runs from 1 October – 31 March.

#### Optional add on experiences:

If fishing isn't for you, there are two family-owned stations to check out – Manangoora or Seven Emu Station. **Seven Emu Station** is owned by the Shadforth family who are Garawa Aboriginal people, and run tours sharing their cultural and environmental knowledge from working and living on the land. Manangoora is located 60km from Seven Emu and offers bush camps close to the river.

Both offer self-sufficient 4WDers exclusive camping spots. We recommend you phone ahead to ensure access and availability.

### DAY THREE AND FOUR

#### Borroloola to Limmen National Park

It's not every day that you drive through magnificent country along the Savannah Way and as part of this journey, we highly recommend (if you have a 4WD) to explore **Limmen National Park**.

Limmen National Park is one of Australia's best hidden gems for camping, 4WDing, fishing and sightseeing. The national park is also known for its hiking experiences, particularly in the Southern Lost City area where you can access the seasonal swimming spot of Butterfly Falls.

There are bush camps available at Butterfly Springs, Limmen Crossing, Towns River and others depending on the season and road conditions. The Western Lost City is accessible via a 4WD track. You will need a key from the Ranger Station to unlock the gate at the start of the 28 km track.

Always remember to Be Crocwise as estuarine (saltwater) crocodiles are present in these areas. It's important to be well prepared when visiting the national park by **checking road access** before arriving and travelling with plenty of water and supplies.

### DAY FIVE AND SIX

#### Limmen National Park to the Stuart Highway

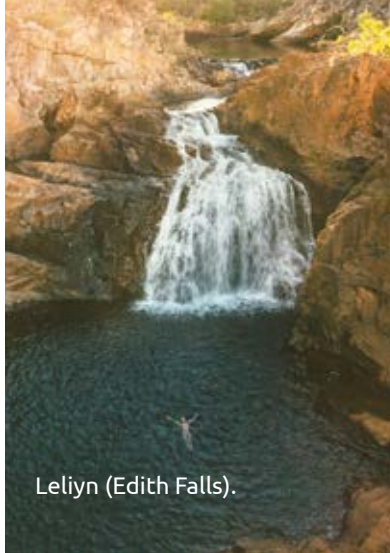
**Option one:** Travel through some amazing country and head towards the Roper Highway. Please drive carefully. All roads within the national park are unsealed and can be closed due to seasonal flooding from November to May.

**Option two:** If you choose to take the sealed drive route, continue along the Carpentaria Hwy. Travelling through this region, make sure to explore the spectacular formations **Caranbirini Conservation Reserve**. Next stop, head to the iconic Daly Waters Pub located along the Stuart Highway. It has both private rooms and campsites for travellers to book. Wander inside the pub to grab a meal and check out the remarkable collection of mementos left by visitors over the years.

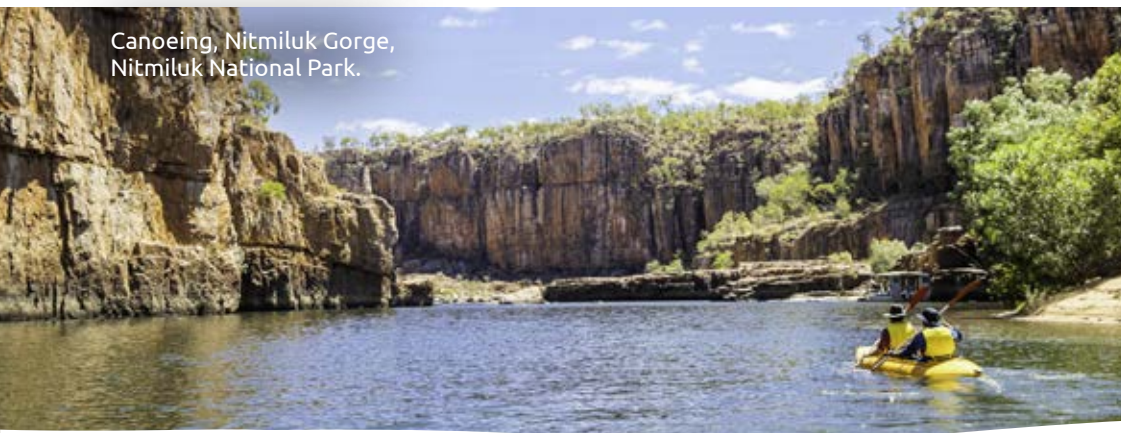




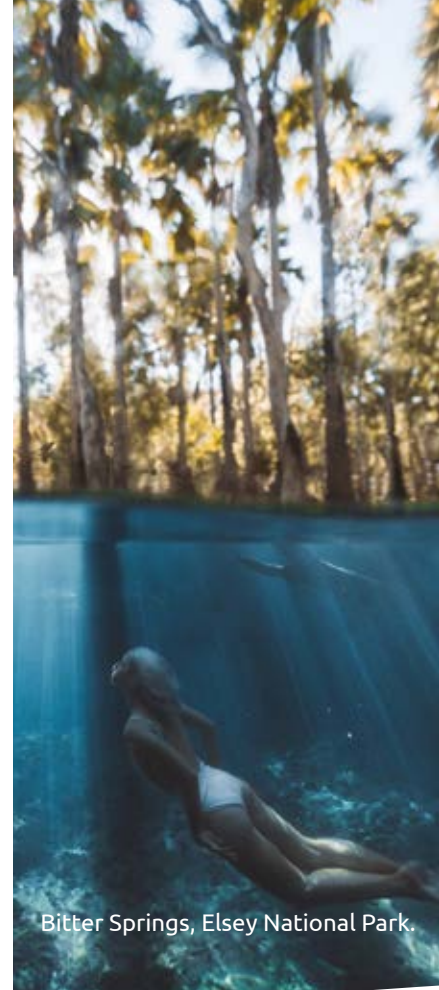
Lost City, Limmen National Park.



Leliyn (Edith Falls).



Canoeing, Nitmiluk Gorge, Nitmiluk National Park.



Bitter Springs, Elsey National Park.

## DAY SEVEN AND EIGHT

### To Katherine region

Whether you are coming into Mataranka from Daly Waters along the Stuart Highway or Limmen National Park along the Roper Highway, the area around Elsey National Park is an idyllic place to stop off at. Check out both the Mataranka and Bitter Springs thermal pools.

Welcome to Katherine – known as the central hub of the Savannah Way. It may be a welcome break from some hard 4WDing for a few days. Set up camp at one of the local caravan parks around the town, or at **Nitmiluk National Park** – just 30 minutes from town. Katherine gives you a welcome opportunity to stock up on supplies, with all the essential services available. With so much to see and do in the area, you may wish to extend your time here.

In Katherine must-see destinations include the Katherine Hot Springs, Nitmiluk National Park, and **Leliyn/Edith Falls**. Activities to include are **Top Didj Cultural Experience and Art Gallery, Katherine Outback Experience, Cutta Cutta Caves**, cruise down **Nitmiluk**

**Gorge**, take a scenic helicopter flight and much more.

#### Food and drink

Finch Café, Nitmiluk Café, Pop Rocket Café

#### Accommodation

**Nitmiluk Caravan Park, Katherine Holiday Park**

#### Tours and activities

**Top Didj Cultural Experience, Katherine Outback Experience, Nabilil Dreaming Sunset Dinner Cruise.**

## DAY NINE AND TEN

### Katherine to Timber Creek

If hiking is your thing, then a visit to **Judbarra National Park** is a must – the second largest National Park in the NT (outside of Kakadu). From Katherine it's an easy drive along the Victoria Highway. There are plenty of options for camping throughout this region and lots of places to try out your 4WDing skills. Ensure you are adequately prepared and equipped before attempting any of these 4WD tracks. Please refer to the 4WD track **Judbarra/Gregory National Park fact**

**sheet** found on the NT Parks and Wildlife website.

The Bullita Stock Route is high on the recommendations – the track is tough but well worth it.

**Giwining/Flora River Nature Park** is a little more 2WD friendly with some great fishing opportunities, generous camping facilities and bush walks.

## DAY ELEVEN

### Timber Creek and Judbarra/Gregory National Park

As you head further west in this great part of the country, you will begin to see the landscape clearly change. This region is full of surprises, and the small town of **Timber Creek** is no exception. There are some great spots to launch a boat, cruise around, take a few walks or just sit back and enjoy your natural surroundings. Swing in to spots like Big Horse Creek Campground, with a boat ramp, toilet facilities and plenty of space to set up for the night. Or head in to Timber Creek and stay at one of the local caravan parks.





Godinmayin Yijard Rivers Art and Culture Centre, Katherine.

While you're in the area make sure you visit **Gregory's Tree**, an important Aboriginal sacred site and registered heritage site. Drive to Nackeroo Lookout for breathtaking views of the area. If fishing is your thing – this is the perfect place to throw in a line. Remember to Be Crocwise.

**Food and drink**

**Timber Creek**, Victoria River Roadhouse

**Accommodation**

**NT Parks campgrounds**, Timber Creek, **Giwining/Flora River Nature Park**

**Tours and activities**

Fishing, **birdwatching**, bushwalking, Aboriginal Rock Art, **Gregory's Tree**, Old Victoria River Crossing

**DAY TWELVE AND THIRTEEN**

**Keep River National Park**

One of the most underrated National Parks within the NT borders, **Keep River National Park** is definitely a place you will want to spend some time in. There are plenty of opportunities for bush walking, exploring Aboriginal rock art sites and the best part is some of the

Park is accessible by all vehicle types. Choose to camp at either Goorrandalng or Jarnem. The camping facilities are comparable at both locations, so make sure you are well equipped and enjoy the solitude and bliss of the area for a few days. The landforms in this national park are comparable to other landmarks around Australia, and you will even be able to discover some Aboriginal rock art up close. Make sure you check out the Keep River National Park fact sheet for more information or pop in and chat to the local ranger – they'll be sure to provide the best advice.

**DAY FOURTEEN**

**Keep River National Park to WA/NT border**

Before you leave the beautiful Territory, remember WA have some strict quarantine guidelines.



**Book your NT Parks Passes:**  
[nt.gov.au/parks](http://nt.gov.au/parks)



**Optional add-on**

**Bullo River Station**

Consider a stopover at **Bullo River Station**. A working cattle station that invites people to see what life is really like working off the land. Bullo River will exceed all expectations and you will be spoilt with unique and authentic experiences. There are remote waterholes, helicopter scenic flights, private picnic spots and much more.