

# ABW ACTIVITY INVENTORY (AI) - Activity Information Record

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Activity Code W Area code NT Record No 0001

## Activity

Walk ('W'), Cycle , ('C') Kayak/Canoe ('K'), Other ('O') (Indicate here with Symbol).....

## Location

Northern Territory, Kakadu National Park - approx 250kms East of Darwin

## Outline of activity

This record outlines a 14 day walk in Kakadu from Barramundie Gorge to Jim Jim Falls in June 2005. Hired transport was required to the start and from the end of the walk. No support was provided during the walk. There are numerous other options available and the route could be varied. Eg this walk could be started from Koolpin Gorge or Twin Falls, both locations with vehicle access which were visited during the walk.

## Permits & permissions required, with contact details

The situation for conditions on walking and permits can change. At the time of writing permits could be obtained on the Internet from the Commonwealth Govt, Kakadu National Park office for \$25 for 14 consecutive days. The conditions applying to walking in the Park are under review.

## Maps required

Goodparla 1:50,000  
Koolpin 1:50,000  
Jim Jim Falls 1:50,000

## Travel: recommendations, times, car shuffling, parking etc.

Kakadu can be accessed via Darwin or Katherine. Hired 4WD transport was used for this walk. Walks in the NT should only be attempted in the Dry Season – June to September.

## Water availability

There is ample water available at all campsites and en route most of the time. However a minimum of 2 L should be carried due to the heat during the day.

## Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)

In 2005 camp fires were permitted and were used for cooking to reduce overall pack weight. Fires are not permitted in other NT walk areas and may not now be permitted in Kakadu – this should be confirmed.

## Route overview

The route taken in 2005 is outlined below using the maps listed which were printed in 1988. Corrections to GPS references may be required with later versions. However most camp sites were on rivers and in locations where there were plenty of alternative camping options.

Similarly the routes taken along rivers and creeks are indicative only. In fact, it is better in some cases to leave heavily overgrown creeks and walk along the more exposed ridges and higher ground. The shaded areas of 'distorted' surface' can be very difficult and should be avoided if possible.

## Campsites used & possible alternatives

In many, but not all cases, the camp sites are indicative only as there are many options. Water is usually plentiful at all campsites.

## Walk Ratings (indicate rating below where indicated ..eg 'SMMQ')

<b>Distance</b>	S: Short, 0-9 km	M: Medium, 10-17 km	L: Long, 18+ km
<b>Gradient</b>	E: Undulating	M: Steep	H: Very steep/exposed
<b>Terrain</b>	E: Track/open, 4 km/h	M: Medium scrub, 2-4 km/h	H: Heavy scrub/rock, 0-2 km/h
<b>Qualifying? ( Q )</b>	Insert Activity Rating here..... MEMO		

## Supplementary information (Insert below, if required)

A walk in Kakadu National Park is a memorable event in many respects. The walking is not particularly difficult but can be interesting at times. The following should be noted.

- . The area is remote – A walk plan should be lodged and an emergency beacon and/or Sat phone carried.
- . The area can be flat and featureless so navigation is very important. GPSs with spare batteries are essential.
- . Sometimes it is best to avoid water courses due to the reed and grass growth. Use higher exposed areas or ridges.
- . The large areas of 'distorted surface' can sometimes be very difficult and should be avoided.
- . There are wild buffalo and pigs in the area. Both can be dangerous if surprised or if they become aggressive. Treat with caution and avoid overgrown watercourses which they frequent.
- . It is best to arise at 5.30am, start walking by 7am and be in camp and relaxing in a pool of water by midday or soon after. Even in the dry season, afternoons can become uncomfortably hot for strenuous walking.
- . It almost never rains during the dry season so tent flies are not required. ht jacket should be carried.
- . It can become quite cool at night (ie 10deg) so a light sleeping bag and light jacket are recommended.
- . Saltwater crocodiles are common in Kakadu and are dangerous. However they are not usually found above waterfalls on the plateau – the area of this walk. Nevertheless be alert.

**Note:** This activity outline has been compiled from information provided by ABW members. Its accuracy is subject to variations in individual members' observations, climate and weather conditions, land and ownership, accessibility, national park rules and permits.

Members should not rely on this information but use it as a guide and supplement it with their own research as appropriate.

While all endeavours will be made to ensure that the information is kept current, it is the responsibility of the member using this document to determine whether it is the most up to date version.

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Please insert map below on this page or supply separately

Location	Descp	Map	Grid Ref
Start	Road Head - Barramundie Gorge	Goodparla 1:50,000	222 268
Day1 - Camp Site	Alongside Barramundie Ck	Goodparla 1:50,000	227 248
Day 2 - Camp Site	Falls and Pool on Barramundie Ck	Goodparla 1:50,000	286 184
Day 3 - Camp Site	Creek Junction.	Koolpin 1:50,000	365 155
Day 4 - Lunch Target	Koolpin Ck	Koolpin 1:50,000	420 084
Day 4, 5 & 6 - Camp Site	Koolpin Ck Bend	Koolpin 1:50,000	398 081
Day 5 - Day walk	Due East to Freezing Gorge	Koolpin 1:50,000	355 080
Day 6 - Day Walk	Follow Koolpin Ck to Koolpin Gorge and road head.	El Sherana 1.50,000 (not Requ)	?
Day 7 - Camp site	Camp Site on Ck	Koolpin 1:50,000	492 138
Day 8 - Camp Site	Camp site on Ck	Jim Jim Falls 1:50,000	573 152
Day 9 & 10 Camp Site	Camp above River on rock platforms.	Jim Jim Falls 1:50,000	615 215
Day 10 - Day Walk	Walk to Twin Falls road head	Jim Jim Falls 1:50,000	595 265
Day 11 - Camp Site	Cross Country Walk - See Notes.	Jim Jim Falls 1:50,000	679 245
Day 12 - Camp Site	Excl Camp Site on J J Ck	Jim Jim Falls 1:50,000	710 310
Day 13 - Camp Site	On JJ Ck Nr JJ Falls.	Jim Jim Falls 1:50,000	670 310
Day 14	Walk out to JJ Falls Road Head - follow marked trail.	Jim Jim Falls 1:50,000	647 316