

Karijini National Park offers a variety of walk trails that are classified according to Australian standards. Please select those that suit your level of ability. Your safety is our concern, but your responsibility.

Warning! Flash floods can occur. Do not enter the gorges if there is significant rain in the area. If you are already in the gorges, leave promptly.

- Be prepared. Wear sturdy walking shoes, and take plenty of water.
- Stay on established trails and stand well back from cliff edges.
- If hiking overnight, let a responsible person know.
- Take care in the gorges. Rocks are smooth and slippery, particularly when wet.
- Walk with a companion and ensure there is plenty of daylight left to complete the return trip.
- Water in the gorges can be very cold, especially between April and September, and hypothermia can occur.
- Do not dive or jump into water.
- Do not take glass or alcohol into the gorges.

From the Fortescue Falls car park, access the following trails:

Fortescue Falls viewing area



150 metres – 15 minutes return

From the car park, follow the signposted track to the Fortescue Falls viewing area, where you can see one of very few permanent waterfalls in the park. There are a few small steps as you approach the viewing area.

Fortescue Falls



800 metres – 1 hour return

From the viewing area, take the descending trail to Fortescue Falls. There are some obstacles, including steps. Bushwalking experience is recommended.



Fern Pool



300 metres – 30 minutes return

From Fortescue Falls walk upstream along the gorge floor, leading to Fern Pool. Bushwalking experience is recommended.

Dales Gorge



2 kilometres – 3 hours return

This track links one end of the gorge to the other. Experienced bushwalkers can observe gorge environments up close as they negotiate the bottom of the gorge. The track is rough with obstacles and steep in sections. There is limited signage. Walkers will be required to cross from one side of the gorge to the other. Return the same way, or take the Circular Pool track and return to Fortescue Falls along the Gorge Rim track.

Gorge Rim



2 kilometres – 1.5 hours return

Begin the Gorge Rim track from the Fortescue Falls viewing area, or from the Circular Pool lookout. A vehicle can meet walkers at the other end or walkers can follow the trail back again. The formed track is signposted and some bushwalking experience is recommended. There are short steep sections and occasional steps. Enjoy wonderful views into Dales Gorge. Interesting plants grow along the rim, many unique to the Pilbara.



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Dales Recreation Area

From the Dales day-use area car park access the following trails:

Circular Pool lookout



800 metres – 30 minutes

A flat, formed trail leads from the car park to the trail head sign. The short walk showcases gorge-top vegetation. The lookout offers spectacular views down into Circular Pool. Water from the gorge walls seeps into the pool and maidenhair ferns flourish in the shade.

Gorge Rim



2 kilometres – 1.5 hours return

Please refer to previous notes for details.

Circular Pool



800 metres – 2 hours return

A steep, rough track descends into the gorge from near Three Ways lookout. This trail is for experienced bushwalkers. There is limited signage and many obstacles. Walkers need to use a small ladder to make their way to the gorge bottom. From here, turn left and follow the gorge into Circular Pool.

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