The Nanda Aboriginal people welcome visitors who respect Caring for Country platforms. Spectacular views can be enjoyed from the safety of lookout yields to the force of the ocean, the fracturing and decaying Natural Bridge and Castle Cove. As the coastline slowly shoreline, but now stands as a solitary 'sea stack'.

Island Rock was once part of the coastline, leaving remnant cliff formations.

Island Rock The resilient Island Rock was once part of the shoreline, but now stands as a solitary 'sea stack'.

Mushroom Rock and Rainbow Valley. See how the natural processes of erosion, weathering and chemical weathering have shaped this landscape. Mushroom Rock and Rainbow Valley are examples of these processes in action.

Coastal cliffs

Red Bluff. View the rugged Zuytdorp Cliffs to the north, which extend more than 200km to Shark Bay. The roads to the township and all park roads to coastal and river gorge sites are sealed.

Planning your visit

The spectacular scenery of Kalbarri National Park is the result of many millions of years of geological formation. Beneath this countryside, the geology consists of deep, horizontal bands of multicoloured sands that were deposited in layers as the Murchison River carves its way to the sea, magnificent red-and-white banded gorges have been cut by the flow. These gorges meander 80km through the 186,000ha park.

Along the coast, the tireless processes of erosion have fashioned bewildering formations from the soaring sea cliffs. The colourful coastal views are breathtaking.

Caring for country

The Nanda Aboriginal people welcome visitors who respect the park's cultural and natural heritage.

Caring for the park

Stay cool. Don’t light fires. Visitors may use their own gas appliances anywhere in the park.

Be clean. Please take your rubbish with you, when you leave the park. Discarded scraps attract feral pigs and goannas, which destroy the habitats of native animals.

Pets are not allowed in Kalbarri National Park. They can disturb wildlife and are also at risk of poisoning from fox baits, which are laid throughout the park as part of Western Shield wildlife recovery program.

Visitor fees help protect the park and improve its facilities. Day passes can be purchased at park registration stations on the river gorge roads. Four-week and annual passes are available at Parks and Wildlife Service offices and visitor centres.

More information

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Walk trail classification

Class 1 Well defined walk trail with a firm, even surface and no steep sections or steps. Suitable for all levels of experience and fitness.

Class 2 Easy, well defined trail with a firm surface. May include gentle hills sections and occasional steps. Suitable for all levels of experience and fitness but may present difficulties for people with mobility impairments.

Class 3 Moderate trail with clear directional signage. You may encounter minor natural hazards such as short, steep sections, steps, shallow water crossings, and unstable or slippery surfaces. A good level of fitness is recommended.

Class 4 Limited directional signage and difficult sections. You may encounter natural hazards such as long steep sections, water crossings, and unstable or slippery surfaces. A good level of fitness and bushwalking experience is recommended.

Class 5 No directional signage and very difficult sections. You may encounter natural hazards such as long, steep sections and climbs, water crossings, and frequent unstable or slippery surfaces. Only very fit and experienced bushwalkers should attempt.

Coastal walks
Short, easy (Class 1 and 2) walks lead from car parks to lookouts at Red Bluff, Eagle Gorge, Grandstand, Island Rock, Pot Alley and Natural Bridge.

Beach access trails include:
- Pot Alley Beach – Class 3, 400m return
- Eagle Gorge Beach – Class 3, 1km return
- Red Bluff to Beach Trail (Gaba Gaba Yina) – Class 3, 700m one-way
- Mushroom Rock Nature Trail – Class 3, 3km loop
- Bigurda Trail – Class 3, 8km one way
- Red Bluff to Beach Trail (Gaba Gaba Yina) – Class 3, 700m one-way
- Mushroom Rock Nature Trail – Class 3, 3km loop
- Bigurda Trail – Class 3, 8km one way
- Natural Bridge – Class 3, 300m return
- Grandstand – Class 3, 400m return
- Island Rock – Class 3, 500m return

Walking and hiking in the river gorge

Hawks Head – Class 1, 200m return
Enjoy gorge views from the picnic area and follow a short path to a lookout over the Murchison River.

Ross Graham – Class 3, 700m return
This site provides the easiest access in the park to the river's edge, a place of shade and tranquility.

Z Bend Lookout – Class 3, 1.2km return
A moderately easy walk to a spectacular rock lookout overlooking the river. Take extreme care in this gorge risk area.

Z Bend River Trail – Class 4, 2.6km return
This demanding hike provides river access from the Z Bend Lookout path. Expect loose rocks, steep descents and ladder climbs.

West Loop Lookout – Class 1, 500m return
Closed for construction works.

The Loop, Nature’s Window – Class 3, 800m return
Witness the switchback course of the Murchison River and a natural rock arch that frames the upstream view.

Longer gorge hikes

The Loop Trail – Class 4, 8km loop
This hike begins and ends at Nature’s Window and takes three to four hours. The difficulty is moderate to challenging with steep sections and uneven surfaces.

Four Ways Trail (Idinggada Yina) – Class 4, 6km return
Starting at Z Bend, this challenging hike descends to the river at a place known as Four Ways and is much more difficult on the return journey. Interesting scenery, geology and landforms feature on the hike.

River gorge hikes – Class 5
Allow four days of intense hiking to cover the 38km route through the gorge from Ross Graham Lookout to The Loop. There are no marked trails and river crossings will be necessary.

Two-day gorge hikes may be made from Ross Graham Lookout to Z Bend or from Z Bend to The Loop. More information should be obtained from the park office before making these hikes.

Overnight hikers: please note
- Due to the hazardous terrain, groups undertaking overnight hikes should consist of at least five experienced people. This is the smallest group considered self-sufficient in an emergency.
- Overnight groups must register at the ranger station before making the trip.
- All rubbish must be carried out of the gorge.

Heat stroke can kill
Summer temperatures are extremely hot, particularly in the river gorge. Wear a hat and loose protective clothes. Drink three to four litres of water per day when walking. Walk in the cooler times of the day.