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.

Visitor safety

**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 to get in and out of the gorges. Before walking through water change your shoes to those that can grip slippery wet rocks.
- Take enough water to keep you hydrated.
- Keep your gear on your back and keep your hands free.
- Stay on established trails and stand well back from cliff edges.
- Take care in the gorges. Rocks are smooth and slippery, particularly when wet.
- Walk with a companion. Do not enter these gorges after sunset. You cannot follow these trails in the dark.
- Water in the gorges can be very cold, especially between April and September, and hypothermia can occur. During this time, the middle of the day is the best time to walk.
- Do not dive or jump into water.
- Do not take glass or alcohol into the gorges.

**From the Fortescue Falls carpark, access the following trails:**

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**From Fortescue Falls viewing area, take 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.**

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

**This trail 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 trail 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 trail and return to Fortescue Falls along the Gorge Rim track.**

**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 trail 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.**

**From the Dales picnic area carpark, access the following trails:**

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**Please refer to previous notes for details.**

**Leave No Trace**

**Plan ahead and prepare.** Carry sufficient drinking water at all times. Wear suitable shoes.

**Travel and camp on durable surfaces.** To protect the park, drive, walk and camp only on designated roads, tracks and camping areas. Wet roads can be hazardous and may be damaged by vehicles. Washouts can occur during heavy rain, resulting in road closures at short notice. Check travel conditions with Parks and Wildlife Service on (08) 9182 2000 or the Shire of Ashburton on (08) 9188 4444.

**Dispose of waste properly.** Go to the toilet before entering the gorges. Carry a rubbish bag and leave nothing but your footprints.

**Leave what you find.** This area is home to many species. Respect this unique environment and leave it as you found it.

**Minimise campfire impacts.** Ground fires and solid fuel fires are not permitted. Use the gas barbecues provided, or your own portable cooking appliance.

**Respect wildlife.** Do not disturb any animals. Do not contaminate pools with soap, detergents or sunscreen, as they can impact aquatic life. Pets and firearms are not permitted.

**Contact information**

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Walk trail classifications

Class 2: These walks are well defined with some steps and generally gradients are gentle.

Class 3: These trails are defined and may include steps; loose surfaces; uneven ground; and short, steep sections.

Class 4: These trails are moderately difficult and over variable surfaces – they require a good level of fitness. Expect steep gradients and natural obstacles including rocks and shallow pools.

Change in trail classification. Make sure you meet criteria.

Safety information

Key to symbols

- Lookout
- Parking
- Information
- Sheltered picnic table
- Toilets
- Gas BBQ
- Campground hosts (seasonal)
- Camping
- Sealed road
- Unsealed road

Emergency radio

To Banjima Drive and the Karijini Visitor Centre

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