Welcome
Local Aboriginal people maintain a strong connection to this ancient landscape; a central feature of which is the domes. For thousands of years, and with close collaboration with the government to ensure cultural obligations are considered, the domes are a witness to their cultures.

Aboriginal people believe that the domes are protected by law. 

Purnululu National Park is home to a vibrant mix of plants and animals. More than 149 bird, 85 reptile, 32 native mammal and 12 frog species live in the park. Birds such as honeyeaters, doves, wood swallows and finches are in abundance. More elusive species include the white quilled rock pigeon and the Australian swiftlet. Small mammals such as echidnas, shrews, and quolls can be found in the park. The park is also home to more than 600 plant species. 

Respect wildlife
• Do not feed or disturb any animal or bird found in the park.
• Do not touch any animal, even if it looks injured.
• Do not attempt to catch or remove animals.
• Keep toilets clean and flush after use.

Water
Unbottled water is available from taps in the campgrounds. Visitors should take their own drinking water supplies while camping. The park visitor centre has a water tank for people to top up their water bottles. 

Be considerate of your hosts and other visitors
• Do not walk on the domes – they are fragile.
• Do not bring your pet into the park.
• Do not leave a mark on the landscape.
• Do not touch or move any rock or sandstone in the park.

Wildlife
More than 600 plant species have been recorded in Purnululu National Park, some of which are unique to the park. For example, the park has an adjacent conservation reserve of 79,602 hectares. The Bungle Bungle Range, which includes outstanding examples of karst地貌, covers 40,000 hectares of the park. These dramatically sculptured natural formations are unique in their scale, grandeur and diversity found anywhere in the world.

Land of the Dreaming
Aboriginal people have lived in this part of Australia for more than 20,000 years. Their traditional (Yanyuwa) culture has been enhanced over thousands of years. The park’s landscape and动植物 are part of cultural heritage that is protected by law.

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Visitor information
Please note: four-wheel drive access only after turning off the highway.

Access
The closest road from the Great Northern Highway to the visitor centre is accessible by 4WD only. Vehicles are required to travel through the Bungle Bungle Range and meet at the visitor centre on arrival. No vehicles are allowed to use the park visitor centre at a time unless you have a national park pass. All vehicles are also required to have a permit to enter the park to visit the domes (unless you already have a permit to visit the park). For details on permits, check with the ranger at the visitor centre.

Campfires
There are two campfire areas in Purnululu National Park, located at the ranger station. These can be arranged on a first come, first served basis.

Fires
Campfires are not permitted in the park. Please bring your own portable gas and cooking equipment. 

Water
Unbottled water is available from taps in the campgrounds. Please use water sparingly. 

Fees
Vehicle entry and camping fees apply. Purnululu National Park has an entry fee. Visitors must also pay an entry fee at the park visitor centre on arrival (unless you already have a national park pass).

More information
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Emergencies

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Walking in the park

Piccaninny Creek

Walking in the park offers a variety of options from short strolls to an overnight trek. Trails are generally unmodified and rocky. Wear sturdy footwear. Temperatures can get very hot at times, reaching more than 40 degrees Celsius. Carry plenty of water (up to four litres per person per day) and dress for the heat with a hat and long sleeves. Walk in the early morning or late afternoon.

Northern walks

Echidna Chasm Class 4

This is a moderate 2km return walk from the Echidna car park with challenging short climbs near the end. Allow 45 minutes to an hour. Experience a spectacular 200m waterfall with varying hues.

Stonehenge Class 2

This 520m return walk over an embattled surface introduces the traditional Aboriginal use of trees, shrubs and grasses. Refer to the park map for location.

The Escarpment Class 3

The Escarpment Trail links Echidna to The Bloodwoods. It is a 2km walk to the turn-off to Mini Palms and a further 1km to the turn-off to the Homestead Valley.

Mini Palms Class 4

This is a moderately challenging 4km return walk from The Bloodwoods with more steep slopes, including negotiating large fallen rocks (or 7.4km return walk from Echidna). Allow two to three hours. It features soaring cliffs, limestone palyn, two viewing platforms and a spectacular amphitheater.

Homestead Valley Class 4

This two-hour, 4km return trail from The Bloodwoods cuts deep into the range into Homestead Valley (or 10km return trail from Echidna).

Kungkalahui Lookout Class 3

This lookout has panoramic 360-degree views of spinifex-covered ridges and the western escarpment of the Bungle Bungle Range. Colour variations are exceptional at sunset and sunrise.

Osmund Lookout Class 3

A short walk from Echidna with a moderate slope to the lookout takes you to a raised platform with panoramic views of neighbouring Osmund Range. Allow 40 minutes.

The Bloodwoods Lookout Class 3

This is an easy 700m loop walk winding around banded domes towering majestically around you. Allow 30 minutes.

Southern walks

The Domes Class 3

This is an easy 300m loop walk winding around banded domes inventorying spectacularly around you. Allow 30 minutes.

Cathedral Gorge Class 4

This is a moderate 2km return walk with short steep slopes and三星岭. Allow more than one hour walking through tangled vines, golden and pinkish, honeycomb rocks and honeycomb rocks that lead to an amphitheatre.

Piccaninny Creek Lookout Class 3

This 2.6km return trail provides views across Piccaninny Creek as it winds south through spinifex hummocks towards the Ord River. Allow more than one hour.

Piccaninny Gorge trek Class 5

This one to two-night trek is into a remote and magnificent gorge. The first 7km are relatively easy. It becomes more difficult because walkers have to negotiate fallen boulders and loose rocks. This is an untamed route with no facilities or directional signage. Walkers must be prepared and take additional water and shelter. There is no reliable drinking water in the gorge. Hikers must register at the visitors centre and a satellite phone or Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) must be carried at all times. PLB are available for hire for $30, with a $250 deposit refundable when returned.

The Window Class 4

It is a 3km return walk to The Window. Here, a natural hole in the sandstone structure provides another interesting feature of the Bungle Bungle Range.

Whip Snake Gorge Class 4

This is a 6km return walk to The Window. It features soaring cliffs, livistona palms, two viewing platforms and a spectacular amphitheater.

Trail classifications

Ensure you check any individual trailhead signs at the start of trails for specific information.