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TERRITORY
Wildlife Park
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Educational Programs



The Territory's
wildest wildlife experience



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About us

The Territory Wildlife Park is located 60kms south of Darwin and is situated on 400 hectares of natural bushland, which includes a variety of diverse habitats such as Wetlands, Woodlands and Monsoon Forest.

These natural, well established habitats allow the Territory Wildlife Park to display an equally impressive range of native fauna and flora, making it an essential introduction to the Top End's wildlife and habitats.

The Park offers school groups the opportunity to use the Park's facilities and the expertise of its guiding and zookeeping staff to deliver educational programs on a variety of topics and themes. We have a range of outdoor venues and exhibits that can be used as living classrooms where students can immerse themselves in real habitats and interact with living creatures, an experience far more memorable and exciting than any textbook.

School Day Excursions

The park offers animal encounters and specialised keeper presentations for schools that are visiting for the day. Please refer to **Page 3** for more information on themes and when they are available. When booking your visit through our website please make sure to state what **theme** you are interested in and preferred habitat e.g. Wetland, Woodland, Monsoon Forest.

Overnight Camps

The park also offers an overnight camp experience with camp hosted exclusive activities. Please refer to **Pages 4 -10** for more information on camp themes and itineraries. When booking your visit through our website please make sure to state the **camp theme** that you would like to book.

Admission & Camping Fees

School Day Excursions

- Adults: 1 adult per every 5 paying children are free of charge
Additional adults are \$18.85 per person
- Children: \$10 per person

For Bookings: Visit territorywildlifepark.com.au and follow the links to
<http://www.territorywildlifepark.com.au/education/pack.shtml>

Overnight Camps

- Teachers: Teachers camp free of charge
- Adults: Additional adults ie. parent helpers are \$30 per person
- Children: \$40 per person

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<http://www.territorywildlifepark.com.au/education/camp.shtml>

Animal encounters & specialised keeper presentations

Our keeping staff are available to provide animal encounters and specialised presentations on a variety of themes based around our three main habitats Wetlands, Woodlands and Monsoon Forest. Refer to the description of the themes to see what can be covered in these presentations.

Animal encounters and specialised keeper presentations are available Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 9:00am - 10:30am and 12:00pm - 1:30pm. **Bookings are essential.** Sessions run for approximately 30 minutes.

THEMES

1. Adaptations (anatomy and behaviour)

Looking at the specific adaptations of individual species and how their adaptations both anatomical and behavioural equip them for surviving in their specific habitats. Comparing and contrasting different lifestyles of animals e.g. Nocturnal, Diurnal and Crepuscular activity in animals, or living in a freshwater, brackish or saltwater environment. Choose a habitat to focus on (Wetlands, Woodlands or Monsoon Forest).

2. Ecosystems and seasonal change

Looking at the structure and elements of ecosystems and how food chains and food webs operate within a particular habitat. Also looking at how these can change or be affected through the seasons e.g. dry season, build-up, wet season. Choose a habitat to focus on (Wetlands, Woodlands or Monsoon Forest).

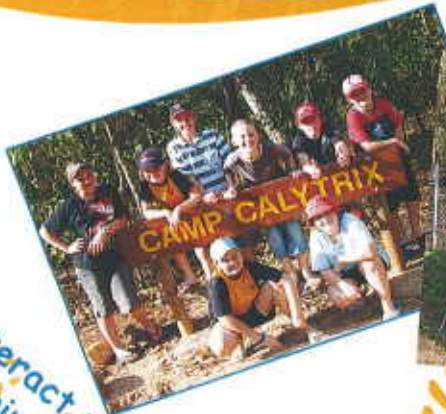
3. Endangered Species

What's the difference between extinct, endangered, vulnerable and threatened. Visit the park to see some of the creatures that fall within these categories and learn a bit more about the threats that are affecting their survival. Gain a better understanding about the life history of some of these creatures. Learn about some of the research and field techniques used to study these creatures.

4. Life-cycles and reproductive strategies

Covering the life-cycles and the various strategies that different animals use to reproduce and care for their young. Breeding behaviours and different strategies for caring for off-spring are covered. Some animals give birth, some lay eggs and bury them, some lay eggs and incubate them in a nest, some brood their eggs in their mouths! Discover some of the amazing things that animals do to reproduce and care for their young. Choose a habitat to focus your studies on (Wetlands, Woodlands or Monsoon Forest).

Camp Calytrix Programs



Interact with
animals

Hands on fun

Camp under
the stars
CAMP CALYTRIX
www.territorywildlifepark.com.au

Camp Calytrix is now in its fifth year of operation at the park. Designed for schools and community groups Camp Calytrix provides children with the opportunity to have a more hands-on experience at the park and also enjoy camping out under the stars and an evening around a fire-pit.

Our Camps are available in a number of formats. Our camp programs offer special activities not available to our regular visitors. Some of our camp activities include spotlight walks, bush tucker and bush medicine classes, toad-busting activities, a chance to meet our keepers and enjoy some close up encounters with the feather, furred and scaly residents at the Park, behind the scenes visits, games and taking a ride on the night train. Check out our program descriptions for the different Camps that we have on offer.

CAMP CALYTRIX

- * Is for children aged 8 years and over
- * Is restricted to a maximum of 50 children and minimum of 20
- * Must have at least one supervising adult per 10 children (not including Camp Host)
- * Available only between the months of April - September

Itineraries can be extended for extra nights on request.

We are now also able to provide catering for your next school camp, with breakfast and dinner packages starting from only \$10 per person!

Facilities

What we provide

- A private guide to host your activities
- Unique evening and/or morning activities
- Admission to the Territory Wildlife Park the following day
- Gas BBQ
- Fire pit & wood
- Toilets including 1 disabled toilet
- Bush showers
- Kitchen with
 - Fridge / freezer
 - Sink with cold water
 - Storage space for eskies
 - Microwave oven
 - Large urn
 - 2 burner electric hotplate
 - 2 x 4 slice toasters
 - First Aid kit
 - Mop & bucket

Things to bring:

- Tent / mozzie net / swag or mozzie dome / mattress
- Sleeping bag & pillow
- Enclosed shoes
- Torch
- Swimmers (for shower time)
- Soap & mozzie repellent
- A sense of ADVENTURE!

What Supervisors need to bring:

- All of the above
- Dinner, breakfast and any snacks
- Cutlery, plates & cups
- BBQ cooking utensils & oils
- Washing up liquid & tea towels

Cleaning

It is an expectation that the camp ground, camp kitchen and toilets are left in a clean and tidy state. If the facility needs an extra clean a minimum charge of \$100 will apply. Please clean BBQ after use by pouring a cup of water on hot plates whilst BBQ is still hot and wiping down with paper. After use, please store BBQ in lock up area next to kitchen.

Safety Procedures and Bookings

Vehicle Movements

Camp Calytrix is at a secret location inside the Park. This area is accessed by our link road that the train travels on during the hours the Park is open. There may be a large number of pedestrians and our trains on the road at any time.

To ensure the safety of all our visitors we ask that groups arrive and depart together. Check in at the main station upon arrival.

Fire Procedures

In the event of a wild bush fire, go to the train station at the front of the Aquarium. Account for all members of your group and contact Territory Wildlife Park staff member using your contact list. You will be collected from the train stop by a Territory Wildlife Park staff member.

Fire Pit

You will find a fire pit for use in the camp area, wood will be provided for your convenience. Please do not collect wood from around the Park. In the event that the fire spreads from the pit, please contact the Park's Care Taker.

Fire/Police or Ambulance Mobile 112 landline 000

Emergency Exit

To exit the park after hours, please go through the front entrance gate.

Bookings

- Bookings must be made at least 4 weeks prior to Camp date

Cancellations

- Camp Calytrix is proving to be quite popular, so if you need to cancel your booking for any reason, please allow a minimum of 2 wks to notify us.

Camp Calytrix Itineraries

Wicked Woodlands Camp

Woodlands are the dominant habitat found in the Top End. They are home to a diverse range of plants and animals. Key plants such as Turkey Bush, Red Bushapple, Black Wattle, Darwin Woollybutt, Cycads, Cocky apple and Red-flowered Kurrajong can be found at the Park. During your visit to the Park there is a good chance that you will encounter Woodland animals such as Bushstone curlew, Bandicoots , Northern Quolls, Brush-tailed Possums, Bowerbirds, Agile Wallabies, Barking Owls and even a Black Headed python.

- 4:00pm** Arrive at the park, Camp host escorts group down to the campground, time to set up tents and prepare for dinner. Group organises set up of camp and dinner so that when the Camp host returns at 5:45pm group has eaten and is ready to start.
- 5:45pm** WICKED WOODLANDS Camp activities begin.
A magical mystery tour and experience of the Top End Woodlands at Territory Wildlife Park. Some of these activities may include animal encounters, spotlighting for animals in the wild, toad-busting, a night train tour and Woodland themed games.
- 8:45pm** Camp host departs.
- BREAKFAST** at campsite or in cafe if catering is provided by the Park Cafe.
- 8:00am** Camp host arrives at campsite. Surprise early morning woodland activity.
- 9:00am** Catch the train to the Main station for Wallaby feeding activity at picnic ground. (Breakfast at the main station if ordered from the cafe.)

Camp host farewells group, group free to explore the park for remainder of day. Camp ground and facilities must be cleaned and vacated by no later than 2pm the following day unless group has booked more than one night.

Camp Calytrix Itineraries

Wild Wetlands Camp

The Territory Wildlife Park has a combination of natural and man-made wetland exhibits that are home to a vast array of aquatic plants and animals. Aquatic Pandanus, Silver-leaved Paperbarks, Waterlilies and Ribbonweed are all important plants that are a source of food and shelter to our diverse collection of water-dwelling creatures. Explore and discover what happens in and around a billbong at night. Encounter our resident Crocodiles, Turtles, Whiprays, Barramundi and Black-necked Stork, maybe even have one of our Archerfish attempt to spit on you!

- 4:00pm** Arrive at the park, Camp host escorts group down to the campground, time to set up tents and prepare for dinner. Group organises set up of camp and dinner so that when the Camp host returns at 5:45pm group has eaten and is ready to start.
- 5:45pm** WILD WETLANDS Camp activities begin. Introduction to the plants and animals of the wetlands. Learn how to be a Wildlife Detective and be able to spot signs of life in the wetlands. A close encounter with a creature from the wetlands, spotlighting around a waterhole, possible toad-bust, animal trapping activities and night train tour.
- 8:45pm** Camp host departs.

BREAKFAST at campsite or in cafe if catering is provided by the Park cafe.

- 8:00am** Camp host arrives at campsite. Surprise early morning Wetland activity.
- 9:00am** Camp host farewells group, group free to explore the park for remainder of day. Camp ground and facilities must be cleaned and vacated by no later than 2pm the following day unless group has booked more than one night.

Camp Calytrix Itineraries

Magic Monsoon Forest Camp

Monsoon Forests are generally found in isolated pockets in the Top End often associated with natural springs. The Territory Wildlife Park has its very own pocket of naturally occurring Monsoon Forest which is fed by Berry Springs. Black Flying Foxes, Pacific Bazes and Rufous Owls are our resident Monsoon forest inhabitants. A stroll along the boardwalk reveals the crystal clear waters of Berry Springs bubbling up in between a forest of soaring palm trees and spreading fig trees creating a cool and inviting retreat to explore and enjoy.

4:00pm Arrive at the park, Camp host escorts group down to the campground, time to set up tents and prepare for dinner. Group organises set up of camp and dinner so that when the Camp host returns at 5:45pm group has eaten and is ready to start.

5:45pm Introduction to the plants and animals of the Monsoon Forest. Learn how to be a Wildlife Detective and be able to spot signs of life in the Monsoon Forest. Walk to the Nocturnal House and Camp Host will spotlight the animals in the exhibits and point out some of the creatures who hang out in Monsoon Forests. Animal encounters with monsoon forest creatures and games.

8:45pm Camp host departs.

BREAKFAST at campsite or in cafe if catering is provided by the Park Cafe.

7:50am Camp host arrives at campsite. Walk to the Monsoon Forest and meet up with a keeper as they are feeding the animals in the Monsoon Forest.

9:00am Camp host farewells group, group free to explore the park for remainder of day. Camp ground and facilities must be cleaned and vacated by no later than 2pm the following day unless group has booked more than one night.

Camp Calytrix Itineraries

Bush tucker, tools and medicine

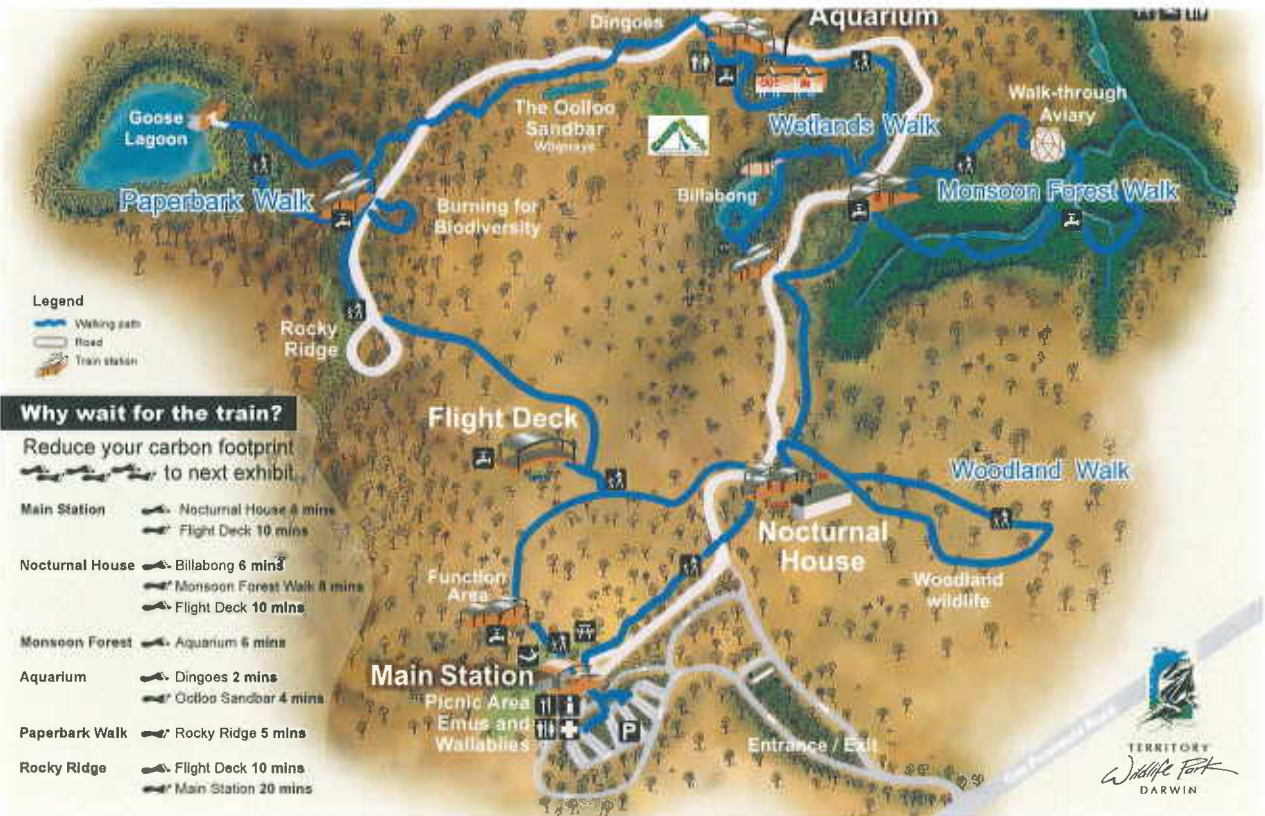
The educational focus for this camp is on how various plants and animals are used as a source of food, to make tools and as a medicine.

- 4:00pm** Arrive at the park, Camp host escorts group down to the campground, time to set up tents and prepare for dinner. Group organises set up of camp and dinner so that when the Camp host returns at 6pm group has eaten and is ready to start.
- 5:45pm** Introduction to the actual bush tools that can be made from plant materials for hunting, carrying supplies and decorating/creating artworks or making musical instruments. Guide will talk about different hunting and tracking techniques and show kids tracks which help in identifying animals.
- 7:00pm** Walk to Nocturnal House and Camp Host will spotlight the animals in the exhibits and tell some of the Aboriginal stories about specific animals that are found in the nocturnal house. Camp Host will also show pellets and scats of different animals.
- 8:45pm** Camp host departs.

BREAKFAST at campsite or in cafe if catering is provided by the Park Cafe.

- 8:00am** Camp host arrives at campsite. Walk to Goose Lagoon and look for different types of bush tucker and bush medicines that would be available. Bird identification techniques and twitchathon.
- 9:00am** Camp host farewells group, group free to explore the park for remainder of day. Camp ground and facilities must be cleaned and vacated by no later than 2pm the following day unless group has booked more than one night.

Park Map



To arrange a complimentary familiarisation tour of the park facilities and camp site or order your copy of the Educational Programs booklet, please contact:

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