

AMALIA GORGE

TRAIL FACT SHEET

GRADE GRADE 4 	DISTANCE 3.8 KM TIME 2.5 HRS	GRADIENT Mostly flat with some difficult climb, narrow & steep sections. QUALITY Rough track with many obstacles, loose and slippery rocks, and wet crossings. Track is well sign posted	EXPERIENCE Experienced bushwalkers. WATER  2L Minimum
CHECKLIST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sturdy and enclosed footwear (thongs are not suitable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming attire <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water bottle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Widebrim hat/ sun protection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A small backpack for items		
PERMIT	Permit Required: Please note a valid El Questro Day Pass or Park Permit is required to walk this gorge. Permits are available at all El Questro outlets, including the Emma Gorge reception at the entry to the walk.		

OVERVIEW

Amalia Gorge is more of a steep sided valley than a narrow gorge. It offers spectacular views and a deep plunge pool at the end of the trail.

The gorge is made up of ancient "Warton Sandstone" and "Elgee Siltsone" estimated to be up to 1800 million years old. Despite the extreme age, the rocks are still largely horizontal as they were laid millions of years ago.

The trail offers a challenging and adventurous experience, which requires some climbing and clambering over falls and large sandstone slabs. Due to the open topography, the temperature is high throughout the day. During the dry season the water stops flowing.

USEFUL INFORMATION

The trail is very rocky along some sections. Please take care negotiating creek beds and steep sections as these can be slippery.

Toilets are not provided along this trail. Please use the facilities at Emma Gorge or The Station.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Please help us protect our park and our environment. Follow the trail signage and keep to the track at all times. Moving off the trail will damage this sensitive environment.

Sunscreen pollutes our natural environment. Please minimise use before swimming. Wear protective clothing instead.

Don't litter. Please take all your rubbish with you. This includes cigarette butts, fruit peel and toilet paper.

It is a criminal offence to disturb or destroy local flora and fauna. Never touch or tamper with rock art. Memorabilia collection of Aboriginal artefacts is strictly forbidden.

Firearms are strictly prohibited. Alcohol, illegal drugs and pets are not allowed along the trail.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Heat Illness: Review weather forecast, drink plenty of water, wear a hat and rest in the shade to minimise heat related issues.

Slips and Falls: Sections along trail are rocky, slippery and challenging. Take care when negotiating large rocks, creek beds and steep sections. By following the trail signs, wearing suitable footwear and employing common sense, you will minimise the chances of injury. These waterholes contain submerged logs and rocks. Please do not jump off the gorge walls into the water for risk of severe personal injury.

Falling Rocks: There is a risk of falling rocks from the sandstone gorge walls. Please be aware of this and walk the gorge at your own risk.









Animals: Dangerous animals like snakes, bulls and crocodiles can be found throughout the Kimberley. If seen, do not attack or intimidate them. Withdraw and alert others in the area.


Trail Signage: This trail is signed to guide you safely to the attractions and back. Follow the blue diamond shaped markers. Watch for small blue markers and ribbons between main points.

WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY (SELF-GUIDED)

If you or a member of your group suffer an injury, set up and stay put. Stay in-site of the path but move to a dry, shaded spot if possible. Keep yourself (or injured person) as comfortable as possible and remain calm. If in a larger group and confident with the trail path, someone may return to reception to notify staff of an issue.

LEGEND

-  Trail
-  Creek
-  Pool
-  Car park
-  No Dogs
-  Falls
-  Swimming
-  Crocodiles



Amalia Pool

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12. Amalia Falls and Pool
A 2m waterfall surrounded by cliff faces. The large and deep pool at the base of the falls offers good swimming. Swim at your own risk.

Pleasant Pool

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11. Caution Point
A small climb is required.

10. Caution Point (squeeze and climb)
A very narrow section of the trail parallels a cliff and a deep pool, followed by a small climb at the end. Watch your step and grip firmly.

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9. Caution Point (Ochre Falls)
Another small and narrow section to negotiate. No diving allowed from this point.

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Ochre Pool

8. Caution Point (Amalia Squeeze)
A small and very narrow section with a 4m drop. This is the most dangerous point along the entire trail. Take great care and assist others. Do not attempt if suffering from vertigo or if not sure footed.

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7. Caution Point
The trail continues over large boulders, and waterfalls. Exercise caution, in particular when footwear is wet. For the next 200m look out for paper wasps on the cliff walls.

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6. Rest Point
The large overhang area provides a cool restpoint amongst butterflies and creek rapids.

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4. Rising Difficulty
Thick vegetation and narrow passages from now on. The walk takes you over large slab layers. From this point the temperature becomes cooler and there is more shade.

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5. Turn Point
Turn left here. Cross the running creek and head toward the large overhang.

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3. Gorge Entrance Area
The trail enters the gorge. Parallel to the slight rocky rise to the right and watch your step. To the left you can see the sheer scree slopes rising up to 340m.

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2. Creek Bed
The trail heads easterly along a rocky and partly running creek. Watch your steps as the bed has loose rocks and boulders. Look out for the small blue markers and ribbons along the trail.

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rocky creek bed

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1. Car Park Start Point
Check that you are adequately prepared for the walk. Lock your vehicle and remember pets are not permitted. Display your valid Wilderness Park Permit behind the windscreen of your car.