

PIGEON HOLE

4WD FACT SHEET

TOPOGRAPHY

The track crosses the Pentecost River past Brumby Base at a shallow location.

Traversing the Red Hill Cliffs requires great care.

Due to the heavy floods in 2011 most of the vegetation is washed away.

DISTANCE

11.2KM

The Station to Pigeon Hole (one way)

GRADIENT

Very steep ascends and descends.

GUIDELINES

Engage low 4WD and beware of oncoming traffic.

EXPERIENCE

Moderate difficulty. 4WD experience required.

CLIMATE

Track, lookout point and Pigeon Hole offer little shade.

CHECKLIST



4WD equipped car. Check fuel.



Spare tyres and jack



Water bottle



Widebrim hat/sun protection

PERMIT

Permit Required: Please note a valid El Questro Day Pass or Park Permit is required. Permits are available at The Station.

OVERVIEW

Pigeon Hole is part of the Pentecost River, which was named by the Durack party in 1882 after their surveyor John Pentecost. This river flows past the Station Township, along the northern Cockburn Ranges into the Cambridge Gulf near Wyndham.

The Pigeon Hole four wheel drive track is our newest access road into a remote area. The Lookout Point shows the dramatic and ancient landscape, the Pentecost valley and in the far north, the Cockburn Ranges.

USEFUL INFORMATION

The access road to Pigeon Hole is a 4WD Track. Most of it is easy with some steep and rocky sections. Please engage four wheel drive before crossing the Pentecost River and be in low range for the ascent when returning from the waterhole.

Loose rocks and slippery shelf rock will require low range, high clearance vehicles driven by an experienced 4WD operator to safely negotiate your way home. From The Station, follow 'Chamberlain Gorge' signs for 5.6km from The Station, turn right into Pigeon Hole track. Reset your odometer at this point.

The Pentecost River crossing is impassable after rains.

Toilet facilities are not provided along this trail. Please use the facilities at 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

Car Preparation: Make sure your car is mechanically sound and carry enough fuel, water, and a first aid kit. Check your spare tyres and the jack.

Falling Rocks: There is a risk of falling or moving rocks.

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

Animals: Estuarine crocodiles inhabit the area. Definitely no swimming. Dangerous animals like snakes, bulls and crocodiles can be found the Kimberley. If seen, do not attack or intimidate them. Withdraw and alert others in the area. Be careful in and around water.

Trail Signage: This trail is signed to guide you safely to the attractions and back.



Saltwater crocodiles inhabit both the Chamberlain River and Pentecost Rivers. **Absolutely no swimming.** Keep arms and legs inside the boat. Ensure boat does not capsize by distributing weights evenly and avoiding sudden movements. This lookout is accessible via the Explosion Gorge track.

4. Turn off to Lookout Point
Breath-taking view over the Pentecost Valley and the Cockburn Ranges in the far distance. Be careful of loose rocks at the edges.

LEGEND

- Trail
- River
- Sheer cliff face
- River
- Hire
- Swimming
- Look out
- No Dogs
- Crocodiles
- Distance

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Chamberlain Gorge Homestead 6.1km
Explosion Gorge

Explosion Gorge 4WD track

1. Start

2

0.6km

1.1km

Campsite

1.1km

150m

0.6km

4

Steep gradient

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