

EXPLOSION GORGE

4WD FACT SHEET

TOPOGRAPHY

The track follows the Elgee Cliffs. A very rocky water crossing and some steep areas make the drive challenging.

DISTANCE

18KM

TIME

3 HRS Return

GRADIENT

Some narrow and steep bends are difficult to navigate. Very steep ascends and descends.

QUALITY

Passing not possible in several steep sections. Shared track with limited shade

EXPERIENCE

Difficult.
Experienced 4x4 drivers only.

WATER

 5L Minimum

CHECKLIST

- ☒ 4WD equipped car. Check fuel.
- ☒ Spare tyres and jack
- ☒ Water bottles
- ☒ Widebrim hat/sun protection
- ☒ First Aid Kit

PERMIT

Please note a valid El Questro Visitor Permit is required. Permits are available at all El Questro outlets, including The Station, Emma Gorge, Kununurra Visitor Centre and our Website.

OVERVIEW

The Chamberlain River is approximately 150 km long and flows along the Durack Ranges, named after the pioneering Durack Family. Almost 130km of the river flows through steep valleys and the spectacular Elgee Cliffs, forming the Kimberley's longest 'gorge'. This gorge is home to extraordinary geological formations, sheer cliff faces, ancient rock art and a diverse range of flora and fauna. Explosion Gorge is part of the Chamberlain Gorge system. Named after old and environmentally damaging fishing techniques.

USEFUL INFORMATION

The access road to Explosion Gorge is a 4WD Track. Most of it is easy with some steep and rocky sections.

A high clearance 4WD is required and we highly recommend to have bash plates installed. The crossing can take between 5 and 10 min. If your vehicle gets stuck on the rocks, check your surroundings prior to leaving your vehicle as there are Saltwater Crocodiles in the Chamberlain River.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Follow the trail signage and keep to the track at all times. Driving off the track will cause unnecessary impact damage to the sensitive natural environment. Please take all your rubbish with you. This includes cigarette butts, fruit peel and toilet paper. It is a criminal offence to destroy, deface or disturb the local flora and fauna and Aboriginal Rockart in the area. Please do not disturb the cattle. Firearms are strictly prohibited in the Wilderness Park.

Toilet facilities are not provided along this trail. Please use the facilities at the Station Township and Emma Gorge.

Camping, fishing and fires are not permitted. Your Wilderness Park Permit needs to be valid and displayed on your car windscreen.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Explosion Gorge area can be remote and unforgiving. Check road conditions with our staff before leaving the Station.

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: Saltwater crocodiles inhabit the area.

DEFINITELY NO SWIMMING.

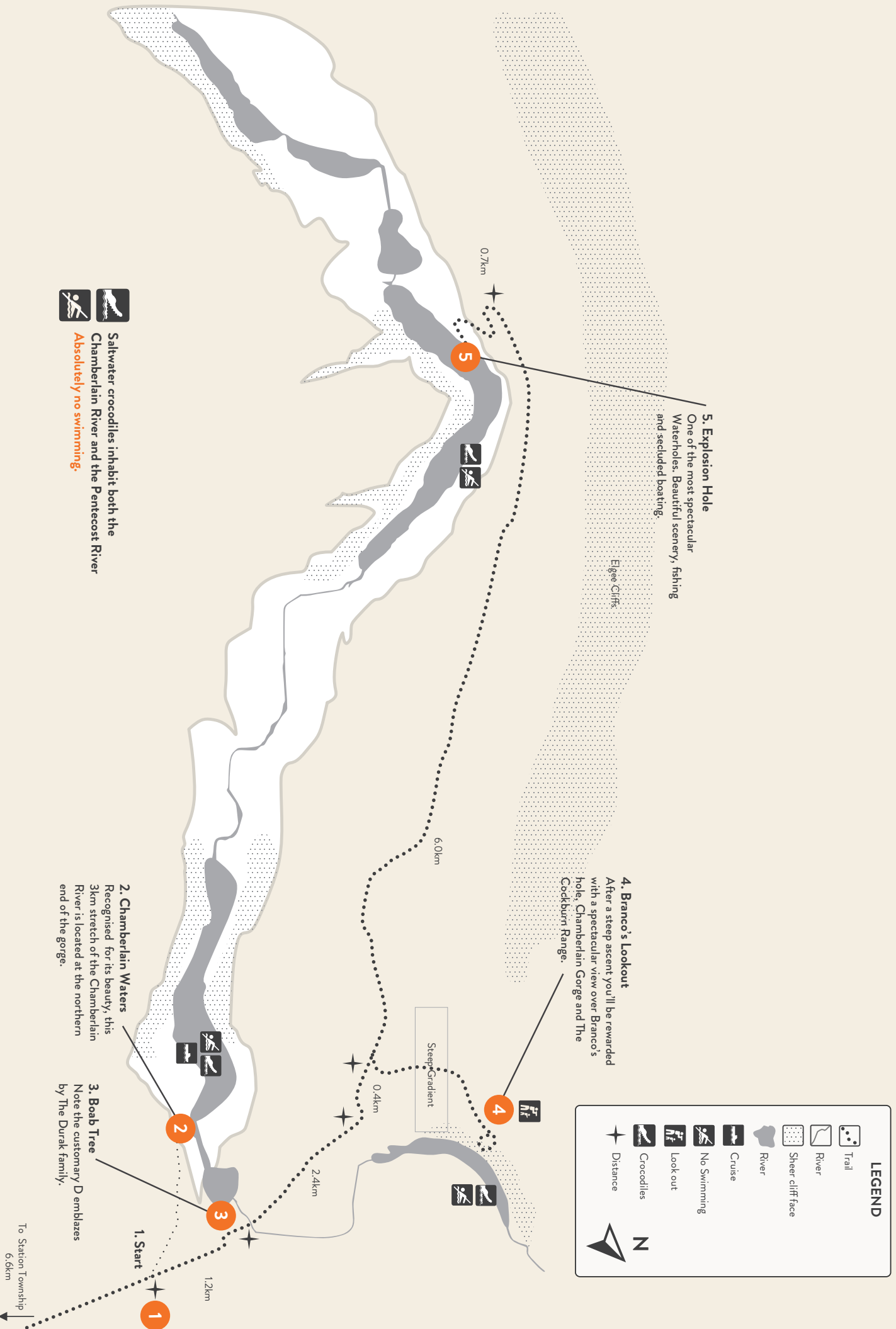
Dangerous animals like snakes, crocodiles and bulls can be found throughout The Kimberley. Do not attack or intimidate them. Withdraw and alert others in the area. Be careful in and around water and launching hire boats.

FLORA AND FAUNA

Boab Tree
Bauhinia
Wattles
Paperbarks
Kapk Tree
Water Pandanus

Estuarine Crocodile
Catfish
Barramundi
Archerfish
Freshwater Crocodile
Rock Wallaby

Black Necked Stork
Brolgas
Pacific Heron
Whistling Kite
Little Corella
Rainbow Bee Eater



Saltwater crocodiles inhabit both the Chamberlain River and the Pentecost River
Absolutely no swimming.