# Karijini National Park

## **Weano Recreation Area**



Karijini National Park offers a variety of walk trails that are classified according to Australian standards. Please select those that suit your level of ability. Your safety is our concern, but your responsibility.

Warning! Flash floods can occur. Do not enter the gorges if there is significant rain in the area. If you are already in the gorges, leave promptly.

- Be prepared. Wear sturdy walking shoes, and take plenty of water.
- Stay on established trails and stand well back from cliff edges.
- If hiking overnight, let a responsible person know.
- Take care in the gorges. Rocks are smooth and slippery, particularly when wet.
- Walk with a companion and ensure there is plenty of daylight left to complete the return trip.
- Water in the gorges can be very cold, especially between April and September, and hypothermia can occur.
- Do not dive or jump into water.
- Do not take glass or alcohol into the gorges.

### Lookouts

#### Junction Pool lookout



#### 800 metres - 30 minutes return

Follow the formed track from the information shelter to the trail head sign for Junction Pool lookout. It is clearly signposted and minimal bushwalking experience is required. Take the opportunity to view gorge-rim vegetation. From the trail head, follow the sloping access path down to the Junction Pool lookout.

#### Oxer lookout



#### 800 metres - 30 minutes return

From Junction Pool lookout, follow a short trail with minor obstacles and a series of steps to the Oxer lookout viewing platform. Some bushwalking experience is recommended. In the late afternoon or early morning rock wallabies may be seen perched on rock ledges.



## **Weano Gorge**

## Upper Weano Gorge



#### 1 kilometre – 45 minutes return

This trail is for experienced bushwalkers. From the car park the first section of the track is formed but obstacles including large rocks and seasonal pools are present further along. This trail includes short steep sections with no steps. There are trail markers.

## Lower Weano Gorge



#### 1 kilometre – 1 hour

This trail is for experienced bushwalkers. Follow the trail towards Junction Pool and Oxer lookouts, then turn left at the Weano trail head. Steps down into the gorge are irregular and steep. Once at the bottom the track is rough and unformed and obstacles are present. Continue on until there is a change in track conditions.

### Handrail Pool



#### 150 metres – 30 minutes return

This gorge section is for very experienced bushwalkers. The track is steep in parts and difficult with a rough and unformed surface. Use the handrail provided to carefully negotiate the slippery rocks on your climb down into the chilly waters of Handrail Pool. The trail stops shortly after here.





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## **Hancock Gorge**

#### **Kermits Pool**



#### 1.5 kilometres – 2 hours return

This trail is for very experienced bushwalkers. A trail leads towards the edge of the gorge. There are numerous natural obstacles. Negotiate uneven rock steps to reach ladders. Descend the ladders to the gorge floor and walk downstream to Kermits Pool. Walking through water may be required. Using narrow ledges to avoid getting wet is not recommended. Injuries may result from slips and falls.

The trail ends at Kermits Pool. Do not proceed beyond this point. Penalties apply. For enquiries, contact park staff.



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