Remote bushwalking advice form
Carnarvon National Park

Please complete this form if you intend to undertake a remote bushwalk in Carnarvon National Park.

*If you are reported overdue, this form can provide important information that may be used to assist emergency services in the event of a search and rescue operation.*

You are strongly advised to leave a copy of this bushwalking advice form with your nominated emergency contact person (e.g. friend, relative or other reliable person). You are responsible for advising this contact person of your safe return. If this person is concerned about your safety, they should contact the Queensland Police Service by calling **Triple Zero (000)**.

*Please note: The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service will not check that you have returned from your bushwalk.*

A copy of this form can also be emailed to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service South West Visitor Management at southwestpermits@des.qld.gov.au. This information will help us understand how our national parks are used.

**USE CAPITAL LETTERS**

Name of group leader: ____________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________ Postcode: ____________

Mobile: _________________________ Phone Daytime: ___________________ A/hrs: ____________

Total number in group: ____________________________

Number of persons by age group: under 10_______11–17 _______18–35_______36–55________56+ _________

Please list all known illnesses/medical conditions for all group members:

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Vehicle registration: _______________ Vehicle make/model/colour: ________________________________

Vehicle parking location: _________________________________________________________________

Remote bushwalking experience level:

☐ Beginner / inexperienced ☐ Some experience ☐ Skilled / very experienced

Proposed bushwalking route: (provide GPS points of proposed route and camping locations—attach map)

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Start date: _____________________________ Start time (am/pm): ________________________________

Intended finish date: _____________________ Intended finish time (am/pm): _____________________
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Emergency contact person (visitors from overseas must provide an Australian contact)

Name: _____________________________________________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________ Postcode: ___________
Mobile: _________________________ Phone Daytime: ______________________ A/hrs: _______________________

Please use the following checklist to ensure that you are prepared to undertake your remote walk.

☐ I am aware that there is little to no mobile phone reception in Carnarvon National Park.
☐ I am not walking alone (a party of at least three people is desirable).
☐ Someone will miss me if I don’t return at the expected time. I have nominated an emergency contact person (details above) and will let them know when I return. They understand they should contact emergency services if I am …………………. hours/days overdue.
☐ I am fully briefed on where I am going and have planned my route.
☐ I am carrying a map and compass and know how to use them.
☐ I am carrying a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB). I know how to use the PLB and will activate it only in a life-threatening situation or to aid a search that has already commenced.
☐ I am carrying a GPS (Global Positioning System).
☐ I am carrying a satellite phone.
☐ I am carrying extra food and water in case of delays.
☐ A member of my group is carrying a first-aid kit and there is at least one first-aider in the group.
☐ All group members have suitable hiking gear, including warm and waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear.
☐ I understand what hazards I might encounter by walking in this area and how to minimise the risks. I know that I should:
  • Check the local weather forecast before commencing on your walk.
  • Avoid snakes (detour around them; do not provoke them).
  • Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration.
  • Wear a hat and sunscreen.
  • Never feed wildlife.
  • Never jump or dive into water.
  • Do not attempt to cross flooded creeks or rivers.
  • Keep clear of cliff edges and waterfalls.
  • Walk in the cool parts of the day.
  • Treat any water sourced from creeks, dams or taps.
☐ As designated group leader, I have ensured that all walkers in the group are aware of the remote nature of the walk and the physical demands that will be required.

___________________________________________       ______________________________
Signature of group leader       Date

Remote hiking conditions:

- Ensure all signs, conditions and restrictions are followed.
- Access is prohibited in restricted access areas.
- Remote walking groups must be no larger than 6 people.
- Camping permits are required for all remote overnight camping.