

# Carr Boyd range: 17-28 May 2026

List price - \$5095

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**Summary.** Both sections include beautiful pools, perfect for swimming. More than just walks, this trip is an experience you'll never forget. Two sections, either of which can be done on its own.

- 1) Southern Carr Boyds. Boat across Lake Argyle to a walk through some amazing gorges non-walkers will never see.
- 2) Northern Carr Boyd Range: Spring fed creeks trickle through deep, cool gorges and lovely pools



Coming down a rocky section of Packsaddle Creek.

## Itinerary

**Note 1** Day 0 is the day before departure.

**Note 2** This itinerary is subject to change.

### Section 1 Southern Carr Boyd Range

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**Day 0** Pre-trip meeting for everyone doing the Bungles section, 6.00p.m., outdoor area, **Kimberley Croc Motel**. **This meeting is important.** If you cannot make the meeting, please advise us well in advance

**Day 1** Morning pick up as arranged at the pre-trip meeting. Bus to Lake Argyle, boat to start of walk. Begin walk, carrying full packs. Bush camp.

**Day 2-6** Bush camping. Carrying full packs on most days, day packs at other times. There may be one or more half to full day walks without packs.

**Day 7** Finish walk in valley between southern and northern Carr Boyd Ranges. Helicopter flight to the start of section three for those continuing. Helicopter flight to Kununurra for those finishing with this section.



Steep section on the first climb, cycads in the background

### Section 3 Northern Carr Boyd Range

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**Day 6** Those beginning with this section may need to contact the helicopter company. We will notify you beforehand if needed.

**Day 7** Pick up for those beginning with this section. Pick up is from your accommodation as arranged with the helicopter transport. Fly to Carr Boyds. Begin walk, carrying full packs only a short distance. Day walk. Bush camp.

**Day 8-11** Bush camping, carrying full packs.

**Day 12** Walk to meet pick up vehicle. Drive to Kununurra. Trip ends.

*Now for the details .....*

### Section 1: Southern Carr Boyd Range: 17-23 May

The southern range is very different to the northern part.

We begin with bus to Lake Argyle and a boat trip across the lake to Revolver Creek. Exactly where we get dropped off will depend on the level of the lake at the time. Our first campsite is normally near the entry to Revolver Creek Gorge, a relatively short, flattish walk from where we get dropped off.

From here, we work our way up the gorge and onto the plateau. The climb is fairly steep. Parts are as difficult as anything we encounter on the rest of the trip. Once on top, the walking becomes easier and we should be able to get to a pool in time for lunch and a swim.



Revolver Creek campsite and pool.



One of the pack floats.



Having a break after the pack float shown at left.

As we continue, we get some spectacular views down the gorges below. Every night, we camp next to yet another pool. Every day brings more views and swims.

Eventually we drop into one of the most spectacular gorges in the entire range. We follow this downstream to the narrow gap where it exits the southern range, floating our packs on several occasions.

Once through the gap, we continue out into the broad valley separating the northern and southern ranges, camping next to a pool in a wide open area where

we get what is likely to be our best view of the night sky.

The following morning, we are met by the helicopter which brings in the food drop and those joining us for section two. Those finishing here take the helicopter back to Kununurra.

**Notes for section 1.** Despite our previous walks in the area, this remains somewhat exploratory. We cannot be 100% sure what we will find until we get there. It requires good fitness and a sense of adventure.

The depth of Lake Argyle is subject to great variation. The boundary of Lake Argyle shown on the map may bear little resemblance to the boundary at the time you visit.

The longest mandatory pack float should be no more than 30-40 m. However, water levels can vary dramatically. The pool in the gap where the creek exits the southern range has varied from just over 100 m to about 300 m.

For the pack floats, you can put your pack in a garbag or, if you have a good pack cover, use that. It is very important that you keep the contents of your pack waterproof. **If you are not confident you can swim and float a pack for at least 100 metres, do not book this section.**

Those continuing to section 2 will need to have a parcel with their food for section three ready to give the guide before this section begins.

## Terrain and difficulty

<b>Overall</b>	Level 3.
<b>Climate</b>	Level 3. Usually very dry, average daytime max 30-31°C, average nighttime minimum is 15-16°C but can get down below 5°C. Rain is very unlikely.
<b>Terrain</b>	<b>With packs</b> - level 3-4. While some of the walking is relatively flat with moderate rock hopping, there are a number of short, steep climbs.
<b>Vegetation</b>	Level 2-4. This can vary dramatically from year to year. There is normally little thick scrub but there may be some sections of thick grass and/or spinifex, gaiters essential, long trousers recommended.
<b>Hours</b>	You normally walk 4-6 hours per day.
<b>Packs</b>	<b>Pack weight:</b> level 3 = one week's worth of food.
<b>Art:</b>	None known.
<b>Campsites</b>	Mostly on dry river bed and rock ledges. May include a grassy site.
<b>Swims</b>	Generally moderately cold at this time of year. There are a many good pools and most camp sites will be next to a place where you can swim.
<b>Lowlights</b>	The climbs. Thick grass if present.
<b>Highlights</b>	Spectacular gorge scenery, waterfalls and great views.
<b>Wildlife</b>	Birds are always present but may be hard to spot. You are unlikely to see many large animals.
<b>Fishing</b>	Possible only at the very north end of the range and unlikely to be particularly good there.
<b>Maps</b>	1:50 000 Cooee Creek & Carlton Gorge



Enjoying a swim in the southern Carr Boyds.

## Section 2: The North Carr Boyd Range: 23-28 May

Located south of Kununurra, between Lake Argyle in the east and the Dunham River in the west, the peaks and cliffs of the northern Carr Boyds will be familiar to anyone who has visited the region. From the roads they present a forbidding face, dry and barren, rugged beyond belief. Up close, they can show a different nature. Even after the driest of seasons, spring fed creeks trickle through deep, cool gorges and lovely pools bounded by a lush vegetation which stands in stark contrast to the dry plains outside the range.



What's normally a long day's walk is over in minutes

We begin with a short helicopter flight from the end of section two to the top of what we call Many Falls Creek. This allows us to avoid a steep climb and spend the rest of the day doing a leisurely exploration of the waterfalls.

The route between the two main creek systems takes us over two low ridges. Although we could camp along the way, we normally go straight through in a day so we can have more time to enjoy what lies beyond.

Some of the walking is as easy as anything you'll encounter on any of our trips. Along the way we will stop to enjoy numerous swims and take time out to simply relax and look at nature

around us. We should be able to include at least one half day walk without packs.

We exit the range near Packsaddle Creek where we are met by the pick up vehicle that brings us back to Kununurra. Trip ends.

### Terrain and difficulty

**Overall** Level 3.

**Climate** Level 3. Usually very dry, average daytime max 30-31°C, average nighttime minimum is 15-16°C but can get down below 5°C. Rain is very unlikely.

**Terrain** Level 3. Much of the walking is through relatively flat, open woodland with a grassy understorey. Some short sections of grass may hide a broken rocky surface where you will have to be particularly careful. There are few steep climbs, none of which is over 200 m. None are technically difficult. None require ropes or other special equipment. There will be some places where you have to step from stone to stone as you walk along the edge of a creek.

**Vegetation** Level 3. This can vary dramatically from year to year. There are usually some sections of thick grass and/or spinifex which make for slow going. Gaiters essential, long trousers recommended.

**Hours** You normally walk 4-6 hours per day.

**Packs** **Pack weight:** level 2 = four night's food.

**Art:** Very little. Some groups don't see any.

**Campsites** Can be dry river bed, rock ledges, sandy patches or grassy open areas. Some sites have a mix.

**Swims** Excellent. There are many good pools and most camp sites will be next to a swimmable pool.

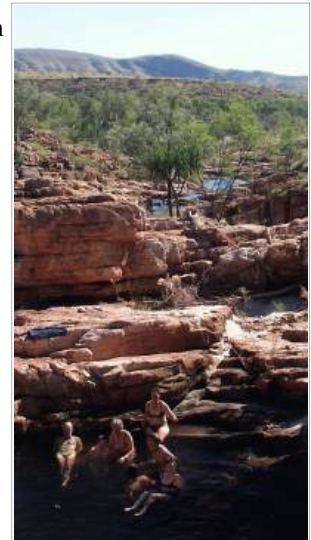
**Lowlights** Thick grass (most years).

**Highlights** Great views from the top. Waterfalls, pools and gorges.

**Wildlife** There are birds on the walk but you are unlikely to see many large animals.

**Fishing** Possible only at the very end of the trip. Sooty grunter and catfish are the most likely fish to be caught.

**Maps** 1:50 000 Deception Range



Swim stop above a Carr Boyd waterfall.

### Terrain and Difficulty — General Information, both sections

Rain is very unlikely, but it is possible. If you wish to keep your pack as light as possible, leave your tent fly at home. If you wish to be absolutely certain that you won't get wet, bring it.

Almost none of the walking is on a marked trail. If you have never done any off-track walking through moderately rough terrain, nothing we can say can adequately describe the experience. The photos here and on our website can give you a partial picture, but they cannot substitute for the real thing. Most of those who have not had any off-track walking experience find it more difficult than those who have done it before.

Anyone who does not regularly (average twice a month) go bushwalking carrying a full pack would benefit from doing some pre-trip training. Do this and you will almost certainly enjoy the trip. If you are not an experienced off-track bushwalker and you don't do any training or any other form of strenuous physical exercise, you might feel that the trip is more of an endurance test than the pleasure most people experience.

## Notes for both sections

Day packs are particularly useful on section two and may be useful on section three as well.

Those doing more than one section will have to carry only what they need for each section. Additional food and clothing can be left in Kununurra. It may be possible to leave a few small items in the vehicle.

Bringing fresh fruit, vegetables or honey into WA is illegal whether you come by road or plane. (You cannot even bring in boxes or other containers that once contained fruit or vegetables.) Bags are checked both on the highway and at the airport. There will be time to do some shopping in Kununurra.

**Special note.** It is very likely that we will be able to provide free transport from Darwin to Kununurra before the start of the trip. We **may** also be able to provide transport from Kununurra to Darwin at the end. Please contact us if you are interested in this.

**Getting to Kununurra.** Air North and Nexus both offer flights from Darwin and Broome. If you are coming from Perth, it's worth checking Virgin as well.

**Pre-Trip Meeting.** Our pre-trip meetings are at the **Kimberley Croc Motel**. For those joining after section one, we will try and have a pre-trip meeting the night before you start, 6 pm at the Kimberley Croc Motel.

Prices on the map at right are way out of date but it does show the location of the motel relative to the rest of the centre of town.

