

Walk trail classification



Class 1 Well defined walk trail with a firm, even surface and no steep sections or steps. Suitable for all levels of experience and fitness.



Class 2 Easy, well defined trail with a firm surface. May include gentle hill sections and occasional steps. Suitable for all levels of experience and fitness but may present difficulties for people with mobility impairments.



Class 3 Moderate trail with clear directional signage. You may encounter minor natural hazards such as short, steep sections, steps, shallow water crossings, and unstable or slippery surfaces. A good level of fitness is recommended.



Class 4 Limited directional signage and difficult sections. You may encounter natural hazards such as long steep sections, water crossings, and unstable or slippery surfaces. A good level of fitness and bushwalking experience is recommended.



Class 5 No directional signage and very difficult sections. You may encounter natural hazards such as long, steep sections and climbs, water crossings, and frequent unstable or slippery surfaces. Only very fit and experienced bushwalkers should attempt.

Coastal walks

Short, easy (Class 1 and 2) walks lead from car parks to lookouts at Red Bluff, Eagle Gorge, Grandstand, Island Rock, Pot Alley and Natural Bridge.

Beach access trails include:

Pot Alley Beach – Class 3, 400m return

Stepped trail from the car park down a sandstone gully to the Pot Alley Beach.

Eagle Gorge Beach – Class 3, 1km return

Steep switchback trail down sandstone terraces to the Eagle Gorge Beach.

Red Bluff to Beach Trail (Gaba Gaba Yina) – Class 3, 700m one-way

Hike from Red Bluff Beach to the Pederick Lookout on Red Bluff. Trail is steep in places with loose surfaces.

Mushroom Rock Nature Trail – Class 3, 3km loop

Allow one to two hours to explore this loop walk trail linking Mushroom Rock and Rainbow Valley. Trailside signs interpret botanical and geological features.

Bigurda Trail – Class 3, 8km one way

Allow three hours to hike from Eagle Gorge to Natural Bridge. Parts of this trail are rocky and sandy with loose and uneven surfaces. Shorter routes are available by joining the trail at Island Rock or Grandstand.

Left The Loop, Kalbarri National Park.

Walking and hiking in the river gorge

Hawks Head – Class 1, 200m return

Enjoy gorge views from the picnic area and follow a short path to a lookout over the Murchison River.

Ross Graham – Class 3, 700m return

This site provides the easiest access in the park to the river's edge, a place of shade and tranquility.

Z Bend Lookout – Class 3, 1.2km return

A moderately easy walk to a spectacular rock lookout overlooking the river. Take extreme care in this gorge risk area.

Z Bend River Trail – Class 4, 2.6km return

This demanding hike provides river access from the Z Bend Lookout path. Expect loose rocks, steep descents and ladder climbs.

West Loop Lookout – Class 1, 500m return

Closed for construction works. Witness the switchback course of the Murchison River and a natural rock arch that frames the upstream view.

Longer gorge hikes

The Loop Trail – Class 4, 8km loop

This hike begins and ends at Nature's Window and takes three to four hours. The difficulty is moderate to challenging with steep sections and uneven surfaces.

Four Ways Trail (Idingada Yina) – Class 4, 6km return

Starting at Z Bend, this challenging hike descends to the river at a place known as Four Ways and is much more difficult on the return journey. Interesting scenery, geology and landforms feature on the hike.

River gorge hikes – Class 5

Allow four days of intense hiking to cover the 38km route through the gorge from Ross Graham Lookout to The Loop. There are no marked trails and river crossings will be necessary.

Two-day gorge hikes may be made from Ross Graham Lookout to Z Bend or from Z Bend to The Loop. More information should be obtained from the park office before making these hikes.

Overnight hikers: please note

- Due to the hazardous terrain, groups undertaking overnight hikes should consist of at least five experienced people. This is the smallest group considered self-sufficient in an emergency.
- Overnight groups must register at the ranger station before making the trip.
- All rubbish must be carried out of the gorge.

