



Possible NT Replacements for WW Kimberley Trips July 2021

The normal policy in WA is not to open borders without requiring a two week quarantine to areas that have had any cases of local transmission within the past two weeks. The NT is less restrictive, banning only those from declared hotspots. <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/travel/quarantine/hotspots-covid-19/new-south-wales>

The three trips likely to be affected are.

- **Drysdale 2: 4-18 July.** Cancelled but we may replace it with an 8-12 day trip in the NT.
- **Drysdale 3: 18 July - 1 August.** Still possible but unlikely. If we can't run it, we will try and offer a replacement trip in the NT
- **Mitchell Plateau 2: 25 July - 8 August.** More likely than the above but depends on WA opening its border to Victorians. If we can't run it, we will try and offer a replacement trip in the NT.

Possible Replacement Walks

Officially there are no places left on any walking route in Kakadu before late August. It is conceivable but unlikely that we could get a permit for something.

Here are some of the other possibilities.

Litchfield and Gregory

See <https://www.bushwalkingholidays.com.au/litchfield-gregory>

Water will be better in Litchfield. That walk is better done in 8 days rather than the 7 listed in the program.

Litchfield is relatively close to Darwin but as it's an A to B walk, we'd have to sort out getting a vehicle from one end to the other.

The 8 days could conceivably be extended to 9 or 10 to allow us more time to have a look at some potentially interesting nearby areas.

Litchfield is more like Kakadu than the other places which follow.

NE Gregory is interesting but water wouldn't be as plentiful. But better than normal because of our recent good wet season.

The southern part of the park could have some interesting day walks off the 4WD tracks. We'd be interested in exploring the area but doubt that we could get permission for a new overnight at short notice.

Keep River

We do Keep River as part of our Kimberley Highlights trip.

<https://www.bushwalkingholidays.com.au/kimberley-highlights-no-1-2020>

We don't have many Keep photos on the new website but we do have some on the old one,

<https://www.bushwalkingholidays.org/galleries/oldsite/keepgal.shtml>

Click the images to see a larger version.

The Gulf region near Borroloola: Limmen NP and Lorella Springs.

For me (Russell Willis), this is the most exciting as a number of people have told me about some great short (2-4 days) walks there. It's an area we've been looking at for some years.

The Limmen website <https://nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/find-a-park/find-a-park-to-visit/limmen-national-park> has links to a couple of downloadable fact sheets.

Lorella Springs is privately owned. As far as I know, you can drive anywhere and walk from there. <https://www.lorellasprings.com.au/>

The biggest downside is the length of the drives to and from, close to 1000 km each way. The walks there are shorter but there are lots of possibilities.

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