Joint Management Plans for top Tourist Attractions

Joint management plans have been secured for some of the Territory’s top tourist attractions, including Finke Gorge National Park, three parks within the East MacDonnell Ranges and Garig Gunak Barlu National Park (Cobourg Marine Park).

“Joint management is one step in helping us to achieve our goal of doubling the employment of Indigenous Territorians in land and sea management by 2020, which is a key action with the Territory 2030 strategic plan,” said Parks and Wildlife Minister Karl Hampton.

“The Territory Government has now established 13 joint management plans across the Territory, which provide for greater involvement of Traditional Owners in management of parks and reserves, giving visitors a chance to enjoy more well-rounded experiences that incorporate a cultural dimension.

“Each of these parks has something unique to offer, such as Finke Gorge National Park, which is home to the remarkable Palm Valley, where a diverse range of plants unique to the area can be found, such as the Red Cabbage Palm, for which the Park is well known.

“In the East MacDonnellss, N’Dhala Gorge Nature Park is an important archaeological and heritage site that provides visitors with a rare opportunity to see a living art gallery in close proximity to Alice Springs.

“Trephina Gorge Nature Park is part of a living cultural landscape where the ancestors of Traditional Owners still live in totemic sites across the park. The primary values of this park are that it is a picturesque, low-key family escape, easily accessible from Alice Springs.

“Also in the East MacDonnellss is Corroboree Rock Conservation Reserve, which is an important part of the Arrernte’s living cultural landscape across the district.

“In addition to those plans, the joint management plan for Garig Gunak Barlu National Park (Cobourg Marine Park) was recently amended to permit diving in the Coral Bay zone for the Seven Spirit Bay Wilderness Lodge, its clients, staff and staff guests only.

“Changes like these demonstrate the strong and ongoing relationships that develop from joint management plans and our willingness to work together to achieve the best possible outcomes for everyone involved.”

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