

Level of difficulty

Almost none of our walking is done on marked trails. Someone who has never done any off-track walking will probably find that they should rate each walk at the next higher level of difficulty.

If you have never done any off-track walking, we strongly recommend that you log onto our website, click onto the 'Is it for you' page and follow the links to the 'How hard' page. Nothing else short of doing an off-track walk will give you a better picture of what is involved.

A positive mental attitude is essential.

A superfit person who is unhappy at leaving the comforts of civilisation behind will not cope as well as a moderately fit person who is prepared to enjoy the wilderness on its own terms.

Trips may reach the same average level of difficulty for different reasons. In arriving at an average level, we consider the climate, terrain, vegetation, hours walked per day and necessary pack weight. See our website and/or trip notes for more information about each trip.

The length of time carrying packs in the descriptions below does not include breaks.

0 Day pack only

The climate, terrain, vegetation and hours walked can range anywhere from level 1 to level 5.

1 Easy

Climate. Average day time maximum temperature 18-25°C, moderate humidity, rain unlikely.

Terrain. Mostly fairly flat. May include some soft sand, rock hopping and/or moderate climbs.

Vegetation. Mostly fairly open with little thick grass, spinifex or scrub bashing.

Hours. You generally walk 4-6 hours per day.

Pack weight. No more than four days food. Tent or sleeping bag, not both. No need for cold-weather gear. No need for more than 1 litre of water.

2 Fairly easy

Climate. Average day time maximum temperature 26-29°C, moderate humidity, rain unlikely.

Terrain. Mostly fairly flat but includes some soft sand, moderately rough terrain, rock hopping and/or moderate to steep climbs.

Vegetation. Mostly fairly open with short stretches thick grass, spinifex and/or scrub bashing.

Hours. You generally walk 4-6 hours per day.

Pack weight. Up to 7 days food. Tent or sleeping bag, not both. No need for cold-weather gear. You may need to carry two litres of water for short distances.

Good average fitness should be enough.

3 Moderately difficult

Climate. Average day time maximum temperature 30-32°C, moderate to medium humidity, rain possible but unlikely to rain often.

Terrain. Mostly fairly flat but includes somewhat more soft sand, rough terrain, rock hopping and/or steep climbs than level two.

Vegetation. Still mostly fairly open but there may be times when you have to push through thick grass, spinifex or other scrub for a some hours.

Hours. You generally walk 4-6 hours per day.

Pack weight. Up to 11 days food. You might need both a tent and a sleeping bag, cold-weather and/or rain gear. You may need to carry two litres of water some days.

Somewhat above average fitness or good overnight bushwalking experience is recommended.

4 Relatively difficult

Climate. Average day time maximum temperature 33-35°C, fairly high humidity, rain probable.

Terrain. Very rugged. Lots of soft sand, rock hopping, scrambling over boulders and/or steep climbs.

Vegetation. You may have to push through thick grass, spinifex or other scrub for as much as a quarter of the trip.

Hours. You have to walk 5-7 hours most days, possibly up to 8 hours on some days.

Pack weight. Up to 14 days food. You might need both a tent and a sleeping bag, cold-weather and/or rain gear. You may need to carry two-three litres of water for most days.

Above average fitness or extensive overnight bushwalking experience is recommended.

5 Our most difficult trips

Climate. Average day time maximum temperature over 35°C, very high humidity, rain probable.

Terrain. Extremely rugged. Lots of soft sand, rock hopping, scrambling over boulders and/or steep climbs.

Vegetation. You may have to push through thick grass, spinifex or other scrub for as much as third of the trip.

Hours. You have to walk 5-7 hours most days, possibly up to 8 hours on some days.

Pack weight. Up to 14 days food. You might need both a tent and a sleeping bag, cold-weather and/or rain gear. You may need to carry two to three litres of water for most days.

Not suited to beginners unless they are exceptionally fit.

Discounts

Multiple Section discounts

Anyone doing consecutive sections on a single trip is entitled to a discount. Unless otherwise stated in the trip list, deduct \$110 for two sections, \$220 for three sections, etc. Deduct this before any other discount. This does not apply to a full trip as the discount has already been included in the total price.

Discounts

Up to three discounts (maximum 35%) may apply to any trip. Past client – 5% discount

Book two full trips in a row – 10% discount on second trip.

Membership

Members of the following may deduct 5% on proof of membership. Only one member discount may apply. Paddy Pallin, NPA of NSW, YHA, Nomads, ACF, Wilderness Society, Australian Geographic Society.

Advance Purchase

Book and pay four months in advance — 20% discount

Book and pay three months in advance — 15% discount

Book and pay two months in advance — 10% discount

Group Bookings

Five or more booking as a group — 5% discount

Ten or more booking as a group — 10% discount

Example: Green Kimberley Light 2006

Sections 1-2: \$650 + \$475 – \$110 = \$1015

Sections 1-3: \$650 + \$475 + \$450 – \$220 = \$1355

Sections 1-4: \$650 + \$475 + \$450 + \$1050 = \$330 = \$2295

Work out discounts consecutively as follows, eg

1 discount \$1000 – 20% = \$800

2 discounts \$1000 – 20% = \$800 – 5% = \$760

3 discounts \$1000 – 20% = \$800 – 5% = \$760 – 5% = \$722

This is not the same as a single 30% discount.