



SELF DRIVE, 4WD & CAMPING

Following are suggested itineraries in summary form to assist in planning your self drive adventure. Approximately May to October (dependant on road conditions).

Always check road conditions before departing onto unsealed roads in the Kimberley.

The [Shire of Derby/West Kimberley](http://www.sdwk.wa.gov.au) (www.sdwk.wa.gov.au) provide a Road Condition Report that is updated as and when conditions change.

[Main Roads Western Australia](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au) (www.mainroads.wa.gov.au) provide a Traffic and Road Condition Report for the Kimberley Region covering the Great Northern and Victoria Highways and Gibb River Road.

A high clearance 4 Wheel Drive vehicle is recommended for all travel on the Gibb River and Kalumburu Roads.

Although the Gibb River Road is less than 700km in length (and the Kalumburu Road less than 300km), the number of places to see and road conditions make it well worth spending seven days and more in the area (additional days if heading up to Kalumburu & Mitchell Plateau). These are suggested itineraries only. Travellers are recommended to review distances, driving times, fuel availability and time spent walking each gorge to ensure an enjoyable holiday. The most flexible itineraries are camping throughout; however a number of places offer comfortable Dinner, Bed & Breakfast packages.

1. BRIEF AND BEAUTIFUL (3 days, 2 nights)	
Day 1	Derby to Windjana Gorge & Tunnel Creek. Overnight at Windjana Gorge Camp Site. (Option to visit Lillimooloora Police Station Ruins)
Day 2	Windjana Gorge to Manning Gorge. Overnight at Manning Gorge. (Option to visit Galvans Gorge on the way)
Day 3	Manning Gorge to Wyndham/Kununurra (Option to visit Emma Gorge if time allows) This is a long day so start early.
Alternatively the 3rd night could be spent at the accommodation at El Questro Wilderness Park or Emma Gorge or the campgrounds at El Questro Wilderness Park. With a leisurely drive to Kununurra/Wyndham on Day 4.	

2. MODERATE & MARVELLOUS (5 days, 4 nights)	
Day 1	Derby to Windjana Gorge & Tunnel Creek. Overnight at Windjana Gorge Camp Site. (Option to visit Lillimooloora Police Station Ruins)
Day 2	Windjana Gorge to Bell Gorge. Overnight camp at Silent Grove.
Day 3	Bell Gorge to Manning Gorge. (Option to visit Galvans Gorge on the way) Overnight Camp at Manning Gorge Camp Site
Day 4	Manning Gorge to El Questro Station. Over Night Camp at El Questro (Option of Bungalows and Homestead Accommodation)
Day 5	El Questro Station to Wyndham/Kununurra. (Option to visit Emma Gorge on the way)



3. EXTENDED & EXQUISITE (8 days, 7 nights)

Day 1	Derby to Windjana Gorge & Tunnel Creek. Overnight at Windjana Gorge Camp Site. (Option to visit Lillimooloora Police Station Ruins)
Day 2	Windjana Gorge to Manning Gorge. Overnight at Manning Gorge. (Option to visit Galvans Gorge on the way)
Day 3	Manning Gorge to Wyndham/Kununurra (Option to visit Emma Gorge if time allows) This is a long day so start early. Alternatively the 3rd night could be spent at the accommodation at El Questro Wilderness Park or Emma Gorge or the campgrounds at El Questro Wilderness Park. With a leisurely drive to Kununurra/Wyndham on Day 4.
Day 4	Dimond and Sir John Gorges. Overnight at Mornington Wilderness Camp. (Option of tented accommodation)
Day 5	Mornington Wilderness Camp to Manning Gorge. Overnight Camp (Option to visit Galvans Gorge on the way).
Day 6	Manning Gorge to Home Valley Station. Overnight Camp. (Option of Homestead Accommodation at Home Valley Station)
Day 7	Home Valley Station to El Questro Wilderness Park. Over night Camp. (Option of Bungalows and Homestead Accommodation)
Day 8	El Questro Wilderness Lodge to Wyndham/Kununurra. (Option to visit Emma Gorge on the way)

4. FULL AND FABULOUS [INCLUDING MITCHELL PLATEAU] (10 days, 9 nights)

Day 1	Derby to Windjana Gorge & Tunnel Creek. Overnight at Windjana Gorge Camp Site. (Option to visit Lillimooloora Police Station Ruins)
Day 2	Windjana Gorge to Bell Gorge. Overnight camp Silent Grove.
Day 3	Bell Gorge to Manning Gorge. Overnight camp. (Option visit Galvans Gorge on the way)
Day 4	Manning Gorge to Drysdale River Station. Overnight Camp. (Option of Homestead Accommodation or Travellers' Rest Units)
Day 5	Drysdale River Station to Mitchell Plateau. Over night Camp.
Day 6	Mitchell Plateau/Mitchell Falls. Over night camp.
Day 7	Mitchell Plateau to Drysdale River Station. Over night camp. (Option of Homestead Accommodation)
Day 8	Drysdale River Station to Home Valley Station. Overnight camp. (Option Homestead Accommodation or Grass Castle)
Day 9	Home Valley Station to El Questro. Overnight camp. (Option of Bungalows or Homestead Accommodation)
Day 10	El Questro Wilderness Park to Wyndham/Kununurra. (Option to visit Emma Gorge on the way)

5. FULL AND FABULOUS [INCLUDING MORNINGTON WILDERNESS CAMP & MT HART WILDERNESS LODGE] (12 days, 11 nights)

Day 1	Derby to Windjana Gorge & Tunnel Creek. Overnight at Windjana Gorge Camp Site. (Option to visit Lillimooloora Police Station Ruins)
Day 2	Windjana Gorge to Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge. Overnight camp (Option- Accommodation – Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)
Day 3	Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge. Overnight Accommodation – Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. (OR CAMPING)
Day 4	Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge to Bell Gorge. Overnight Camp Silent Grove.
Day 5	Bell Gorge to Mornington Wilderness Camp. Overnight Camp. (Option Tent Accommodation.)
Day 6	Dimond and Sir John Gorges. Overnight Mornington Wilderness Camp (Option Tent Accommodation)
Day 7	Mornington Wilderness Camp to Charnley River Station (Camping Only)
Day 8	Charnley River Station (Camping Only)
Day 9	Charnley River Station to Manning Gorge. Overnight camp (Option visit Galvans Gorge on the way)
Day 10	Manning Camp Site to El Questro Wilderness Park. Overnight camp. (Option of Bungalows or Homestead Accommodation.)
Day 11	El Questro Wilderness Park. Overnight camp. (Option of Bungalows or Homestead Accommodation.)
Day 12	El Questro Wilderness Park to Wyndham/Kununurra. (Visit Emma Gorge on the way)

6. ALL & AWESOME [The one with the lot!!]. (20 days, 19 nights)

Day 1	Derby to Windjana Gorge and Tunnel Creek. Over night Camp at Windjana gorge Camp Site (Option to visit Lillimooloora Police Station ruins)
Day 2	Windjana Gorge to Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge. Overnight Accommodation – Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. (OR CAMPING)
Day 3	Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge. Overnight Accommodation – Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. (OR CAMPING)
Day 4	Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge to Lennard Gorge to Bell Gorge. Over Night Camp Silent Grove.
Day 5	Bell Gorge. Overnight Camp Silent Grove.
Day 6	Bell Gorge to Mornington Wilderness Camp. Overnight at Mornington Wilderness Camp. (Option Tent Accommodation.)
Day 7	Dimond Gorge. Overnight at Mornington Wilderness Camp. (Option Tent Accommodation.)
Day 8	Sir John Gorge. Overnight at Mornington Wilderness Camp. (Option Tent Accommodation.)
Day 9	Mornington Wilderness Camp to Charnley River Station. Camping Only.
Day 10	Charnley River Station to Galvans Gorge to Manning Gorge. Overnight camp.
Day 11	Manning Gorge. Overnight Camp.
Day 12	Manning Gorge to Mt Elizabeth Station. Overnight Camp. (Option of homestead Accommodation.)
Day 13	Mt Elizabeth Station to Drysdale River Station. Overnight Camp. (Option of Homestead Accommodation or Traveller's Rest Units)
Day 14	Drysdale River Station to Mitchell Plateau. Overnight Camp.
Day 15	Mitchell Plateau. Overnight camp.
Day 16	Mitchell Plateau to Drysdale River Station. Overnight Camp. (Option of Homestead Accommodation or Traveller's Rest Units)
Day 17	Drysdale River Station to Home Valley Station. Overnight Camp. (Option of Homestead Accommodation.)
Day 18	Home Valley Station to El Questro Wilderness Park. Overnight Camp. (Option of Bungalows or Homestead Accommodation.)
Day 19	El Questro Wilderness Park. Overnight Camp. (Option of Bungalows or Homestead Accommodation.) This night could also be spent at Emma Gorge in their tented cabins.
Day 20	El Questro Wilderness Park to Emma Gorge to Wyndham/Kununurra.

Further Timing Tips

These are the minimum times that should be allocated at each stop once you have actually arrived.

Always check road & weather conditions before departing to any location along the Gibb River or Kalumburu Road.

While it is not necessary to book for camping, bookings are usually essential for any accommodated stays to ensure availability and meal preparation time.

Gibb River Road

Windjana Gorge <i>(Camping Ground)</i>	Allow at least 1 hour.
Tunnel Creek <i>(Day Use Only - Pit Toilet)</i>	Allow at least an hour and a half to walk through the tunnel. A strong torch is needed.
Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge <i>(Accommodated only - no camping)</i>	Allow at least an overnight stop.
Lennard River Gorge <i>(No Facilities)</i>	At least an hour at this gorge. Quite a steep climb down.
Bell Gorge <i>(Camping Ground at Silent Grove and along the Bell Creek)</i>	Allow at least half a day to walk to and explore this gorge. A full day would be preferable.
Mornington Wilderness Camp <i>(Camping Ground & Tented Accommodation)</i>	1 full day. There are two river gorges and a large section of River frontage on this property and as it is 100km from the Gibb River Road a minimum of two days is recommended.
Charnley River Station <i>(Homestay, Chalets and Camping)</i>	Allow at least an overnight stop.
Galvans Gorge <i>(Day Use Only - No facilities)</i>	Allow at least 1 hour.
Manning Gorge <i>(Camping Ground)</i>	Allow at least 1 hour. (At least 5 hours of daylight if you are doing the walk to Manning Falls)
Barnett River Gorge <i>(No Facilities)</i>	Allow at least 1 hour.
Mt Elizabeth Station <i>(Camping & Homestead Accommodation)</i>	Allow at least an overnight stop.
Home Valley Homestead <i>(Camping & Homestead Accommodation)</i>	Allow at least an overnight stop.
El Questro Wilderness Park <i>(Camping, Bungalows and Luxury Homestead Accommodation)</i>	Allow at least an overnight stop.
Emma Gorge <i>(Luxury Tented Cabins)</i>	Allow at least 3 hours.

Kalumburu Road

Drysdale River Station <i>(Camping and Accommodation)</i>	Allow at least an overnight stop.
Mitchell Plateau <i>(Camping with limited toilet facilities)</i>	Allow at least one full day for the return walk to the Falls. Base Camps in the area are operated by East Kimberley Tours & Kimberley Wilderness Adventures.
Kalumburu Community <i>(Camping)</i>	At least an overnight stop.