



Kakadu National Park



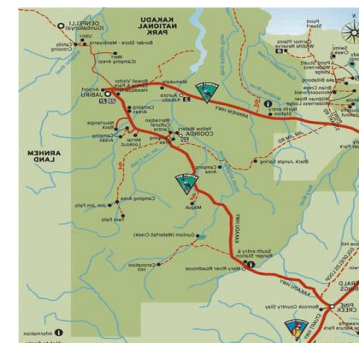
Kakadu is the largest National Parks in the whole of Australia (19,804 square kilometers) and is situated in the top part of the Northern Territory in Australia. The Park is jointly managed by its Aboriginal traditional owners and the Commonwealth Government. Kakadu is one of the few World Heritage Areas that are listed for both their natural and cultural heritage. There are six different seasons at Kakadu, defined by the skies, rainfall, plants and animals. The South Alligator River is the only large river system in the world to be completely within and protected by a national park. And Kakadu is the only national park in the world to contain an entire river-system catchment area.

Kakadu's habitats include stone plateaus and escarpments, monsoonal rainforests, flood plains and billabongs, tidal flats, coastal beaches and more, but the vast majority of the area (80 per cent) is covered by open savannah woodlands. Kakadu is home to over 10,000 different species of insects, over 280 bird species (that's one third of all of Australia's bird species), more than 120 reptile species, sixty-eight species of mammals, over 300 tidal and freshwater fish species, and more than 2000 different plant species. Some animal species in the park are rare, endangered and are not found anywhere else in the world. Other species are still waiting to be discovered. Kakadu is considered to be one of the most weed-free conservation areas in the world. Kakadu's waterways are inhabited by saltwater and freshwater crocodiles.

The park has one of the world's greatest concentrations of rock art sites. Some paintings are up to 20,000 years old, which makes the artwork one of the longest historical records of any group of people on Earth. The paintings show amazing record of Aboriginal life over thousands of years, it show the close personal relationship Bininj/Munggyu share with their land and spiritual heritage.



Bininj/Munggyu Season Name	Common name	Time of year/ Series Episode
Gunumeleng	Pre-monsoon storm season	October–December Episode 3
Gudjewg	Monsoon Season	December–March Episode 4
Banggerreng	Knock-'em-down storm season	April
Yegge	Cool/humid season	May–June Episode 1
Wurrngeng	Cold weather season	June–August Episode 2
Gurrung	Hot dry weather season	August–October



Create Your Own Rock Art

Here are some examples of Aboriginal rock art.



Materials you will need: earth tone chalk pastels, paint or pencils and your creativity. In the space bellow, design your own rock art.



True or False?

1. Kakadu National Park is situated in the top part of Western Australia.
2. It is the largest land-based National Park in Australia.
3. The Park is managed by the government.
4. It is listed as a world heritage Area.
5. Only very few waterways are inhabited by saltwater crocodiles.
6. It is home to 1000 different species of plant.
7. Weeds are a major problem in Kakadu National Park.
8. There is rock art dated back to 20,000 years ago.
9. All of the plants and animal species have been discovered in the Park.
10. Kakadu has six different seasons deformed by the skies, rainfall, plants and animals.

True

False





Wordsearch

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 KANGEROOS
 CROCODILES
 GOULDIANFINCH
 GUNUMELENG
 GUDJEWG
 BANGGERRENG

YEGGE
 WURRGENG
 GURRUNG
 JABIRUS
 WATERLILY
 SPECIES
 MAMMAL