

This loop trail offers a great way to increase your heart rate, enjoy the natural surroundings and get your bearings around Nhulunbuy, all at the same time!

The trail will take you through Endeavour Square, alongside Arafura Memorial Park and onto the shared use path.

Walking on the northern edge of town adjacent to the wetlands, be sure to look and listen for the incredible array of birdlife that frequent the area.

For those who desire an additional challenge, take on the four fitness stations located along the northern side of the trail.

On this walk (or run) you will experience some quiet natural areas, pass the Golf Course, the BMX track and the Dhimurru Office before heading back into town past the Hospital & the Skate Park.

Distance markers are provided every 1000m to assist with your fitness training.

TOTAL DISTANCE: 6.6 KM

ESTIMATED TIME: 120 MIN

DIFFICULTY RATING: GRADE 2

PERMIT REQUIRED: DHIMURRU GENERAL PERMIT



NHULUNBUY FITNESS TRAIL

This walk takes you to the Roy Marika Lookout at the top of Nhulun (Mt Saunders), a Yolnu sacred site with uninterrupted panoramic views.

Starting with a walk through the artistic history in Endeavour Square and past Arafura Memorial Park, it is a 1.5km walk to the base of Nhulun.

From here, a steady 250m incline along a sealed road will take you to the summit where you could enjoy a picnic and climb the stairs to the top of the lookout.

From the top, enjoy views of Gayraru Lagoon, the stunning stretch of coastline, the Town Centre, Gove Harbour, the mine and possibly birdlife soaring across the canopy.

On the way back into town, you will pass the Hospital and the Skate Park on the southern fringe of town.

TOTAL DISTANCE: 3.9 KM

ESTIMATED TIME: 90 MIN

DIFFICULTY RATING: GRADE 3

PERMIT REQUIRED: DHIMURRU GENERAL PERMIT



NHULUN WALK

This seasonal nature walk provides the perfect opportunity to see the unique natural landscape of East Arnhem Land's wetland ecosystems, just a short walk from the Town Centre.

The trail will lead you through vibrant Endeavour Square and alongside Arafura Memorial Park. After about 700 metres you will reach Gayraru (Town Lagoon) where an abundance of wildliffe can be spotted from the viewing platforms and bird hide.

Gayraru was once a popular and fertile hunting area for Yolnu and today the cultural significance of the area remains.

The accessibility of this nature trail varies seasonally – check the current status with the Nhulunbuy Corporation Office on Westal St.

Please obey all signage and respect this culturally significant area.

Remember that Saltwater Crocodiles inhabit waterways – take caution and do not enter the water.

TOTAL DISTANCE: 3.1 KM

ESTIMATED TIME: 60 MIN

DIFFICULTY RATING: GRADE 2

PERMIT REQUIRED: DHIMURRU GENERAL PERMIT



GAYRARU NATURE WALK

A great way to explore Nhulunbuy's natural surroundings, this walk takes you onto Gadalathami (Town Beach) via the designated path alongside the Aquatic Centre.

You will pass down a flight of stairs, through the rainforest's canopy, across Gayraru (Town Lagoon) via the town's lines of history, encompassing Yolnu culture, Macassan trading, World War II, recent history and mining.

Continue past Town Hall to Arafura Memorial Park where the Cenotaph commemorates those who have died in service or been killed in action in the various conflicts in which Australia has been involved, such as World War II.

The trail will lead you back into the Town Centre via the path behind the Primary School, around the edge of Town Square and past the Aquatic Centre.

Be sure to look out for the artistically decorated bins painted by the local community, and the multi-directional sign in the Town Centre.

TOTAL DISTANCE: 1.5 KM

ESTIMATED TIME: 30 MIN

DIFFICULTY RATING: GRADE 2

PERMIT REQUIRED: DHIMURRU GENERAL PERMIT



GADALATHAMI BEACH WALK

This short walk will take you on a loop around the Town Centre. The beginning of the walk will lead you through Endeavour Square, which provides artistic insights into the areas rich and varied history.

Take a few moments to view the murals and plaques which convey the town's lines of history, encompassing Yolnu culture, Macassan trading, World War II, recent history and mining.

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TOTAL DISTANCE: 1.4 KM

ESTIMATED TIME: 30 MIN

DIFFICULTY RATING: GRADE 2

PERMIT REQUIRED: DHIMURRU GENERAL PERMIT



TOWN CENTRE WALK

NHULUNBUY WALK TRAIL NETWORK

Nhulunbuy is renowned for its incredible natural areas, rich cultural surroundings and unique lifestyles. The walk trail network provides the opportunity to experience the diverse range of attractions that exist on the doorstep of the town, whilst enjoying being active in the outdoors.

Key visitor attractions that can be accessed via the walk trail network include:

- Roy Marika Lookout / Nhulun (Mount Saunders)
- Gadalathami (Town Beach)
- Gayraru (Town Lagoon & Monsoonal Rainforest)
- Endeavour Square
- Arafura Memorial Park

Interpretation signage along the walks allows you to learn about Nhulunbuy and its surroundings including insights into the distinct natural features and remarkable lines of history encompassing Yolnu culture, Macassan trading, World War II and mining.

Some of the walks may be closed from time to time in response to prevailing environmental or cultural considerations. Please observe all signage and information.

WALKING TRACK GRADING SYSTEM

The Australian Walking Track Grading System is a means to inform people about the features of a walking track so that they can gauge whether a particular route is suitable for them. Under this system walking trails are graded on a difficulty scale from grades one to five.

The Nhulunbuy Walk Trail Network includes five clearly sign posted trails ranging between Grade 2 and Grade 3, the key attributes of which are detailed below. Prior to commencing these walks please satisfy yourself that the trail you wish to undertake is appropriate to your level of fitness / capability.

- No bushwalking experience required. The track is a hardened or compacted surface and may have a gentle hill section or sections and occasional steps. Walks no greater than 10km.
- Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep hill sections, a rough surface and many steps. Walks no greater than 20km.

MANAGEMENT

Please report any trail damage or related problems to the Nhulunbuy Corporation Office on Westal Street or phone (08) 8939 2200

PERMITS

The Gadalathami Beach Walk, Gayraru Nature Walk and Nhulun Walk will take you onto Dhimurru Indigenous Protected Areas - access to these Designated Recreation Areas requires a General Permit.

Permits are available for purchase through Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation via:

- <http://www.dhimurru.com.au/permit-information>
- (08) 8939 2700
- Lot 1620 Arnhem Road, Nhulunbuy (Monday - Friday 9.30am – 1pm)

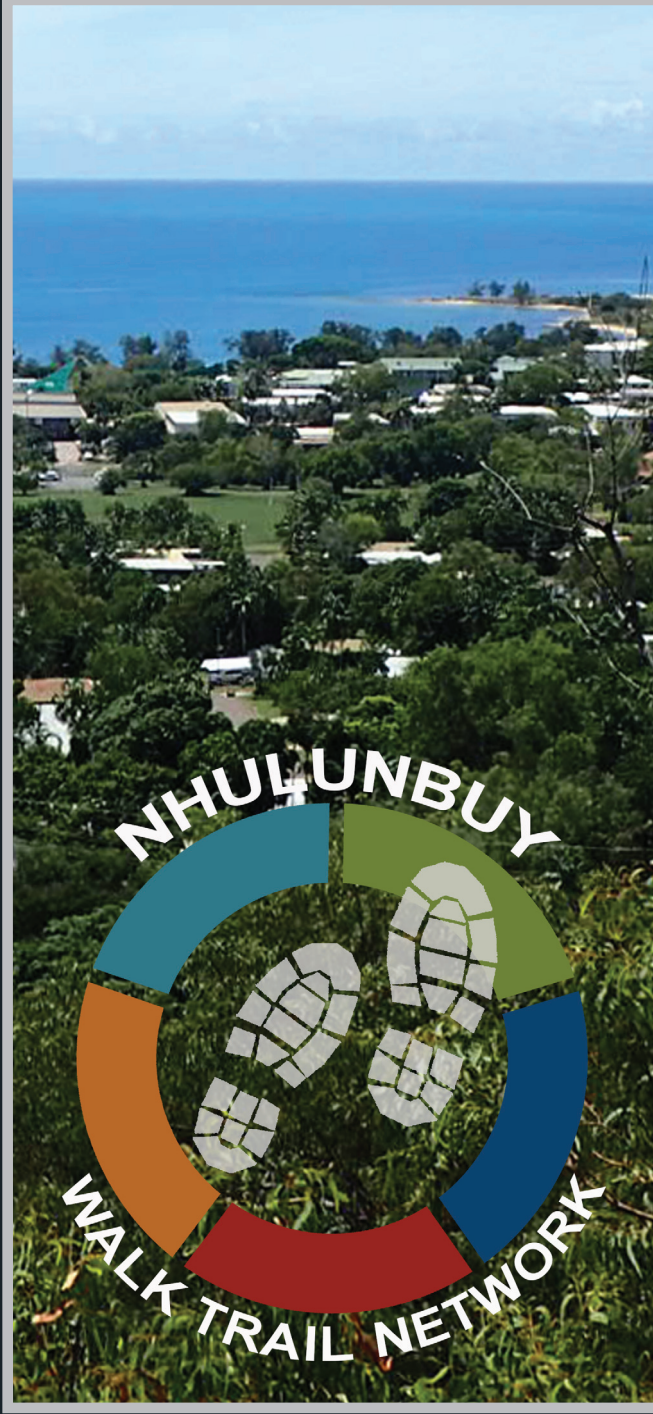
LOOK AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT

- Stay on defined trails and paths
- Leave all cultural items, flora and fauna undisturbed
- Put your rubbish in a bin or take it away with you
- Keep dogs under control at all times. Dogs are not permitted at Gayraru (Town Lagoon) or Gadalathami (Town Beach)

SAFETY

Your enjoyment and safety is our concern, but your responsibility. Please observe the following:

- Pay attention to all safety signs and warnings
- Avoid strenuous activity during the hottest part of the day
- Carry fresh water and remember to stay hydrated
- Protect yourself from the sun and insects – wear a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and loose, light clothing
- Wear sensible footwear and appropriate clothing for weather protection
- Be Crocwise. Saltwater Crocodiles inhabit waterways – take caution and do not enter the water
- Note that some parts of the trail network may be closed due to seasonal conditions
- This area is naturally prone to tropical cyclones events between November and April. Be prepared for changes in weather and trail conditions. Stay informed via <http://www.bom.gov.au>
- Fire danger should be considered. Stay informed via <https://secure.nt.gov.au>
- Listen to the local radio station ABC 880 for up to date information on weather and local warnings
- Do not approach or feed wildlife
- In a life-threatening emergency call 000





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TRAILHEAD (START/FINISH POINT)

NHULUNBUY CORPORATION OFFICE

PUBLIC AMENITIES (subject to opening hours)

GOVE DISTRICT HOSPITAL

VIEWPOINT

BIRD HIDE

FITNESS STATIONS (1-4)

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