

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Question Taken on Notice

Date: 30 November 2017
Subject: Parks and Reserves Visitor Numbers
From: Mr Gerry Wood
To: Minister for Tourism and Culture
Agency: Department of Tourism and Culture

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Question:

Could you provide details of visitor numbers to all reserves and parks over the last five years?

Answer:

The Parks and Wildlife Division calculates the approximate number of visitors to parks and reserves with vehicle and people counters, camping numbers and ticket sales. This information is publically available on the DTC Parks and Wildlife website.

Table 1 represents all visitor numbers to NT parks and reserves over the past five years (2012-2016) arranged from highest to lowest.

Table 2 represents all parks and reserves with visitor numbers less than 5000, noting that many of these parks and reserves do not have counter devices.

All Park NT Parks and Reserves - Calendar Year Visitor Numbers (2016 - 2012)

Table 1:

All NT Parks and Reserves - Calendar Year Visitor Numbers (Highest to Lowest)						
Park/reserve	Comment	2016 visitor numbers	2015 visitor numbers	2014 visitor numbers	2013 visitor numbers	2012 visitor numbers
Reported Parks /Reserves	*Excludes George Brown Botanic Gardens & the Wildlife Parks	2,999,000	2,851,900	2,816,800	2,770,700	2,781,200
Casuarina Coastal Reserve - Whole of Park	2011-2014 is estimated data. 2015 based on new counters on entrances into the Reserve	956,200	937,800	934,000	935,300	935,600
<i>George Brown Botanic Gardens*</i>	Traffic counters at 2 entry points and event data	457,800	355,600	404,700	187,800	258,100
Litchfield National Park	Traffic counters located along Peninsula and Batchelor road.	367,700	329,500	329,600	302,300	278,700
Nitmiluk National Park (whole of Park)	Traffic counters located at Katherine Gorge and Edith Falls.	268,800	249,500	246,900	250,700	235,700
Watarrka National Park	Traffic counters located along Luritja Road at two separate entry points.	246,600	225,000	237,700	221,600	234,700
Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historical Reserve	Traffic counter located at entry point.	207,800	190,000	189,100	184,800	167,900
Eley National Park - Whole of Park	Traffic and pedestrian counters located at Bitter Springs, Mataranka Thermal Pool and John Hauser Drive.	170,700	155,700	157,700	139,600	146,300
Howard Springs Nature Park	Traffic counters located at entry point.	150,800	154,000	146,600	140,700	134,600
Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park (whole of Park figure)	Traffic counters located at Simpsons Gap, Ellery Creek Big Hole and Ormiston Gorge.	157,600	146,100	139,400	135,000	137,400
Berry Springs Nature Reserve	Traffic counters located at entry point.	142,700	126,600	117,500	107,700	131,000
Charles Darwin National Park	Traffic Counter Estimate	114,202	115,477	116,364	116,393	124,435
Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles) Conservation Reserve	Traffic counters located north and south of sealed access road.	108,500	117,300	99,700	107,000	113,900
Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve	Traffic counters located at entry point.	56,100	57,700	65,700	72,300	84,600
<i>Alice Springs</i>	Point of Sales	68,600	63,500	60,800	51,400	52,100

<i>Desert Park*</i>						
<i>Territory Wildlife Park*</i>	Point of Sales	57,300	54,100	63,500	57,100	56,500
Judbarra/Gregory National Park - Whole of Park	Traffic counters located on Bullita Access Road, Joe Creek, Sullivan Creek and Big Horse Campgrounds.	31,100	33,800	30,800	29,900	37,900
Mary River National Park – Shady Camp Conservation Reserve	Traffic counter located along Shady Camp road.	28,300	20,900	22,700	21,100	20,700
Trephina Gorge Nature Park	Traffic counter located at entry point.	23,200	24,000	14,300	20,700	22,700
Finke Gorge National Park	Traffic counter located at entry to Palm Valley.	17,200	16,300	19,100	19,900	22,800
Limmen National Park - Hodgson River Crossing	Traffic counter located at Hodgson River Crossing.	10,300	17,300	17,200	29,200	18,900
Tennant Creek Telegraph Station	Traffic counter located at entry point.	11,100	14,800	12,700	12,000	14,300
Cutta Cutta Caves Nature Park	Based on Cutta Cutta Cave Tour numbers.	11,800	9,700	10,600	9,900	15,400
Keep River National Park	Traffic counter located at entry point.	10,300	8,200	7,500	10,800	12,000
Rainbow Valley Conservation Reserve	Traffic counter located at entry point.	10,600	6,800	6,800	8,500	7,600
Henbury Meteorites Conservation Reserve	Traffic Counter Estimate	10,122	8,702	10,574	4,214	9,707
Owen Springs Reserve	Traffic Counter Estimate	9,354	9,897	9,240	8,398	6,739
Tnorala (Gosse Bluff) Conservation Reserve	Traffic Counter Estimate	7,203	5,936	9,255	6,106	4,007
Arltunga Historical Reserve	Traffic counters located at Visitor Centre and Crossroads intersection	6,200	6,200	5,900	5,700	4,900
Chambers Pillar Historical Reserve	Traffic counter located at entry point	5,400	4,700	5,300	6,000	3,600
N'Dhala Gorge Nature Park	Traffic Counter Estimate	3,582	2,789	3,885	3,594	3,437
Ruby Gap Nature Park	Traffic Counter Estimate	2,692	1,637	1,380	1,750	720
Garig Gunak Barlu National Park	Derived from Issued Park Permits	1,128	1,063	1,117	974	991

Table 2: The following table represents all parks and reserves with visitor numbers less than 5000, noting that many of these parks and reserves do not have counter devices.

• Tjuwaliyn (Douglas) Hot Springs Park	• Flora River Nature Park	• Iytwelepenty/ Davenport Range National Park	• Umbrawarra Gorge Nature Park	• Emily and Jessie Gaps Nature Park	• Channel Point Coastal Reserve	• Barranyi National Park
• Manton Dam Recreation Area	• Butterfly Gorge Nature Park	• Douglas / Daly River Esplanade	• Buffalo Creek Management Area	• Harrison Dam Conservation Area	• Holmes Jungle Nature Park	• Longreach Waterhole Protected Area
• Caranbirini Conservation Reserve	• Corroboree Rock Conservation Reserve	• John Flynn's Grave HR	• Ewaninga Rock Carvings CR	• Shoal Bay Coastal Reserve	• Barrow Creek Telegraph Station HR	• Black Jungle / Lambells Lagoon CR
• Knuckey Lagoons Conservation Reserve	• Blackmore River Conservation Reserve	• Djukbinj National Park	• Mac Clark (Acacia peuce) CR	• Vernon Islands Conservation Reserve	• Daly River (Mt Nancar) Conservation Area	• Dulcie Range National Park
• Kuyunba Conservation Reserve	• Leaning Tree Lagoon Nature Park	• Anna's Reservoir Conservation Reserve	• Connells Lagoon Conservation Reserve	• Howard Springs Hunting Reserve	• Illamurta Springs Conservation Reserve	• Channel Island Conservation Reserve
• Gregory's Tree Historical Reserve	• Ryan Well Historical Reserve	• John Flynn Historical Reserve	• Native Gap Conservation Reserve	• Nightcliff Rainforest Conservation Area	• Victoria River Depot Historical Reserve	• Adelaide River Foreshore Cons Area
• Heavitree Gap Police Station HR	• Melacca Swamp Conservation Area	• Tree Point Conservation Area	• Attack Creek Historical Reserve	• Frew Ponds Historical Reserve	• Indian Island Conservation Area	• Kintore Caves Conservation Reserve
• Stray Creek Conservation Area	• Bullwaddy Conservation Reserve	• Central Mt Stuart Historical Reserve				