

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Question Taken on Notice

Date: 19/06/2018
Subject: Visitor numbers for Northern Territory parks
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To: Hon. Lauren Moss
Agency: Department of Tourism and Culture

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Question:

Can you provide visitor numbers for all parks in the Northern Territory over the last five years?

Answer:

Visitor numbers for NT parks over the last five years is attached, and are available on the Department of Tourism and Culture website.

Visitor numbers are calculated from traffic counters for 22 parks and reserves that receive about 5000 or more visitors annually, in addition to George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens, Territory Wildlife Park and Alice Springs Desert Park. All together an estimated 3.671 M visits were made to NT-managed parks in 2017, about 4 percent more than in 2016.

Park/Reserve	Comment	2017 visitor numbers	2016 visitor numbers	2015 visitor numbers	2014 visitor numbers	2013 visitor numbers
Reported top 22 Parks /Reserves	Excluding Darwin Botanic Gardens and Wildlife Parks	3,130,700	2,999,000	2,851,900	2,816,800	2,770,700
Other Parks	Darwin Botanic Gardens and Wildlife Parks	540,300	583,700	473,200	529,000	296,300
Total		3,671,000	3,582,700	3,325,100	3,345,800	3,067,000

Park/reserve	Comment	2017 visitor numbers	2016 visitor numbers	2015 visitor numbers	2014 visitor numbers	2013 visitor numbers
DARWIN REGION						
Berry Springs Nature Reserve	Traffic counters located at entry point.	138,900	142,700	126,600	117,500	107,700
Casuarina Coastal Reserve - Whole of Park	2011-2014 is estimated data. 2015 based on new counters on entrances into the Reserve	1,062,200	956,200	937,800	934,000	935,300
Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve	Traffic counters located at entry point.	63,200	56,100	57,700	65,700	72,300
Howard Springs Nature Park	Traffic counters located at entry point.	143,300	150,800	154,000	146,600	140,700
Litchfield National Park - Whole of Park	Traffic counters located along Peninsula and Batchelor road.	329,600	367,700	329,500	329,600	302,300
Mary River National Park – Shady Camp Conservation Reserve	Traffic counter located along Shady Camp road.	36,400	28,300	20,900	22,700	21,100

KATHERINE REGION						
Cutta Cutta Caves Nature Park	Based on Cutta Cutta Cave Tour numbers.	13,000	11,800	9,700	10,600	9,900
Eley National Park - Whole of Park	Traffic and pedestrian counters located at Bitter Springs, Mataranka Thermal Pool and John Hauser Drive.	190,900	170,700	155,700	157,700	139,600
Judbarra/Gregory National Park - Whole of Park	Traffic counters located on Bullita Access Road, Joe Creek, Sullivan Creek and Big Horse Campgrounds.	33,800	31,100	33,800	30,800	29,900
Keep River National Park	Traffic counter located at entry point.	13,300	10,300	8,200	7,500	10,800
Limmen National Park - Hodgson River Crossing	Traffic counter located at Hodgson River Crossing.	13,000	10,300	17,300	17,200	29,200
Nitmiluk National Park (whole of Park)	Traffic counters located at Katherine Gorge and Edith Falls.	270,400	268,800	249,500	246,900	250,700
BARKLY REGION						
Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles) Conservation Reserve	Traffic counters located north and south of sealed access road.	107,600	108,500	117,300	99,700	107,000
Tennant Creek Telegraph Station	Traffic counter located at entry point.	10,500	11,100	14,800	12,700	12,000

ALICE SPRINGS REGION						
Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historical Reserve	Traffic counter located at entry point.	237,900	207,800	190,000	189,100	184,800
Arltunga Historical Reserve	Traffic counters located at Visitor Centre and Crossroads intersection.	5,700	6,200	6,200	5,900	5,700
Chambers Pillar Historical Reserve	Traffic counter located at entry point.	4,400	5,400	4,700	5,300	6,000
Finke Gorge National Park	Traffic counter located at entry to Palm Valley.	17,800	17,200	16,300	19,100	19,900
Rainbow Valley Conservation Reserve	Traffic counter located at entry point.	7,500	10,600	6,800	6,800	8,500
Trephina Gorge Nature Park	Traffic counter located at entry point.	28,100	23,200	24,000	14,300	20,700
Watarrka National Park	Traffic counters located along Luritja Road at two separate entry points.	250,100	246,600	225,000	237,700	221,600
Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park (whole of Park figure)	Traffic counters located at Simpsons Gap, Ellery Creek Big Hole and Ormiston Gorge.	153,100	157,600	146,100	139,400	135,000
OTHER						
George Brown Botanic Gardens	Traffic counters at 2 entry points and event data	410,800	457,800	355,600	404,700	187,800
Territory Wildlife Park	Point of Sales	61,200	57,300	54,100	63,500	57,100
Alice Springs Desert Park	Point of Sales	68,300	68,600	63,500	60,800	51,400