

## Section 9 Assessment - launch tour guides

### Authority to Conduct Tours

An annual Authority to Operate is issued to tour guides operating launch (boat) tours on the gorge. It is made up of a Temporary Permit to Serve, Master Class V, and an endorsement to operate tours within Nitmiluk National Park.

### Temporary Permit to Serve

To operate the tourist vessels on the gorge, you must hold a Master Class V, or a Temporary Permit to Serve Master Class V, issued by the Department of Transport and Infrastructure Marine Branch. The Temporary Permit is issued upon successful completion of a practical test on the gorge with a representative from the Marine Branch. You must have a current Senior First Aid Certificate for the permit to be valid.

### Authority to Conduct Tours

To obtain an Authority to Conduct Tours in Nitmiluk, you must complete a two-part assessment to demonstrate your knowledge and ability to conduct launch (boat) tours.

#### Stage 1

The first part is a written assessment that guides can work on during the course of their training.

#### Stage 2

Once the written assessment is satisfactorily completed, the Interpretation Officer will go on tour with the guide to assess how they conduct the tour. This is the practical assessment.

### Written assessment

At the end of each section of this handbook are the assessment questions for launch tour guides. The answers are in the same section - you just need to look for them. These questions are repeated in this section with space for you to write your answers.

Please answer the questions in your own words, rather than copy text directly from this handbook, then cut them out and submit them to:

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Parks & Wildlife Service of the NT  
32 Giles Street  
PO Box 344  
KATHERINE NT 0851  
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Contact the Interpretation Officer on (08) 8973 8859 with any questions.

### What tour guides need to know

In a shaded box at the start of each section is a list of questions that launch tour guides should be able to answer. These are the same as the Assessment Questions at the end of each section.

### Launch tour guide assessment checklist

1. Senior First Aid Certificate
2. Temporary Permit to Serve Master V
3. Authority to Conduct Tours:
  - a) Written assessment
  - b) Practical assessment





## Section 2 Assessment questions

**1. Who was the first non-Aboriginal person to come through this area?**


**2. How did that person contribute to changes in the Katherine area?**


**3. How were Jawoyn people affected by the new settlers?**


**4. Why was Nitmiluk handed back to the Jawoyn people?**


**5. How has the return of their land benefited the Jawoyn people?**


**6. In what ways do Jawoyn people maintain their culture today?**


### Section 3 Assessment questions

1. What is Burr?


2. What are some of the significant events of Burr?


3. What is Bula's story?


4. What is Nabilil's story?


<b>4. How was Nitmiluk named?</b>

<b>5. What is Bolung's story?</b>

<b>6. Who is Barraya?</b>

<b>7. What are the five Jawoyn seasons?</b>



<b>11. What is a calendar plant?</b>

<b>12. What food plants grow along the river and what parts of the plants are eaten?</b>

<b>13. What is a moiety?</b>

<b>14. How does a person's skin name affect who they marry?</b>

<b>15. What can make a site significant?</b>





## Section 4 Assessment questions

**1. What is the pattern of rainfall in the Top End?**


**2. What causes flooding in the Katherine area?**


**3. What is the Kombolgie Formation and how did it develop?**


<b>4. According to geologists, how did the Gorge form?</b>

<b>5. What is the source of 17 Mile Creek?</b>

<b>6. What is a habitat?</b>

<b>7. What are the landscape types in Nitmiluk National Park?</b>

**8. What makes it possible for rainforests to grow in sandstone gullies?**


**9. Why are bats and birds important to rainforests?**


**10. What are some of the animals in the Katherine River?**


**11. What birds do you see during a cruise on the River?**


**12. How is a riverine habitat different to a floodplain habitat?**


<b>13. How do you tell the difference between Freshwater and Estuarine (Saltwater) Crocodiles?</b>

<b>14. What do Freshwater Crocodiles eat?</b>

<b>15. Why do you see crocodiles more during the cold weather time than when it's hot?</b>

<b>16. When do Freshwater Crocodiles nest?</b>

<b>17. How does nest temperature influence crocodile eggs?</b>

## Section 5 Assessment questions

**1. What is the role of the Board of Management in Nitmiluk National Park?**


**2. What is the role of Parks and Wildlife in the management of Nitmiluk?**


**3. What is the Plan of Management?**


**4. Who are the joint managers of Nitmiluk National Park?**


**5. What role do concessionaires play in Nitmiluk National Park?**


**6. Who owns Nitmiluk Tours?**


<b>7. What are the main management issues in Nitmiluk National Park?</b>

<b>8. What is the purpose of fire management?</b>

<b>9. What are some of the feral animals in the Park?</b>

<b>10. What impacts do hard-hoofed animals have?</b>

<b>11. What are some of the weeds in the Park?</b>

<b>12. Where do weeds tend to be a greater problem?</b>

<b>13. Are Estuarine (Saltwater) Crocodiles found in the Katherine River?</b>

<b>14. How does PWSNT deal with the threat of Estuarine (Saltwater) Crocodiles in Katherine Gorge?</b>

**Section 6 Assessment questions**

**1. What advice should you give someone asking about a walk in Nitmiluk National Park?**


**2. What should you tell someone when you sell them a ticket for a launch tour?**


**3. What are your responsibilities as a tour guide?**


**4. What licences, certificates and permissions must you have to conduct tours in Nitmiluk National Park?**


<b>5. What advice should you give your clients at a swimming hole?</b>

<b>6. How would you know if a person was suffering from heat stress and how would you deal with it? (Answer not supplied in this Handbook - check your First Aid book).</b>

<b>7. What should you do if someone slipped on a rock and ended up with a minor scratch or bruise?</b>

<b>8. What should you do if someone suffered a major injury on your tour, like a broken leg or fractured skull?</b>

## Section 8 Assessment questions

**1. What can you do to help visitors from non-English speaking countries understand you?**


**2. What are five key considerations for communicating with people from Asian countries?**


**3. What are five key considerations for communicating with people from European countries?**
