

DALY RIVER

The Daly River, famous for its large barramundi, is one of the Top End's most popular waterways for recreational fishing and boating and now hosts two major annual fishing competitions - the 'Barra Classic' and the 'Barra Nationals'. Fishing Charters and Boat Hire available.



Daly River Crossing

Daly River Crossing is a popular fishing and boating area that is renowned for its barramundi, its scenic surrounds, and its diverse wildlife. Powerful saltwater crocodiles lurk beneath the tranquil waters, and millions of migratory birds visit the area each year.

Crocodiles

Both freshwater and saltwater crocodiles inhabit the Daly River and its tributaries. Saltwater (Estuarine) crocodiles in particular are potentially dangerous to humans, so for your own safety do not swim in the river or approach the edge of the waterways. Clean fish away from the waters edge.



Jesuit Ruins

The Jesuit Ruins on the Daly River Mango Farm, located along the Daly River, is one of the earliest examples of European settlement in the Top End. The ruins are accessed via a 2km scenic bush track. Visitors staying at the Mango Farm have free access to the ruins.

Merrepen Arts Centre

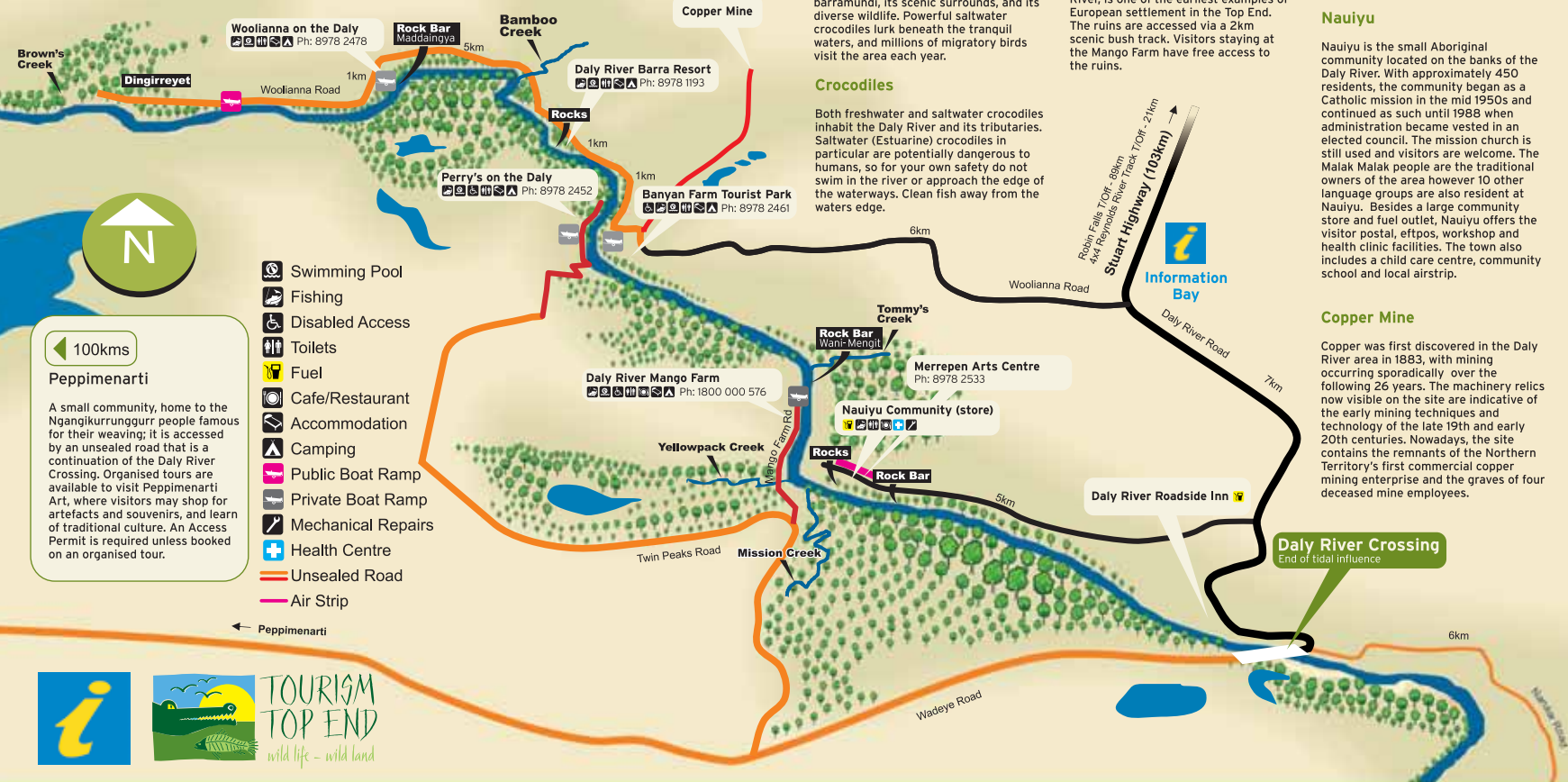
Open daily from 10am to 5pm. Free entry. Weekends by appointment. It is recommended to call before arrival on 89 782533. Merrepen Arts Centre sells authentic Aboriginal acrylic paintings, screen prints, batik and hand printed lino-block fabric and shirts, silk paintings, weavings and cards. The annual Merrepen Arts Festival incorporates both the art and various guest appearances such as the Darwin Symphony Orchestra. The Festival is held over the first weekend of June each year.

Nauiyu

Nauiyu is the small Aboriginal community located on the banks of the Daly River. With approximately 450 residents, the community began as a Catholic mission in the mid 1950s and continued as such until 1988 when administration became vested in an elected council. The mission church is still used and visitors are welcome. The Malak Malak people are the traditional owners of the area however 10 other language groups are also resident at Nauiyu. Besides a large community store and fuel outlet, Nauiyu offers the visitor postal, eftpos, workshop and health clinic facilities. The town also includes a child care centre, community school and local airstrip.

Copper Mine

Copper was first discovered in the Daly River area in 1883, with mining occurring sporadically over the following 26 years. The machinery relics now visible on the site are indicative of the early mining techniques and technology of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Nowadays, the site contains the remnants of the Northern Territory's first commercial copper mining enterprise and the graves of four deceased mine employees.



Peppimenarti
A small community, home to the Ngangikurrungurr people famous for their weaving; it is accessed by an unsealed road that is a continuation of the Daly River Crossing. Organised tours are available to visit Peppimenarti Art, where visitors may shop for artefacts and souvenirs, and learn of traditional culture. An Access Permit is required unless booked on an organised tour.

