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DARWIN’S CALLING!

Darwin city and other regional areas hold special commemorations for the Bombing of Darwin on the 19 February each year. A tribute is held to pay our respects to the men and women who were there, and to remember this significant part of Australia’s history.

Bombing of Darwin commemoration

A CALL FROM THE TERRITORY

A MAP TO THE MILITARY SITES OF THE TOP END

- RFDS DARWIN TOURIST FACILITY
- WWII OIL STORAGE TUNNELS
- SEA DARWIN
- BOMBING OF DARWIN TOURS
- THE DARWIN HISTORY AND WARTIME EXPERIENCE
- SEGWAY TOURS NT
- WALK DARWIN
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- DEFENCE OF DARWIN EXPERIENCE
- DARWIN AVIATION MUSEUM
- BACHELOR MUSEUM
- WWII 4RSU TOURS
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During World War II, this area was part of Australia’s front line of defence. Today you can see historic ammunition storage bunkers and testing areas, plus a fascinating display of memorabilia from World War II.

Quarantine Battery is the most complete anti-aircraft gun-site within the Darwin area, with the substantial remains located at the junction of Berrimah Road and Casey Street, near East Arm. It is a fascinating place to explore.

Named for its distance from Darwin, this camp was developed after the Darwin bombings to help defend against an expected Japanese invasion. It was used as a base for both US and Australian troops.

Wagait Beach on the Cox Peninsula was part of Darwin’s WWII Defence Plan. Two important sites remain - the 6-inch gun emplacements of Wagait Battery and the wreckage of B24J Liberator Bomber Milady.

Strauss Airfield. Built in 1942, Strauss Airfield is located 45km from Darwin and a trail of other airfields such as Livingstone, Hughes and Fenton can be visited through the top end. Information displays, and some remnants from 1942 can still be seen today.

Manton Dam, about 65km north of Adelaide River, was built to supply water to the navies and Military in Darwin. The dam is still in place now and used as emergency back-up for Darwin river dam. One of the original Beni Burnett cottages is still on site as are 2 Sidney Williams huts.

Cleared as a civil aerodrome in 1933, Batchelor aerodrome became an important base for Allied Air operations during the war years from late 1941. Visit the Batchelor Museum to find out more.

The quiet township of Adelaide River was once a major centre for Australian and American armed forces. Today you can visit the numerous military sites along with the Adelaide River cemetery, a sobering reminder of the impact of WWII.
1. DARWIN WATERFRONT ON THE WHARF
2. SURVIVOR’S LOOKOUT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE
3. DARWIN CENOTAPH
4. USS PEARY MEMORIAL TO DOCTORS GULLY
5. EAST POINT MILITARY COMPLEX
6. SANDY CREEK WATCH POST
7. CHARLES DARWIN NATIONAL PARK
8. QUARANTINE ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY
9. 16 MILE CAMP
10. COX PENINSULA/WAGAINT BEACH
11. STRAUSS AIRFIELD
12. MANTON DAM
13. BATCHelor
14. ADELAIDE RIVER