



## Side by side...

Airports and natural bush are two very different worlds yet with careful management, responsible use, and some compromises, modern developments and natural environments can coexist. Responsible use of remnant bush like the Rapid Creek corridor will ensure it's here for a long time to come, allowing future generations to enjoy small but special patches of bush too!



*The Gurumbai walking trail takes you alongside Rapid Creek and its associated wetlands.*

The return journey is about 3.5 kilometres long. Most of the trail is made of gravel, the boardwalk section is at ground level.

*There are a number of trail access points:*

- On foot from the Henry Wrigley Drive bridge over Rapid Creek
- On foot from behind the Darwin Airport Resort's BBQ area (stairs involved)
- From the carpark on Sir Norman Brearley Drive
- From the carpark on Larkin Avenue.

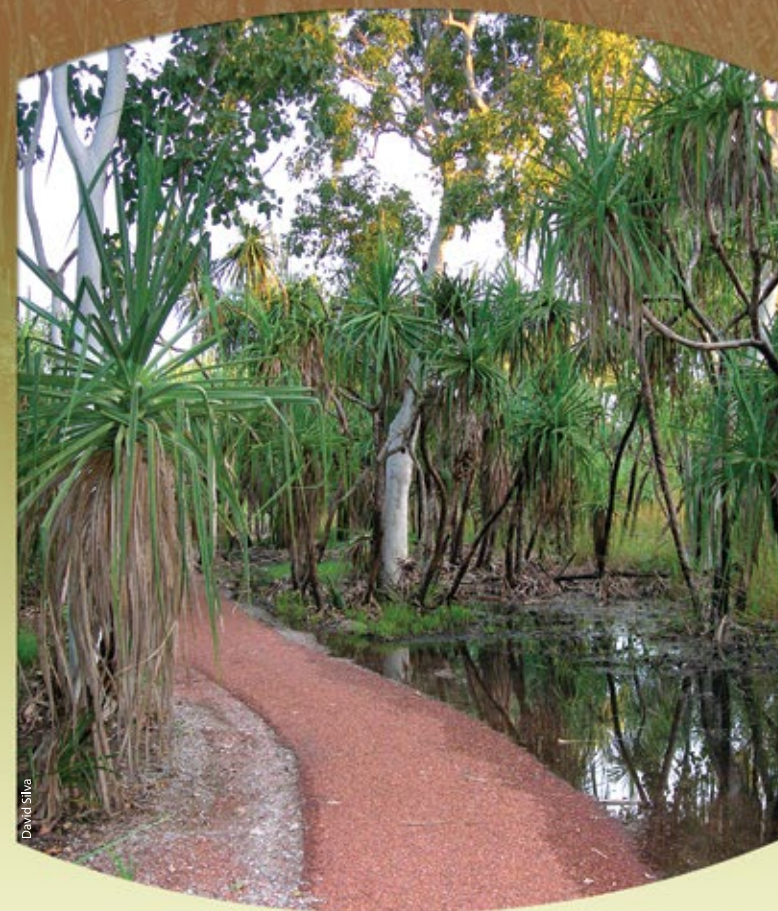
Always protect yourself from the sun and carry plenty of drinking water when walking.



Another environmental initiative of the Airport Development Group

# The Gurumbai walking trail

*a special place*



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Darwin International Airport invites you to explore the

# Gurumbai walking trail

The lower, north western part of the Gurumbai trail takes you alongside Rapid Creek, Darwin's only significant freshwater system.

You can walk in the cool of the monsoon forest down to historic Yankee Pools.

Gurumbai is the Larrakia name for Rapid Creek and means 'elbow', referring to the shape of the creek at its mouth. Take this pleasant walk and enjoy a typical natural 'Top End' environment.

## 1000 ways to make a difference...

The Rapid Creek Landcare Group, Larrakia people, Darwin Airport staff and contractors, Greening Australia, Green Corps and Conservation Volunteers Australia have planted many trees along the trail to create a buffer zone between the airport and Rapid Creek.

Small patches of remnant vegetation surrounded by urban developments are constantly under threat from weed invasion, erosion, excessive or inappropriate recreational use, water pollution and dumping. Buffer zones assist in easing these threats by providing a protective boundary.



Walking on the south eastern, upper part of the trail takes you through gentle ferny and prickly pandanus environments alongside the wetland edges.

Further along you can explore the drier woodland with flowering grevilleas, eucalypts and acacias.



Gurumbai Trail photos by David Silva.