



## Protocols for camping on the Tiwi Islands

*These protocols provide guidance for campers to ensure they respect Tiwi Islander property, privacy, cultural beliefs and practices.*

### Your permit

You have been issued with a permit by the Tiwi Land Council (TLC) to stay at a designated campsite on the Tiwi Islands. Please carry your permit with you at all times. The Tiwi Islands are private property and failure to present a permit when requested by an authorised officer is an offence under the *Aboriginal Land Act*.

Your permit only allows you to stay at one of three nominated campsites. If you wish to engage in hunting or sightseeing activities, you will need to apply for a relevant permit [www.tiwilandcouncil.com](http://www.tiwilandcouncil.com). Your application will need TLC approval.

### Campsite locations

Camp Point Campsite	Melville Island – east coast	11° 36.527'S	131° 25.308'E
Robertson Creek Campsite	Melville Island – central south coast	11° 51.003'S	131° 04.353'E
Shaggy's Campsite (Tinkanrow)	Bathurst Island – east coast on the Apsley Strait	11° 41.143'S	130° 30.765'E

The campsites are located in the Permit Free Fishing Access Zone – please check the TLC website to see the area marked in yellow. Fishers are not permitted to fish in the red fishing exclusion zone.

### Facilities

A roofed corrugated iron shelter, barbeque, and water tank is available at each campsite. The water tanks may be empty and the water is NOT for drinking. There are no toilet facilities available so campers are permitted to walk within a 50-metre radius of their campsite for toileting. Dig a hole at least 30cm deep and bury the toilet paper.

### Photography and filming

It is permitted to take photographs for personal use as a memento of your visit, but you will need to apply for a Media Permit [www.tiwilandcouncil.com](http://www.tiwilandcouncil.com) to film or take photographs of the Tiwi Islands for publication or for commercial purposes.

### Social media

Social media posts have the potential to cause offence to Tiwi people. Do not upload audio, video or images of people to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or blogs without written consent from

the individuals involved.

## Protecting the environment

The Tiwi Islands are environmentally sensitive and largely intact. To ensure the ongoing protection of Tiwi land and sea country, you must comply with applicable Northern Territory and Commonwealth laws, and comply with all TLC environmental and quarantine requirements. Collection of samples of plants and animals is not permitted.

## Rubbish

As a courtesy to the Tiwi people and future campers, please take all rubbish from campsites with you. Rangers regularly inspect campsites and any rubbish left behind may incur a clean-up fee.

## Crocodiles

Crocodiles are common on the Tiwi Islands, you must always assume that saltwater crocodiles are present in any waterway. They are expert hunters and well camouflaged. Don't become complacent; crocodile danger is real and attacks can be fatal. Saltwater crocodiles can attack people in boats and the smaller the boat, the greater the risk.

## Marine WildWatch

You can help protect Tiwi marine and coastal environments by watching out for marine wildlife such as dolphins, marine turtles, dugongs and whales. Call the Marine WildWatch hotline to report sightings and strandings. Phone: 1800 453 941. Or visit the Marine WildWatch page on the NT Government website.

## Problems with the campsite

The three designated campsites are located in very remote areas on the Tiwi Islands and can only be accessed by boat. Please notify the TLC of any problems with campsite infrastructure, or any other issues. This will assist the TLC with ongoing maintenance of the sites, and improve the quality of the experience for future campers.

## If you notice anything unusual while visiting the Tiwi Islands

Phone the Fishwatch Hotline on 1800 891 136 or use the reporting section in the NT Fishing Mate App to report suspected illegal fishing activity.

It is important to provide as much detail as you can. You should include as much as possible of the following:

- what happened
- where it happened
- when
- who

If you notice any suspected illegal or criminal immigration, visa, customs and trade activity please notify the NT Police on 131 444. You can also report unusual activity to the Australian Government's Department of Immigration and Border Protection. The Australian Government takes all reports of suspicious activity seriously and you can choose to remain anonymous.