

Timber Creek

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Timber Creek

Alternate name: Makalamayi

Location: 300km west of Katherine

NT Region: Top End

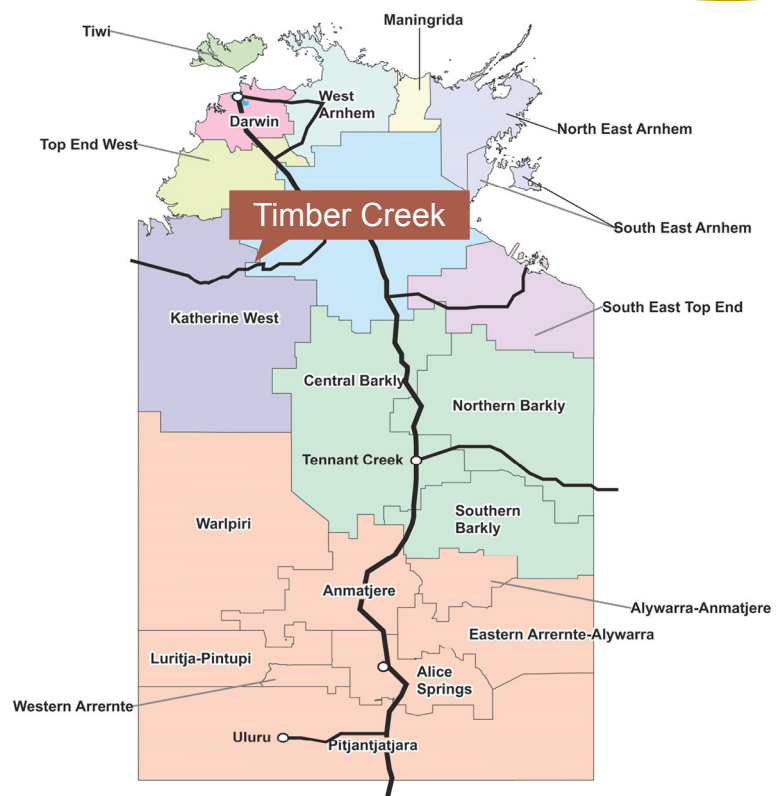
Population: Approx. 293 residents

Access: Road

Language groups: Ngarinyman
and Ngaliwurru

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Limited use of internet in
the clinic



This map of the Northern Territory, divided into regions, has been adapted from the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) Program Management and Implementation Section (2008) Map of the Northern Territory

Climate (Top End)

Season	Description	Temp. Range
Winter (June to August)	Cooler and dry	6°C to 19°C
<p>The temperature can drop below 0°C overnight in winter. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.</p> <p>Humidity Range 20% – 50%.</p> <p>Fine weather with minimal rain and the possibility of getting quite cold by Territory standards during June/July.</p>		
Summer (December to February)	Hot and humid	25°C to 38°C
<p>The temperature can rise above 40°C during the day in summer. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.</p> <p>Humidity Range 30% – 95%.</p> <p>The build-up occurs from September with building humidity, intermittent lightning storms and downpours. Rains typically arrive December/January with regular heavy downpours and the possibility of cyclones.</p>		

Infrastructure, facilities and services

Community	<p>Church: Yes</p> <p>Community halls or sheds: Yes</p> <p>Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes</p> <p>School: Yes</p> <p>Library: No</p> <p>Council Office: Yes</p> <p>Women's Centre: No</p> <p>Childcare Centre: Yes</p> <p>Aged Care Centre: No</p> <p>Community Safety: Yes</p> <p>Banking: Yes</p> <p>Recreational/other facilities: Yes, there is a football oval, basketball court and tennis court. There are also camping and bushwalking facilities. Timber Creek is well known for its fishing and is one of the Northern Territory's most scenic places to catch a barramundi.</p>	
Community store	<p>Fogarty's Store</p> <p>The community store stocks a small range of fresh produce, frozen goods, shelf items, ice, bait, and tackle.</p> <p>Opening hours Monday – Sunday 7:00am – 12:00am</p>	Telephone (08) 8975 0722
Other food outlets	BP restaurant, takeaway and pub.	
Food orders	<p>Woolworths Katherine</p> <p>Telephone (08) 8934 8100 Web www.woolworthsonline.com.au</p> <p>Nighthawk Transport</p> <p>Telephone (08) 8972 3889 Web www.nighthawktransport.com.au</p> <p>Food orders can be made online at Woolworths and will be delivered from Katherine. Nighthawk Transport will deliver your order to the general store. Cost of delivery depends on the size and range of the order. Orders must be in by Thursday to be delivered on Tuesday evening.</p>	
Commercial accommodation	<p>Timber Creek Hotel and Circle F Caravan Park</p> <p>Timber Creek is 285km west of Katherine and 193km east of the border between the Northern Territory and Western Australia. Food, drinks, fuel, groceries and souvenirs are available.</p>	Telephone (08) 8975 0722
Fuel	<p>BP Timber Creek</p> <p>Lot 94 Victoria Hwy, Timber Creek NT 0852</p>	Telephone (08) 8975 0722
Police station	Timber Creek Police Station	Telephone (08) 8975 0733
Community Safety	No	
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444

Telephone/internet/mail										
Mobile phone ¹ /phone	3G Telstra									
Internet	Limited use of the internet is available in the clinic.									
Mail	Mail is delivered to the Health Centre									
Access										
Road	Timber creek is accessible via the Victoria Highway, approximately 282km West of Katherine. The highway is all 2-lane bitumen and well maintained. Greyhound buses pass through each day (both ways). The road is easily passable in a 2WN vehicle although a 4WD is better for exploring the surrounding areas.									
Air	<p>There is a dirt strip for the emergency evacuation of patients. The airstrip is 7km west of town and can be closed at times during the wet season. In an emergency, aircrafts are able to use the army runway at Bradshaw which is sealed</p> <p>Darwin: Charter available Katherine: Charter available</p>									
Regular passenger transport	Greyhound buses pass daily each way through Timber Creek, travelling between Darwin and Broome. Please contact Parks and Wildlife on (08) 8975 0888 for the information regarding road closures.									
Health centre										
Health service ²	Katherine West Health Board (WKHB)	Telephone (08) 8975 0727 Email lyn.archer@kwhb.com.au Web www.kwhb.com.au								
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	Facilities	Four consult rooms and one emergency room.								
On-call services	Yes									
Medical Records System ³	Communicare									
Vehicles	No vehicle is provided for personal use. As per KWHB vehicle policy document. Maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance. **Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.									
GPs	Yes, a permanent GP is based in the clinic.									
Visiting services	Visiting services include dietetics, midwifery, podiatry, dental health services, mental health professionals, gynaecology and hearing health services.									
Acute care	Care Flight									
Other	Birthing women birth in Katherine or Darwin.									

¹ Telstra 3G/Next G are typically the only mobile services that work in more remote parts of the Northern Territory. See link – <http://telstra.com.au/mobile-phones/coverage-networks/our-coverage/>

² For more detailed description of the health centre and their services, please contact the Health Service directly.

³ Training should be arranged before your arrival in the community.

Alcohol

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RAHC advised all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.

Governance

Local Government

The local council is the Roper Gulf Council.
The land council is the Northern Land Council (NLC).

Outstations

Nyirranggulong

Other tips and relevant information

Other tips/relevant information

Be prepared for the variable standard of accommodation in communities. A sleeping bag sheet insert is a good idea for protection against biting insects.

Whenever possible, avoid being on the road from dusk till dawn. Apart from the unfenced cattle station, the region has a population of feral horses, donkeys, dogs and the occasional camel along with a native population of Kangaroos and Dingoes. All of which are a significant road hazard.

On arrival, please check with the Health Centre to understand any health or social issues within the community. They can also let you know of any sacred sites to avoid.

Disclaimer

This information is prepared in good faith and to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing. However, Aboriginal communities, like any community, can change as the population shifts and people move on. Please contact the RAHC Regional Coordinator or the Health Centre Manager to confirm any key issues or concerns you may have ahead of your RAHC placement. RAHC also values any input you can provide to improve our Community Profiles.

⁴ It is an offence to consume or bring alcohol into a dry community in the Northern Territory.

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