

Pine Creek

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Pine Creek

Alternate name: N/A

Location: 226km south east of Darwin

NT Region: Top End

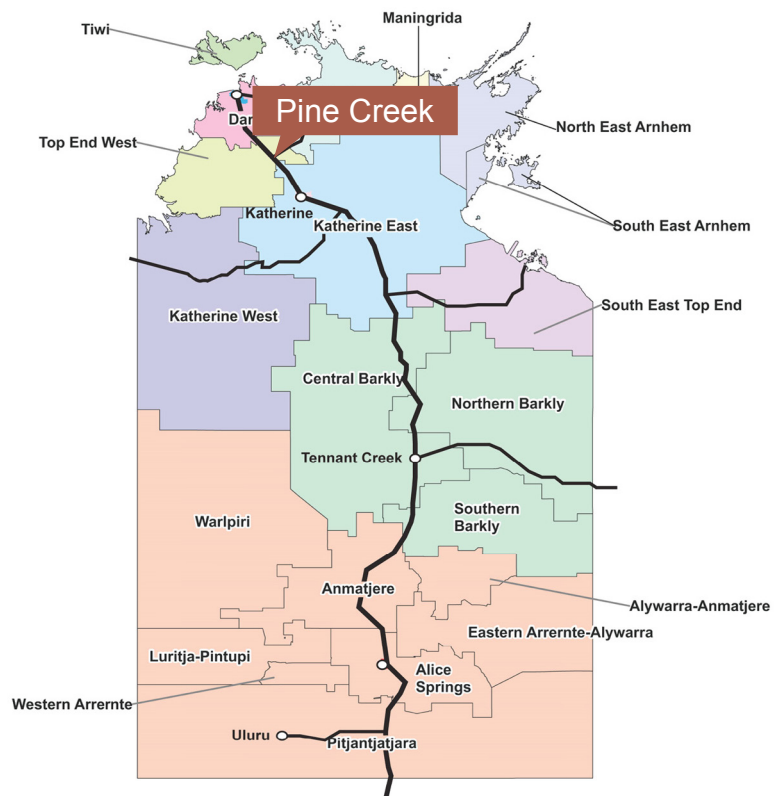
Population: Approx. 328 residents

Access: Road

Language groups: Wardman

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Personal internet use is only available in the accommodation.



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

Church: No

Community halls or sheds: Yes

Workforce skills or training facilities: No

School: Yes

Library: Yes

Council Office: Yes

Women's Centre: No

Childcare Centre: No

Aged Care Centre: No

Community Safety: Yes

Banking: No

Recreational/other facilities: Pine Creek is on the cusp of the temperate and tropical climate zones, and this environment has made it the home of unique birdlife and a popular travel destination. You can explore the Water Gardens, National Trust Museum, Railway Precinct and more.

There are also several annual events including, the Northern Territory Gold Panning Champions, the Didgeridoo Jam and the Pine Creek races.

Community store

Lazy Lizard Grocery Store

Telephone (08) 89761019

The store stocks groceries, fruit, vegetables, and general merchandise. Frozen meat and essentials are also available.

Opening hours

Monday – Friday

6:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday

6:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday

7:00am – 5:00pm

Other food outlets

Mayse's Café, Pine Creek Railway Resort and Pine Creek Hotel Restaurant.

Food orders

Food orders are not available in Pine Creek.

Commercial accommodation

Lazy Lizard Caravan Park Tavern & Information Centre

Telephone (08) 89761019

The Lazy Lizard is located in the centre of Pine Creek. It offers a restaurant, a tavern, a bottle shop and camping area. There is also a visitor information centre offering arts and crafts, fuel and freight services.

Pine Creek Hotel

Telephone (08) 89761288

Pine Creek Hotel has hotel rooms, restaurant, bar, and right next door is Maye's Café.

Pine Creek Railway Resort

Telephone (08) 89761001

The railway resort offers a bar, restaurant, bungalows, and the local post office on premises.

Fuel

Fuel is available from Independent Pine Creek Petrol Station and United Petrol Station Pine Creek.

Police station

Pine Creek Police Station

Telephone (08) 89761255

Community Safety

Yes, there is a community safety program.

Other police contract Police assistance line **Telephone** 131 444

Telephone/internet/mail

Mobile phone¹/phone 4G Telstra

Internet Yes, personal use is available.

Mail **Pine Creek LPO** **Telephone:** (08) 8976 1220
1 Railway Terrace, Pine Creek, NT 0847

Access

Road Pine Creek is accessible via the Stuart Highway. The drive from Darwin to Pine Creek takes approximately two and a half hours.

Air There is no airstrip in Pine creek.

Regular passenger transport Greyhound Bus and Katherine Coaches offer services to Pine Creek.

Health centre

Health service² **Department of Health (DOH)** **Telephone** (08) 89761268
Pine Creek Health Centre **Email:** pinecreek.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au
Web www.health.nt.gov.au

Operating hours

Monday – Thursday	8:00am – 4:20pm
Friday	9:00am – 12:00pm
Saturday – Sunday	Closed

Facilities
Five consulting rooms.

On-call services Yes, 24/7 on-call service.

Medical Records System³ PCIS

Vehicles The health centre 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 A GP visits the clinic every Tuesday.

Visiting services An orthodontist and Northern Territory Government services attend Pine Creek Clinic every three months.

Acute care Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)

Other Birthing women birth in Katherine.

Alcohol

Alcohol⁴ RAHC advises all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.

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.

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

Governance

Local Government

The local council is the Victoria Daly Regional Council.
The land council is the Northern Land Council.

Outstations

N/A

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.

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