

Useful websites

Fossicking Tours

When visiting the Harts Range area, the Gemtree Caravan Park runs fossicking tours in the area during March to October.

www.gemtree.com.au

Heritage Sites

To find out more about heritage sites at your destination.

<https://dtc.nt.gov.au/nt-heritage-council>

Road conditions

Up to date road conditions are available from the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

Phone: 1800 246 199 (Free call)

<https://nt.gov.au/driving/safety/check-road-conditions>

Territory Parks and Reserves

Information about the Territory's National Parks, including access and closures.

www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au/parks

Weather conditions

Visit the Bureau of Meteorology website for updated weather forecasts, rainfall and severe weather warnings.

www.bom.gov.au/nt

Aboriginal Land

Aboriginal land is privately owned and a permit is required to enter. To apply for a permit, contact the relevant Land Council.

Central Land Council - www.clc.org.au

Northern Land Council - www.nlc.org.au

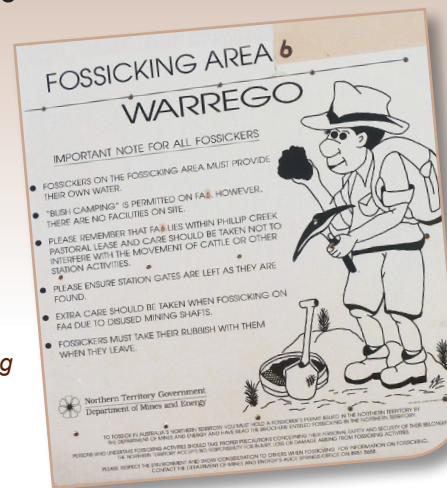
Aboriginal Sacred Sites

Aboriginal Sacred Sites are protected areas and as such fossicking is not allowed. For information visit the AAPA website.

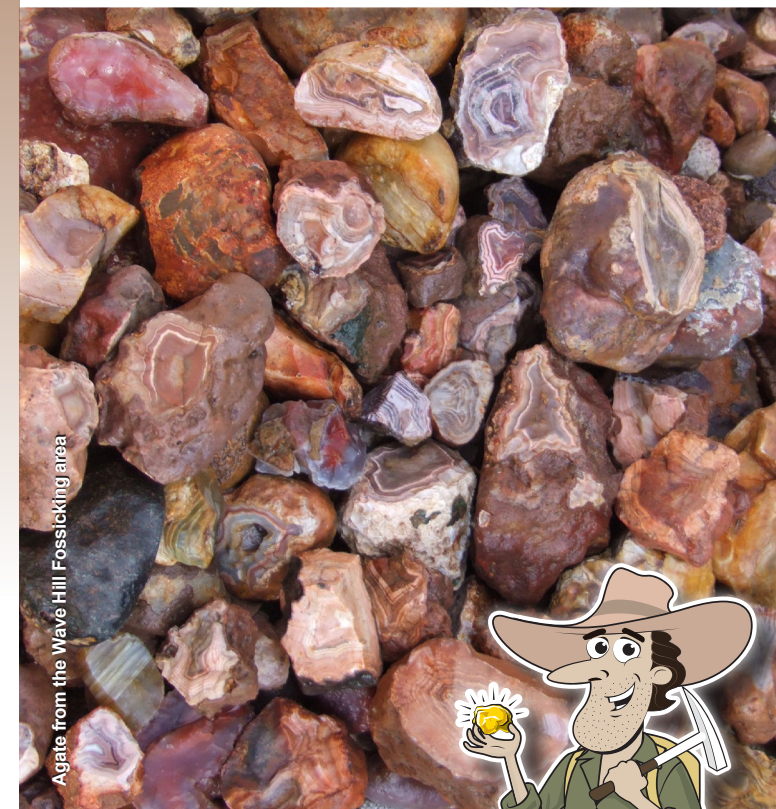
www.aapant.org.au

Dos and don'ts

- Do take your rubbish with you.
- Do leave gates as you find them.
- Do fill in your holes.
- Do leave domestic animals at home.
- Do travel and fossick safely.
- Do be kind to the environment.
- Don't interfere with infrastructure or livestock.
- Don't leave fires unattended.
- Don't use the owner's conserved water without permission.
- Don't engage in activities not related to fossicking.



Historic fossicking sign at Warrego Fossicking Area



Agate from the Wave Hill Fossicking area

For further information contact

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Introduction

Renowned for its abundance, quality and variety of gems and minerals, Australia's Northern Territory is just waiting to be discovered.

Fossicking is a unique and fun way to see and explore some of the most scenic outback landscapes the Territory has to offer.

To ensure your experience is an enjoyable one, take time to familiarise yourself with the relevant information before embarking on your adventure.

Visit the website fossicking.nt.gov.au

What can I discover?

- Minerals
- Gemstones (precious stones)
- Semi-precious stones (ornamental stones)
- Crystals
- Alluvial gold, including nuggets
- Rocks



Do I need a permit ?

No permit is needed to fossick in the Northern Territory. However you may need to notify some land owners of your intention to fossick on their land.

For further information refer to the Land Access Information Bulletin which can be found on the fossicking website.

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Which tools can I use?

You can search for and extract limited amounts of rocks, minerals and crystals by means of digging by hand or by using hand held tools, to a depth of one metre.

Tools that may be used for this purpose include a pick, hammer, shovel, sieve, pan, shaker, basin and metal detector.

You may also use power operated equipment, such as a dry blower or sluice to screen or separate material however you are not permitted to use power operated equipment or engine driven equipment such as jackhammers, dredges or digging tools to extract any material.

The use of explosives is not permitted.

What is STRIKE?

STRIKE is an on-line tool located on the fossicking website that will enable you to check land tenure, create customised maps, obtain land status and other information before you embark on your fossicking adventure.

Where can I fossick?

You can fossick on any land providing the correct notifications and consents are obtained - including on proposed fossicking areas. However, there are no restrictions to fossicking on vacant Crown land or a declared fossicking area.

