

OFFLINE CAMPGROUND GUIDE

Dashwood Crossing: Remote Riverside Camping on the Victoria River, NT

VICTORIA RIVER, NORTHERN TERRITORY | VISITED AUGUST 2026
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CAMPGROUND SNAPSHOT

COST	Free
CAMPING	Two riverfront caravan sites on the east bank
FACILITIES	None - basic bush camp
VEHICLE	4WD recommended
SETUP	Off-road caravan or camper recommended
ROAD	Unsealed Buchanan Highway with corrugations, rocky sections and river crossings
TOP SPRINGS	Travel west approximately 85 km
TIMBER CREEK	Approximately 157 km via Buchanan Highway
CAMPFIRES	Allowed during the August 2026 visit; check current restrictions
RECEPTION	Not confirmed - prepare for no service

RIVER SAFETY: This is crocodile country. Avoid deep water and assess conditions carefully. Road access, river levels, fire restrictions and campsite availability can change.



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Map compiled from contributor-supplied information and reference screenshots. Use for trip planning only; verify current road, weather and access conditions before travelling.



Custom map and trip summary. Use as a planning reference and carry proper offline navigation.

COST

Free

CAMP STYLE

Basic riverfront bush camp - space for two vans

ACCESS

4WD and off-road caravan or camper recommended

FACILITIES

None - arrive fully self-contained

GETTING THERE

From Top Springs, travel west for approximately 85 km along the Buchanan Highway. The campsite is on the east bank of the Victoria River, on the right-hand side when approaching from Top Springs. From Timber Creek, travel approximately 157 km via the Buchanan Highway. The location is listed in WikiCamps as "Victoria River Ford, Dashwood Crossing".

ACCESS AND SETUP

A 4WD and off-road caravan or camper are recommended. The Buchanan Highway is unsealed and includes corrugations, rocky sections and numerous river crossings. Airing down to suitable off-road tyre pressures can help smooth the journey. The east-bank camp has room for two vans and offers absolute river frontage beneath mature paperbark trees.

AT A GLANCE

WATER Victoria River frontage; carry drinking water.	PHONE Not confirmed - prepare for no reception.
FIRES Allowed when visited; check current restrictions.	TRAVELLERS Visited as a couple travelling with two dogs.
FISHING Barramundi opportunity; cherabin were successfully trapped.	SERVICES No toilets, bins, drinking water or other facilities.

WHY IT STOOD OUT

Gary described a fabulous riverside camp with ample shade from mature paperbarks and only a handful of travellers or station vehicles passing on any given day. The quiet setting and absolute river frontage were the main reasons they enjoyed the stay.

WOULD THEY STAY AGAIN?

Absolutely. Gary and Christine really enjoyed their few nights at Dashwood Crossing.

A CAMP MEMORY

Although the barramundi did not cooperate on this visit, Gary and Christine trapped a good number of nice-sized cherabin from the river.

SAFETY AND CONDITIONS

The Victoria River is crocodile country. Gary advised that deeper water is off limits. Conditions, river levels, road access, fire restrictions and campsite availability can change. Check current local advice and download proper offline navigation before leaving coverage.

Campground notes and images supplied by Gary Barten. Information reflects an August 2026 visit. Country Campfire provides this guide as a trip-planning reference only.

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