

Pine Creek *Top End*

Community Profile

- Pronunciation:** Pine Creek

- Alternate name:** N/A

- Location:** Approximately 226km southeast of Darwin

- NT Region:** Top End

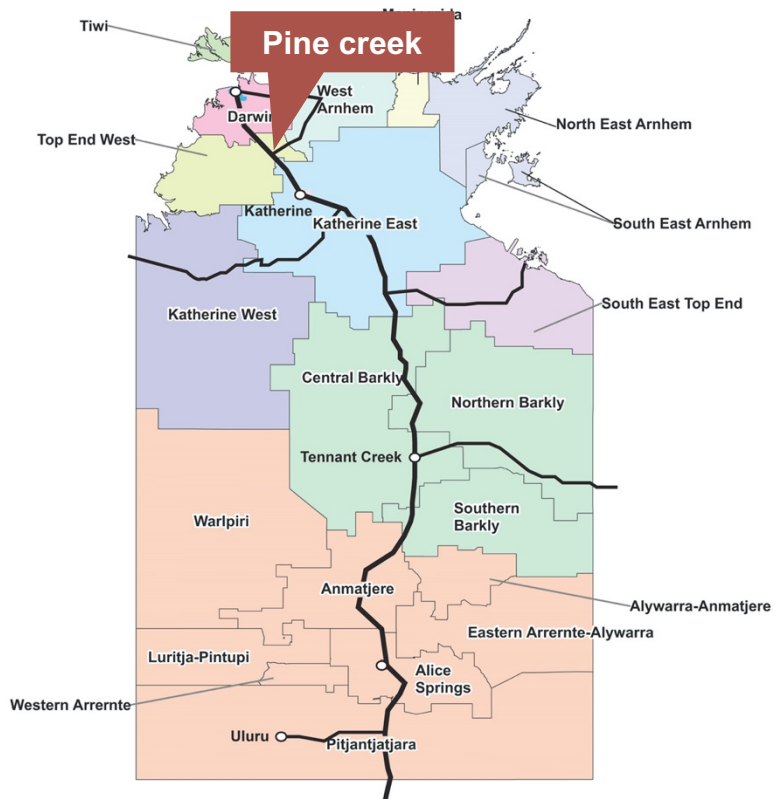
- Population:** Approx. 318 residents

- Access:** Road

- Language groups:** Wardman

- Phone:** 4G Telstra

- Internet:** Only personal use of internet in the accommodation



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) 8976 1019

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) 8976 1019

The Lazy Lizard is 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) 8976 1288

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

Pine Creek Railway Resort

Telephone (08) 8976 1001

The Railway Resort offers a bar, restaurant, bungalows, and the local post office on premises.

Fuel

United Petroleum

44 Moule Street Pine Creek NT 0847.

Lazy Lizard

299 Millar Terrace Pine Creek NT 0847.

Both diesel and opal fuel are available.

Police station

Pine Creek Police Station

Telephone (08) 8976 1255

Community Safety	Yes		
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	Katherine Coaches	Telephone (08) 8971 0774	Web www.katherinecoaches.com.au
		Email bookings@katherinecoaches.com.au	
	Katherine Coaches offers regular passenger transport services.		
Health centre			
Health service²	Pine Creek Health Centre	Telephone (08) 8976 1268	Web www.healthdirect.gov.au
		Email pinecreek.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au	
	Operating hours	Monday – Thursday	9:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 4:00pm
		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	There is a visiting GP service.		
Visiting services	Hearing health, physicians, diabetes, podiatry and oral health		
Acute care	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)		
Other	Birthing women birth in Katherine.		

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

Alcohol⁴ NT Remote Locum Program advises all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.

Governance

Local Government Local Council is the Victoria Daly Regional Council.
Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.

Outstations N/A.

Other tips and relevant information

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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 NT Remote Locum Program to confirm any key issues or concerns you may have ahead of your NT Remote Locum Program placement. NT Remote Locum Program 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.