

Wadeye *Top End*

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Wad-ayer

Alternate name: Port Keats

Location: 420km southwest of Darwin via road distance.

NT Region: Top End

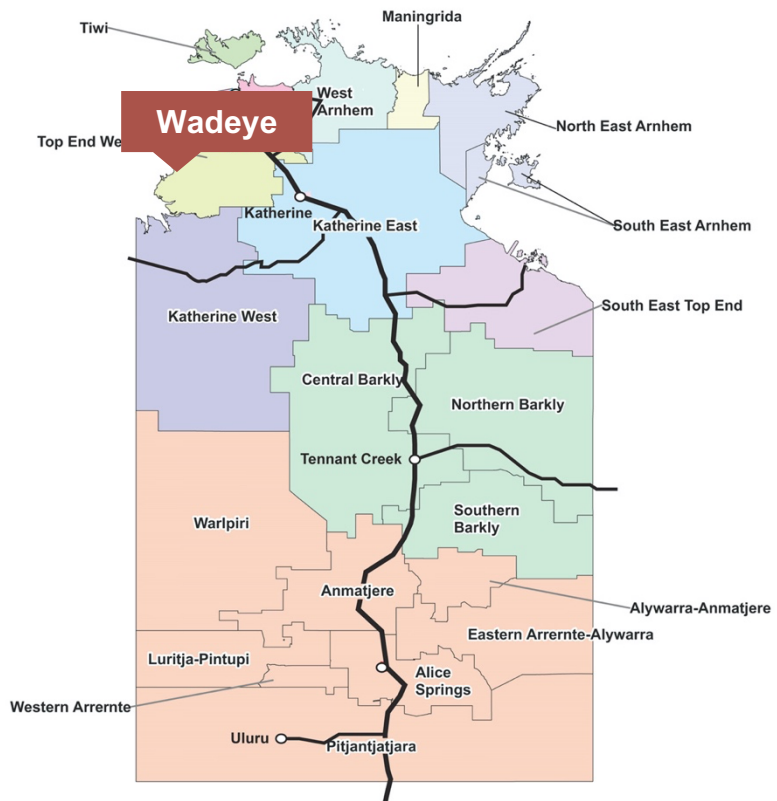
Population: Approx. 2,600 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Murrinh Patha, Marri Ngarr, Magati Ke, Marri Tjevin, Marri Amu, Marrithiyel, Manthiyangarl

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: There is personal use of the internet in the clinic and 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: Yes Community halls or sheds: Yes Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes School: Yes Library: Yes Council Office: Yes Women's Centre: Yes Childcare Centre: Yes Aged Care Centre: Yes Community Safety: Yes Banking: Yes Recreational/other facilities: Several facilities and recreational activities are available in Wadeye, including Wadeye Sports and Recreation Centre, a gym, swimming pool, fishing, charter tours, camping, bushwalks. Nearby attractions include beaches, waterholes and the mouth of the Daly River.
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Community store	Murrinhpatha Nimmipa Store	Telephone (08) 8978 2350
	The store stocks a small range of groceries, fresh fruit and vegetables, milk, frozen meat, dry goods and personal items. They receive weekly deliveries via Murin Barge service.	
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:45pm Saturday 9:00am – 12:00pm Sunday Closed

Other food outlets	TDC Village (Hundred Man Camp)
	Takeaway and dine-in, Tuckerbox NT.

Food orders	Woolworths Nightcliff	Telephone (08) 8995 9317 Web www.woolworthsonline.com.au
	Coles Casuarina Village	Telephone (08) 8927 9055 Web www.coles.com.au
	Murin Freight Service	Telephone (08) 7922 2400
	Food orders can be made through Coles Casuarina Village and Woolworths Nightcliff in Darwin. These stores know how to pack groceries for the Murin Barge service. All meat, milk and dairy products are frozen. Online orders require a minimum of five days before the delivery date and require the remote delivery address to be established. The online remote drop-down must be selected for the freight carrier. Payment for groceries and freight service charges must be made before groceries are accepted for transport.	

Commercial accommodation	Thammarrurr Development Corporation	Telephone (08) 8978 1305
	West Daly Regional Council Visitor Accommodation	Website www.westdaly.nt.gov.au
	The accommodation in Wadeye ranges from fully self-contained units to dongas with shared bathroom facilities. For further information or bookings, go to website and follow the links.	

Fuel	Wadeye Petrol Station has daily 24 hours access to Opal and Diesel fuel with credit/debit card.		
Police station	Wadeye Police Station	Telephone	(08) 8978 2366
Community Safety	Yes, there is a community Safety Program		
Other police contact	Police assistance line	Telephone	131 444
Telephone/internet/mail			
Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra		
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.		
Mail	Wadeye LPO	Telephone	(08) 8978 2217
	Shop 2/65 Perdjert Street, Wadeye, NT 0822.		
Access			
Road	Wadeye is accessible in the dry season between May to October via the unsealed Daly River Road. The drive is 420 kilometres from Darwin and takes approx. 5hrs.		
Air	The air strip is sealed one kilometre from the township.		
Regular passenger transport	Murin Air flies to Wadeye daily.	Telephone	(08) 7922 2400
Health centre			
Health service²	Wadeye Community Health Centre	Telephone	(08) 8978 2360
		Email	wadeye.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au
		Web	www.health.nt.gov.au
	Operating hours	Monday – Friday	8:00am – 5:00pm
		Saturday – Sunday	CLOSED
	Facilities	12 consulting rooms, one treatment area, men's and women's waiting areas, two dental rooms, one hearing room, one x-ray lab and two emergency 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 are rotating GPs.		
Visiting services	Paediatrics, audiologists, mental health, ear nose and throat health professionals, oral health, optometry and physiotherapy.		
Acute care	Care Flight		

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.

Other	Birthing women birth in Darwin.
Alcohol	
Alcohol⁴	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.
Governance	
Local Government	West Daly Council Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.
Outstations	Wadeye Community outstations are Werntek Naganayi (Old Mission), Red Cliff, Kuantiga and Kuy. Palumpa Community outstations are Nama, Wudapli, Papngala Merrepen and Nermaluk. Peppimenarti outstations include Yaninyuluk, Mulungi, Perreder and Emu Point.
Other tips and relevant information	
Other tips/relevant information	<p>Be prepared for the variable standard of accommodation in communities. A sleeping bag sheet insert is a good idea for protection against biting insects.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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