

# Khartoum Falls Jen Swann Downey

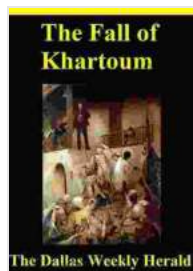
Nestled amidst the rugged wilderness of the Kimberley, Western Australia, Khartoum Falls is a breathtaking cascade of pure water, plunging into a crystal-clear pool below. This natural wonder offers an unforgettable sight and experience, making it a must-visit destination for nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers alike.

## Discovering Khartoum Falls

The first known European to lay eyes on Khartoum Falls was the explorer Alexander Forrest in 1879. However, it was not until the 1970s that the falls were made accessible to the public, thanks to the construction of the Gibb River Road, which traverses the remote Kimberley region.

## Geological Marvel

Khartoum Falls is located on the Lennard River, which has carved a deep gorge through the ancient sandstone escarpments of the Kimberley. The falls themselves are formed by a massive drop in the river's course, resulting in a breathtaking spectacle of cascading water. The plunge pool at the base of the falls is a perfect spot to cool down on a hot day, with the added bonus of being able to witness the falls from a unique perspective.



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## Visiting Khartoum Falls

Khartoum Falls is located within the Karijini National Park, a vast expanse of wilderness known for its stunning landscapes. To get there, you will need a four-wheel-drive vehicle, as the road conditions can be rough, especially during the wet season.

Once you arrive at the Khartoum Falls car park, it's a short walk to the lookout point. From here, you can marvel at the falls' grandeur, taking in the sweeping views of the surrounding cliffs and the Lennard River gorge.

## Things to Do

In addition to admiring the falls from the lookout point, there are several other activities you can enjoy in the area:

### Swimming

The plunge pool at the base of the falls is a popular swimming spot, especially during the hot summer months. However, it's important to remember that the current can be strong, so it's essential to swim with caution.

### Hiking

There are several walking trails in the Karijini National Park that offer stunning views of the falls and the surrounding landscape. The most

popular trail is the Weano Gorge Trail, which takes you through towering cliffs and cascading waterfalls.

## **Wildlife Watching**

The Karijini National Park is home to a wide variety of wildlife, including kangaroos, wallabies, and black-footed rock wallabies. You may also spot birds such as wedge-tailed eagles, red-tailed black-cockatoos, and white-throated grasswrens.

## **Accommodation**

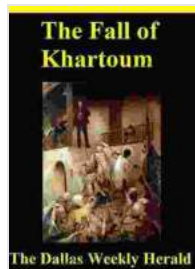
There are several camping grounds within the Karijini National Park, including one located near Khartoum Falls. Alternatively, you can stay in one of the nearby towns, such as Karijini or Tom Price, and drive to the falls for a day trip.

## **Tips for Visiting Khartoum Falls**

- Visit during the dry season (April to October) when the weather is mild, and the waterfalls are at their most spectacular.
- Bring plenty of water and sunscreen, as there is limited shade in the area.
- Wear sturdy shoes, as the walking trails can be uneven.
- Be aware of the potential for flash flooding during the wet season.
- Check the road conditions before you go, as they can change suddenly.

Khartoum Falls is an awe-inspiring natural wonder, offering an unforgettable experience for those who venture into the remote Kimberley

region. The waterfalls' grandeur, combined with the breathtaking scenery of the surrounding National Park, makes it a must-visit destination for nature lovers and adventure seekers.



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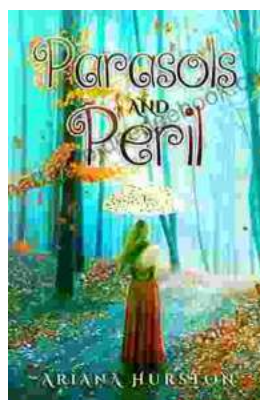
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