

## HALLS CREEK

### INTRODUCTION

#### **Living in Halls Creek**

Situated 288km from Fitzroy Crossing and 365km from Kununurra, Halls Creek sits on the edge of the Great Sandy Desert and has a population of around 1300 people.

A gold find at the Elvire River in 1885 resulted in 2,000 miners rushing to Old Halls Creek (situated just outside the modern town of today). At Old Halls Creek you can see the ruins of the old post office and a small cemetery and some prospectors are still finding gold around the area.

Several significant natural rock formations are readily accessible from Halls Creek. The formation known as 'China Wall' can be seen on the way to Old Halls Creek about 6km north of the town. It is a sub-vertical quartz vein which projects above the surrounding rocks and is believed to be part of the largest single fault of its type in the world. Halls Creek is also the closest town to the Purnululu National Park with its astounding Bungle Bungle rock formations. Further the Wolfe Creek Meteorite Crater, the second largest on earth with a diameter of 850 metres, is about 100km south of Halls Creek.

## CLIMATE

### Weather and Climate

Halls Creek has a tropical monsoonal climate with two distinct seasons. The 'wet' season usually occurs from about October to April when most of the annual rainfall occurs and maximum temperatures increase into the 40's. The rest of the year is known as the 'dry' season that is typified by clear blue skies with day temperatures of low 30's, relatively cool evenings and brilliant sunsets.

Information on Halls Creek's weather and climate can be obtained at the Australian Government's Bureau of Meteorology Web site [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) or on (08) 9192 1211. Other sources of weather information include [www.weatherzone.com.au](http://www.weatherzone.com.au) and [www.weatherchannel.com.au](http://www.weatherchannel.com.au)

For an indication of Halls Creek's average temperatures and rainfall see the table below.

Month	Average Daily Maximum Temp in Deg C	Average Daily Minimum Temp in Deg C	Average Monthly Rainfall in mm	Average No. of Rain Days
January	36.8	24.3	150.3	13.3
February	35.6	23.6	146.7	12.9
March	35.5	22.7	74.3	7.7
April	33.8	20.4	21.4	2.6
May	29.9	16.7	12.9	2.0
June	27.4	13.7	4.6	0.9
July	27.1	12.5	5.9	0.9
August	30.0	14.8	2.1	0.5
September	34.0	18.9	4.2	0.9
October	37.1	22.7	17.6	3.3
November	38.3	24.5	36.9	6.3
December	37.9	24.7	80.6	10.7

## **COMMUNICATION**

### **Internet facilities**

Internet and video conferencing facilities are available at :

Halls Creek Telecentre  
(08) 9168 6230

### **Newspapers, magazines and books**

National and state newspapers, and a range of special interest magazines can be purchased local outlets such as general stores and service stations.

The local newspaper is the Halls Creek Herald that is a locally solely owned and operated business and is published by:

Halls Creek Herald  
PO Box 370  
Halls Creek WA  
(08) 9168 5199

The local Kununurra newspaper, the Kimberley Echo is also distributed every Thursday. Find out more at [www. Kimberleyecho.com](http://www.Kimberleyecho.com) or by contacting:

Kimberley Echo  
Pruinosa St (Cnr Victoria Hwy), Kununurra  
(08) 9169 1100

### **Radio Stations**

There are several local radio stations available to tune into.

ABC Kimberley Radio  
(08) 9168 4311

[www.abc.net.au/kimberley](http://www.abc.net.au/kimberley)

Puranyangu Rangka Kerrm  
(08) 9168 6416

National radio stations include the following:

Radio National: [abc.net.au/rn](http://abc.net.au/rn)

Radio Australia: [abc.net.au/ra/](http://abc.net.au/ra/)

Triple J: [abc.net.au/triplej/default.htm](http://abc.net.au/triplej/default.htm)

ABC Classical FM: [abc.net.au/classic/freq.htm](http://abc.net.au/classic/freq.htm)

### **Television**

Halls Creek viewers receive four free-to-air television channels - ABC, SBS, WIN and GWN. WIN and GWN host a combination of regional programming and

commercial programs which are viewed on Channels 7, 9 and 10 in other parts of Australia.

For more information:

Australian Broadcasting Corporation: [www.abc.net.au](http://www.abc.net.au)

Special Broadcasting Service (SBS):

[www.sbs.com.au/sbs\\_front/index.html](http://www.sbs.com.au/sbs_front/index.html)

WIN Television (WIN): [www.wintv.com.au](http://www.wintv.com.au)

Golden West Network (GWN): [www.gwn.com.au](http://www.gwn.com.au)

## **COMMUNITY**

### **Religious organisations**

Contact details for the following religious organisations in Halls Creek are as follows:

Kutjungka Catholic Parish  
(08) 9168 8969

Catholic Church, Saint Mary's  
(08) 9168 6177

## **EDUCATION & PLAYGROUPS**

### Halls Creek Schools

The District High School in Halls Creek offers 4 year old kindergarten to Year 10. Years 11 and 12 are provided via 'mixed mode' that is a combination of Distance Education material, tutor classes and secondary – TAFE integrated subjects. These senior students are also offered post-compulsory vocational programs.

For further information contact:  
Halls Creek District High School  
(08) 9168 6082











### Tertiary Education

TAFE Halls Creek Campus  
Bridge St, Halls Creek  
(08) 9168 6412

## HEALTH FACILITIES

### Health and medical

The following health services are available in Halls Creek. For appointments and clinic times, please contact the individual centres directly. More information on facilities of the Health Department can be found at [www.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.health.wa.gov.au) (go to Country Services, Kimberley Region)

Unit	Location	Phone
 <a href="#">Department for Community Development Halls Creek Office</a>	Thomas Street, Halls Creek WA 6770	9168 6114
 <a href="#">Halls Creek Child Health Centre</a>	70 Roberta Avenue, Halls Creek WA 6770	9168 6053
 <a href="#">Halls Creek Community Health Service</a>	70 Roberta Avenue, Halls Creek WA 6770	9168 6053
 <a href="#">Halls Creek District Hospital</a>	70 Roberta Avenue, Halls Creek WA 6770	9168 6003
 <a href="#">Halls Creek Shire</a>	Thomas Street, Halls Creek WA 6770	9168 6007
 <a href="#">Koongie Park Child Health Centre</a>	Halls Creek WA 6770	9168 8989
 <a href="#">Mardiwah Loop Child Health Centre</a>	Halls Creek WA 6770	
 <a href="#">Mercy Community Health Service</a>	Halls Creek WA 6770	9168 8953
 <a href="#">Yiyili Child Health Centre</a>	Halls Creek WA 6770	9191 4690
 <a href="#">Yura Yungji</a>	342 Duncan Highway, Halls Creek WA 6770	9168 6266

## **HOUSING**

### **Accommodation**

Accommodation found in Halls Creek includes:

Kimberley Hotel  
(08) 9168 6101  
[www.kimberley-accom.com.au](http://www.kimberley-accom.com.au)

Best Western Halls Creek Motel  
194 Great Northern Highway  
(08) 9168 6001

Halls Creek Caravan Park  
(08) 9168 6169

Halls Creek Lodge  
(08) 9168 8999

## **SERVICES**

### **Banking**

The following bank agencies are accessible in Halls Creek:

Bank West  
(08) 9168 6107  
[www.bankwest.com.au](http://www.bankwest.com.au)

Commonwealth Bank of Australia  
(08) 9168 6111  
[www.commbank.com.au](http://www.commbank.com.au)

### **Postal Services**

Details of Halls Creek's postal services are available at

Halls Creek Post Office  
[www.auspost.com.au](http://www.auspost.com.au)

## **SHOPPING**

### **Butchers**

For meat products go to:

Halls Creek Butcher  
(08) 9168 6061

### **Clothing**

To grab a bargain, head into:

Clothing Shed  
Opposite Shire Halls Creek Car Park  
Great Northern Highway  
0419 195 231

### **General Stores**

Most general household provisions can be located at one of these general stores:

Blums Emporium  
(08) 9168 6073

Halls Creek Store  
(08) 9168 6125

Super Value  
(08) 9168 6186

Taylor's Store  
(08) 9168 6185

Thomas' Supermarket  
(08) 9168 6090

### **Takeaway Food**

Try the following outlets for takeaway:

Halls Creek Bakery  
(08) 9168 6031

Poinciana Roadhouse  
(08) 9168 6164

Shell Roadhouse  
(08) 9168 6060

## **TRANSPORT**

### **Air travel**

Kununurra and Broome have the main airports that service Halls Creek. Qantas offers regular daily flights to and from Perth, Broome, and Darwin. Approximate travelling times are Perth - 4 hours 40 minutes (via Broome), Broome 1 hour 15 minutes and Darwin 55 minutes. Flight schedules are available at [www.Qantas.com](http://www.Qantas.com)

### **Bus**

Greyhound Coachlines operate regular services to Darwin and Perth. For details of the services available go to [www.greyhound.com.au](http://www.greyhound.com.au)

Details of bus services operating through Halls Creek are also available at:

Trading Post  
(08) 9168 6107

### **Rental cars**

In Halls Creek, rental cars are available at:

Handy Car Rentals  
(08) 9168 6164

Vehicles for hire are also available at Kununurra and Broome Airports. Contact one of the following companies for further information:

Avis Kimberley  
12 Coolibah Drive, Kununurra  
(08) 9169 1258  
[www.avis.com.au](http://www.avis.com.au)

Budget Rent a Car Kununurra  
(08) 9168 2033  
[www.budget.com.au](http://www.budget.com.au)

Hertz – Kununurra  
(08) 9169 1424  
[www.hertz.com.au](http://www.hertz.com.au)

Thrifty Car Rentals  
(08) 9169 1911  
[www.thrifty.com.au](http://www.thrifty.com.au)

**Taxis**

Taxi services in Halls Creek are available by contacting Halls Creek Taxi Service on 0438 897 438

## **RECREATION ACTIVITIES**

### **Aboriginal Arts**

Viewing and purchase of local aboriginal art work is available at:

Halls Creek Art Centre  
(08) 9168 6551

### **Video Stores**

For those keen to watch a movie, rental videos are available at:

Poinciana Roadhouse  
(08) 9168 6164

Taylor's Store  
(08) 9168 6185

### **Sports & Leisure**

Various sporting groups operate in Halls Creek including Australian Rules Football, Cricket, Tennis, Basketball, Soccer. For details of events and sporting fixtures refer to the Halls Creek Herald.

### **Tourist attractions**

Details of Bungle Bungle Ranges, China Wall, Old Halls Creek, Wolfe Creek Crater and other tourist attractions in and around Halls Creek are available at the Halls Creek Visitor Centre:

Halls Creek Visitor Centre  
Great Northern Highway  
Halls Creek WA 6770  
(08) 9168 6262

## **MORE INFORMATION**

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For more information on Halls Creek, refer to the following sites:

[www.eastkimberley.com.au](http://www.eastkimberley.com.au)

[www.kimberleytourism.com/HallsCreek.htm](http://www.kimberleytourism.com/HallsCreek.htm)

[www.westernaustralia.com](http://www.westernaustralia.com)

[www.kimberley.wa.gov.au](http://www.kimberley.wa.gov.au)

[www.hallscreektelecentre.org.au](http://www.hallscreektelecentre.org.au)