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**Social Story**

**Today I’m visiting:**

**Kalbarri Skywalk in Kalbarri National Park**

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This is a Social Story™ about visiting the Kalbarri Skywalk in Kalbarri National Park.

Social stories help explain social situations to children and adults with autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disability, developmental delays and learning challenges.

A Social Story™ answers the ‘wh’ questions – where and when a situation occurs, who is involved, what is happening and why. We suggest the Social Story™ be meaningfully shared in a reassuring tone.

This Social Story™ aims to help people of all abilities to plan and prepare for their visit to the Kalbarri Skywalk by explaining what they can expect on the day of their visit.

This Social Story™ was developed by Nature Play WA in consultation with local educators.

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I am going to visit the Kalbarri Skywalk in Kalbarri National Park.

My trusted person will come with me.

The Kalbarri Skywalk is a place where I can see views of the Murchison River Gorge. A gorge is a valley with steep, rocky walls.

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I will need to bring comfortable walking shoes and a jacket on cold days.

It is important that I bring a hat, water bottle and sunscreen.

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At the Kalbarri Skywalk I will see a gorge and a river.

There are walk trails, steps and benches.

There is a kiosk.

There will be signs that tell me about the gorge and the local Nanda Aboriginal people.

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There are lots of things to do at the Kalbarri Skywalk.

I might:

* Walk on the viewing platforms.
* Follow the path to see native animal sculptures.
* Read the signs to learn about the gorge.
* Read the signs to learn about the local Nanda Aboriginal people.
* See and hear birds like the Australian raven, welcome swallow and willie wagtail.
* See a kangaroo or wallaroo.
* See and hear different types of wildlife, including reptiles, insects and spiders.

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The viewing platform hangs in mid-air, high above the ground.

It might be windy when I walk across it.

My trusted person will be with me.

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There are toilets at the Kalbarri Skywalk.

My trusted person will show me where they are.

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If I am hungry, I might visit the kiosk.

I might sit at a bench and have a snack.

Or, I might have a picnic.

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The Kalbarri Skywalk might be noisy sometimes.

I might hear animals.

There might be people making noise.

To help with the noise, I can bring my ear defenders or ear plugs.

My trusted person might take me to a quiet area.

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When it is time to go home, my trusted person will tell me.

The Kalbarri Skywalk is lots of fun!