The Batchelor story begins with the farm area which was selected in 1911. One of the areas earmarked for agriculture, this area produced some good crops, but ultimately failed to prosper. The farm was named in May 1912, for a South Australian politician Egerton Lee Batchelor.

The discovery of uranium in 1949 led to the development of the town site on an area previously comprising part of the wartime camp and within the original farm area. It was years later that the name Batchelor was officially declared.

Whilst Batchelor has always had an appeal because it maintains its garden-like territory, but to the Commonwealth, strategically during WWII, and economically through the uranium production era.

The heavy duty airstrip played an important role as the base for General MacArthur’s bombing force from December 1941. Thousands of troops were stationed here in WWII.

An aviation area was developed in 1933 by the Department of the Interior and extended in 1941 across the North Australian Railway to enable the B17s to land there. In July 1941 the Commonwealth resumed the whole of the farm.

Putting in new siding for the farm, the first break in the line for 16 years, 1912

"Entering to lunch provided by the farm hands" Shows the Federal Parliamentary Party at the Government Experimental Farm shortly before the end World War 1912

Federal Parliamentary Party Visit 1912. PH100/0069

Facilities/Services
- Batchelor Service Station
- Karlstein Castle
- Police Station
- Batchelor General Store
- Bowling Green
- Swimming Pool
- Batchelor Sports Complex
- Batchelor Health Clinic
- Fire Station (ex Humpty Doo)
- Rundell Park
- Parks and Wildlife Offices
- Batchelor Airstrip
- Library
- Batchelor Institute
- Batchelor Gift Shop
- Batchelor Airstrip
- Batchelor Outdoor Education Unit
- Rum Jungle Tavern
- St. Barbara’s Catholic Church
- St. Francis Anglican Church
- Seven Days Adventist Church
- Groves Tours
- Goomakia Council Offices

Key Accommodation
1. Batchelor Resort 8976 0123
2. BIG 4 Batchelor Holiday Park 8976 0166
3. Rum Jungle Bungalows 8976 2055
4. Batchelor Butterfly Farm & Tea House 8976 0110

Berry Springs
Batchelor Township
and Batchelor Heritage Walk

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Some of the popular attractions to be enjoyed on your visit to Litchfield National Park are described briefly below. The majority of attractions are easily accessible by two-wheel drive on sealed roads - some of the more remote attractions are accessible only by four-wheel drive vehicles. Visitors should also be aware that some of these attractions may not be accessible during the wet season months of November through to April.

**Magnetic Termite Mounds**
A major attraction soon after entering the park is the numerous gigantic termite mounds. The magnetic termite mounds, standing up to two metres in height, face north-south in orientation. This controls the temperature throughout the day by exposing the least amount of surface area to the sun. Toilet facility available.

**Buley Rockhole**
A serendipity of small waterfalls and rockholes provide the perfect place to cool off and relax. A walking track leads from Buley Rockhole down to Florence Falls. A small campground with toilet facilities only is located at Buley separated from the day-use area. Camping permitted, fees apply. Toilet facility available.

**Florence Falls**
A spectacular double waterfall set amid monsoon rainforest. A nearby viewing platform is ideal for sightseeing and photography. The area has a campground with showers and toilet facilities. Camping permitted, fees apply. Toilet facility available.

**Tolmer Falls** - Viewing platform and trail
One of the most spectacular falls, cascading over two separate escarpments into a distant plunge pool where several colonies of rare and protected Ghost Bats and Horseshoe Bats live. No public access to the plunge pool. Wheelchair access and toilet facility at the lookout point.

**Greenvale Creek to Tjatjaba Falls**
Allow one and a half hours for this 4km return walk. Picnic tables near the creek make a good place to stop for a break before taking the climb to the top of Tjatjaba Falls. Once at the top, cool down with a swim in the top pools. The falls and the area below are an Aboriginal sacred site - swimming is forbidden. Toilet facilities available.

**Walker Creek**
Allow two hours for this 3km return walk. The trail leads up to a shared gravel area with the opportunity for a cooling swim in a crystal clear pool. Light camping sites are available along the trail - these must be pre-booked on the reservation board. Picnic areas are located across from the carpark for the benefit of day visitors. Camping permitted, fees apply. Toilet facility available.

**Bamboo Creek Ten Mine**
Easily accessed and just a short walk from the carpark to the ruins of the abandoned mine. Tin was mined on a small scale from 1906, however adverse conditions for transportation and unfavourable wet season rains brought the mine to a close in just two years into its service.

**Surprise Creek Falls**
Approximately 15km off the Litchfield Park Road by four-wheel drive only is the southern access turn off to Surprise Creek Falls. A short walk through shady monsoon forest leads to a large tranquil pool and pleasant waterfalls for a swim.

**The Lost City**
Approximately 8km off the main Litchfield Park Road is the impressive sandstone pillars reminiscent of ruins from a long lost civilisation. Accessible on a rough track by four-wheel drive only. Open May to November - seasons permitting.

**Blyth Homestead**
Just off the Reynolds River four-wheel drive track to Tjapukai Falls (Sandy Creek) is the old Blyth Homestead built in 1929 by the Sergeant family as an outstation to the main Stapleton Homestead. Blyth Homestead was abandoned in the 1960s and is preserved for visitors complete with excellent interpretive signs depicting local history.

**Tjapukai Falls / Sandy Creek**
Restored in an open valley, surrounded by paperbarks, trees and many native bushes. Relax and Enjoy the usually unrecorded plunge pool. Accessible by two-wheel drive only the falls are then from the southern access track. Open May to November - seasons permitting. Camping is available with toilet and shower facilities.

**Cascades**
A year-round waterhole suitable for swimming featuring an all-weather access road to a new carpark and grassed viewing platform. A walking trail from the picnic leads up to the top of Cascades. Toilet facility available.