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Barra Jumping For Joy At Feeding Frenzy

A school of up to 30 barramundi are putting on a daily show for crowds at the Territory Wildlife Park.

Park curator Dion Wedd said the fish feeding was a recent addition to the park's daily program with the long-term aim to get the barramundi jumping out of the billabong's water to make the event even more spectacular.

Mr Wedd said the largest barramundi in the billabong is believed to weigh about 15kg.

"We have spent the past few weeks training up the barra as part of the fish feeding and now they're really enjoying it," he said.

"The barra can be seen jostling for position to get the best possible catch and in time we hope to have them jumping out of the water if they want to be fed.

"People are more than welcome to come along to the billabong and feed the barra off the rotunda during feeding times.

"What is also making the occasion even more enjoyable is that we also get some of the six foot freshwater crocodiles having a look but a fence around the rotunda ensures there aren't any safety concerns."

Mr Wedd said the barramundi had a great taste for diced up mullet with a saratoga estimated to be 130cm long and weighing about 7kg also getting in on the action.

He said daily feedings at the park's billabong start at approximately 9.10am each day with the park's gates opening daily at 8.30am.

Prices to Territorians producing identification have been reduced by 50 per cent during the school holiday period, meaning a family of two adults and up to four children could now gain entry for \$20.

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