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### Central Australian Camping Season Gears Up

Great central Australian weather is providing perfect camping conditions in numerous Territory parks and reserves.

Parks and Wildlife Service southern region manager Andrew Bridges said preparation was one of the primary ways of ensuring a successful camping trip.

“It is important for campers to find out what they can and cannot do before they leave home,” Mr Bridges said.

“One tip is to leave your pets at home as most parks and reserves don’t allow pets as they can spoil the experience for other campers and disturb native wildlife.

“And in parks and reserves where fire is permitted, please don’t collect firewood from within the park because fallen wood provides important habitat for many animals.

“The break down of dead wood also recycles essential nutrients back into the soil.

“As an alternative to having a fire you can use the free gas barbecues available at many park campgrounds and day use areas, or campers can simply bring their own.”

Mr Bridges said it was also important for people to keep parks and reserves clean by keeping their rubbish with them and disposing of it at home.

“Litter leaves an ugly scar on the landscape, which isn’t nice for all campers and park visitors, so if you take it in, take it out.

“Littering and collecting firewood within the park are finable offences and so too is driving off road. All natural, historical and cultural items are also protected by law.

“Whatever your reason for going camping this season, follow these careful camping tips and you’ll be doing yourself, our parks and reserves and our precious flora and fauna a big favour.”

Mr Bridges said there were many activities available within the Territory’s southern parks and reserves such as visiting historical sites, swimming, bird watching, bushwalking and much more such as gaining insight into Aboriginal culture.

He said the website [www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks](http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks) would provide campers with the necessary information to plan for their camping trip effectively.

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