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Berry Springs Reopens for Swimming

Territorians and tourists brave enough to swim in the cool waters of Berry Springs Nature Park are able to do so from tomorrow.

Parks and Wildlife Service Darwin region chief district ranger Dal Hartley said three nights of saltwater crocodile surveys and reduced water levels meant the park, 47km south of Darwin, would be safe enough to swim at.

“The resurfacing of pathways damaged during the recent wet season is expected to be completed today and the steps at the park have also been swept clean of sand and muck,” Mr Hartley said.

“And while the water is a little cool for my liking, it is very clear and flowing at a reasonable pace, and the absence of crocodiles means the criteria allowing us to reopen the park to swimming has been met, which is great for everyone.

“Having said that, crocodile traps will remain in place but we are confident there are no saltwater crocodiles in the water at the park, so we are reopening the park to swimming from tomorrow and look forward to seeing plenty of visitors there.”

Berry Springs Nature Park has been closed since early January, a regular occurrence when wet season rains produce strong water flow that is both unsafe for swimming and too murky to spot any saltwater crocodiles.

The park is one kilometre from the popular Territory Wildlife Park along Cox Peninsula Road.

Opening hours at Berry Springs Nature Park are from 8am to 6.30pm each day.

To find out more about which Top End parks and reserves are currently open go to <http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks/access.html> or ring 8999 4555.

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