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Wangi Falls Opens For Swimming

The Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service has re-opened one of the Territory's most popular swimming spots.

Litchfield National Park senior district ranger Alan Withers said Wangi Falls opened earlier this week after the water level dropped to safe levels and crocodile surveys revealed no sign of the dangerous reptiles.

"Wangi Falls is one of the Territory's great icon swimming locations and since it re-opened earlier this week we have had strong numbers of people come through," Mr Withers said.

"This weekend marks the first full weekend of its re-opening since we closed it at the commencement of the last wet season, so we are expecting many visitors to enjoy everything Wangi Falls has to offer before the start of the coming wet season."

Mr Withers said Wangi Falls is seasonally closed as water levels rise at the start of each wet season for safety reasons, as rising waters and the risk of crocodiles entering the plunge pool pose a threat to anyone who enters the water.

He said the Tabletop Walking Track and Sandy Creek Falls, two other popular attractions at Litchfield National Park, had also opened earlier this week.

"Tabletop Walking Track is seasonally closed over the wet season and for a further short period at its completion to allow our prescribed burning to take place," Mr Withers said.

"This burning eliminates the risk of wildfires and ensures visitor safety.

"And Sandy Creek Falls, as with all 4WD tracks in the Park, is seasonally closed and its delay in opening was due to the late, protracted wet season.

"Road crews have managed to re-open the Sandy Creek Falls access track and are busily working towards completing the section from Sandy Creek Falls to the Daly River road for opening."

Access reports for Top End parks and reserves administered by the Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service can be found at <http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks/access.html> with the website updated regularly.

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