



MEDIA RELEASE

Partial Closure at Elsey National Park

Maintenance works at Elsey National Park will cause the temporary closure of some of the popular site's main attractions.

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service Gulf District senior district ranger Lincoln Wilson said the Jalmurark Camp Ground and day use area at the 12 Mile Yards would be closed to visitors from 2 October to 15 October.

Mr Wilson said the works would involve replacement and upgrading to the water systems and therefore facilities such as toilets in the area would not be operational.

He said nearby walks and access to the boat ramp would remain opened.

"Once the works are complete the quantity and quality of water being pumped from the Roper River to the affected areas will be improved," Mr Wilson said.

"We have wanted to do these works for a while, but not if it was too wet to access or if it would mean causing disruption to the vast majority of visitors.

"We are hoping the timing of the works will be perfect, as it is just after the peak dry season tourist period but just before the big rains of the next wet season.

"Past records show that we get between 300 and 1500 visitors for October and November each year in this area of the park, which is quite low by comparison to the peak visitation times of the year."

Elsey National Park is located about 110km south-east of Katherine with the Rainbow Springs and Thermal Pool sector just some of the park's major attractions.

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