



MEDIA RELEASE

Saltwater Crocodile Sighted at Manton Dam

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service rangers have closed Manton Dam Recreation Area to visitors after spotting a saltwater crocodile there last night.

Darwin region Senior District Ranger Kristen Appel said closing the Area, 76km south of Darwin, was necessary to uphold visitor safety.

“The saltwater crocodile, believed to be between two and three metres long, was spotted during a regular crocodile survey by rangers,” Ms Appel said.

“Rangers spotted the crocodile south of the dam wall in an area rarely used by visitors but in the interests of public safety, we have decided the best course of action is to close the park while we attempt to remove the crocodile.

“The crocodile is in an area that is quite shallow and very weedy, making it hard for our rangers to access this area but we will do our best to remove it so we can re-open the park as soon as possible.

“There are two traps close to where the crocodile was spotted but if they fail to work and we can’t remove the crocodile today, we will conduct a spotlight survey tonight.

“If these measures don’t work we might have to conduct a helicopter survey tomorrow to locate the crocodile.”

The last saltwater crocodile removed from Manton Dam was 2.3m long in 2004.

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