



MEDIA RELEASE

Berry Springs Nature Park to Re-open on Weekend

The NT Parks and Wildlife Service advise that Berry Springs Nature Park will re-open this Saturday May 12.

Parks and Wildlife Service Darwin region Chief District Ranger Dal Hartley said completion of annual procedures including saltwater crocodile surveys and reduced water levels meant the park, 47km south of Darwin, is now safe swim at.

“The water 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,” Mr Hartley said.

“Berry Springs Nature Park has been closed since December 2006, 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.

“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 on Saturday and look forward to seeing plenty of visitors there.

“The resurfacing of pathways damaged during the recent wet season is completed and the steps at the park have also been swept clean of sand and mud.”

Mr Hartley has advised visitors to observe signage at the site identifies the restricted areas and abide by glass restrictions in and near the water.

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.

The public is advised to refer to the website below and phone ahead before planning a trip to parks and reserves in the Darwin region or ring 8999 4555.

<http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks/find/index.html>

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