



MEDIA RELEASE

Traditional ceremony to be held at Wangi Falls

The Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service advises the public that access to Wangi Falls at Litchfield National Park will be closed for most of Saturday 5 May 2007 due to a traditional funeral ceremony being held at the popular attraction.

Litchfield National Park Chief District Ranger John McCartney urged the public to show compassion and understanding during this time if they intended to visit Wangi Falls.

“The ceremony is being held to honour one of the senior traditional owners who recently passed away,” Mr McCartney said.

“We are expecting the ceremony to commence at 9am on Saturday and continue until mid-afternoon.

“Parks and Wildlife Service rangers will be directing traffic away from Wangi Falls before and during this time with other attractions such as Florence Falls and Buley Rock Hole open to visitors, including swimmers, at Litchfield National Park.

“Wangi Falls is in any case closed to swimming because of high water levels and water turbulence, but will re-open to visitors once the ceremony ends.”

Mr McCartney said scores of mourners were expected to attend the ceremony and with this in mind, the Parks and Wildlife Service had taken the initiative to manage the access to Wangi Falls.

“The Parks and Wildlife Service is doing what it can to accommodate the needs of traditional owners while at the same time limiting the impact on visitors throughout the day,” Mr McCartney said.

“We therefore ask the public to show compassion and understanding on this particular day.”

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