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Wangi Falls Opens For Swimming

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

Wangi Falls is located at Litchfield National Park. Around 240,000 tourists and locals visit the Park each year making it one of the Territory's most popular parks. The Park is renowned for its waterfalls and swimming.

Litchfield National Park chief district ranger John McCartney said the water level at Wangi Falls had now dropped to safe levels following the recent wet season.

He said recent crocodile surveys resulted in the removal and relocation of a 1.8m female saltwater crocodile from Wangi Falls to the Darwin Crocodile Farm at Noonamah.

"Today's reopening of Wangi Falls for swimming is a tremendous result for Territorians and tourists who enjoy the great outdoors," Mr McCartney said.

"The timing is also great as we head into a long weekend. Thankfully we have been able to open Wangi Falls for swimming earlier this year despite the late wet season flooding.

"Wangi Falls is one of the Top End's most popular and recognised swimming locations and we are expecting large numbers of people to take advantage of the opening even if the water might be a little cool for some people.

"This weekend marks the first full weekend of its re-opening since we closed it to swimming at the start of the year."

Mr McCartney said Wangi Falls is seasonally closed as water levels rise at the start of each wet season for safety reasons, as rising and turbulent waters and the risk of crocodiles makes swimming too dangerous.

He said other popular attractions within Litchfield National Park to reopen recently include Sandy Creek Falls, with visitors now able to access and swim at the falls, as well as camping there.

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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