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Nitmiluk National Park Restrictions for Wet Season

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service advises that during the Wet Season, access restrictions apply to private craft on the Katherine River and walking trails within the Nitmiluk National Park.

Parks and Wildlife Service Nitmiluk National Park Chief District Ranger, Sarah Kerin said the closures are due to weather conditions and in the interests of safety.

“From December to March inclusive, river levels will vary with seasonal conditions,” Ms Kerin said.

“In the interests of public safety, under *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation By-laws*, the following restrictions will apply:

- When the river level reaches 0.51m, canoe and private boat activity is restricted to the first gorge only.
- Above the level of 1.00m, private canoe access is restricted to guided tours only.
- Above this level of 1.91m the use of all private craft (boats and canoes) is prohibited.

Ms Kerin says the Parks and Wildlife Service also advise that the Jatbula Walking Trail in Nitmiluk National Park is now closed for the Wet Season.

“Alternative walks are available, with The Southern Walks, Leliyn Loop Walk and Sweetwater Walk remaining open,” Ms Kerin said.

“We ask that people visiting the park comply with all advisory signs and any direction given by a Park Ranger.

“This closure is in accordance with the *'Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act'* and the *'Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park Act'*.

“These areas of the park will remain closed until deemed suitable for reopening in 2008.”

Current visitor information can be obtained by calling Nitmiluk Visitor Centre on 8972 1886.

For more information on park closures go to <http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks/access.html>

Media Note – For more information contact Sarah Kerin on 08 8972 1886

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