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Territory Parks Alive in Top End and Katherine

Locals and tourists are encouraged to visit and discover more about the Top End and Katherine regions as part of the annual *Territory Parks Alive* program that runs between May and October.

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service interpretive officer Pam Wickham said the 2008 program includes some exciting new free activities being conducted at a number of parks and reserves in the region.

“One of the highlights this year will be the *Art from the Heart* activity at Charles Darwin National Park, allowing visitors to join a Larrakia ranger for an art lesson using traditional methods,” Ms Wickham said.

“At Gregory National Park visitors can join the *Riparian Rambles* ranger guided walk through a river corridor which hosts special wildlife such as the Purple-crowned fairy wren.

“Visitors are also encouraged to venture beyond the bitumen, join us for a bush tucker breakfast, see termites unearthed and discover what’s wicked in the wetlands.

“The free ranger guided activities include nature talks, guided walks and talks, campfire talks and slideshows, and are a great opportunity for people to experience a Top End nature based activity.”

Ms Wickham said activities are being offered at Casuarina Coastal Reserve, Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve, Litchfield National Park, Holmes Jungle Nature Park, Windows on the Wetlands Visitor Centre, Gregory National Park, Keep River National Park and Elsey National Park just to name a few.

“Territory Parks Alive also provides a great opportunity to meet a Ranger, have a chat and ask questions,” Ms Wickham said.

“This year there are 16 different activities to choose from and more than 300 opportunities to attend a Parks Alive feature.”

A complete program for *Territory Parks Alive 2008* Top End and Katherine region is available from www.nt.gov.au/parks or by phoning 8999 4555 (also attached).

Events are also advertised locally and in the parks themselves.

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Media Note – for more information contact Pam Wickham on 8999 4432

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