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Territory Parks Alive in Central Australia

Locals and tourists are encouraged to find out more about the unique nature of Central Australia as part of the annual *Territory Parks Alive* program that runs between May and October.

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service interpretive officer Kylie Cowan said the program features a variety of free activities that will be conducted at a number of parks and reserves.

“This year there are 20 different activities to choose from and more than 500 opportunities for visitors to attend a ranger guided activity,” Ms Cowan said.

“Activities include guided walks and talks, campfire talks and slideshows, as well as just the chance to meet a ranger, have a chat and ask questions.

“*Territory Parks Alive* provides a great opportunity for people to learn about the plants, animals, people, geology, history and culture of the Territory.

“Last year’s program attracted a record 7,610 people in central Australian parks and reserves alone and the popularity of the program keeps growing.”

Ms Cowan said activities are being offered at Arltunga, Jessie Gap, Tennant Creek Telegraph Station, Rainbow Valley, Chambers Pillar, West MacDonnell National Park, Devils Marbles and Trepshina Gorge just to name a few.

“This year we’ve added a slideshow activity to be held at Kings Canyon Resort and Kings Creek Station which features stunning photographs of the unique biodiversity at Watarrka National Park,” Ms Cowan said.

“This is also a great opportunity for locals to visit some of the newly constructed facilities in the West MacDonnell National Park, such as the Ormiston Gorge Amphitheatre which will host slideshows and nature talks.

“Central Australia is a majestic place full of hidden treasures so even people who have lived here all their lives may find something new through these activities.”

A complete program for *Territory Parks Alive 2008* Central Australia is available from www.nt.gov.au/parks or by phoning 8951 8211.

Events are also advertised locally and in the parks themselves.

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