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Popular Visitor Attraction at Butterfly Gorge Re-opens

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts advises that the Butterfly Gorge day use area is now open for visitors.

Chief District Ranger John McCartney said the day use area at the gorge offers opportunities for swimming, bushwalking, bird watching, four wheel driving and picnic areas.

“Camping is prohibited at the gorge, although camp sites are nearby at the Douglas Hot Springs Park, which is excellent for swimming,” Mr McCartney said.

“It is safe to swim at the Butterfly Gorge and is a terrific spot for picnics.

“A swim across the main pool and through the narrowest of gorges with some minor climbing will get you to the upper pools of the gorge to one of the most beautiful and peaceful gorges in the Northern Territory.”

Visitors are reminded to be aware of the swimming zones and warning signs around the gorge.

“The gorge and main swimming area is a 10 minute walk from the car park if you continue on from the main pool via some rocky sections,” Mr McCartney said.

“More enthusiastic walkers may climb up the rocky slopes to reach the top of the gorge with views of the rock pools.”

Visitors are reminded to not walk alone and be aware of slippery rocks.

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