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Crocodile Sighting at Tjuwaliyn Hot Springs

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service advise that the Tjuwaliyn (Douglas) Hot Springs facility, including camping areas have been closed to all visitors.

Chief District Ranger John McCartney said tourists reported a sighting of a 2m saltwater crocodile this afternoon on the bank of the Douglas River at Tjuwaliyn (Douglas) Hot Springs.

“Parks and Wildlife Service rangers are on their way down to close the facility and will remain in the area overnight,” Mr McCartney said.

“We do regular spotlight surveys after each wet season and no saltwater crocodiles were sighted in the area.

“If it is a confirmed sighting it will be the first time a saltwater crocodile has been sighted in the area.”

NRETA's Wildlife Crocodile Management team will be heading down to the hot springs tomorrow to assist in finding and possibly removing the crocodile if found.

Access to Butterfly Gorge day use area will remain open to visitors and visitors will be advised once the Tjuwaliyn (Douglas) Hot Springs have been reopened.

Media Note – for more information contact John McCartney on 0427 800 302 or 89882 078 after 5.45pm

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