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Berry Springs Closed for Wet Season

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport advises that due to recent weather conditions the water holes at Berry Springs Nature Park have been closed for swimming for the remainder of the wet season.

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service Chief District Ranger Dal Hartley said water levels in the pools has risen to a level where the decision to stop swimming is made for safety.

“The bacteria levels in the water would be high and the risk to swimmers is unacceptable,” Mr Hartley said.

“The flow of water has also increased resulting in strong currents adding yet another risk.

“Visitor safety at parks and reserves administered by the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport is a top priority.”

Mr Hartley said due to the murky water it’s not possible to conduct crocodile surveys to properly assess the situation in the water holes.

“When the water becomes discoloured like this it becomes difficult to spot a crocodile should there be one in the swimming area,” he said.

The Berry Springs Nature Park picnic areas and BBQ’s will remain open to visitors although caution is recommended and children should always be supervised.

Members of the public can visit www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks for the latest access reports to parks and reserves administered by the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport.

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