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Park Closures in Central Australia

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) advise that due to recent wet weather conditions a number of parks and reserves in the Alice Springs region have been temporarily closed.

Heavy rains and flash flooding has resulted in closures to Finke Gorge National Park, Owen Springs Reserve and Trephina Gorge Nature Park.

Other areas have become inaccessible due to flood damage on access roads including Arltunga Historical Reserve, Ruby Gap Nature Park and N'Dhala Gorge Nature Park.

Whilst other parks and reserves remain open to visitors at this time the Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service advises members of the public to check road conditions through the Northern Territory Government website at www.roadreport.nt.gov.au.

Swimming at Ormiston Gorge, Ellery Creek Bighole and Glen Helen Gorge in the West MacDonnell National Park is permitted but visitors are urged to heed all signage in the area and advice by park rangers.

NRETAS will advise when these parks and reserves become accessible to the public again.

For more information about parks and reserves administered by NRETAS go to www.nt.gov.au/parks.

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