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Crocodile and Water Safety Signs Stolen

The Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service are investigating the theft of several crocodile and water safety signs from Manton Dam Recreation Area.

Barry Scott, Regional Chief Ranger of the Darwin Region said that this is recklessly exposing others to risk.

“Not only is it breaking the law by simply removing the signs, but it’s endangering innocent people’s lives” Mr Scott said.

“Manton Dam has been reopened for land and boat based fishing and picnics since 12 March 2011 and in that time four signs have been stolen, each valued at \$250.

“They were erected to inform people to **BE CROCWISE** and to keep out of the water, as the dam remains closed to water based activities, due to the likely presence of estuarine (saltwater) crocodiles.”

Under the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation By-laws, those caught interfering with Parks and Wildlife property can face penalties of up to \$1,000.

Members of the public who have information into the whereabouts of these signs are urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Any suspicious behaviour should be reported on 0429 152 194.

Manton Dam Recreation Area will re-open for swimming and other water-based activities once the area is deemed safe by the Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service.

Media Note – for more information/interviews contact Barry Scott on 0408 023 390

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