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## **Prescribed Burning at Manton Dam**

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) urges the public to exercise caution around the Manton Dam Recreation Area due to prescribed burning taking place over the next couple of days.

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Rangers will be conducting small localised burns around the Manton Dam infrastructure over the weekend.

Bushfires NT, on behalf of Parks and Wildlife and Power and Water Corporation, will be conducting aerial burning operations in the Manton and Darwin River Dam catchment areas on Monday, 9 May 2011.

Visibility may also be affected and all visitors are urged to travel with caution. Drivers should slow down, turn their lights on and pull off the road if they cannot see.

Manton Dam Recreation Area will remain open to visitors for picnics and land and boat-based fishing only.

Swimming and water-based activities including water-skiing, jet-skiing and wakeboarding remain prohibited due to the likely presence of estuarine (saltwater) crocodiles.

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) urges the public to **BE CROCWISE** and remember that croc danger is real, so don't risk your life. For more information visit [www.nt.gov.au/becrocwise](http://www.nt.gov.au/becrocwise)

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

For up to date information regarding access to parks and reserves administered by NRETAS go to [www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks](http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks)

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