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Manton Dam Reopen for Swimming

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) advises that Manton Dam Recreation Area is now open for swimming and other water-based activities.

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife senior ranger Peter Kennedy said the record wet season rainfall and Tropical Cyclone Carlos hindered the opening of the popular recreation area to water-based activities.

“This year we had a staged opening of Manton Dam Recreation Area, opening the area up for land and boat-based fishing and picnics in early March,” Mr Kennedy said.

“However it remained off-limits for swimming, water-skiing, jet-skiing and wakeboarding due to high water levels, murky water and surrounding vegetation hampering access for rangers to undertake crocodile surveys to ensure the area was safe for visitors.

“The water level finally dropped enough last week for us to conduct conclusive surveys, with no sightings of estuarine crocodiles in the area across five consecutive nights of crocodile surveying this week.

“While Manton Dam is now fully accessible to the public and contains two permanent crocodile traps, we urge the public to **BE CROCWISE** and remember that estuarine crocodiles can move into freshwater systems undetected.

“If you spot any estuarine crocodiles in the area please contact the Parks and Wildlife Service on 0419 822 859.”

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

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