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## **Crocodile Incident at Berry Springs Nature Park**

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) will be conducting a spotlight survey at Berry Springs Nature Park tonight following a report that a woman has received a small bite from an estuarine (saltwater) crocodile believed to be approximately 1.5m in length.

Parks and Wildlife Service Senior Ranger Tom Nichols said Rangers at Berry Springs Nature Park reported the incident occurred late this afternoon and that they attempted to provide medical assistance to the woman.

"Rangers on the scene reported the woman had a small puncture wound to her neck believed to have been received from a small estuarine crocodile while swimming in one of the water pools at Berry Springs," Mr Nichols said.

"Rangers attempted to offer medical assistance however the woman refused and left the scene.

"We urge her to seek medical attention as soon as possible.

"Spotlight surveys will be carried out tonight in an attempt to locate and remove the estuarine crocodile.

"No more information is available at this time."

Berry Springs Nature Park will remain closed for swimming until Parks and Wildlife Rangers conduct surveys to determine the area is safe for swimming.

Parks and Wildlife Rangers conduct crocodile surveys every fortnight at Berry Springs Nature Park throughout the dry season.

NRETAS urges the public to **BE CROCWISE** and remember that croc danger is real, so don't risk your life. For more information go to [www.nt.gov.au/becrocwise](http://www.nt.gov.au/becrocwise)

The report estuarine (saltwater) crocodile sightings in the Darwin region phone 0419 822 859 or in the Katherine region phone 0407 958 405.

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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