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## Tourism Industry Update – 2 June 2010

### Forecasted access for key visitor sites PLUS all the latest news from Kakadu

As the late wet season finally rolls into dry, park staff continue to prepare visitor sites for the public. This update provides a forecast for expected opening times for key visitor sites, but predicted dates are subject to change should opening plans be delayed.

#### GUNLOM AFFECTED BY LATE HEAVY RAINS

Last Saturday visitors were stranded by rising waters over the bridge across the South Alligator River, cutting off access to and from Gunlom. Park staff arranged for these visitors to be ferried out to stay at nearby accommodation. By Sunday morning the way was once again clear. However, following the impacts of the water, the condition of the road has suffered and is currently recommended for 4WD only.

The plunge pool closed temporarily while district rangers checked for crocs that may have moved in while the water was up. They are now able to issue an 'all clear' and the pool is once more open to swimmers.

#### CROCODILE NEWS

Croc surveys continue, though the heavy rains in key locations are hampering the work. At Koolpin one crocodile has been removed, another sighted, and the one with the satellite tracker is known to be close by. The higher water levels mean that this one, as well as others, may well have moved back up the creek towards Koolpin.

#### WETLANDS ACCESS

The bird-hide at Mamukala is now open and we expect that the walk will be open by the weekend. While bird numbers are not high at this time of year, it's a beautiful spot to view all sorts of wildlife. Relax here and absorb the peaceful outlook and the wetland view.

The Gungarre trail that starts behind the Aurora resort at South Alligator is open and many walkers are enjoying a stroll. The floating pontoon requires further work to ensure that it is safe, especially for children – we're hoping to complete this work over the coming weekend.

#### SEASONAL INTERPRETATION RANGER PROGRAM

Look out for our Seasonal Rangers as they present our great program of activities for 2010. This year we welcome Giselle, Natalie, Tanya, Annie, Kristin and Jolyon to the team, and Victor Cooper, Mandy Muir and Violet Lawson also join us in presenting great experiences to our visitors.

The program includes walks and on site talks, as well as slideshows at night and cultural activities.

The **What's on guide** lists all the activities and locations, and is available around the park and on the web.

*Visitors enjoy a Seasonal Ranger talk at Ubirr*



Daily Road Reports are available on our website at: <http://www.kakadu.com.au/access>

For more information about Kakadu National Park contact Bowali Visitor Centre on (08) 89 381120 or visit our websites [www.environment.gov.au/parks/kakadu/](http://www.environment.gov.au/parks/kakadu/) or [www.kakadu.com.au](http://www.kakadu.com.au)

## KAKADU ROAD AND ACCESS REPORT

Download the latest access information and road conditions from our website: [www.kakadu.com.au/access](http://www.kakadu.com.au/access)

Visitor Site	Current Status	Forecasted Opening	Comments
Arnhem Highway	Open		Roadworks in progress, expect delays.
Kakadu Highway	Open		
Old Darwin Rd/Old Jim Jim Rd	Closed		Expected opening date mid June dependent on river levels at South Alligator
<b>South Alligator Region</b>			
Mamukala	Open		Bird observation building is open. 3km walking track anticipated to open by the weekend.
Gungarre Walk	Open		Pontoon closed pending crocodile safety works.
West Alligator Head	Closed		Still too wet. Expected opening date late July.
Red Lily Billabong	Closed		Water still running across access road. Expected opening date late June.
Bucket Billabong	Closed		Still too wet. Expected opening date late June.
Alligator Billabong	Closed		Expected opening date late June
2 Mile Hole Billabong	Closed		Expected opening date late June. Flooding on road 5kms from Arnhem Hwy.
4 Mile Hole Billabong	Closed		Expected opening date mid to late June.
<b>Jabiru Region</b>			
Burdulba Campground	Open		
Illigadjarr Walk	Closed		Water levels still high.
Malabandjbandju Caravan Area	Open		
Malabandjbandju Tent Area	Open		
<b>East Alligator Region</b>			
Ubirr Art Site	Open		Open 8.30am until sunset. 2 wheel drive with care. Water over the road.
Magela Creek (road to Ubirr)	Open		Water over the road. Dept of Construction & Infrastructure.
Cahills Crossing	Open		Check tide times.
Merl Campground	Open		Merl campground 2 open. Merl campground 1 closed due to water levels
Manngarre Walk	Open		First section of walk open 0.6km.
Bardedjilidji Sandstone Walk	Open		Wet season walking track only.
Sandstone & River Walk	Closed		Closed due to high water levels.
<b>Nourlangie Region</b>			
Nourlangie Rock	Open		
Nanguluwurr Art Site	Open		
Nawurlandja Lookout	Open		
Anbangbang Billabong	Closed		Expected opening date mid to late June, once water levels have dropped.
Gubara	Open		
Sandy Billabong	Closed		Expected opening date mid July.
Muirella Park Campground	Open		
Bubba Walk	Closed		Expected opening date mid July.
Sandstone Barrk Walk	Open		Start walk early to avoid high temperatures.
<b>Yellow Water Region</b>			
Jim Jim Billabong Campground	Closed		Expected opening date early June
Yellow Water Road	Closed		Expected opening date mid June. Still too much water over road and carpark
Yellow Water Boardwalk	Closed		Expected opening date early June, once water has receded.
Home Billabong Walk	Closed		Expected opening date late July early August
Mardugal Campground 1 & 2	Open		
Mardugal Billabong Walk	Closed		Expected opening date early June
Gun-gardun Walk	Open		
<b>Jim Jim and Twin Falls Region</b>			
Jim Jim Falls	Closed		Expected opening date early July, dependent on road repairs and crocodile survey
Twin Falls	Closed		Expected opening date early July, once infrastructure is in place and crocodile surveys have been completed.
Twin Falls Plateau Walk	Closed		Expected opening date early July.
Barrk Marlam Walk	Closed		Expected opening date early July.
Garnamarr Campground	Closed		Expected opening date early July.
<b>Mary River Region</b>			
Maguk	Closed		Expected opening date mid June
Bilkbilkmi (Graveside Gorge)	Closed		
Kambolgie Campground	Open		4WD recommended. Unsealed road.
Yurmikmik Walks	Open		4WD recommended. Unsealed road.
Gunlom	Open		4WD recommended. Unsealed road.
Jarrangbarnmi (Koolpin Gorge)	Closed		Expected opening date late June.
Guratba/Gimbat Day Use Area	Closed		Expected opening date mid June.
Ikoymarrwa Rock Holes	Open		4WD Only. Permit required to camp overnight.
Bukbukluk Lookout	Open		
Gungurul Campground	Open		
Gungurul Lookout & River Walk	Open		
Gunlom Road	Open		Unsealed road. 4WD recommended.

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