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Tourism Industry Update – 6 November 2009

Forecasted opening times for key visitor sites PLUS Latest news from Kakadu

CAMPGROUND MANAGERS FINISH UP

Over the busy months you may have got to know Kakadu's campground managers. We would like to thank the Hunter family, Greg Bell, Peter Coles, Werenbun association, George Shapardon and Glen Fletcher, for their great work during the dry season. The campgrounds have been beautifully kept and facilities well maintained.

DISABLED ACCESS AND A NEW VIEWING PLATFORM PLANNED FOR GUNLOM

Planning is underway for a custom designed track, bridge and viewing platform at the base of Gunlom Falls. The existing sand track washes away every wet season as the area floods. Each year rangers rebuild the sand track so visitors can access the area.

The planned infrastructure is designed to withstand wet season flooding. A unique feature of the design is that the handrails can be removed to allow the flood waters to flow freely over the walkway.

The new path will meet Australian wheelchair access standards giving disabled people the opportunity to access the view at the base of Gunlom Falls.



Above: The site chosen to build the disabled walking track and viewing area at Gunlom.

REBUILDING CATFISH CREEK BRIDGE

Park staff and Territory Marine builders will start reconstructing the Catfish Creek bridge this week. The old corroded steel walkway will be removed and a new bridge will be constructed with weather durable materials.

The new bridge will allow visitors to access the Sandstone and River walk which has been closed for the last two seasons. Visitors will be able to experience the natural environment without disturbing ground cover and plant life. The 6.5km loop/ return walk goes through rainforest, past sandstone outliers and along side the East Alligator River.

It will be great to have the walk open again as it's one of the highlights of the East Alligator region.



Right: The old Catfish Creek Bridge.

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KAKADU ROAD AND ACCESS REPORT

The Kakadu Road and Access Report is currently updated weekly. You can download the latest road report from our website at www.kakadu.com.au/access.

Visitor Site	Current Status	Forecasted Opening	Comments
Arnhem Highway	Open		
Kakadu Highway	Open		
Old Darwin Rd/Old Jim Jim Rd	Open		4WD only.
South Alligator Region			
Mamukala	Open		
Gungarre Walk	Open		
West Alligator Head	Open		4WD recommended. Take care on corrugations.
Red Lily Billabong	Open		4WD recommended.
Bucket Billabong	Open		4WD recommended.
Alligator Billabong	Open		4WD recommended.
2 Mile Hole Billabong	Open		4WD recommended.
4 Mile Hole Billabong	Open		4WD recommended.
Jabiru Region			
Burdulba Campground	Open		
Illigadjarr Walk	Open		Accessible via from Burdulba and Malanjbandju campgrounds.
Malabanjbandju Caravan Area	Open		
Malabanjbandju Tent Area	Open		
East Alligator Region			
Ubirr Art Site	Open		Open 8:30am to sunset.
Magela Creek (road to Ubirr)	Open		
Cahills Crossing	Open		4WD high clearance vehicles recommended. Drive with care and check tide times before crossing.
Merl Campground	Open		
Manngarre Walk	Open		
Bardedjilidji Sandstone Walk	Open		
Sandstone & River Walk	Closed	TBA	Major repairs currently underway for Catfish Creek bridge located along this walk. Will open once repairs are complete.
Nourlangie Region			
Nourlangie Rock	Open		
Nanguluwur Art Site	Open		
Nawurlandja Lookout	Open		
Anbangbang Billabong	Open		
Gubara	Open		4WD recommended.
Sandy Billabong	Open		
Muirella Park Campground	Open		
Bubba Walk	Open		
Sandstone Barrk Walk	Closed		Please note that this walk will re open in the wet
Yellow Water Region			
Jim Jim Billabong Campground	Open		Unsealed road.
Yellow Water Road	Open		
Yellow Water Boardwalk	Open		
Home Billabong Walk	Open		
Marduqal Campground 1 & 2	Open		
Marduqal Billabong Walk	Open		
Gun-gardun Walk	Open		
Jim Jim and Twin Falls Region			
Jim Jim Falls	Open		4WD high clearance only. The Jim Jim Creek crossing is approx 0.6m deep. This area will close 4pm, 11 Dec 2009
Twin Falls	Open		4WD high clearance only. This area will close 4pm, 8 Nov 2009
Twin Falls Plateau Walk	Closed		
Barrk Marlam Walk	Closed		
Garnamarr Campground	Open		
Mary River Region			
Maguk	Open		4WD recommended.
Graveside Gorge	Open		4WD required. Permit required to camp overnight. Closed for traditional use from 9 – 16 Nov 2009
Kambolgie Campground	Open		2WD with care.
Yurmikmik Walks	Open		2WD with care.
Gunlom	Open		4WD recommended.
Jarrangbarnmi (Koolpin Gorge)	Open		Permit required. 4WD high clearance vehicle only.
Guratba/Gimbat Day Use Area	Open		
Ikoyarrwa Rock Holes	Open		Permit required to camp overnight.
Bukbukluk Lookout	Open		
Gungurul Campground	Open		
Gungurul Lookout & River Walk	Open		
Gunlom Road	Open		Unsealed road 2WD with care.

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