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## Tourism Industry Update – 20 November 2009

Forecasted access for key visitor sites PLUS latest news from Kakadu

### IMPORTANT NEWS FOR ALL TOUR OPERATORS ABOUT PARK ENTRY TICKETS

Look out for our next Tourism Industry Update for important information about how to purchase Kakadu National Park entry tickets which come into effect 1 April 2010.

### MAKE TIME THIS WET TO COMPLETE KAKADU KNOWLEDGE FOR TOUR GUIDES

Tour operators are reminded that with the approach of the quieter season, now is a great time to make sure all guides have completed Kakadu Knowledge for Tour Guides.

The program was developed as part of *Kakadu's Shared Vision for Tourism*, incorporating the values and aspirations of traditional owners, park managers and tourism industry.

A world first for nationally accredited training in protected areas, this course is an important tool to ensure high quality experiences for visitors coming to Kakadu on a tour. It provides guides with materials, knowledge and confidence to showcase Kakadu's cultural and natural values and increase visitor safety across the park.

Completion of this course is compulsory for all guides leading tours into Kakadu. Tour operators entering the park without an accredited guide are in breach of their permit conditions. In accordance with their permit conditions, commercial tour operators must provide the Permits Officer with regular updates on all guides they currently employ to lead tours in Kakadu. Records from Charles Darwin University enable us to verify guides which guides have completed the course.

Some operators have found that incorporating the course into their recruitment and training programs is an effective way to develop professionalism in their organisation and ensure the quality of their guides. Course completion is very flexible, allowing guides to complete assessments remotely and at their own pace.

For more information please contact Kakadu National Park, on (08) 8938 1176 or email: [kakadu.permits@environment.gov.au](mailto:kakadu.permits@environment.gov.au).

### PRE-WET SEASON PREPARATIONS

Prior to wet season flooding, rangers will be removing infrastructure at visitor sites including emergency calling devices, solar panels, toilets and some boardwalks. With the onset of heavy rain Gunlom and Maguk are likely to close at short notice. Please stay tuned over the coming weeks for closure notices.

*Right: Ranger, Peter Butler going to remove the croc trap in Jim Jim Creek.*



*Above: Peter Love from AAT Kings at Warradjan sharing his understanding of Kakadu's six seasons.*



For more information about Kakadu National Park contact Bowali Visitor Centre (08) 89 381120 or visit our website <http://www.environment.gov.au/parks/kakadu/>

## 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](http://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.
<b>South Alligator Region</b>			
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.
<b>Jabiru Region</b>			
Burdulba Campground	Open		
Illigadjarr Walk	Open		Accessible via from Burdulba and Malanbandju campgrounds.
Malabanbandju Caravan Area	Open		
Malabanbandju Tent Area	Open		
<b>East Alligator Region</b>			
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		
Bardedjildji 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.
<b>Nourlangie Region</b>			
Nourlangie Rock	Open		
Nanguluwur Art Site	Open		
Nawurlandja Lookout	Open		
Anbangbang Billabong	Open		
Gubara	Open		4WD recommended.
Sandy Billabong	Open		4WD recommended.
Muirella Park Campground	Open		
Bubba Walk	Open		
Sandstone Barrk Walk	Closed		This walk will re-open in the wet.
<b>Yellow Water Region</b>			
Jim Jim Billabong Campground	Open		Unsealed road. 4WD recommended.
Yellow Water Road	Open		
Yellow Water Boardwalk	Open		
Home Billabong Walk	Open		
Mardugal Campground 1 & 2	Open		
Mardugal Billabong Walk	Open		
Gun-gardun Walk	Open		
<b>Jim Jim and Twin Falls Region</b>			
Jim Jim Falls	Open		4WD high clearance only. The Jim Jim Creek crossing is approx 0.6m deep. <b>This area will close 4pm, 11 Dec 2009.</b>
Twin Falls	Closed		
Twin Falls Plateau Walk	Closed		
Barrk Marlam Walk	Closed		
Garnamarr Campground	Open		
<b>Mary River Region</b>			
Maguk	Open		4WD recommended.
Graveside Gorge	Open		4WD required. Permit required to camp overnight.
Kambolgie Campground	Open		Unsealed road 2WD with care.
Yurmikmik Walks	Open		Unsealed road 2WD with care.
Gunlom	Open		Unsealed road 2WD with care.
Jarrangbarnmi (Koolpin Gorge)	Open		Permit required. 4WD high clearance vehicle only.
Guratba/Gimbat Day Use Area	Open		Unsealed road 2WD with care.
Ikoymarrwa 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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