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Berry Springs Temporary Closure

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) advises that the water holes at Berry Springs Nature Park have been temporarily closed until further notice.

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service senior ranger Peter Kennedy said bacteria counts in the pools has risen to a level where the decision to stop swimming is made for visitor safety.

“Visitor health and safety at parks and reserves administered by the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport is a top priority,” Mr Kennedy said.

“Regular water testing is undertaken at the park, with this most recent test showing high levels of E. coli and enterococci present.

“With the bacteria levels in the water being higher than normal range, we’re taking the appropriate cautionary procedures for visitor health and safety.”

Mr Kennedy said further testing will be carried out to try and determine the source of the bacteria.

“The public will be advised as to when the level and condition of the water is safe enough to allow swimming to resume at the park,” Mr Kennedy said.

The Berry Springs Nature Park picnic areas and BBQ’s will remain open to visitors.

Members of the public can visit www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks for the latest access reports to parks and reserves administered by the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport.

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