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## **Large Estuarine Crocodile Removed**

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife advise a 4.7m estuarine (saltwater) crocodile was removed from a permanent trap located approximately one kilometre downstream from the main pool at Berry Springs earlier today.

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife senior ranger Tom Nichols said they received a call from rangers based at Berry Springs to assist in removing the crocodile.

“There are two permanent traps located in the area, one in the saltwater end which is one kilometre downstream from the main pool, and another trap located higher up in the freshwater section,” Mr Nichols said.

“This is the largest crocodile we’ve removed from the area in the last four years, and is also the largest crocodile we’ve removed from any of our traps in 2009.”

Berry Springs Nature Park has been closed for swimming since 30 September 2009 due to water testing indicating high levels of E.coli and enterococci.

Subsequent testing has confirmed bacteria levels continue to be too high to re-open for swimming.

Members of the public are encouraged to report any estuarine crocodile sightings to Parks and Wildlife on 0419 822 859.

Members of the public can visit [www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks](http://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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**Media Note – for more information contact Tom Nichols on 0419 822 859**

**Images –**

- 1. Estuarine (saltwater) crocodile being removed from the trap.**
- 2. Estuarine (saltwater) crocodile being loaded on the trailer.**

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