Minister for Parks and Wildlife Matt Conlan said the Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory would have a special stand-alone stand at this weekend's Alice Springs Show, the first time since 2008.

“It’s been four years since Parks had their own space at the Alice Springs Show and it’s great to have them back,” Mr Conlan said.

“I think the stand got a bit lost with sport and arts in previous years when it was a part of Labor’s NRETAS mega department but now we have a stand-alone authority Parks can take its own pride of place at the Show which it rightfully deserves.

“Our parks and reserves are vital to the fantastic lifestyle we enjoy here in the Territory, whether it is camping with the family, enjoying nature and our wildlife or keeping active and healthy in our great outdoors.

“Our parks also play an important role in our tourism industry with more than 3 million people visiting them every year.

“The theme of the Parks stand at the Show this year will be ‘Connect Parks’ which is all about linking as many people as possible to our parks in a variety of ways.

“The Parks and Wildlife Commission NT will be launching their new Visitor Guide to Parks and Reserves in the Northern Territory at the Show, which includes a section on Central Australia. The stand will also include advice on how to get involved with our parks and co-exist responsibly with our native wildlife.

“There’ll be information on volunteer conservation programs, details about Heritage Night, Junior Rangers, how to enjoy the world famous Larapinta Trail and new plans to develop mountain bike tracks at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station for cyclists at all levels to enjoy.

“I encourage everyone to attend stand, spread the word and get involved with our world class parks and reserves.”

The Alice Springs Show runs over two days from Friday 5 July to Saturday 6 July. Gates open at 8:30am each day.

The Country Liberals Government is promoting and conserving our parks to enhance our lifestyle for all Territorians and visitors to enjoy today and tomorrow. In the 2013 Budget $150,000 was allocated to build new mountain bike tracks at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station.

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