

Media Release

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Park and forest roads reopen across north east Victoria

The majority of roads and tracks in state forests and parks will re-open from today (Thursday, 29 October) across north east Victoria.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and Parks Victoria implement seasonal road closures during winter and spring each year, as part of a driver safety and road damage prevention program.

Forest Fire Management Victoria, (FFMVic) Hume Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Aaron Kennedy, said: “Most roads will reopen today (Thursday, 29 October), with some roads and tracks in bushfire affected areas to remain closed due to safety concerns.

“Some fire-affected roads and tracks in the Upper Murray and Ovens fire districts will remain closed due to the risk of hazardous trees and unstable road conditions following the bushfires.

“During the coming months, our crews and contractors will assess these areas and will complete road repairs and hazardous tree works so they can be reopened to the public once they are safe.

“Seasonal road closures help limit the damage done to forest roads and tracks and in doing so, ensures dangerous and difficult sections of road are closed for driver safety.

“These measures also help maintain water quality in rivers, creeks and reservoirs by reducing the amount of erosion and silt washed away from roads and tracks.

“We’d like to thank motorists for respecting the importance of this closure period, as it helps us better maintain roads and tracks.

“Our parks and forests are beautiful places to visit, and we encourage everyone to do the right thing and obey all road signs and rules so that everyone can enjoy the outdoors,” Mr Kennedy said.

For a full list of tracks and road which re-open from Thursday, 29 October, visit: www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/safety-in-nature/seasonal-road-closures

You can also contact your local DELWP office by calling 136 186, or Parks Victoria on 13 1963.