

Media Release

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Temporary forest and park road closures in the north east

Some roads and tracks in Victoria's forests and parks in the north east region will be temporarily closed during winter and spring.

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) and Parks Victoria close specific roads and tracks to ensure driver safety and to protect road surfaces from damage during the wetter months.

Hume's Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Gill Metz said: "The first road closures came into effect on Tuesday, May 1, before the remaining roads are closed from Thursday, June 14.

"The program assists to mitigate damage to forest roads and tracks during the wetter months.

"It also 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 encourage the recreational use of Victoria's beautiful natural resources, including four-wheel driving, but some sections of the forest road network would rapidly disintegrate if left open for the entire year.

"A number of roads and tracks are closed in the Alpine National Park, including McCready Track, Davies Plain Track and King Plain Track.

"Some roads and tracks will also be closed east of Jamieson, in the Toombullup State Forest and Mt Stirling.

"There will also be track, road and bridge closures in the Strathbogie, Toolangi, Tallarook and Rubicon State Forests.

"FFMVic and Parks Victoria consult with a range of stakeholders, including Four Wheel Drive Victoria, to identify sections of the road network which require closures.

"A number of tracks and roads, which provide access to recreation areas may also be closed, so please make sure you check our website before planning your trip.

"Most of the roads and tracks are re-opened in time for the Melbourne Cup Weekend, but the closure period can be extended if the conditions demand it."

To plan a trip and check road closures visit <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/visiting-state-forests/forest-and-road-closures>

For informational on seasonal closures in parks visit <http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/safety/closures/seasonal-road-closures2>

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