

Harcourt Mountain Bike Park Update November 2017



The Victorian Government is building a world class mountain bike park in Harcourt. Located on a former pine plantation and alongside Mount Alexander Regional Park, the bike park will boost tourism and the health and wellbeing of locals and visitors. It is proposed the park be named La Larr Ba Gauwa Park and will open in early 2018.

What's Happening?

- More than 27 kilometres of bike trails have already been built since construction started in early August. This includes some of the most scenic and challenging trails that take full advantage of sweeping views and granite formations.
- Construction has started on a shelter at the entrance to the Park. Djandak, the enterprise arm of Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation, is building the shelter. Construction of toilet facilities is also underway. These amenities will be built near the entrance to the Park and within walking distance of The Oaks Picnic area.



Artist's impression of shelter

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- We are excited to have submitted a proposal to the Office of Geographic Names to formally name the mountain bike park “La Larr Ba Gauwa Park”, which means ‘stones and mountain’ in Dja Dja Wurrung language. We received positive feedback from the community during the month-long community consultation period. The submission also includes the proposal to extend the name “Picnic Gully Road” to the currently unnamed road which lead to The Oaks Picnic Area. This name will assist emergency service response.
- Work is underway on the off-road trail that will connect Harcourt township with the mountain bike park. The trail will run alongside Market Street and Picnic Gully Road. This project is being managed by Mount Alexander Shire Council and the path is expected to be completed in late January 2018.
- We are working to improve the quality of the natural environment with DELWP and Dja Dja Wurrung crews spraying blackberries alongside the mountain bike trails. Dja Dja Wurrung will also undertake further blackberry and gorse removal work.



Some of the most recently constructed trails

Opening in early 2018.....please don't ride now!

The Harcourt Mountain Bike Park is due to open in early 2018 but there have been a few riders trying out the unfinished trails over the past month. Please do not ride the trails. The Park is still a construction site with heavy machinery and contractors working on all parts of the trails. Riding the trails before they are ready jeopardises the safety of contractors and riders and may damage the trails and cause costly delays. If you see people riding the trails, please report it to DELWP on 136 186.

Keep in touch

It's important to us that we are talking with you and keeping you up-to-date with information about the Harcourt Mountain Bike Park Project. There are several ways we can keep in touch.

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