



# Cycling

## in Dandenong Ranges National Park

Dandenong Ranges National Park, right on Melbourne's doorstep, is famous for its tall Mountain Ash Forests, wildlife and scenic views. Bike riders are welcome to explore the network of cycling tracks that winds through the park.

Things you need to know when riding in Dandenong Ranges National Park:

- Respect, and ensure the safety of other park users and yourself by riding at a safe speed (less than 40km/h).
- Study the map overleaf to see the tracks you are permitted to ride on.
- Special rules apply in the Sherbrooke section of the national park, where most tracks are for walkers only and are closed to cyclists.
- Some of the special areas of the park are accessible only by foot, so bring a bike lock to secure your bike while you explore the walking tracks.
- Ensure that you follow national park regulations (see back page).

### Where can I cycle?

Cyclists can use roads and vehicular tracks, including "Management Vehicles Only" tracks, unless they have been closed to bicycles.

**You are not permitted to cycle on walking tracks because of the danger to walkers on these narrow tracks.**

Tracks closed to cyclists display a "No Bikes" symbol. Refer to the map overleaf for where you can and can't ride, as signs may be vandalised and damaged at times.



Any track may be closed to cycling at short notice, particularly if the track conditions become very muddy, eroded or dangerous.

**An \$80 on the spot fine will apply to cyclists found on tracks which are closed to bikes.**

**Please note that there is limited cycling in Sherbrooke.** The tracks of Sherbrooke are very popular with walkers and are very narrow, so only the perimeter tracks are available for cycling. Make sure you are familiar with the tracks that can be used in this area (see map overleaf).



**Parks Victoria Ranger**  
David Foster

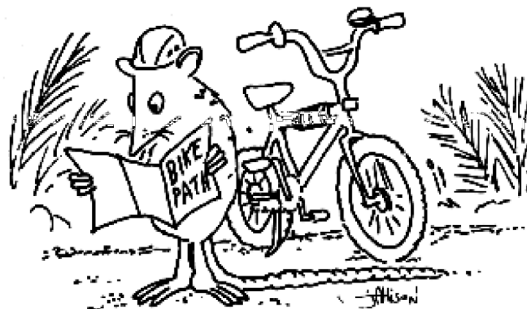
*"Victoria has all the outdoors you could wish for- mountains, forests, beaches and bushland, all preserved in our parks. Our natural landscapes have been here longer than anyone knows, and together we can make sure they're here forever."*

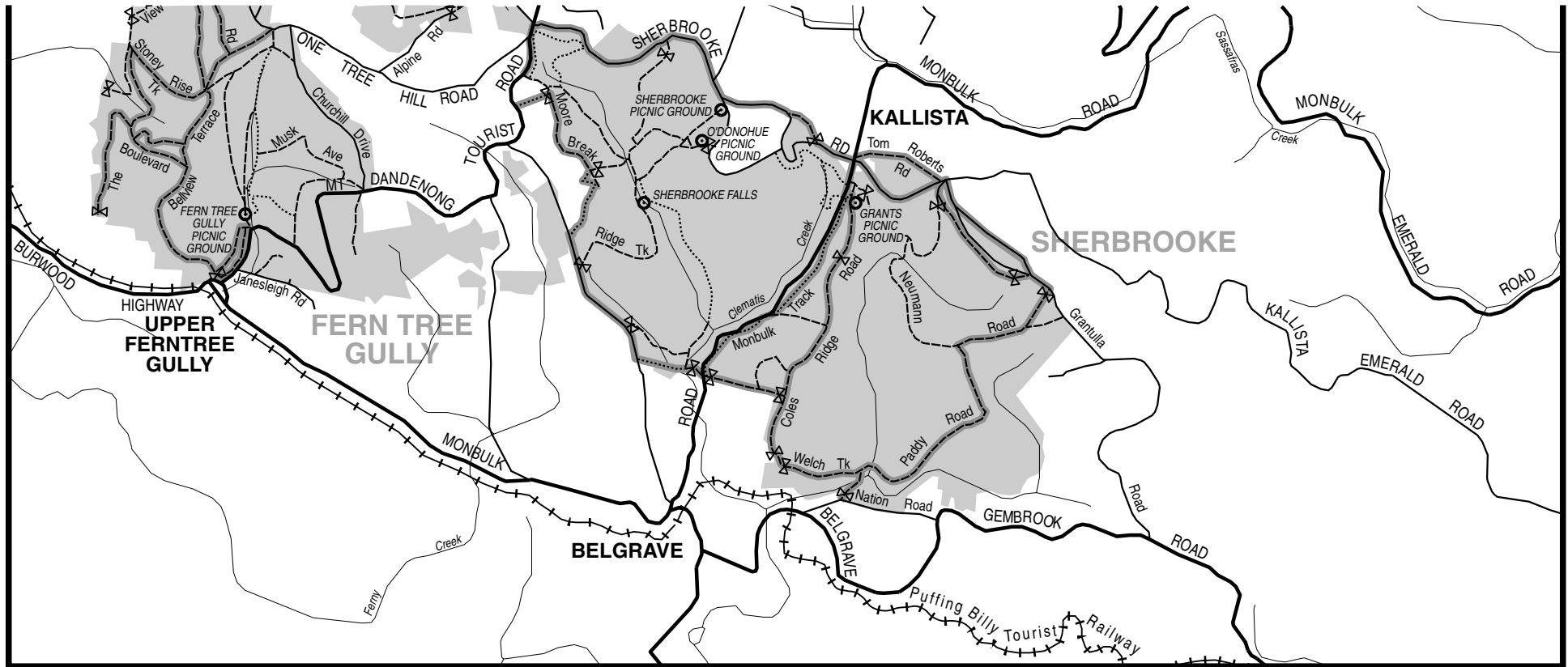
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### Getting there

The Dandenongs are accessible by train (catch the train to Belgrave, Upper Ferntree Gully or Lilydale stations) and by car.







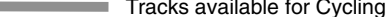
Two main roads, the Mt. Dandenong Tourist Road and Monbulk Road take you to the national park. Both roads are narrow and busy, so avoid cycling on them when you can.

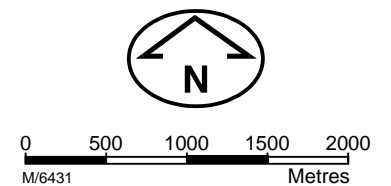
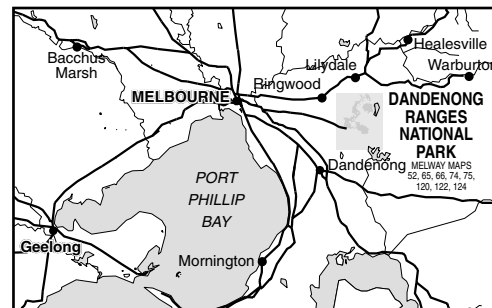




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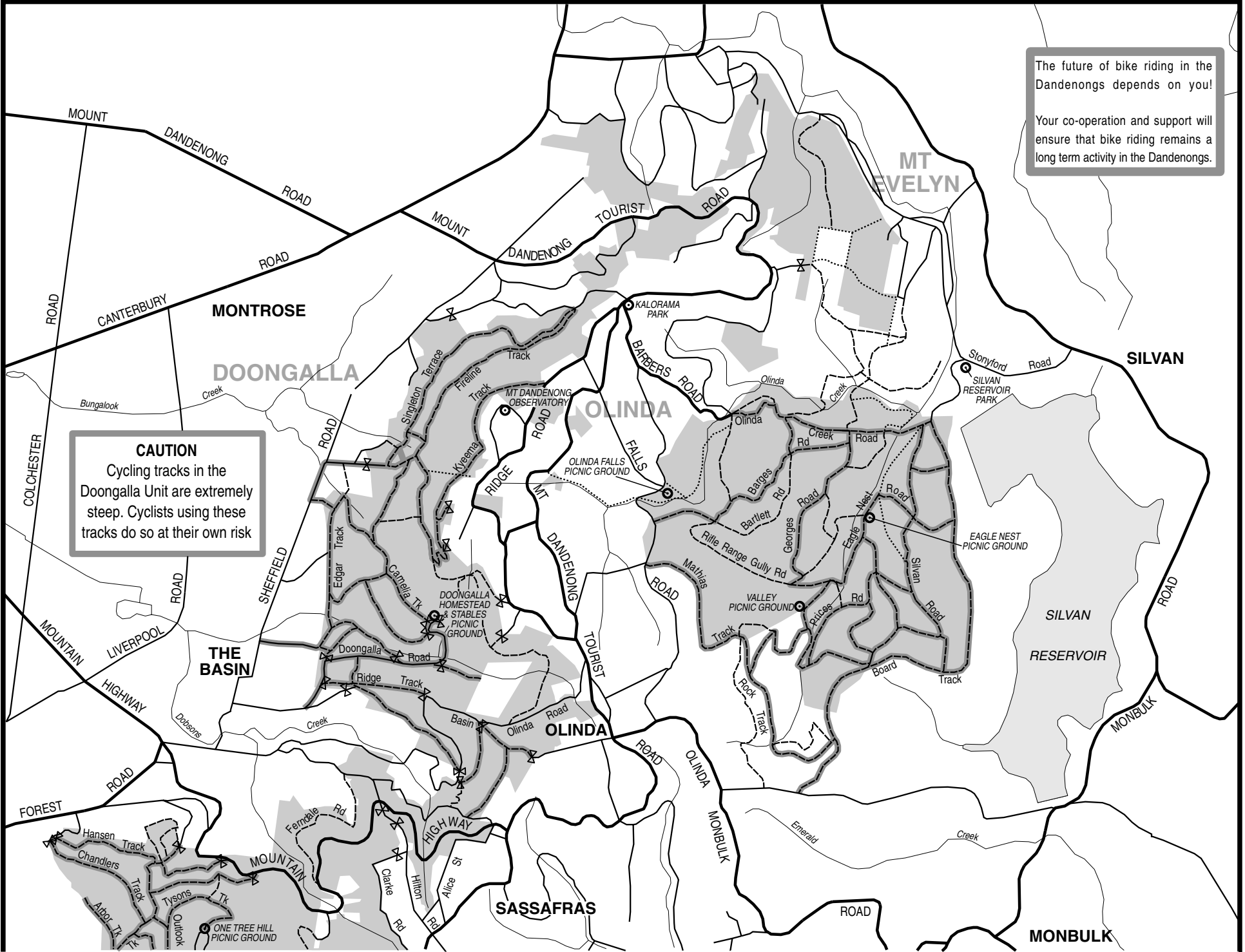
-  Dandenong Ranges National Park
-  Main Roads
-  Minor Roads
-  Park Vehicle Tracks
-  Walking Tracks
-  Gate
-  Tracks available for Cycling



The future of bike riding in the Dandenongs depends on you!

Your co-operation and support will ensure that bike riding remains a long term activity in the Dandenongs.

**CAUTION**  
Cycling tracks in the Doongalla Unit are extremely steep. Cyclists using these tracks do so at their own risk



## Seeing wildlife by bike

Wildlife shares the tracks you ride on. Cyclists can often surprise wildlife as bikes are quieter and quicker than walkers. Please travel slowly (less than 40 km/h so that you can stop for wildlife (and people) using the tracks. You will see more of the park and wildlife.

Some of the forest birds you may see on the tracks are the Superb Lyrebird, White's Ground Thrush, the Pilot Bird and the Eastern Yellow Robin. These are all birds that feed mainly on the forest floor.

Mammals seen on the tracks during the day are the Echidna, the dark brown coloured Swamp Wallaby and the mouse-sized Antechinus (a small native marsupial).

## Looking after the National Park

Please follow these regulations to help protect the park and forest:

Light fires only in the fireplaces provided or use the electric barbecues (at Ferntree Gully Picnic Ground and Grants Picnic Ground at Sherbrooke Forest) or the gas barbecues (at One Tree Hill)

Firewood is not supplied - please bring your own.

No fires may be lit on days of Total Fire Ban

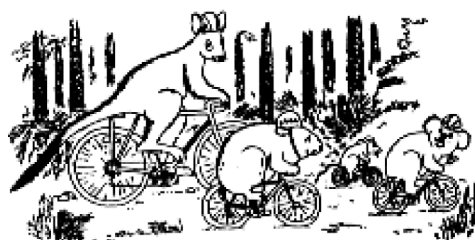
Firearms are prohibited

Rubbish bins are not provided. Please bring a garbage bag and take all rubbish home

Dogs and other pets are not permitted in the national park, this includes the picnic grounds

Remember that native plants and wildlife are protected by law. Please do not collect any specimens

**Sassafras Creek Walking Track from Sassafras to Emerald is closed to bicycles as it is a narrow track for walkers only**

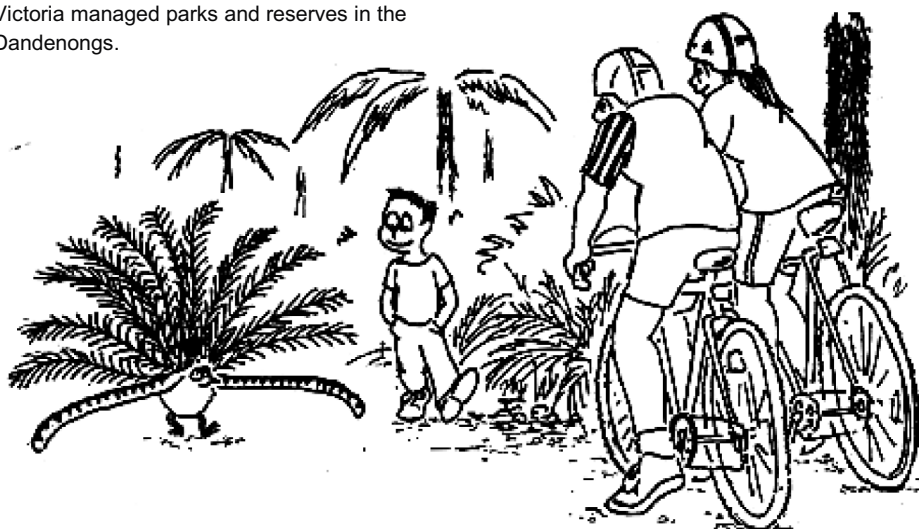


## Planning your ride in the Dandenongs

Use this brochure and a Melway or other directory to plan your trip. Study the map overleaf so that you know which tracks are closed to bicycles.

Obtain contour maps of the Dandenongs to plan your ride according to your level of fitness. If you are not very fit, follow tracks that go along the contours (*Maps are available from Information Victoria, 318 Little Collins Street, Melbourne*)

Please note that camping is not permitted in Parks Victoria managed parks and reserves in the Dandenongs.



Always wear a helmet and follow the "Mountain Bike Code" This code applies to any type of bicycle ridden in the bush. Copies are available from the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963.

## Don't ride with a weed

Always clean your bike thoroughly after a ride. This is good for your bike and the environment too. Mud and soil on dirty bikes can spread weeds and plant disease (such as Cinnamon Fungus, *Phytophthora cinnamoni*, which causes tree dieback) from one area to another.

## Other areas to explore

Cyclists are welcome to cycle in Bunyip State Park east of Gembrook. The same common sense rules apply.

## Cycling in a group of 10 or more?

If you are planning a ride with 10 or more bikes, you may need a permit. For permit enquiries please contact the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963.

## Further information

For further information regarding cycling in the Dandenongs area, contact the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963.