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Grampians Fire Recovery Project



We need you for a working bee on the 1st of April

In a joint venture between the Parks Victoria and the Victorian Climbing Club, we would like to do some maintenance and repair works on tracks around Summerday Valley. This is to help minimise the impact of increased numbers of climbers visiting this area while the Southern areas are still closed due to the fires over summer.

Project Aim

This is the first of many steps in which the VCC and Parks Victoria will be working together to repair, regenerate and re-open areas that have been adversely affected by the summer fires. Due to the size of the fire (approximately 48% of the Grampians National Park has been affected) we are still unable to access many of the worst affected areas. As an interim measure we would like to ensure that un-affected areas like Summerday Valley aren't indirectly suffering from increased visitors while large sections of the Park are still closed.

These works will be commencing in April and continuing for some time. Anyone interested in being involved should contact me via the VCC web-site www.vicclimb.org.au (see Access & Environment) or contact me on 0425 752 289 and leave your details.

Project Principles

- To commence community involvement with the consultation and conciliation process of repairing and re-opening of fire affected areas (both directly and indirectly) within the Grampians National Park.
- Protection of the natural values of the sites while repairing or improving the infrastructure to ensure a minimum of conflict between conservation priorities and recreation values.
- To actively involve the climbing community in the re-opening process to ensure climbers concerns and needs are addressed while maintaining and working within conservation strategies.
- To build upon the solid relationship established between Parks Victoria and the VCC.

Project Works

A working bee will be held on Saturday the 1st April. We will meet at Quarry Campground at 9am to organise working parties. Any one willing is encouraged to attend and don't worry if you can't make it by 9am because there is plenty to do and the works will be going all day. Works will mostly be track repair and erosion controls but also some fencing; both repairing wire fences and some dry stonewalls. BBQ lunch will be provided for all willing workers.

Interested in being involved?

Whether it's to get your hands dirty, or just have your say; we want to hear from you. Please e-mail Anthony Callaghan at cliffcare@vicclimb.org.au or call 0425 752 289 with your contact details and level of interest.

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