

**Rock climbing Roundtable #4 – MARCH 2020 – Questions on notice – Parks Victoria response**

Question	Proposed response
<p>Is the Bundaleer climbing area within a SPA?</p>	<p>Parks Victoria understands that the climbing area known as Bundaleer has many popular climbing routes. The 2003 Management Plan established a special protection area (SPA) known as Bundaleer, which is located in the climbing area also known as Bundaleer. It provided no size and is a coordinate, which identifies a place where tangible Aboriginal heritage values have been registered. The climbing route that is most proximate to this SPA is called “Manic Depressive.”</p> <p>Parks Victoria is working in partnership with Traditional Owners to review the results of recent cultural heritage surveys (within and outside of SPAs) including the Bundaleer climbing area. This information will be fed into the Gariwerd Landscape Management Plan to provide greater clarity on where recreational activities including climbing are permitted in the future. Pending the new plan being finalised, Parks Victoria may need to put in place some additional protection measures in the coming months.</p> <p>Parks Victoria expects that the area from 30m to the north of “Manic Depressive” (and northwards of this point) are unlikely to be affected by additional cultural heritage protection measures. Climbing routes south of this point are likely to be affected by additional cultural heritage protection measures.</p>
<p>If there are no tangible and intangible values present at sites surveyed will Parks Victoria open them up for access before the Grampians Landscape Management Plan process has been finalised?</p>	<p>Parks Victoria maintains the position that decisions regarding amendments to SPAs or creation of new SPAs will be undertaken in partnership with Traditional Owners through the Greater Gariwerd (Grampians) Landscape Management Planning process. The draft plan is due to be submitted to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change by the end of June 2020.</p> <p>Management of the landscape is not only a binary present/not present, it also must take in to consideration other elements of park management best practice and the aspirations of Traditional Owners and park users.</p>
<p>What is the process for establishing new SPAs and the level of consultation in the preparation and implementation of these?</p>	<p>Parks Victoria maintains the position that decisions regarding amendments to SPAs or creation of new SPAs will be undertaken in partnership with Traditional Owners through the Greater Gariwerd (Grampians) Landscape Management Planning process. The draft Landscape Management Plan is due to be submitted to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change by the end of June 2020. There will then be another opportunity for consultation where people can provide feedback on the draft plan.</p> <p>The National Parks Act requires Parks Victoria to consult on the establishment of new set asides and this will be covered through the consultation included in the Greater Gariwerd (Grampians) Landscape Management process. However, the National Parks Act also enables and requires Parks Victoria to take action to protect cultural values and uphold compliance with the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and the objectives of the National Parks Act 1975. In these situations, Parks Victoria is obliged to act as quickly as possible and informs others of decisions rather than consulting on them.</p>

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<p>The LTO representative requested a meeting with Parks Victoria and Outdoors Victoria to discuss booking systems for LTOs at those crags where LTOs are currently operating.</p>	<p>Parks Victoria met with the Roundtable LTO representative and the CEO Outdoors Victoria on 17 and 20 March to discuss the current booking systems and access to crags where LTOs are currently operating. Parks Victoria has implemented some modifications to the current booking system in response to concerns raised. Additional meetings are planned.</p> <p>LTO access to crags and bookings of these in the medium to long term will be reviewed during the preparation of the Greater Gariwerd (Grampians) Landscape Management Plan.</p>
<p>Can the final Greater Gariwerd (Grampians) Landscape Management Plan have usable map files attached?</p>	<p>Parks Victoria will address this request during the preparation of the Greater Gariwerd (Grampians) Landscape Management Plan to ensure the information provided is useful for park users.</p>
<p>Can there be a review of the current seasonal road (Rosea and Homestead) closures into Eastern Wall climbing site?</p>	<p>Parks Victoria will address this request during the preparation of the Greater Gariwerd (Grampians) Landscape Management Plan.</p>
<p>Parks Victoria to provide a list of the sites studied and whether they are inside or outside existing SPAs.</p>	<p>Please refer to Attachment 1.</p>
<p>How many of the rediscovered cultural sites are outside of existing SPAs?</p>	<p>At the roundtable we advised that, of the 125 climbing areas, additional Aboriginal places were rediscovered in 28 of these climbing areas. This means we found Aboriginal places not known prior to the assessments in 28 climbing areas. Eight of these climbing areas are areas that are outside current SPAs and 20 of these climbing areas are areas that are within current SPAs.</p> <p>These rediscoveries are in addition to all the tangible Aboriginal heritage in the SPAs that are already known to Traditional Owners and Parks Victoria and listed on the Victorian Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Register.</p>
<p>Can Parks Victoria provide SPA numbers and names?</p>	<p>Please refer to Attachment 2.</p>