

Where can I ride my trail bike?

Victoria has approximately 36,000km of public roads through State forests and parks which are available for use by licensed riders on registered motorcycles.

The majority of this road network is unsealed roads, but there are also a number of less well formed 4WD tracks that are available for public use.

To access interactive downloadable maps of the public road network, visit www.dse.vic.gov.au and type 'Forest Explorer Online' into the search bar.

You can ride on any of these roads open¹ to the public, but it is illegal to drive off formed roads.

Respect the environment - stick to open public roads

Unlicensed rider? Unregistered bike?

Where can I ride?

Unlicensed riders are limited to private land² and motorcycle club venues where unlicensed riders can become members and ride.

If your trail bike is not registered, you can only use it on purpose built motorcycle venues (typically club run) or on private land. For more information contact Motorcycling Victoria (☎ 9482 5422).

A quick lesson in law

- You must be licensed³, and your motorbike must be road registered and roadworthy.
- Exhaust noise emission must not exceed 94 dB(A). Most motocross bikes and bikes with modified exhausts will exceed this legal limit.
- Ride only on roads open to the public. The legal definition of "Road" means a road open to the public formed for the passage of motor vehicles having four or more wheels.
- It is illegal to drive off formed roads. Riding on illegally created singletrack damages the environment and can earn you a fine.
- Quad bikes (ATVs) are banned from public roads as they cannot be legally registered for road use

¹ A limited number of park and forest roads are closed for management purposes (ie. Management Vehicles Only) or may be seasonally closed for safety, weather or to protect them from winter damage. These roads will be signposted with barriers.

² Some council bylaws may prohibit or limit the use of such vehicles on private land, so check with the relevant local council.

³ The earliest you can apply for a motorcycle licence is at 18 years of age.

- Motocross bikes, pit bikes and mini-bikes are designed for use on motocross tracks and private land. They should not be used on any public roads, including forest tracks.

If in doubt, check with VicRoads before you buy.



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Some tips for enjoyable bush riding

- Remember that logging trucks, four-wheel drives and other recreationalists use these roads, so take care.
- Roads open to vehicles are public roads, so all normal road rules apply.
- Respect the rights of other visitors.
- Keep the noise down near houses, picnic and camping areas.
- Slow down for horses, walkers and cyclists.
- Leave no trace. Take all your rubbish home.
- Observe all fire regulations and Total Fire Ban days.
- Join a club. Support responsible trail riding.

For more information

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is responsible for managing Victoria's State Forest. For further information contact DSE's Customer Service Centre on ☎ 136 186 or visit

<http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/trailbikes>

Australian Motorcycle Trail Riders Association (AMTRA) ☎ 9513 8330. <http://www.amtra.com.au>

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