

# Trail Bike Initiative

Project Update

April 2008







## ***Roll-out of new signs to guide trail bike use in forest areas***

In October 2007, some draft signs were put out to trail bike riders for public comment (refer Project Update – October 2007). The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and VicRoads developed these draft signs for use on forest roads to provide information to riders to enable them to voluntarily change their riding behaviour in areas where there is conflict with other forest recreationalists or with residents.

The comments received back from riders resulted in a number of changes (refer Project Update – Jan 2008) and the final signs and explanations of their purpose and use is outlined below.


The new signs do not ban riders from areas, but rather ask riders to moderate their riding in sensitive areas. Areas chosen for placement of these signs will be discussed with local communities and riders, so that the location and placement of signs is logical and supported. It is likely that these signs will begin to appear in forest areas in the latter half of 2008 – however they will only be used in select locations and will be supported by information supplied to information boards in visitor areas and on Forests Notes on DSE's internet site.

### **Advisory signs**

		<p>These signs indicate noise sensitive areas where riders should ride more carefully and quietly (i.e. drop your revs). Observing the signs will help keep the peace and be greatly appreciated by other forest users and nearby residents.</p>
		<p>These areas will be shown on DSE maps and will be supported by VicRoads signs in the bush.</p>
		<p>These 'Reduce Noise' areas will be voluntary and will be used near picnic and camping areas and along forest roads near residential areas to encourage riders to ride more slowly and keep the noise of their trail bike down.</p>
		<p>The 'End' signs (ie. End Picnic Area) will indicate that the rider has now passed through the reduce noise area and normal riding can resume.</p>
		<p>They will only be used in areas where there is a need to reduce conflict between trail bike riders and other forest users or residents and will only work with the support of riders.</p>

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## Trail Bike Unloading Area sign

	<p>This Trail Bike Unloading Area sign will be used to indicate trail bike unloading areas in the forest, where trail bikes can safely unload from trailers, and where other facilities may be provided (may include information board, picnic tables and toilets).</p>
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## Trail bikes Prohibited sign

	<p>These signs are not new and can be encountered in forest areas to indicate roads closed to trail bikes (and typically all motorised vehicles) and on walking trails (it is illegal for trail bikes to ride on walking trails and these signs are used on walking trails where this is occurring, to clearly communicate to riders that this is not allowed).</p> <p>Trail bike riders found in these prohibited areas will be prosecuted.</p>
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Trail bike riding is an enjoyable pastime for many. The challenge is to work together to ensure that trail bike riders, other recreationalists and rural residents all get a fair deal, and that future generations can continue to enjoy the bush. If you have any queries on the new signs, please email us at [trail.bikes@dse.vic.gov.au](mailto:trail.bikes@dse.vic.gov.au)

### 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 DSE's website at <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/trailbikes>

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