

Trail Bike Riding – Toolangi and Black Range State Forest

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Toolangi and Black Range State forest offers visitors some great opportunities to pursue a range of outdoor recreational activities. This brochure provides trail bike information so that you may enjoy the natural features of Toolangi and Black Range State Forests.

Marginal Road Trail Bike Visitor Area

Situated adjacent to the Melba Highway is the Marginal Road Trail Bike Visitor Area. Located just 500m from the entrance to the forest on Marginal Road, the visitor area serves as an excellent launching place for your ride within the Toolangi and Black Range State Forests. An overflow visitor area is also provided at Two Hills Road. Refer to the attached map for locations.

Location and Access

The visitor area is approximately 35km from Melbourne's outer north eastern suburbs, near the towns of Toolangi and Glenburn. You can access the visitor area via the Melba Highway. From Glenburn, travel 6km south on the Melba until you reach Marginal Road. If travelling from Yarra Glen, Marginal Road is 7km past the Toolangi/KingLake turn off. The visitor area is a further 500m along Marginal Road.

What Facilities are Provided?

Facilities at the Marginal Trail Bike Visitor Area include:

- Parking area for both vehicles and trailers
- Toilet
- Information board with a map
- Picnic tables and seats
- Signposted riding routes

Riding Routes & Safety Information

Ride 1 - 50kms (Three season use only)

This ride provides some challenging ascents and descents. This ride incorporates some seasonal road closures which cannot be used during the seasonal road closure period. Refer to the forest map for further information.

Ride 2 – 100km (All season use)

This ride provides some steep and rocky descents and ascents. Some of these roads may become more challenging and slippery following rainfall and be aware that log trucks may be using these roads with you. This riding route can be used all year round.

Forest roads and tracks

All roads and tracks, including the sign posted riding routes, are two-way and open to other vehicles. Toolangi and Black Range State Forests are a working

forest. Be aware of log trucks and other heavy machinery that share the road with you.

Seasonal road closure

Some forest roads are subject to seasonal road closure. These roads are closed from Thursday after the Queens Birthday Long weekend in June until the weekend before Melbourne Cup Day in November.

Plantation access and roads

Softwood plantations, including roads within the plantations are private property. Please contact Hancock's Victoria Plantation for more information about accessing plantation roads ☎ (03) 9289 1400.

Ride for Tomorrow

Whilst riding in the Toolangi and Black Range State Forests please observe the following advisory signs:

Respect the Environment – Respect Others



DSE and VicRoads have developed signs to indicate noise sensitive areas where riders should ride more slowly and quietly.

Obeying these signs is voluntary (ie. not a legal requirement), but if riders ride slowly and quietly in these areas, it will help keep the peace and be greatly appreciated by other forest users and nearby residents

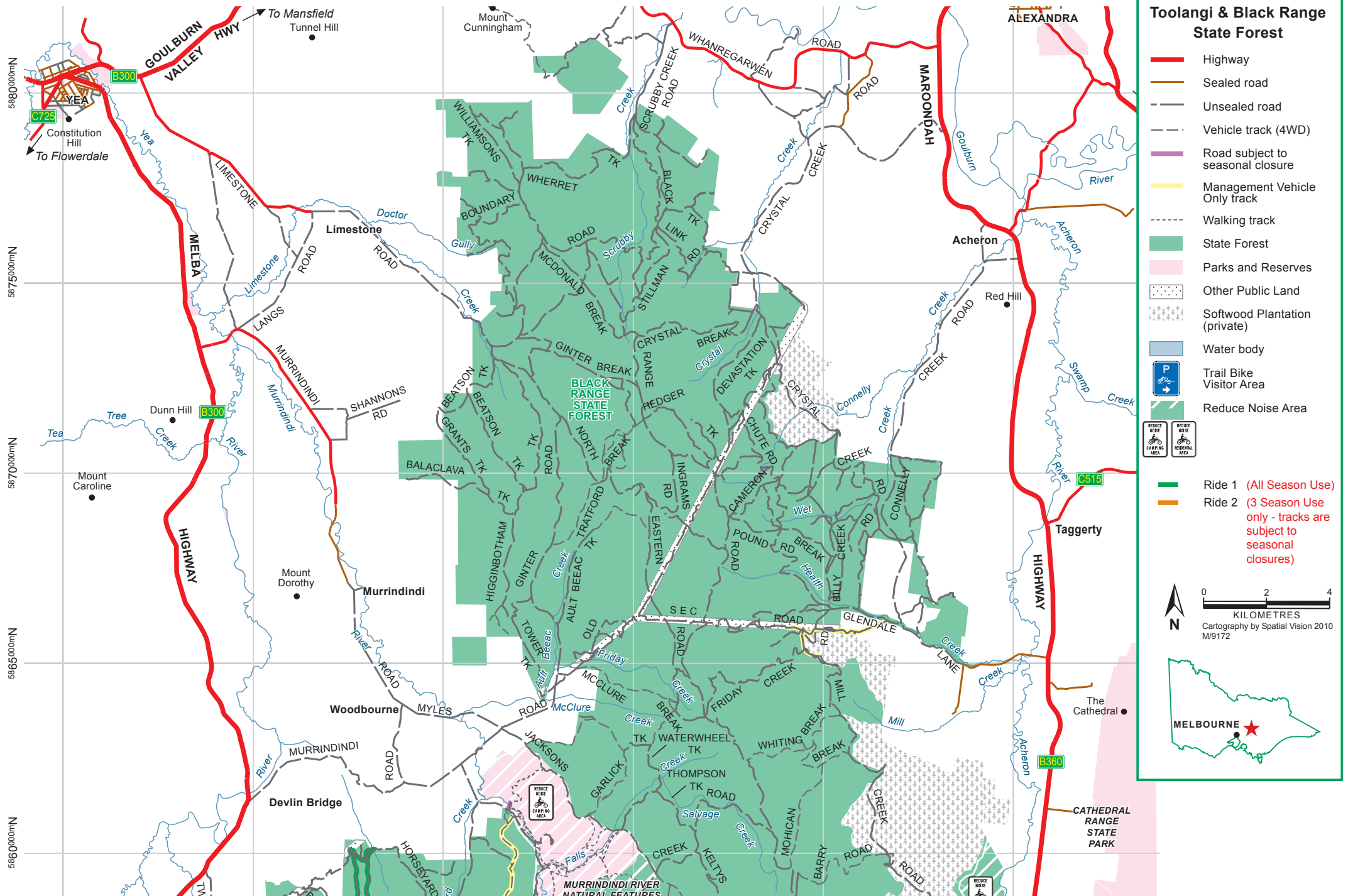
Refer to map overleaf for key sensitive areas

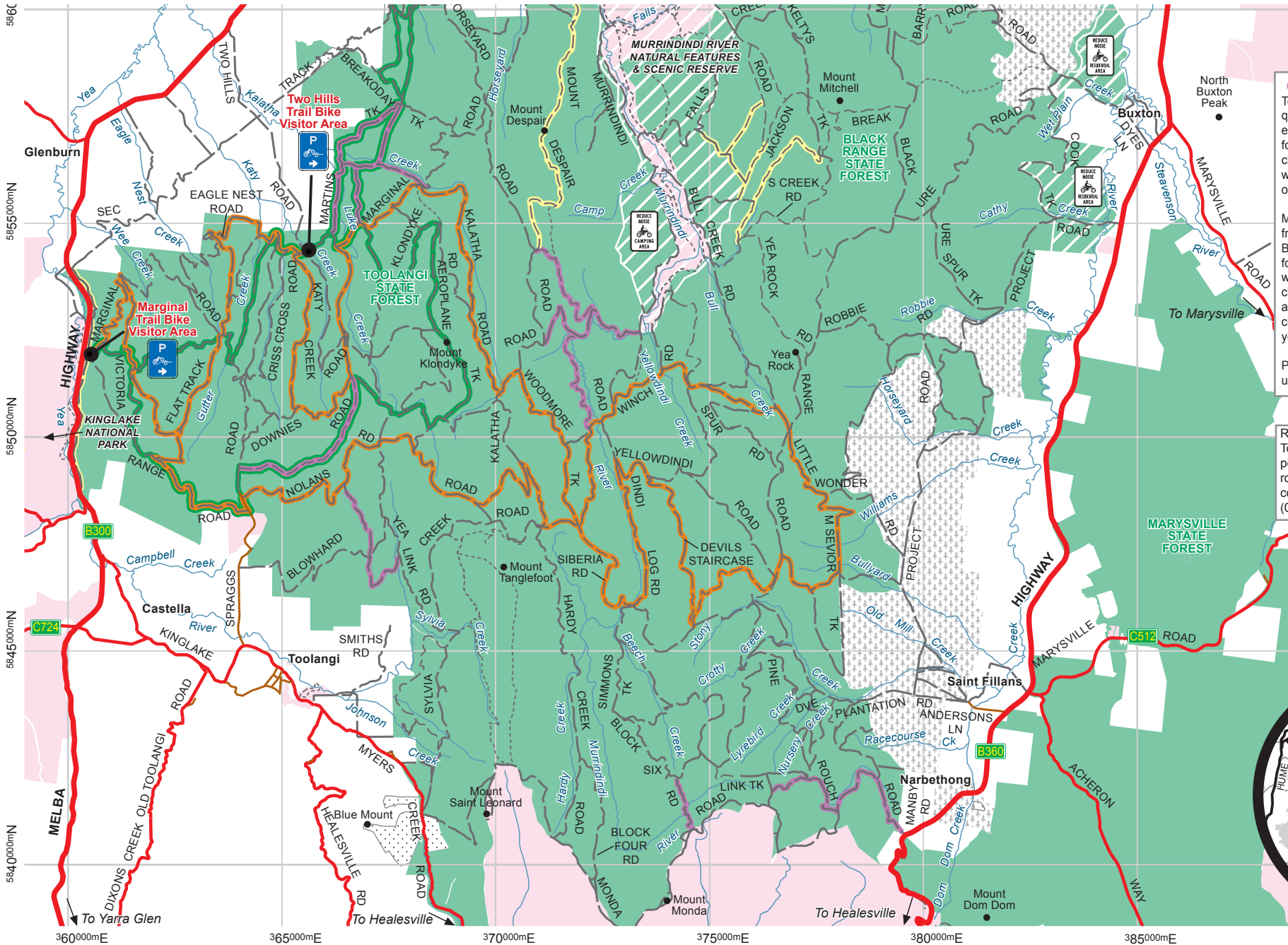
- Riders must be licensed - motorcycles must be registered
- Ride legal - Stay on formed forest roads
- Take your litter home

For More Information

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is responsible for managing Victoria's State Forests. For further information contact DSE's Customer Service Centre on 136 186 (TTY: 1800 122 969) or visit <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/trailbikes>

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ROAD CLOSURES

To help protect road surfaces, water quality and the environment and to ensure driver safety, roads in parks and forests throughout Victoria are seasonally closed during the year, especially in winter or temporarily closed for operational (or other) reasons.

Most seasonal road closures take effect from the Thursday after the Queens Birthday long weekend and remain in force until the Melbourne Cup Day long weekend. Please note that not all road closures can be shown on this map as additional seasonally or temporarily closed roads may be added from year to year.

Please obey road closed signs and help us protect the environment.

Riding or driving on roads located within Toolangi softwood plantations is not permitted. These are privately managed roads. To access these roads please contact Hancocks Victoria Plantation on (03) 9289 1400

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