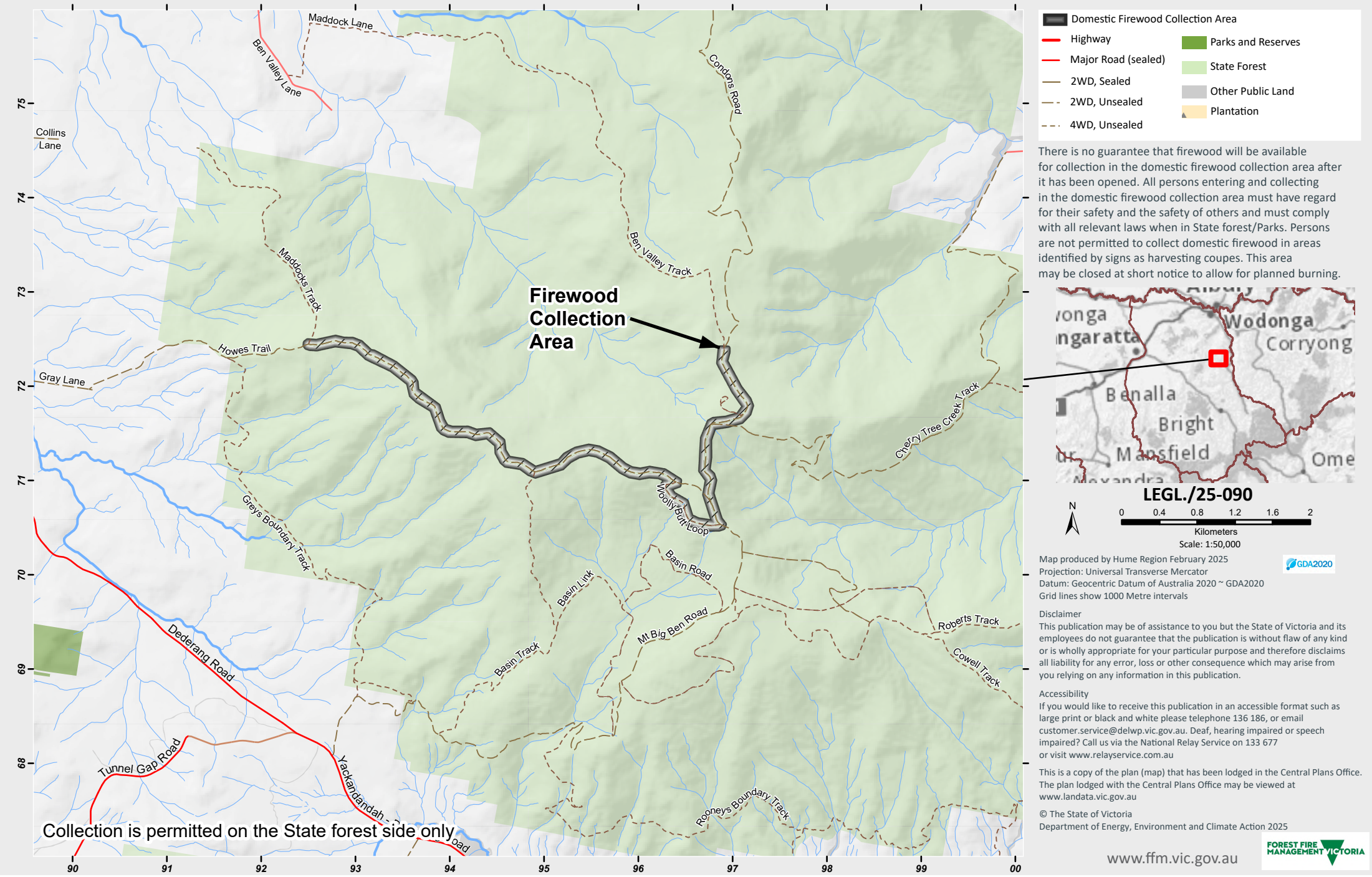


DOMESTIC FIREWOOD COLLECTION AREA MAP

Domestic Firewood Collection Area Name: **BEN VALLEY TRACK 03** Region: **Hume** District: **OVENS** Forest Name: **Unnamed State forest**



Domestic Firewood Collection Area

Firewood collection seasons: 1 March to 30 June
(inclusive) 1 September to 30 November (inclusive)

Firewood Collection Rules

Only collect firewood from within a designated domestic firewood collection area and during a domestic firewood season.

Only collect fallen or felled trees.

Do not collect more than 2m³ per person per day. Note: 1m³ is approximately a 1.8m (6') x 1.2m (4') trailer of split firewood neatly stacked to a height of 0.5m (20").

Do not collect more than 16m³ per household per financial year.

It is illegal to sell firewood collected from domestic collection areas or to use the wood in a commercial enterprise.

Vehicles with a GVM greater than 4.5 tonnes must not be used for the collection of firewood in a domestic firewood collection area.

Heavy machinery (e.g. a bulldozer, crane, excavator, forwarder, hydraulic log splitter, saw bench, skidder, skid steer loader and tractor) must not be brought into or used in a firewood collection area.

Do not tow or winch fallen or felled trees along the ground.

Do not collect firewood within 20m of a watercourse.

Do not drive your vehicle off formed roads or tracks.

Do not cut, break off or damage standing trees or shrubs (living or dead).

Do not take away fallen or felled trees that are visibly hollow or growing moss or fungi with a coverage of >50%.

Do not damage, disturb or destroy native flora and fauna.

Do not injure, damage, deface, desecrate, destroy or remove cultural heritage sites and artefacts.

Take all litter with you when you leave.

Do not enter the forest on days of Catastrophic Fire Danger rating.

Do not use chainsaws on days of Total Fire Ban.

Use only chainsaws fitted with a proper exhaust and spark arrester.

Only refill chainsaw oil and fuel on an impermeable surface.

Safety

Please **take care of yourself and others at all times** when collecting firewood. In particular:

- Avoid collecting firewood when conditions are wet, windy or hot
- Assess your work area for hazards before you start work
- Avoid working near hazards
- Avoid working alone or with children
- Be trained and competent in the use of firewood collection equipment (including chainsaws) and use well maintained equipment
- Wear appropriate safety clothing and equipment

Hazards found in designated firewood collection areas may include, but are not limited to:

- broken overhead branches, dead standing trees
- uneven or slippery ground conditions
- vehicles
- mine shafts
- snakes and stinging insects.



Video surveillance cameras may be installed in this firewood collection area. Authorised Officers conduct regular patrols of the forest.

Please ensure you abide by collection rules, as significant penalties apply.



If you suspect illegal activity, or
for further information call
Forest Fire Management
Victoria 136 186 or visit
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