

Harcourt Mountain Bike Park Update

October 2017



The Victorian Government is building a world class mountain bike park in Harcourt. Located on a former pine plantation and alongside Mount Alexander Regional Park, the bike park will boost tourism and the health and wellbeing of locals and visitors. It is proposed the park be named La Larr Ba Gauwa Park.

What's Happening?

- More than 22 kilometres of bike trails have been built at Harcourt since construction started in early August.
- Contractors, Dirt Art, are currently constructing Trail 11 by hand to protect sensitive vegetation. This trail offers riders outstanding views of Harcourt Valley from the northern knoll. This is going to be a great ride with a steep ascent for intermediate riders.
- Applications for membership of Harcourt Mountain Bike Park Committee of Management have closed. Thank you to everyone who submitted an expression of interest. DELWP is currently assessing applications and will shortly be in contact with everyone who nominated for the committee.
- Emergency management tracks have been graded. Gates will be installed across the emergency access tracks in the next 4-6 weeks to protect the safety of bike riders, walkers and horse riders. Emergency vehicles are the only vehicles that will be able to access these tracks. Of course, The Oaks picnic area remains open to vehicles. Walkers, horse riders and cyclists can continue to use the tracks they have always enjoyed within the park.
- Quotes have been sought for the construction of toilets and the visitor shelter in the Park. It is expected these facilities will be built in December/January.



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Park Naming: La Larr Ba Gauwa Park

There is still time to provide feedback about the naming proposals related to the Harcourt Mountain Bike Park Project. DELWP is proposing to:

1. Name the former Mt Alexander plantation La Larr Ba Gauwa Park. This name means “stones and mountain” in the Dja Dja Wurrung language and reflects the significant cultural heritage of the site. The name was suggested by the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation in consultation with the Harcourt Mountain Bike Park Community Reference Group.

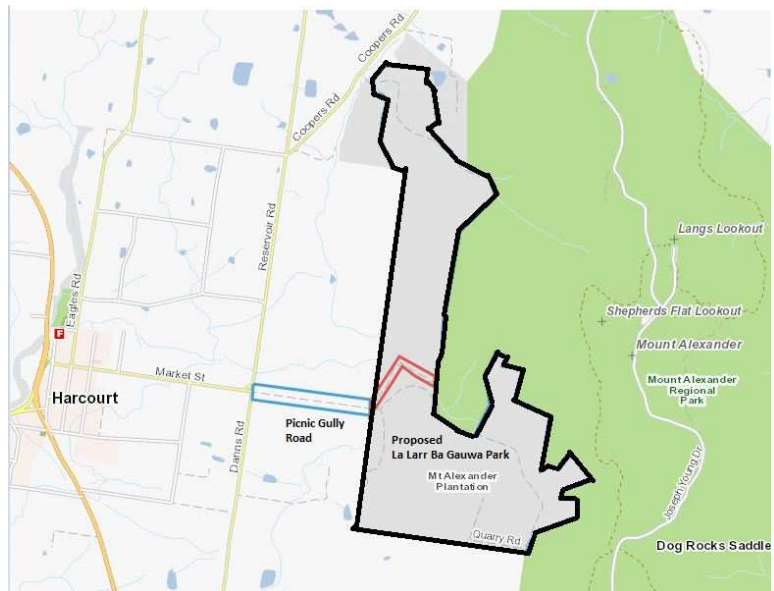
The area proposed to be named La Larr Ba Gauwa Park is outlined in black on the map below. It is Crown land and a former pine plantation on which mountain bike trails are currently being constructed. This proposal does not affect or change the name of Mount Alexander Regional Park or The Oaks Picnic Area.

2. Extend the name “**Picnic Gully Road**” to apply to the currently unnamed road that starts at the Park entrance and continues into the Park. Naming this road is essential for public safety as it will help emergency services easily identify the location. At present, the road does not officially have a name.

The map below shows the current Picnic Gully Road outlined in blue and the unnamed road in the Park outlined in red. It is proposed that the road marked in red also named “Picnic Gully Road”.

You can provide feedback on both of these proposals by writing to: Lynda Grant, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, PO Box 3100, Bendigo Delivery Centre, VIC 3554. You can also email your submission to harcourtmbp@delwp.vic.gov.au

All submissions must be received by Monday 6 November 2017 and include name, address and contact details plus any comments, objections or support of the name(s). Further information is available from: www.delwp.vic.gov.au/harcourt-mbp or by calling Lynda Grant at DELWP on 5430 4444.



Keep in touch

It's important to us that we are talking with you and keeping you up-to-date with information about the Harcourt Mountain Bike Park Project. There are several ways we can keep in touch.

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