

# Parks Victoria

## Bowden Spur downhill mountain bike track

Works have commenced on the development of a downhill mountain bike track along Bowden Spur Rd. A 2km track is to be developed by World Trail, the company that has designed and constructed world-class mountain bike trails at Mt Stromlo (ACT), Mt Buller (Vic) and a number of World Championship and Olympic venues.

The track will be complemented by a toilet, car park and detailed signage system along the track, which will run under the power easement adjacent to the Bowden Spur Rd. The track will be one of the closest sustainable downhill mountain bike riding venues near Melbourne; and will complement existing riding opportunities at Lysterfield in the east, and the You Yangs in the west.

This development has been made possible through Regional Development Victoria funding. The mountain bike track is expected to be completed and opened in June 2012.



Bowden Spur toilet

### Green Corps volunteers lend a hand at Jehosaphat Gully

Kinglake locals will have seen a hive of activity through December and January at Jehosaphat Gully picnic area.

An excavator has been busy preparing the sites for the new toilet block and picnic shelter, and repairs to the fire-damaged retaining wall are now complete.

We have also been delighted to gain a helping hand from a crew of young trainees working under the National Green Jobs Corp Program that is being facilitated by Conservation

Volunteers Australia, who fast-tracked our new loop walk, and is now constructing a number of short paths around the picnic area.

Our partnership with Conservation Volunteers Australia is positive for both Parks Victoria and the trainees involved; we gain extra help to re-build the Park, and, at the same time, the trainees receive accreditation as they work towards attaining a Certificate 2 in Conservation and Land Management.

I'd like to thank the trainees for their work, which will be completed over coming weeks.

Our contractors will return to the area, once the trainees have finished their work, to finish building the replacement visitor facilities – just in time for our re-opening in March.

*Ion Maher  
Ranger in Charge*

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