

STROMLO

FOREST PARK

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PUBLIC USE POLICY

Essential Visitor Information

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STROMLO FOREST PARK – VISITOR INFORMATION

ABOUT STROMLO FOREST PARK

Stromlo Forest Park (SFP) is Australia's premier multi-use recreational sporting facility situated in the heart of the Molonglo Valley in the nation's capital, Canberra. Set on 1200 hectares, Stromlo is surrounded by spectacular views and pristine waterways.

Only 15 minutes from the city centre, the park has something for everyone, from recreational to professional users.

Boasting a purpose-built event pavilion, a 1.2 km criterium cycling circuit, a 2.5km grass cross country running track, a network of equestrian trails and over 50km of mountain bike trails suitable for riders of all abilities. Both the Centenary Trail and Bicentennial National Trail pass through the Park, and there are kilometres of shared trails for those wanting to explore on foot as well.

Adjacent to the main carpark is the Handlebar café/bar and Cycle City bike hire for all your pre and post activity needs, as well as the award-winning Stromlo Shuttle Bus service. These businesses are open weekends – please see Facebook for current opening hours.

SFP engages regularly with its stakeholders and acknowledges its onsite users, Handlebar Café, Cycle City Hire My Bike, Dynamic Motivation, Stromlo Leisure Centre (YMCA Canberra), the Australian National University and Icon Water

SFP works closely with the team at the National Arboretum Canberra, and is part of Venues Canberra, Economic Development Directorate of the ACT Government.

A number of committees and consultative groups have been established to provide feedback and advice to SFP. These include but are not limited to:

- The Mountain Bike Trails Advisory Group (TAG)
- Stromlo Forest Park Consultative Committee (SFPCC)

SFP is a popular destination for a wide range of sporting events, races, training sessions and public use. Many of these spaces are also available for venue hire.

SCOPE

This document outlines the operational directions applying at SFP regarding access, public safety, public convenience, public orientation, and engagement in recreational activities. In principle, the document also applies to the undertaking of public events and other events.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this document are to:

- Provide for public access to SFP,
- Outline the available public convenience facilities and services,

- Define conditions of use of sites and venues,
- Define which public activities are encouraged at SFP and which are not permitted,
- Outline public safety measures and ensure the safety and wellbeing of all visitors and staff.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location

The main entry to SFP is located at Dave McInnes Road, Opperman Avenue, off John Gorton Drive adjacent to the suburbs of Wright and Denman Prospect. Latitude: 35.31392°S. Longitude: 149.02710°E.

Stromlo Forest Park Management

SFP is managed by the Economic Development Directorate, part of the ACT Government.

Contact Us

Telephone – (02) 6207 8484	Email: stromloforestpark@act.gov.au
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OPENING AND CLOSING

SFP is open daily throughout the year including public holidays; however, parts of the site may be closed under ACT Government directions. Access to parts of the site may be limited at times to accommodate for events. Please check the Events and Closures page on our website for further information.

Access to the grounds after opening hours by pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians is permitted on trails, unsealed roads, fire trails and recreational facilities at users' own risk.

Front gate opening and closing times

Opening and closing times of the carparks and Pavilion at SFP vary during the year. In general:

- Daylight savings hours are 6am to 9pm
- Non daylight savings hours are 6am to 6pm.

Special after-hours arrangements can be made for pre-booked events with SFP management approval.

What to do if you get locked in?

If your vehicle is within the park after gates are locked and you need to have the gates opened. Our security contractor will need to be called out to open the gates. **A call-out fee will apply.**

- Certis Security's after hour's telephone number: 0418 166 979.

Entry and Exit

The main vehicle entry gates are located on Dave McInnes Road (at the intersection of Uriarra Road and Opperman Avenue), Wright. Cycle and pedestrian entry is via the shared path from the ACT Bushfire Memorial off Swallowtail Road, Wright.

Toilets, Showers and Water Bottle Filling Station

These are provided on the ground level of the pavilion building, adjacent to the criterium track. A bottle refilling station is also provided at the trail head at the top of the main car park. Please note toilet and shower facilities are open only within the park's standard opening hours. There are additional toilet facilities located at the Blue Gums picnic area.

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance

Visitors are advised that the event pavilion, main car park and criterium track are 24-hour CCTV monitored.

Horse Float Parking

Horse float parking areas are located at the following locations:

- SFP western car park, accessible via Uriarra Road about 2.5km west of the front gate.
- Block 514, access is off Mount Stromlo Road (first gate on the left).

These entrance gates are locked, but the combination is available through Access Canberra on 13 22 81. These are the only car parks to be used by horse floats. For more information on horse riding in the ACT, please visit [Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate website](#).

Disability Access

Mobility disability access is provided at the following facilities and locations:

- Parking is recommended in the pickup and set down area parallel to the Pavilion along Dave McInnes Road. This is on the sealed road and easier to navigate than the unsealed main carpark.
- The Pavilion and Criterium Circuit is accessible by wheelchair. Access is via the ramps next to the Pavilion.
- Criterium Circuit access can be arranged through the main gates surrounding the circuit.
- Accessible toilets are available in the Pavilion.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SITE AMENITY

Visitors undertaking running, walking or other active outdoor activities are advised to wear appropriate footwear, protective clothing, carry water and utilise sun protection. All bike riders must wear an Australian Standards approved helmet, enclosed footwear and appropriate clothing covering the torso. Equestrian users must always wear a helmet and appropriate footwear and clothing and should carry a personal first aid kit.

Children and Hazards

Parents must always supervise children. The site has many hidden and unpredictable hazards and may have areas closed due to events, bookings, or maintenance. The children's fenced play

equipment and BBQ area located next to the Pavilion is a popular attraction but requires parental supervision. Please see the “Families” section on our website for more guidelines for families.

Visitors are advised to be alert to snakes, biting insects, swooping birds, undulating surfaces, hidden ground holes and exposure to the elements.

Smoking

SFP contains several strictly no smoking areas, including:

- The children’s play area
- The Pavilion
- The Handlebar café
- Any area where there is an organised event with under-aged persons

Within 10 metres of any of the above venues is also strictly non-smoking.

Smoking is not recommended anywhere within the site due to the recreational and sporting nature of the facility, and the increased bushfire risk associated. Please be careful and mindful of other users.

Security

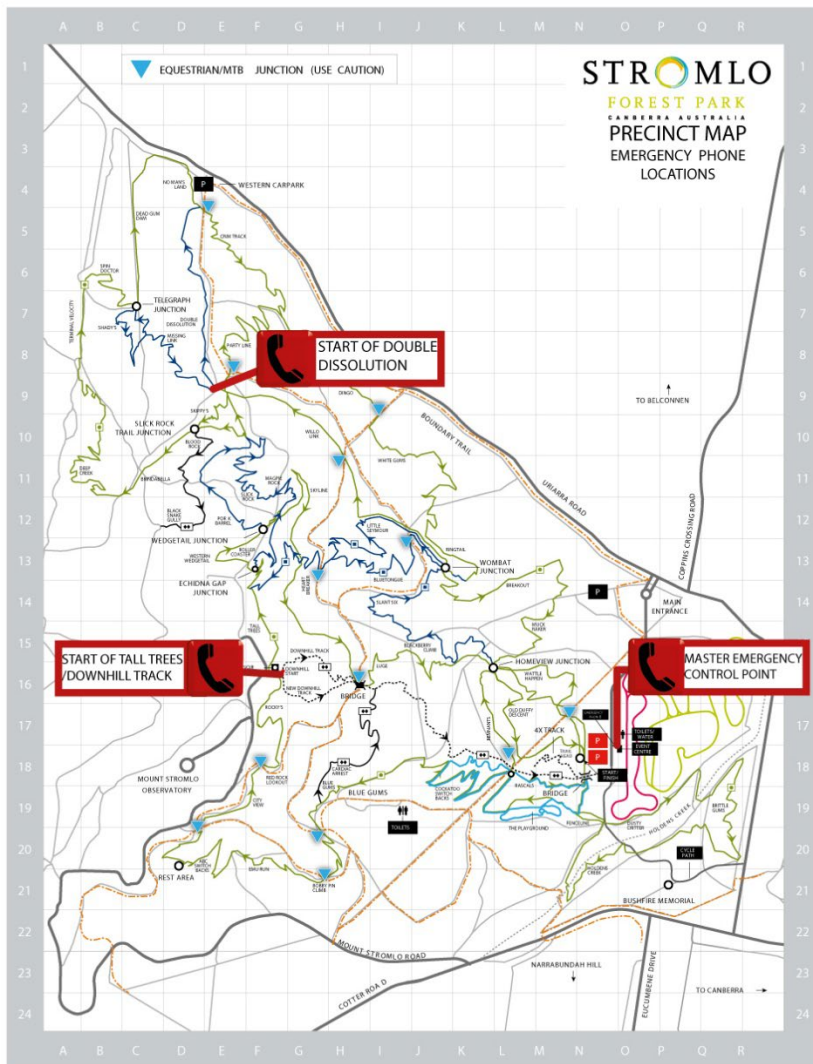
Simple precautions can assist in ensuring a safe visit.

- Keep cars locked.
- Store valuables out of sight.
- Avoid using the park after dark.
- Ride with a friend and carry a mobile phone.
- If you notice suspicious activity, notify ACT Policing on telephone 131 444 and report to the SFP on call officer (0481 003 666).

Emergency telephones

Emergency telephones are provided at three locations in SFP. These phones allow a caller to connect directly with 000 or the SFP staff 9am-4pm daily, except 25th December. They should only be used in emergency situations. Emergency telephones are located at:

- SFP pavilion adjacent to the main car park.
- The summit of Mount Stromlo next to water reservoir; and
- At the top of the Double Dissolution MTB trail.



Emergency Communication App for mobile phones and tablets

SFP recommends that visitors download the *Emergency+* application prior to visiting SFP. The app provides direct connection to 000 services as well as a location map and your location coordinates. <http://emergencyapp.triplezero.gov.au/>. The App is available for IOS and Android.

First Aid and Emergency Services

If first aid is required, a first aid kit and defibrillator are in the event pavilion. The event pavilion is locked - the venue manager will need to be contacted if access is required. A first aid kit is also located in the venue manager's vehicle. The venue manager can be contacted on 0466 342 954 during business hours.

GENERAL WARNING AND EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

Sporting activities at SFP maybe dangerous and may result in injury or death to the person and/or property loss or damage. Users participating and spectators viewing these activities do so at their own risk.

To the extent permitted by law, the Australian Capital Territory excludes all liability, including but not limited to liability for personal injury, death, property damage, property loss, and consequential loss or damage of any kind arising from the use of and/or entry to SFP, whether in contract, by negligent act or omission, or any other tortuous action.

WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

Chief Warden

The SFP Senior Land Manager is the designated Chief Warden when in the park. In the event of an emergency, all park visitors must take direction from the Chief Warden.

Chief Warden not in attendance

For an event - If an event is occurring, participants should take direction from the event organiser, or the person designated by the event organiser.

For general park visitors - Please call 000 and take direction from emergency services. Please notify Stromlo Forest Park via 02 6207 8484 and leave a message with your contact details if outside of business hours.

Emergency Contact List

Emergency	000
ACT Policing	131444
Senior Land Manager (Mon-Fri business hours)	0466 342 954
Weekend Duty Manager (Sat-Sun only)	0401 461 371
National Arboretum Canberra/SFP Reception Desk - 9am-4pm daily (except 25 th December)	6207 8484
Access Canberra – ACT Government information	13 22 81

Vehicles

Vehicles are only permitted on the main road (authorised and emergency vehicles excepted). A maximum speed limit of 40km/h applied on the sealed public road, while the carpark speed limit is 10km/h.

Access to non-vehicle areas can be provided upon request for events for bump in and logistics only; vehicles must abide by the 10km/h speed limit and give way to all other users.

The use of all non-registered vehicles is prohibited. Motorised trail bikes are prohibited on site.

Use of Portable BBQs and picnic facilities

Portable gas BBQs are allowed for booked events only. Users must notify management of the location of the BBQ, and concrete protection must be used. The user will be liable for any damage caused to the site.

There are gas BBQs and a picnic area available next to the Pavilion free of charge, please note these facilities are not bookable.

Alcohol Consumption

SFP has an onsite licensed provider, the consumption of alcohol within 50m of the premises is illegal.

All users must abide by ACT laws regarding alcohol consumption. Riding under the influence of drugs or alcohol is dangerous and illegal.

PUBLIC CONVINIENCE

Vehicle Access and parking

All vehicles must remain on designated roads, not roads that are gated or signposted as “No public access” or “Authorised access only”. Parking outside of designated carparks is not permitted, including on-road parking within the Park. Parking Inspectors are known to patrol the area and will issue infringement notices to illegally parked cars.

Designated carparks can be found at:

- SFP main carpark (off Dave McInnes Rd)
- Bushfire Memorial Carpark (off Swallowtail Rd)
- West Stromlo equestrian carpark (off Uriarra Rd)

The carpark located at the Stromlo Leisure Centre is solely for users of that facility.

Buses, coaches and taxis

There is no public transport to SFP.

Buses and coaches are able to utilise the pick up and set down zone out the front of the Pavilion at the end of Dave McInnes Road, but must park in the unsealed public carpark.

The pickup and set down zone is also the designated Taxi pickup/drop off.

Public Orientation

[Maps](#) are available for download from our website. Signage is located throughout the site at trail entrances, marking fire roads and at the entrance to each venue.

Night Lighting

There is no night lighting provided at SFP, with the exclusion of the event Pavilion.

Hired lighting can be brought in with prior approval for pre-booked events.

Rubbish Bins

Rubbish bins are not provided at SFP. All rubbish and other waste must be removed from the park by the user.

Free public Wi-Fi and public telephone

Free access to Wi-Fi is available from the Event Pavilion. Public telephone facilities are not provided at SFP.

Lost and found property

Lost and found enquiries should be directed to:

02 6207 8484 or stromloforestpark@act.gov.au

ATMs

There are no ATM or cash facilities at SFP.

PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES



Walking and Running

Walking and running visitors are encouraged to explore the shared fire trails and Cross Country Running Track. Fire trails are signposted on the mountain, users should not venture off the trails –

please see the Park Map for trails. Walkers and Runners are not permitted on the mountain bike single track at any time or the criterium circuit when in use.

Walkers and runners are required to give way to horses and riders.

Be aware of mountain bikes crossing trails at speed.

Dogs

Dogs on leads are permitted at SFP. Dogs are not permitted on the Cross Country Track, the Criterium Track, on the mountain bike trails or in the Pavilion, other than assistance animals carrying a registered permit.

Owners must carry bags to clean up after their dogs. No disposal bins or bag dispensers are provided.

Robert De Castella Cross Country Running Track

The Cross Country Running track is a dedicated running circuit designed for competition, training and recreation. Always run in a clockwise direction, unless otherwise directed. Organisers of a planned event may change this procedure at their discretion and must advise all users prior to their participation, and use may be restricted for events.

To minimise wear on the grass, run on the outside of the circuit (especially on corners) when possible.

Vehicles are NOT permitted on the circuit (Maintenance vehicles excepted). Bikes or wheeled equipment are NOT permitted on the circuit. Dogs are NOT permitted on the circuit. Ball sports, including golf, are NOT permitted on the circuit. Spikes and studs must NOT be worn on the track.

Be conscious and considerate to all other users.

The circuit will be closed at times for maintenance purposes. To avoid damage to the grass, the circuit is NOT open when it is wet. Venue management may close the circuit due to poor weather conditions.

Equestrians and horses

SFP welcomes recreational trail and endurance horse riding. There are several points of access, directional trail signage, water troughs, tie rails and horse float parking, as well as toilet and picnic facilities located at Blue Gums. Horses must be tended to at all times.

Signage is located throughout the park informing users about horse etiquette, safety and trail obligations. Equestrians should exercise special caution at road junctions, trail crossings and on steep gradients.

Horse riding is permitted on all fire trails throughout SFP, however the designated equestrian trails and Blue Gums and trails at West Stromlo are deemed safer for equestrians.

Tie a red ribbon to the tail of any horse that may kick.

Other trail users may not be familiar with horses and their reactions. Talk to them wherever possible.

Horse riding is NOT permitted on any mountain bike trails, the Cross Country running track or the Criterium Circuit. Equestrians should avoid the sealed roads (except to cross when necessary and safe to do so).

Drinking water for horses is available at the Blue Gums picnic area, Block 514, and at various locations throughout west Stromlo.

Horse floats may only be unloaded in specified car parks at west Stromlo (Uriarra Road) and Block 514. Please contact SFP or Access Canberra for codes.

Australian Standard Certified Helmets and appropriate enclosed footwear must be worn at all times.

Cycling (on road)

Cycling is permitted on the roads within SFP (normal road rules apply, please be courteous of road users) and on the Criterium Circuit when not booked. Cyclists should exercise caution at road junctions, car park exits and at the entrance to the Park. The paths within the Park are multi use; cyclists are required to give way to horses, walkers, joggers and limit their speed.

Cycling on the Criterium Circuit is free to the public when there are no bookings in place. Please give way to faster riders and follow cycling etiquette.

Helmets and appropriate enclosed footwear must be worn at all times.

Stephen Hodge Criterium Circuit

The criterium circuit was designed and functions as a race track. Many cyclists using the criterium track travel at high speeds. Pedestrians should exercise extreme caution when entering the criterium circuit. Children should be closely supervised at all times and stay away from the main straights.

Cyclists have right of way at all times (outside of bookings).

The following conditions of use apply to all Criterium Cycling Circuit users:

- Ride in a clockwise direction
- Slower riders keep to the left; give way to faster riders
- Avoid sudden braking or erratic movements.
- Only use the track if safe to do so
- Do not use if booked for training or event is in progress.

Only use the track if you can:

- Confidently stop and start
- Use the brakes
- Hold a steady line.

Check the SFP website and onsite VMS board for bookings prior to entering the circuit. It is the responsibility of visitors to undertake duty of care and check that the facility is not pre-booked prior to use. Bookings must be respected.

For use for activities outside of cycling, bookings must be made.

Appropriate activities which require bookings include:

- Non-motorised wheeled vehicle use (such as skateboarding, rollerskiing, scooters)
- Running and walking activities

The criterium circuit is not appropriate for non-sporting activities.

Mountain Biking

Mountain Biking is popular at SFP, with the Park providing trails for all abilities as well as connecting to the National Arboretum and beyond via the Centenary Trail. Riders should ride on the designated mountain bike trails and ride to their ability. For more information about mountain bike riding at Stromlo, please see our website.

Mountain bikes must give way to horses, walkers, and runners. Congregating across the trails and at trail heads is not permitted.

Mountain bikes are not permitted on the designated equestrian trails (apart from crossing between mountain bike trails).

Helmets and enclosed footwear must be worn at all times.

Drones

Prior approval from SFP management must be received prior to using drones at the Park. All drone operators must abide by CASA rules, and evidence of CASA licences must be provided.

Commercial drone operators must provide public liability insurance, risk management plans, drone registration and operator accreditation numbers as well as details of the flight and imagery.

Recreational drone operators must also provide public liability insurance, risk management plans, and details of the flight and imagery.

Please contact stromloforestpark@act.gov.au at least a week before your intended flight to discuss your requirements and submit your application.

Please note the air space at the top of Mount Stromlo is managed by ANU and will require a separate application through the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics.

Photography and Filming

Photography and filming for personal use is free, however commercial and promotional photography requires SFP approval and may be subject to fees. For commercial photography and filming bookings please see the SFP website [contact page](#).

Visitors are encouraged to post and share photographs on Instagram and Facebook.

Helicopters and other aerial activities

Helicopters may not take off from or land at SFP.

Hot air balloons, hang gliders and motorised gliders may not be launched from SFP but may fly over, subject to aviation laws and provided they do not cause a nuisance to users. Landings are not permitted. Any damage caused by landings or retrievals must be reported to SFP by the pilot within 24 hours. Damages costs will be sought by SFP management.

Skateboards

Skateboards are only permitted on the criterium circuit when there are no cyclists present or if they have booked the track. They should not enter any other areas.

Ball Sports

Ball sport games or other moving object related activities are not permitted at SFP, or any of its venues (including the Criterium Circuit, Cross Country Running Track and the children's play area).

Boot camps, exercise, and yoga classes

Boot camps and other similar fitness and recreation activities are permitted but must be booked. Hiring fees apply consistent with holding such activities on ACT sportsgrounds.

VENUES AND FACILITIES

Bookings

All venues at SFP can be booked for shared or exclusive use. All commercial use (groups of any size) and any organised activity of 25 or more people must book. For booking terms and conditions, please see [here](#).

CONDITIONS OF USE

What to do if you encounter a horse

- STOP - All users should yield to horses by stopping and asking permission of the horse rider to pass.
- Allow horse riders time to position their horses for safety.
- TALK - Cyclists should not ring bells as they may startle a horse - voice contact is preferable. A frightened horse is a danger to you, the horse rider and other park users.
- WAIT - It is advisable not to pass within a metre of a horse as they may kick if startled and have considerable reach.
- Dismount your bike and remove your cycle helmet before passing.

SFP E-bike Policy

- The use of E-bikes or power-assisted pedal cycles (Pedalec) which are vehicles complying with the requirements of European Standard EN 15194: 2009 or EN 15194:2009+A1:2009: 'Cycles – Electrically power assisted cycles – EPAC Bicycles' are permitted within SFP.
- To comply with EN 15194:
 - The motor must be electric
 - The maximum continuous power output of the motor cannot exceed 250 watts measured at the wheel. Note: A motor that delivers 250 watts of continuous power can produce greater power for very short periods of time, which can be beneficial when pulling away at traffic lights or starting a hill climb.
 - The rider must pedal the cycle to activate the motor.
 - The motor must cut-off once the vehicle reaches 25 km/h, or sooner if the rider stops pedalling
 - The vehicle must be certified by the manufacturer and labelled as complying with EN 15194. The label must include the manufacturer's name, the motor's cut-off speed in km/h and its continuous rated power in watts.
- E-bikes or Pedalecs must only be used on the SFP mountain bike trail network and are not permitted on the criterium circuit.

PARK RULES AND GUIDELINES

General Mountain Bike Rules and Guidelines

1. All designated MTB trails are one way only. Follow directional markers and if you cannot clearly see the trail head signage, do not enter the track.
2. Maintain an appropriate distance between riders.
3. Slower riders should pull over where safe to let faster riders pass. Pass other trail users with care, keeping to the right
4. Trail use may be restricted for safety reasons at various times or for special events.
5. Pedestrians are not permitted on the dedicated mountain bike trails and should always cross trails with extreme care.
6. Slow down at MTB and equestrian trail intersections and watch for other users.
7. Ride your MTB at a controlled speed, especially approaching blind corners.
8. Avoid riding in wet, muddy conditions
9. Plan your ride, know the distance and approximate ride time of your intended route and take appropriate food and water.
10. Organisers of a planned event may change course procedures at their discretion and must advise all users of these changes prior to their participation. Clear signage and event marshals must be provided at intersections with public trails.
11. Avoid walking up and crossing trails.

12. Mountain bikes must only be ridden on approved trails, which have been mapped out by venue management.
13. Carry a mobile phone, especially if you are riding on your own. Know who to call in an emergency, either 000 or a friend or park management.
14. Report problems with trail conditions to the SFP management on 02 6207 7874, 9am-4pm daily or email stromloforestpark@act.gov.au.

Stromlo Forest Park Rules of the Trail (adapted from IMBA Rules of the Trail)

Respect the Landscape

- Respect your local trail builders
- Keep single tracks single by staying on the trail. Ride single file and don't take shortcuts
- Practice Leave No Trace principles
- Do not ride muddy trails – this causes rutting, widening and maintenance headaches
- Ride through standing water, not around it
- Ride (or walk) technical features, not around them
- Obey all signage at SFP
- No open fires are permitted in SFP.

Share the Trail

- SFP is a multi-use facility
- Mountain bikers yield to horses and foot traffic
- Descending riders yield to climbing riders (fire trail only)
- Stromlo's dedicated mountain bike trails are single direction – know the code and know the trails you're using
- Other users may not be familiar with the MTB trails. Talk to them about their use, directions and safety
- Courtesy is the best safety on the trail. Remember your behaviour is a reflection of the MTB community as a whole
- Ride single file on busy trails and avoid gathering at trail heads and blocking trails for other users. If other users approach, be courteous and make way for them.

Ride Open, Legal Trails

- Poaching trails, building illegal single track or adding unauthorised trail features is not permitted and detrimental to Stromlo's relationship with neighbouring users and the government.
- Poorly built features and non-approved trails can seriously injure other trail users
- For every approved trail built, there is significant maintenance required.
- If you wish to get involved, please do so by joining the official SFP Volunteers group

Ride in Control

- Speed, inattentiveness and rudeness are the primary sources of trail conflict among user groups

- If you need to pass, slow down, ring a bell or verbally announce yourself, and wait until the other trail user is out of the path (and be patient with beginners)
- Use extra caution around horses, which are unpredictable (see page 15 for what to do when you encounter a horse).
- Be extra aware when riding trails with poor sight lines and blind corners or in low light conditions, and make sure you can hear what's going on around you
- Ride within your ability - use the provided alternative lines to navigate difficult sections.
- Children should not be left unattended and must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Plan Ahead

- Be prepared and self-sufficient
- All riders should carry what they need for their ride (mobile phone, repairs kits, food and water) and know how to fix a flat and make minor repairs
- Download a GPS trail app (such as TrailForks) on your phone, the Emergency Plus app and SFP maps.
- Ride with a partner or share your riding plan with someone if you're heading out solo
- This applies to even the most seasoned riders; you never know what can happen

Mind the Animals

- When it comes to wildlife, live and let live - all fauna and flora must be left unharmed.
- Be aware of poisonous snakes. If any are spotted, do not attempt to touch, or move it. Quietly move away and please contact SFP staff.
- If you believe there is wildlife in danger or injured, please contact Venue Management and Access Canberra
- Dogs are NOT permitted on the mountain bike trails at SFP, and must be kept on leash at all time on the fire trails

Downhill Mountain Bike Trails

Downhill mountain biking is a hazardous sport. All users must wear a helmet (Australian Standard Certified) at all times. It is recommended that downhill users use a full face helmet and neck brace as well as appropriate riding equipment including: gloves, enclosed footwear, goggles, kneepads, shin guards, elbow pads and covered clothing and ride a suitable, well maintained dual suspension bike.

Bike Trials Area Usage

- Use the trials area within your ability
- Significant obstacles are present in the Trials area, please observe and navigate appropriately
- All users must wear a certified helmet (Australian Standard Certified) at all times and it is recommended that trials users use appropriate riding equipment including: gloves, knee, elbow and shin pads and use a suitable, well maintained bike
- Use may be restricted at any time for safety reasons or for special events
- Spectators must remain at a safe distance from the Trials area at all times

SFP CLOSURE PROTOCOLS

Fire Danger

SFP will be closed to the public when:

- A. The ACT Fire Danger Rating is raised to 'Extreme' or 'Catastrophic' or it is considered likely that one of these ratings will be declared in the following 24 hour period; and/or
- B. Under the advice or recommendation of the ACT Emergency Services Authority, the ACT Parks and Conservation Service or ACT Policing.
- C. Severe Storms and warnings of flash flooding risk

Storm Damage or Heavy Rains

Venue management may consider closing the park during or directly after a storm event or heavy rain. This closure may occur due to damage to trails, roads, facilities and car parks that can become unsafe or to limit further damage to these facilities. The park will generally remain closed until any damage is fully assessed and or repaired or until venue management determines that further damage to tracks and infrastructure will not be caused by re-opening. A staged- reopening may be provided.

Trail Closures

SFP reserves the right to close the trail network at their discretion in order to prevent damage in the event of heavy rain and wet trails, while other facilities remain open for public use. Please note use of the trails during these closure periods is extremely dangerous and is covered under the park's Exclusion of Liability. These closures will be communicated on the website and social media and a minimum notice period cannot be guaranteed.

Running Track Closure

The Cross Country Running Track will be closed in the event of heavy rain in line with the Sports and Recreation Sportsground guidelines. This is to protect Stromlo's world-class running track from unnecessary damage. These closures will be communicated on the website and social media.

Extreme Heat

In situations of extreme heat, the park may remain open although it is advised against using the park during hotter periods of the day. Notwithstanding the above, SFP Management will retain the right to close the park on days of extreme heat (> 40 degrees Celsius).

Other Closures

The ACT Government reserves the right to close SFP at any time for any reason.