

# Mountain Bike Riding

## Dandenong Ranges National Park

Dandenong Ranges National Park has over 12km of designated mountain bike trails. They offer a mix of tight, technical trails, tough climbs and flowing descents. It's a diverse riding experience. These trails connect to a wider network of management vehicle tracks and offer options for different riding skill levels. The trails offer enjoyment on your own, or you can become a member of a local riding club.

The Silvan Area of the Dandenong Ranges National Park is 50km east of central Melbourne.

Plan your ride using this info. It covers park facilities, trail types, difficulty levels and distances. Get together with friends, family, or like-minded enthusiasts. Riding together is much safer than going solo.

As you explore the trails, look out for the signs and grading symbols to guide your journey.

### Access

There are two dedicated options to start your mountain biking experience. Both have trail information boards.

#### 1. Silvan Reservoir Park (Lower Picnic Ground)

Stonyford Road, Silvan. Here you will find toilets, barbecues, picnic facilities, drinking water and ample car parking.

#### 2. Olinda Creek Road (Track 13) Carpark

3km east of Monbulk Road. Informal parking, with no toilets or drinking water.

Yarra Ranges Council links several mountain bike trails with a roadside trail network. For further information phone 1300 368 332 or visit [www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au](http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au).

Mountain bike shuttle services and guided tours are available. Visit [www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/licensed-tour-operators](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/licensed-tour-operators) to find licensed service providers.

#### Download the free park map from Avenza Maps!

If you don't have the app installed, the system will prompt you to download it (WiFi is recommended).

The app uses your phone's GPS location to show where you are, even without a mobile signal.

Search for maps by park name.



### Rules of the trail

These guidelines help you and other park users stay safe. They also aim to keep the park in good condition for the future:

- Wear appropriate safety gear, including a helmet. Ride tracks suited to your ability.
- Obey trail signage and note one-way and shared trails.
- Only ride on formed, designated bike trails.
- Don't make short cuts or new trails.
- Respect the rights of other park users.
- Do not disturb plants or animals.
- Trails can be closed due to extreme weather events. Observe closure signs and check [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au) regularly for updates.
- Clean your bike; don't spread weeds or plant diseases.
- Please follow the Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA) Mountain Bike Code of Conduct, found on [www.mtba.org.au](http://www.mtba.org.au).
- E-bikes must comply with VicRoads standards.

**Fines can be issued for not riding on formal trails**



## Caring for the park

Help us look after your park by following these guidelines:

- No bins are provided; take rubbish away with you for recycling and disposal.
- Dogs, cats and other pets are not permitted.
- Do not disturb plants or animals; they are protected by law.
- Motorbikes are prohibited.

## Get involved

The Yarra Ranges Mountain Bikers (YRMTB) are a local riding club who work with Parks Victoria in maintaining the trail network. They hold regular trail maintenance days and working bees.

If you are interested in volunteering with the club for trail maintenance, or are looking to meet other riders in the area, you can find them on Facebook or their website [www.yrmtb.com.au](http://www.yrmtb.com.au).

## Group activities

Organised groups of more than 30 people require an Event Permit. For further information please contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963.

## Fire danger & emergency information

- Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Be aware of the Forecast Fire Danger rating. The Dandenong Ranges National Park is in a high fire risk area, in the Central Fire District.
- For public safety this park is closed when there is 'Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating', or other extreme weather event. Signs may be erected, but do not expect a personal warning.

- Green 'Emergency Marker' signs are located throughout the park and are on the attached map. In the case of an emergency, call 000 and quote the nearest emergency marker code.
- How to check conditions:
  - » Online at [www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au)
  - » On your smart device through the VicEmergency smartphone app
  - » Call the VicEmergency Hotline 1800 226 226
  - » Scan this QR code:



For more information visit Parks Victoria online at [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au) or phone 13 1963.

## Trail difficulty rating

The MTBA trail difficulty rating system is used here. It will help you choose trail that suit your experience and equipment.



**Easy** - Suitable for beginner riders, with firm and stable surfaces and avoidable obstacles.



**More difficult** - Suitable for riders with some off-road experience. Variety of terrain, including obstacles and some steep sections.



**Very difficult** - Suitable for experienced riders. Challenging terrain and frequent obstacles.



**Extremely difficult** - Only suitable for highly experienced riders with excellent skills. Large unavoidable obstacles, steep descents or climbs.

## Trail list

### 1 Magpie (1.3km) – two-way

This is a cross country trail with some pinchy climbs, a few logs and roots to grind over. Plus some fun flowy sections. The trail runs between Track 24 and Track 12, or vice versa, in a north-south direction. Yabung and Downhill trails meet it from the west along the way.

### 2 Bakers Dozen (1.6km) – one-way ascending/descending

This trail starts at the bottom of Melba Track in temperate rainforest and climbs up with 13 switchbacks (thus the name), to the junction with Track 12. Slightly further up you can choose to go right, which takes you back down the Bakers Dozen loop, or you can keep climbing up Twisted Sister.

### 3 Rib (1.4km) – two-way

The track heads off to the right of Pipeline Track just after the intersection with the Olinda Creek Track. It snakes along through the bush, with many twists and turns, short ups and downs. It then does a 180° turn to come back parallel to itself and the fire-roads. There are numerous log hops, making it a challenging XC trail.

### 4 Downhill (0.7km) – one-way descending

This is a fun, fast, flowy trail that descends all the way to Pipeline Track. It has some small jumps, ruts, steeper lines and some big logs to get over. This is not a true 'downhill' track in that there are no big gap jumps, but it's just as exciting for gravity enduro style riders.

### 5 Temple of Zoom (1.6km) – one-way descending

Given its name, Temple of Zoom has a mixture of speed, berms, ruts, steep corners, and some short climbs so that you can repeat the fun. This is great on a XC or a GE bike.



### 6 Twisted Sister (1.2km) – one-way ascending

After climbing Bakers Dozen, the trail continues as a moderately steep climb, with yet more switchbacks, to come out on Track 13 next to where Downhill begins. The climb has some great technical challenges including angled logs (one with tyre treads on top of it).

### 7 Tchans (2.1km) – two-way

The northern entry to Tchans is accessible 70m along Bartlett Track, off Olinda Creek Road. This track can be done as a climb or descent, so beware of other riders. But they may hear you coming, whooping with delight as you descend this track!

This has all the elements of a fun mountain bike trail; there are lots of corners, with wide berms and fast straight sections through bush. A large log rollover will test your strength and determination. The trail finishes up near the intersection of Barges and Bartlett's Tracks. Tchan was visiting Australia from France and gave us a piece of mountain bike heaven 'with pleasure'.

### 8 Yabung (0.9km) – two-way

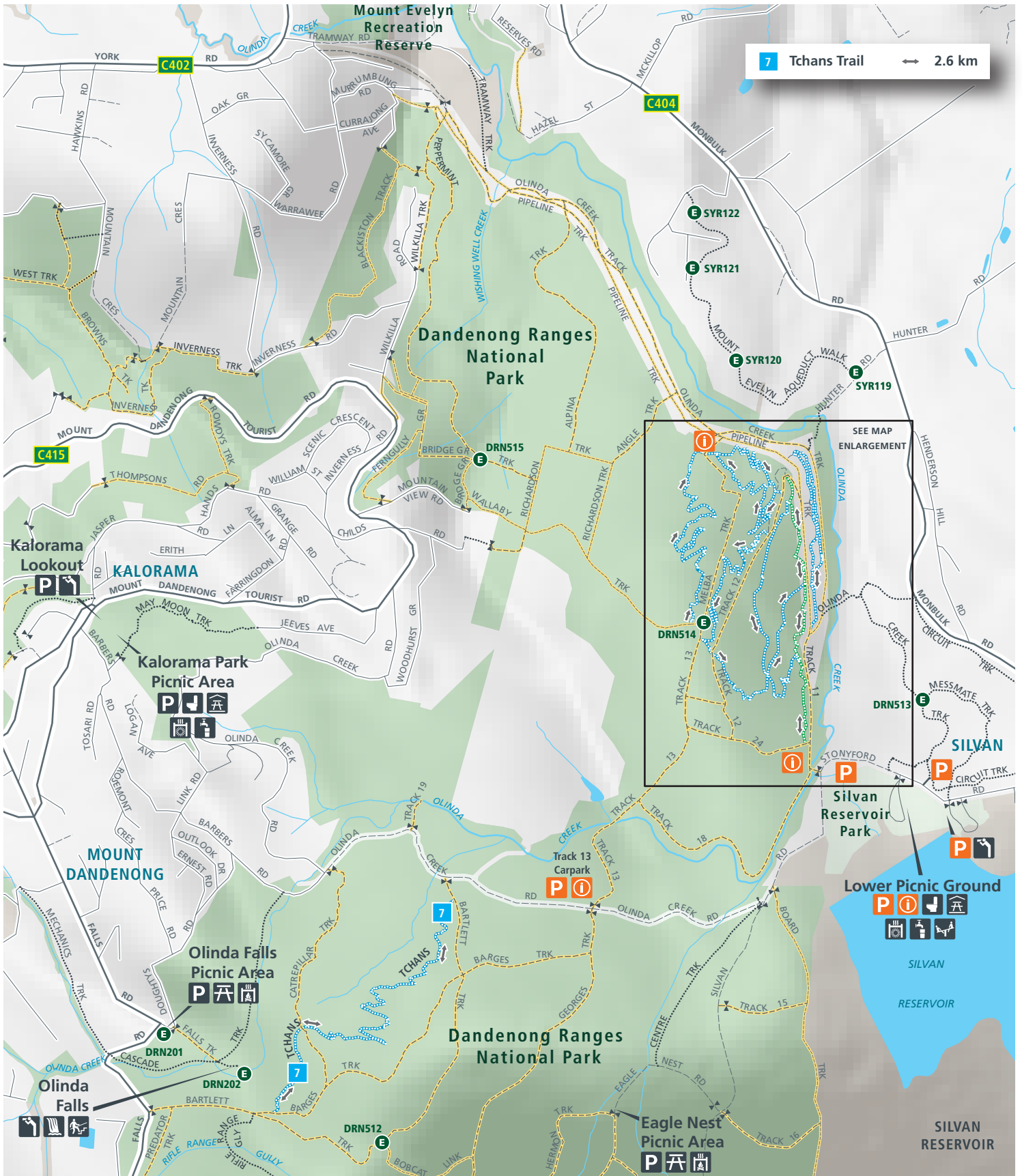
A fast and challenging trail with natural flow, berms, elevated dirt mounds and rock armouring.

### 9 Huds (1.0km) – one-way descending

Hud's trail is further away to the south-east near the Silvan reservoir fenceline - it is not in the area of the included map. It can be accessed from Chalet Road next to the junction of Board Track. It is a smooth, fun fast flowy XC trail that winds its way down through the bush with fast large radius turns, and pops out onto Silvan Road.

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## Mountain Bike Trails - Overview

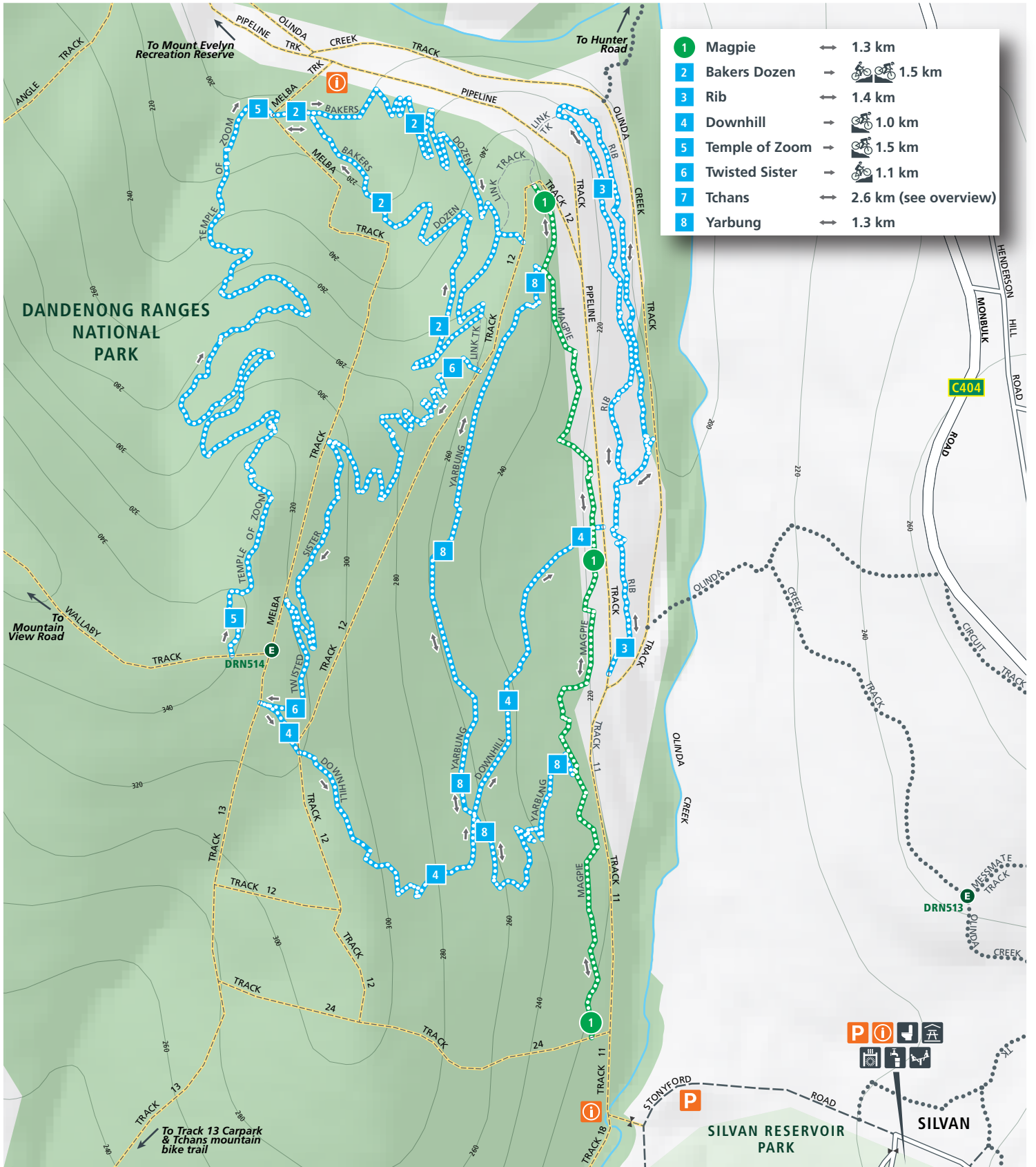


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|-------------------|----------------|------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Parking           | Shelter        | Lookout    | ESTA emergency marker              | Main road       | Shared walking/ cycling/ management vehicles |
| Information       | Picnic tables  | Waterfall  | One way travel                     | Sealed road     | National park                                |
| Parking (MTB)     | BBQ- electric  | Steps      | Two way travel                     | Unsealed        | Park / reserve                               |
| Information (MTB) | BBQ- wood      | Playground | Easy mountain bike trail           | Vehicular track | Public land                                  |
| Toilets           | Drinking water | Gate       | More difficult mountain bike trail | Walking track   | Waterbody                                    |



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Mountain Bike Trails



1	Magpie	↔	1.3 km
2	Bakers Dozen	→	1.5 km
3	Rib	↔	1.4 km
4	Downhill	→	1.0 km
5	Temple of Zoom	→	1.5 km
6	Twisted Sister	→	1.1 km
7	Tchans	↔	2.6 km (see overview)
8	Yarbung	↔	1.3 km

Parking (MTB)	Drinking water	Main road	Gate	<b>MTB Trail Network</b>
Information (MTB)	Playground	Sealed road	Shared Management Vehicle/ Walking and Cycling Track	
Toilets	ESTA emergency marker	Unsealed road	Dandenong Ranges National Park	Easy
Sheltered area	One way travel	Vehicular track	Other park/reserve	More difficult
BBQ - electric	Two way travel	Mountain bike link track		Ascending
				Descending