

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Plenty Gorge Park
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All bushfire affected areas now reopened

Following extensive planning and recovery works, all remaining bushfire affected areas of Plenty Gorge Park are now open to the public. This includes reopening Goldsworthy Lane to vehicles.

The most recent works focused on rehabilitating six kilometres of containment lines. This involved a range of planning processes including a cultural heritage permit to ensure machinery was used in a sensitive way, protecting Aboriginal culture within the park.

To enjoy the park safely and assist in the park's recovery, visitors are reminded to stick to the trails and avoid rehabilitation areas.



Trail rehabilitation works

Mountain biking trails project

In partnership with the Plenty Gorge Mountain Bike Club, the successful Pick My Project grant funded mountain biking program in the park will now recommence. This will see appropriate mountain bike trails in the area formalised, sign posted and maintained.

Volunteer and Community Groups

Most volunteer and community works were delayed in

2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. With the easing of restrictions, volunteer activities can now recommence. For volunteer opportunities visit www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au

Recovery and weed works

Some areas of the park have responded positively following the fire, with mass germination of indigenous flora such as acacias, eucalyptus, and burgan. Unfortunately, the fire also caused rapid weed growth. Some of these weeds will naturally drop out of the system as the bush regenerates whereas others will require targeted and sustained treatment.

Working for Victoria crews have been focussing on rehabilitating burnt areas and protecting rare and endangered plant species. This includes targeting highly invasive species such as Boneseed and Broom.



Boneseed removal works

More information

Visit the Plenty Gorge Park page at www.parks.vic.gov.au or call 13 1963. For information on planned burns and the annual slashing program visit the interactive map at ffm.vic.gov.au/jfmp (turn on 'fire history' and 'mechanical works' layers).