

Planned burn in your area

Grampians NP – Oslers Track

**FOREST FIRE
MANAGEMENT VICTORIA**

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) will be conducting planned burning in this area over the next few months when conditions are suitable.

FFMVic carry out a fuel management program in Victoria's public parks and forests to reduce the risk of bushfire to people, property, and the environment.



Fuel management is one of the most effective ways to reduce the impact of bushfire and can include works such as planned burning, clearing works and constructing fire breaks. These works help to reduce the fuel (i.e., flammable vegetation) load, which reduces the risk of a bushfire. If a bushfire does occur in an area where fuel management has occurred, these works can help to reduce its impact and intensity.

What can I expect on the day?

On the day of the planned burn, you may see smoke, some roads may be closed or have speed restrictions and you may see fire fighting vehicles, aircraft, and ground crews in the area. These are a normal part of the planned burn.

Before the burn takes place, you may see crews preparing the site. This can include the removal of hazardous trees and the clearing of control lines for the burn.

When will the planned burns happen?

Each burn is part of a three-year Joint Fuel Management Program that outlines where FFMVic and Country Fire Authority (CFA) intend to carry out fuel management works. Although burns are scheduled to take place in a certain year and sometimes in a particular season, this can change depending on weather and local conditions.

Due to this, FFMVic is unable to give you an exact date when this burn will go ahead - the final decision to proceed can only be made on the day of the burn, following monitoring of weather conditions and local fuel moisture levels. We recommend that you regularly seek information about proposed burns near you to stay informed about when the burn may occur.

How can I find out about a burn near me?

Visit & Sign up for notifications via Planned Burns Victoria at www.vic.gov.au/plannedburns

We encourage you to sign up to Planned Burns Victoria which allows you to set up automated notifications about upcoming planned burns on public land. There is no charge to register or to receive messages (via SMS and/or email).

Call the VicEmergency Hotline on **1800 226 226**

Or FFMVic Horsham office on **03 8508 1222**

Email the FFMVic Horsham office:

e: wimmera.fuelmanagement@delwp.vic.gov.au

Download the **VicEmergency App**

If you require further information, please contact the FFMVic Horsham office.

Road & track closures within the Grampians National Park:

- Mt Zero Rd (from Redgum Lease Tk to Heatherlie Quarry Tk)
- Pines Rd (from Fyans Ck Rd to Mt Zero Rd)
- Oslers Tk
- Oslers Tk Bush Camp
- Plantation campground

Forest Fire Management
Victoria includes:

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Healthy People

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For detailed closure information visit:

<https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/grampians-national-park#change-of-conditions>

Protecting your health from smoke

We understand that smoke from planned burns may cause concern for some people, but it's important that fire crews take the opportunity while conditions are suitable to reduce bushfire risk for communities. We work closely with CFA, Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Bureau of Meteorology to keep the smoke impact from planned burns as low as practically possible and to inform the community while delivering the program.

If you live in or are visiting a smoke affected area, plan ahead:

- Keep checking when and where planned burns are expected to happen in your region so you can be prepared for smoke. Plans can change at very short notice because of the weather. Refer to Planned Burns Victoria.

During smoky conditions:

- First check www.emergency.vic.gov.au, if the smoke is caused by a fire, you may be at risk and may need to leave.

- If you have a health condition follow the treatment plan provided by your doctor and if you are asthmatic, follow your asthma plan and carry reliever medication with you.

- Detailed information about current and forecasted air quality in your area can be found on the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) AirWatch website at www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/airwatch

- If you experience symptoms that may be due to smoke exposure, seek medical advice or call Nurse-on-Call on 1300 60 60 24. Find out more at www.health.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we do this important work to better protect communities, property, and the environment from the impacts of bushfire.

Planned Burn Details

Grampians NP – Oslers Track, fuel reduction burn.

The full Joint Fuel Management Program is available on the Forest Fire Management Victoria website at <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-fuel-and-risk-management/joint-fuel-management-program>

