

Frequently Asked Questions

Why did it take so long to realise how severe the damage was?

The boardwalk has been impacted by three storm events, with the most recent in October/November 2021. Parks Victoria initially anticipated that the boardwalk could be repaired (as it was after storm events in 2011). Following detailed engineering assessments and studies to understand changes to water flows, the project scope has been adjusted to reflect the damage.

Can you realign the track to prevent future flooding?

Rerouting the track was explored. Due to the Remote and Natural Area zoning, hydrology and funding, an alternate alignment is not viable. There may be minor adjustments to the alignment to avoid trees damage and roots.

When is it going to be open?

The earliest possible opening for Sealers Cove Walking Track would be 2023. The extent of the damage and complexity of the work required in a remote area means that this replacement will take some time. Walkers can still access Sealers Cove via Refuge Cove. Until further notice, be prepared to walk the current Southern Circuit via Telegraph Track (25 kilometres from Telegraph Saddle to Sealers Cove).

What will the new boardwalk look like?

The new Sealers Cove Boardwalk will be Fibre Reinforced Plastic (FRP). This creates a sturdy walking experience, with fewer maintenance requirements. This material has been successfully used at both Lily Pilly Gully and to Waterloo Bay.



Why is it taking so long?

Parks Victoria is working hard to have the track to Sealers Cove reopened. The earliest it will be opened is late 2023-2024. This is due to the extent of the damage, and complexity of the work required. Undertaking construction works in remote areas is labour intensive and requires specialised machinery. Parks Victoria will continue to keep the community updated as this project progresses. The damage caused to Sealers Cove Boardwalk has been impacted by three storm events, with the most recent in October/November 2021.

What is happening at Little Oberon Bay?

The Little Oberon Bay walking track also sustained erosion in the storm events. There has been a significant displacement of sand at the beach access, which has been eroded away creating a five-meter ledge. Engineering options are being designed to regain safe access from the track to the beach. Machinery works are also required to repair the track surface due to erosion. It is anticipated these works will be completed by mid-2023.



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