# **Glenmaggie Regional Park**

## **Blores Hill Mountain Bike Park Visitor Guide**



Blores Hill Mountain Bike Park is located in Glenmaggie Regional Park 6 kilometres north of Heyfield, situated in native boxironbark bushland on the Gippsland plains. The area was first occupied by the Gunaikurnai people and boasts significant natural and Aboriginal cultural heritage. The mountain bike trail network provides a range of unique visitor experiences with an array of multipurpose cross-country trails throughout the park. Horse riders and walkers can also enjoy certain trails.





















Main access to Blores Hill is via the Weir Road from Heyfield or the Glenmaggie Tinamba Road from Sale and Maffra. Two vehicle carparks are accessible from either the Glenmaggie Tinamba Road or Ostbergs Road.

## Be prepared and stay safe

Blores Hill Mountain Bike Park is in the West and South Gippsland Fire District. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at www.cfa.vic.gov.au, on the VicEmergency smartphone app, or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days. On Code Red Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Closure signs will be erected but do not expect an official warning. Check the latest conditions at www.parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963. For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000). If there is a green emergency marker sign near you, read the information on the marker to the operator.

## **Group activities**

Organised groups of more than 30 people require an Event Permit. This requires approximately 8 weeks advanced notice. For further information on group activities please contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963.

## Caring for the park

Help us look after your park by following these guidelines:

- Please take rubbish away with you for recycling & disposal.
- All native plants & animals are protected by law, please do not disturb them in any way.
- Firearms are prohibited.
- Taking of firewood is prohibited.
- Wood and solid fuel barbecues are not permitted.
- Leave the park as you find it.
- Dogs are permitted; must always be on leash or under control.

#### Get involved

To help preserve and improve the trails visit www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au to find out about the exciting volunteering opportunities you can get involved in with Parks Victoria. Get involved in trail working bees with Gippsland Mountain Bike Inc. Check www.gippslandmtb.com.au.

## Things to see and do

#### **Mountain Bike Riding**

The park has around 20 kilometres of exciting cross-country mountain bike trails. The park provides trails for all experience and fitness levels. See over page for trail descriptions.

#### Horseriding

Horse riders can access three trails in the park. Evelyn's Trail is exclusively for horseriding with two other shared trails. Horses are not permitted in any other areas of the park.

#### Walking

Walkers are permitted on all trails throughout the park. Walkers should be aware of other users on the trail and give way to bikes and horses.

#### Rules of the trail

These guidelines are in place to help you and other park users stay safe and keep the park in good condition for the future:

- Plan your ride and wear appropriate safety gear including helmets.
- Obey trail signage and note one-way trails.
- Ride only on formed trails designated for cycling.
- Do not take short cuts or make new trails.
- Respect the rights of other park users.
- Control your bike and ride tracks suited to your ability.
- 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 for updates.
- Clean your bike; don't spread weeds or plant diseases.
- Strictly no motorbikes/vehicles allowed on trails.





## **Trail difficulty rating**



**Easy** - Wide trail with a gentle gradient smooth surface. Some obstacles such as roots, logs and rocks. Suitable for beginner cyclists with basic mountain bike skills, and off-road bikes.



**Intermediate** - Single trail with moderate gradients, variable surface and obstacles. May include steep sections. Suitable for skilled mountain bikers with mountain bikes.



**Difficult** - Suitable for experienced mountain bikers, used to physically demanding routes. Navigation and personal survival skills are highly desirable. Expect large, dangerous and unavoidable obstacles and features. Challenging and variable with long steep climbs or descents and loose surfaces. Some sections will be easier to walk.

## **Trails of Blores Hill**

There are 14 trails in the park of varied difficulty rating. These are listed below.



## 1. Bluegreen – 2.5km

A long undulating single track with sections of fast flowing bermed corners and bridges.



## 2. Jims - 3.3km

A long single track beginning with a well graded climb towards the Trig followed by a fast-flowing descent linking onto Lower Tramway.



## 3. Trig - 640m

The most technical trail at Blores Hill. A short intense trail with technical rocky sections. Be sure to stop and enjoy some panoramic views of the Gippsland plains.



## 4. Lower Tramway – 975m

A short single track linking up to '5 ways' intersection, utilising an historic tram way and includes several bridges.



## 5. M&M – 930m

A short single tack linking onto BMT with a graded switchback climb leading into a fun decent over log rollovers and a gully coaster.



#### 6. BMT - 3.5km

A long single track with a bit of everything. Fast flowing corners, log ramps and jumps and a contoured climb. The V tree and big dipper are the main features, where riders should execute caution.



#### 7. Switchback - 655m

This track crosses a gully via another 'dipper' then follows a contoured switchback climb to the highest point of the northern extent of the park.



#### 8. Smiley J-2.6km

A long twisting single track withy fast flowing corners, berms and log iumps.



## 9. Wednesday - 800m

A fast descent with jumps, berms and loose gravel leading into a gully dipper followed by a climb back up to the northern end of the park.



## 10. The Loser – 2.9km

A long varied single track with fast twisting rocky sections, large berms, jumps and some cruising flow trail.



#### 14. Matilda D - 1.5km

A moderate downhill track commencing with a steep descent from the Trig, before flowing berms and turns on the lower sections.

#### **Horse Riding**

## 13. Evelyn's Trail - 7.2km, Horses Only

Utilising many of the original trails in Blores Hill the dedicated horse trail takes you on a journey from north to south in the park. The trail includes wide open tracks, narrow twisty single track, rocky outcrops and natural gullies as it climbs to the Trig from one end of the park and then descends to the other. A loop can be completed by utilising the historic tramway and 4WD tracks.

#### **Shared MTB/Walking/Horse Trails**



## 11. Tramway - 695m

The historic tramway is a direct and gently graded track connecting the north and south of the park.



## 12. Family Loop - 3.9km

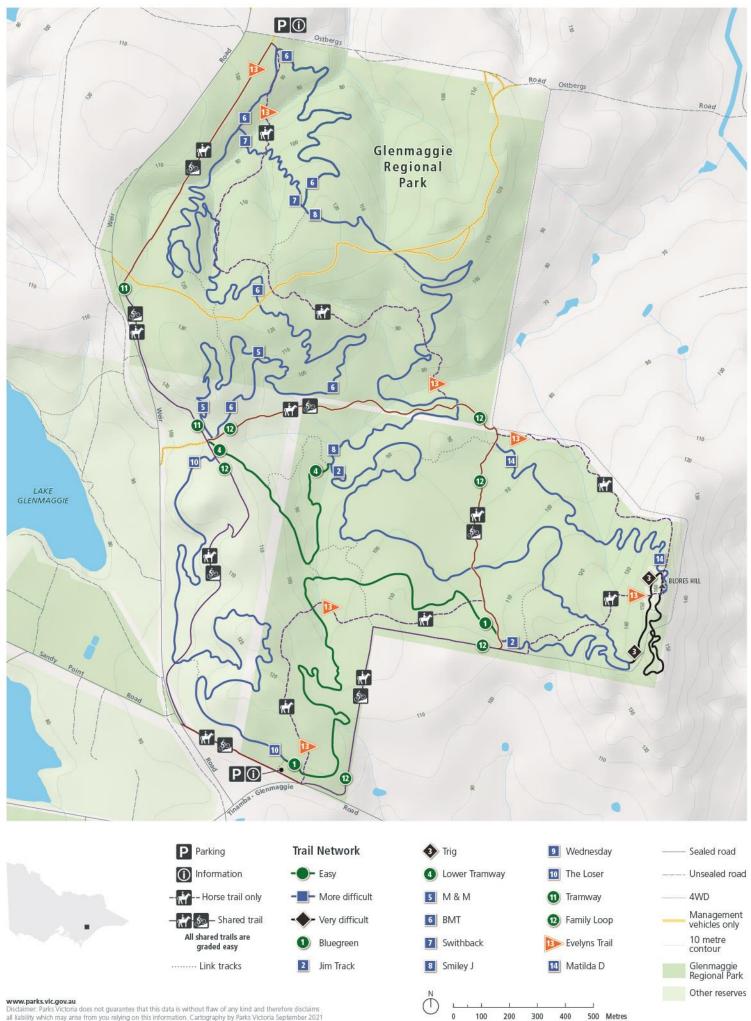
An easy trail for the whole family following the eastern boundary of the park, some internal Management Vehicle Only tracks and then joins the tramway to complete the loop.

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# Glenmaggie Regional Park Blores Hill & the Central Gippsland landscape





