

Changes to the Packhorse Track, Howmans Gap to Falls Creek

Many bushwalkers will have walked the delightful Packhorse Track that winds up through the forest from Howmans Gap to Falls Creek. There have been some changes to the track recently as part of Falls Creek's summer strategy to encourage mountain bike (MTB) riders.

At the Falls Creek end, the starting point of the track has been moved away from the Bogong High Plains Road at the entrance to the village, and the large noticeboard has been taken down. The short section leading from the road to the Track and Falls Creek Falls was very steep and quite awkward, and while it is still visible it will not be maintained in future. The Track now starts from the back of the Gully car park, opposite the Gully café and chair lift. This is the first car park on the left when entering the village. To reach the start, walk across the car park and locate a track called the Discharge Track, walk down this a short distance and turn left onto the Packhorse Track, past Falls Creek Falls and then down to Howmans.



When walking up from Howmans, continue past the old exit on to the Falls, and the new bit of track is plainly visible as a boardwalk. The Packhorse Track is designated as a one-way track for cyclists, up from Howmans to Falls.

More details on the numerous MTB tracks around Falls Creek can be found [here](#). As you can see from the map and may have noticed on the ground, there are now many tracks around the Falls Creek resort area. There is no reason why these cannot be used as walking tracks but walkers would need to be on the lookout at all times for cyclists.

The increase in MTB riders has also led to an increase in traffic, particularly on the McKay/Pretty Valley Road and Road 24, with cyclists, cars and a shuttle service for cyclists.

Another point to note is that the old block of public toilets outside Howmans Gap has been demolished. I don't know if it will be replaced.

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