

Adopt a Track Agreement between Department of Environment and Conservation Wellington District and the South West 4WD Club.

History:

Lennard Tracks primary purpose is as a fire access track along the Collie River Valley in an area of deep gullies and steep topography. When it was part of Lennard Block prior to becoming National Park it has been used as a 4WD track to access the River for recreation and camping. The 4WD Association was given permission in the 1980's to construct a campsite in an area known as the Association campsite. Several unauthorised campsites were then cleared along adjacent areas of River bank by re creationists. This continued until 2000 when after discussion with Track Care WA, the 4WD Association, CALM and the local Gnalang Boodja it was decided to close all unauthorised campsites and rehabilitate. In 2004 it was decided to close the Association campsite for camping due to unsustainable impact on the area and disallow all camping along the length of Lennard Track. The area is now used as day use and 4WD Scenic touring with Seasonal Closures over the winter months to preserve the track surface.

Vision

By adopting the agreed section of Lennard Track Location No. EQ 5712-EQ5500-EQ5426, DEC hopes to improve the condition of the track surface between River Rd south and the western end of the Sailors Gully so that:

1. Vehicle access is easier and visitors experience is enhanced.
2. There is less environmental impact on the surrounding area and the track itself
3. The track can be used as a 4WD scenic drive by unmodified 4WD vehicles so that visitors can experience this unique area of the Collie River Valley.
4. Appropriate interpretation can be placed in the area giving a history of Sappers Bridge and to emphasize the "Leave no trace" policy of 4WD touring.
5. In the future it may become an all-weather tourist drive for 4WD' s.

Limitations

1. To remain day use only. No camping No fires.
2. The South West 4WD Club will continue to maintain the track in partnership with DEC and local indigenous custodians.
3. Track surface to be hardened to all season access over a period of 24 months.
4. DEC retains the right to Seasonal Closure depending on usage, impact and climate change.

Stages

1. **2007/08** River Road entry (EQ5712) along Lennard Track to Sailors Gully (EQ5500) including the Day use site previously known as the Association Campsite .Then south on Sailors Gully Rd to the intersection of Lennard Road. Also including Sappers Bridge, Rocky Crossing and car park. (EQ5426)
2. **2008/09** West from Sappers Bridge (EQ5500) to the base of the Jumpups.(E05459) Including the planning and construction of day use areas, protection of the granite outcrop at the waterfall and the old gauging station. The closure and rehabilitation of unauthorised campgrounds.
3. **2009/10** The Jump-ups to the PP boundary on the northern edge of WNP Location EN5400.

Works Program

Erect Leave No Trace/Seasonal Closure signs at entry point off River Road near gate including an overview and Track conditions.

Rock all wash outs and bog holes.

Redevelop sites with design and input from Landscaping Branch and Gnalang Boodja Advisory Group.

This will include;

- o Improve entry into Association picnic site.
- o Build tree barriers around existing trees to protect from vehicles
- o Rehab fencing along eastern and western ends of clearing to stop unauthorised growth of site.
- o Picnic tables and signage.
- o Erect Sappers Bridge Interpretation sign. (Discuss with group on location)
Replace barriers at Sappers Bridge with bollards.
- o Move gravel beams from outer edges to bicycle width across bridge to prevent vehicles accessing bridge
- o Repair rocky crossing.
- o Design and plan car-park on western side of Sappers bridge
- o Rock water control barriers along Sailors Gully
- o Rock mud holes along Sailors Gully
- o Improve entry at gate (4WD only) top of Sailors Gully.
- o Log barriers to be put in place for Seasonal Closures.
- o Erect interpretation signs near gates at Jump-ups and Sailors Gully e.g. Leave No Trace/Map/Track conditions.
- o Revegetate bare areas along Lennard Track in vicinity of unauthorised campsites.