

Trail bikes in the Waimakariri River Regional Park: Update

Kaiapoi Island Trail Bike Park

Environment Canterbury has completed the design process with our engineers Elliot Sinclair. An upgraded motor-cross track will be coming soon. The new developments will also include a track at the back of the motorcross area to add more variety.

A specific Trails Area is also being established here, with structured jumps, developed in conjunction with the Pioneer Motorcycle Club. We are aiming to have the work done by July 2010.

South Side Trail Riding

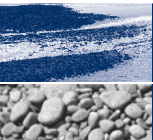
About 15km of track are being developed between Weedons-Ross Road and The Willows, again aiming for completion by July 2010. These new tracks will be one-way and wide enough for both trail bikes and quad bike use.

Any unmarked or unauthorized tracks which extend to the south away from the marked tracks will be closed and clearly identified with signs.

Gates have currently been installed at main access points to stop access to the forest at times of extreme fire risk. These closures will be notified on the gates and on our website – www.ecan.govt.nz/waimakpark



More information overleaf...



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The Willows

Trail bike access to the area known as The Willows will be restricted in the next 12 months. If you want to ride upstream of the intake you will have to start your ride at the intake and head upstream from there. There will be more information about this development on the Waimakariri River Regional Park page coming soon, at www.ecan.govt.nz/waimakpark

Co-operation

The parks team continues to support controlled trail bike access. Trail bikers share the park with many other users so please stick to the marked forest tracks and open berm areas set aside for your use. These tracks and areas will be clearly identified with signage shortly. Thank you for your cooperation. Over the next months we will continue to monitor Trail Bike use of the area closely. We may have to restrict access if riders are not sticking to the marked tracks.

Plans for the future

- Specific parking for trail bikers at the end of Weedons-Ross Road.
- A designated picnic area, with a toilet and picnic tables, near the car park.
- Closure of the McLean's Island river frontage between Haul Rd and Miners Bank Roads.
- New sign boards explaining the rules of the area and showing track routes.



Consultation

Plans for the future must include your input. We are keen to have you involved as we develop assets for your use. If you like to be involved with the Waimakariri Trail Riders Group or would like to be involved in development please contact:

Environment Canterbury's Customer Services on (03) 353 9007

For more information about trail bikes within the Waimakariri River Regional Park including fire season closures visit the Environment Canterbury website: www.ecan.govt.nz/waimakpark

