Your Safety

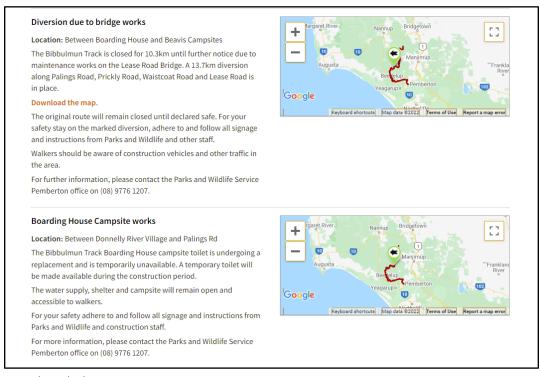
Doing your pre-trip research

There's nothing worse than getting all the way down to your section to find it's just been closed or diverted. Sometimes it's just bad timing – a prescribed burn may have been on the cards for some time and it happens to be the day... as happened recently to some experienced volunteers!

But there are some simple checks you can make to decrease your chances of a wasted trip.

1. Track alerts

As soon as a closure or diversion is established by PaWS, they let us know. The information is uploaded as soon as possible to the BTF website. You will find it on the **Realignments/Diversions** tab for the specific region in the **Section by Section Guide** (www.bibbulmuntrack.org.au/trip-planner/track-sections/). There is often a link to a map (with additional detail) on the PaWS website. Track alerts are removed as soon as we receive notification from PaWS.

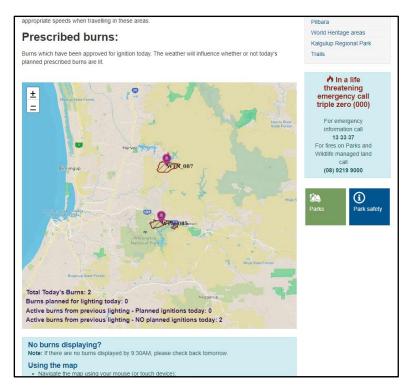


Typical Track alerts

2. Prescribed burns

"It is difficult to provide accurate notice of where and when prescribed burns will take place since the decision to commence a planned burn involves consideration of many factors. The decision to carry out a prescribed burn is made on the day and is dependent on suitable weather conditions and fuel moisture." (PaWS website)

When a potential burn is scheduled and may involve the Track, PaWS place indicative notices at either end of the area, and often pre-emptively mark most of the anticipated diversion. However, the Track is only closed, the diversion activated and the signage upgraded, when burning is confirmed. As soon as that confirmation is provided to us, it is included in the Track alerts (above).



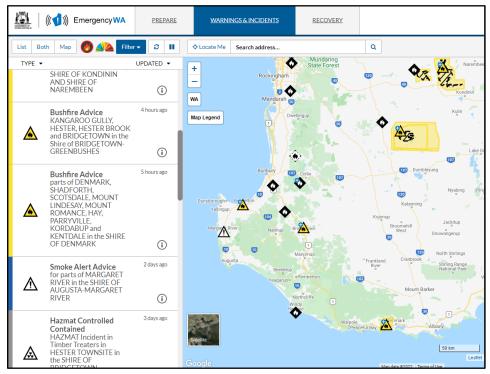
You might want to find out about burns approved for ignition for the day but not yet confirmed/lit. To get this information, go to www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/management/fire/prescribed-burning/burns and navigate the map to zoom in to your section. If in doubt, contact your District office, identifying yourself as a BTF maintenance volunteer, to get the latest update.

The prescribed burn information available on the PaWS website

3. Bushfires

The most up-to-date information on the location and status of bushfires can be found on the State Governments' emergency website www.emergency.wa.gov.au.

Do not put yourself, or others in danger by visiting your section in dangerous fire conditions. See www.bibbulmuntrack.org.au/trip-planner/health-hygiene-safety/ for our general advice.



Fire information available via the EmergencyWA website