

Volunteer Induction

Accessing your section



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You will access one or more points on (or near) your section by vehicle, before proceeding on foot.

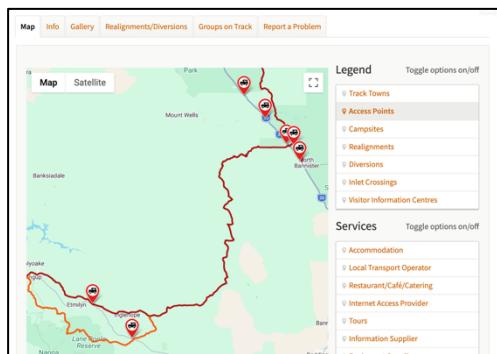
It is recommended that you do not leave any valuables in your vehicle when leaving it to carry out a maintenance walk.

If you wish, use one of our friendly **Volunteers vehicle notices** left on your dashboard to identify your vehicle as belonging to a BTF volunteer (get this from the Maintenance Matters library).

Vehicle access points

All points where the Track may be accessed by the general public are potentially useful to volunteers. These points are marked on the Bibbulmun Track maps.

They are also available on our website, under **Trip Planner | Section by Section Guide**.



Within that dropdown menu:

-  Choose the relevant section
-  Scroll down to the Map
-  Locate **Access points** (under 'Legend') and click on it to 'toggle on' the access points
-  Zoom in to the map to get a clearer view in the vicinity of your maintenance section

By long-standing arrangement with the PaWS District offices, volunteers may also access sections via management vehicle tracks which are not generally authorised for public use. These authorised volunteer access points are intentionally limited; volunteers are still expected to access most of their section on foot.

This access is granted in recognition of necessary and reasonable convenience; it is a trust which should be respected.

We recognise the potential trade-off between vehicle access and effective maintenance – especially where maintenance benefits from the more specialised (and difficult to carry!) tools.

The access routes available to you will have been discussed during your recruitment process.

Indication of these authorised volunteer access points is built into your volunteer profile. However, we are yet to add them in the latest website format (this is on the to-do list as of April 2026).

Section end points

You will have a written identification of the two end points of your section.

In most cases, these refer to easily identifiable features such as road crossings, campsites, trailheads or major waterways. Some are more obscure.

Where your section end point includes a distance (e.g. Creek crossing @ 5.3km), this refers to the distance from the **nearest campsite to the north** – even if that campsite is in the previous maintenance section. This feature is associated with the reliance on the Track notes – in which all distances relate to the previous campsite – when the sections were first identified.

Some end points refer to old forestry 'blaze' trees. Sometimes these are still identifiable on the ground, sometimes not. Blaze trees were previously marked on Bibbulmun Track maps.

Accurate GPS coordinates for your section end points are found in your volunteer profile; refer to the factsheet ***Introduction to website profile*** for details.

The coordinates can be used in a variety of ways. For example, in Google Maps, copy them into the search box to confirm the location of the end point relative to other features.

Section access via Disease Risk Area (DRA)



Sign as photo: DBCA website

Vehicle access to some maintenance sections requires a volunteer to drive within dieback Disease Risk Area (DRA).

If this is the case for you, you will receive a permit (issued by DBCA but facilitated by us) and need to adhere to dieback hygiene requirements.

The factsheet ***DRA permits and dieback hygiene*** contains more detail.

Section access requiring entry to a National Park



Photo: via Google Streetview

Vehicle access to some maintenance sections requires a volunteer to enter a National Park. In particular cases, volunteers pass through Park entry stations (attended or not).

Bibbulmun Track volunteers are **exempt** from paying National Park entry fees.

If National Park entry is required for your section, see the factsheet ***National Park entry*** for more details.

Section access through management gates

Very rarely – and depending on the individual perspective of the PaWS District office – volunteers are granted the means to access their section through locked management gates. This only occurs in essential circumstances – when there is no valid alternative for completion of maintenance visits – and is highly restricted.

If access through a locked gates is essential for your section, this will be discussed (on a case-by-case basis).

Section access in designated Water Catchment

There is occasional correlation between the Track and restricted-access Water Catchment Areas along the Darling Scarp. Very rarely, section access routes will traverse catchment areas (a prominent example being the sections between Perth Hills Discovery Centre and Dale Road).

We do not have a primary working with relationship with the Water Corporation; liaison is most likely to be facilitated by the PaWS District Office.

The details of volunteers' vehicles which have been collected for DRA Permits (see above) may also be provided by DBCA to the Water Corporation, as appropriate, in order to confirm your authorisation to enter a Water Catchment Area.



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