

Maintenance Field Days



Each year, we hold six Field Days for sectional maintenance volunteers – one in each of the six DBCA management Districts traversed by the Track: Perth Hills, Wellington, Blackwood, Donnelly, Frankland and Albany.

Everyone is encouraged to participate, especially new volunteers or those who have not been to a Field Day in recent years.

Field Days are working bees – and more!

They have several potential purposes; here's what you might expect to get out of participating:

- 👤 Touch base with the BTF Volunteer Manager and Maintenance Manager, as well as key organising volunteers
- 👤 Meet and get to know the other maintenance volunteers in your 'patch', especially those with sections either side of yours
- 👤 Connect with your local Support Volunteers, who can help with outstanding tasks on your section
- 👤 It's an opportunity to talk to the DBCA officer for the District, and get their perspective on the management of the Bibbulmun Track
- 👤 Get involved with important, strategic maintenance tasks in a group setting. This might include oiling the cladding of a shelter, renovating a table, beautifying tent sites, helping install signage or working on the trail. Make a difference!
- 👤 Pick up some new skills in Track and campsite maintenance, and share information
- 👤 Have fun!



You will be automatically invited to the Field Day for your District – but you are welcome at another if you can't make 'yours'.

Dates for upcoming Field Days are listed as early as possible in Maintenance Matters.

To schedule your Field Day participation, keep an eye on the dates as they are released.



The format for the day is usually:

- 👤 The group gathers at a predetermined location and time
- 👤 The location is based on walking in, or travelling in vehicle convoy
- 👤 The time is usually 8.00, 8.30 or 9.00am (depending on the location)
- 👤 Camping overnight at the work site is sometimes possible
- 👤 Introductions and briefings are accompanied by morning tea
- 👤 Work then proceeds, with a break for lunch and any pre-planned training
- 👤 We usually wrap up early/mid-afternoon
- 👤 Ability to leave earlier than the main group depends on location



You need to wear and bring:

- 🧑 Long sleeves and pants
- 🧑 Robust enclosed shoes
- 🧑 Sun and/or rain protection as required
- 🧑 Protective gloves
- 🧑 Your own morning tea and lunch supplies
- 🧑 Any small hand tools as requested specifically for the day (e.g. pruning/gardening)
- 🧑 A safety mindset
- 🧑 Good spirits!

There are work tasks for everyone depending on your capabilities – come and join in!

