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Take a trip down Ghost Mushroom Lane

ForestrySA's successful night-time forest tourism experience "Ghost Mushroom Lane" will return this May, due to popular demand.

The glowing fungus emits a soft luminescent glow in the dark of night, creating a magical and unique forest visitor experience.

Typically emerging after late autumn rain, it can be found living from the stumps of decaying pine trees and often grows to a width of 20cm.

More than 18,500 people visited Ghost Mushroom Lane in the 2017 opening season, drawing attention from metropolitan media, city visitors and locals alike.

Due to popular demand, ForestrySA is now preparing to reopen the visitor site in pine plantation 16km from Mount Gambier when the Ghost Mushroom season begins in early May.

Chief Executive Jerome Coleman said Ghost Mushroom Lane was part of ForestrySA's strategic vision to expand the Green Triangle's forest tourism offering.

"Our focus in this region is to grow forest visitation to our Native Forest Reserves and pine forest under Government lease arrangement, improve forest facilities and continue to protect the community from the threat of bushfire," he said.

Conservation Planner Troy Horn said he was pleased to be able to build on ForestrySA's visitor strategy and the Ghost Mushroom experience in 2018.

"We want to give as many visitors as possible the chance to see the glowing fungus first hand," Mr Horn said.

"We have decided to bring the forest to the city and will create a life-like mushroom display at Mount Gambier's Lady Nelson Visitor and Discovery Centre," he said.

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Thanks go to forest owner OneFortyOne Plantations, Ockert le Roux, Tourism Mount Gambier and the Lady Nelson Visitor and Discovery Centre for supporting this valuable community project.

To stay up-to-date on Ghost Mushroom season 2018, to view the purpose-written photographer's guide by Ockert le Roux, or to view the promotional film, visit www.forestrysa.com.au/ghostmushrooms

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