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Horse riding and fossicking permits now available online

Horse riding and fossicking permits will be available for purchase online from tomorrow, as ForestrySA works to deliver improved convenience for hundreds of forest users.

The efficiency-inspired change will take effect from Wednesday 29 January 2020, via www.forestrysa.com.au.

Hard-copy permits will no longer be available from the ForestrySA Visitor Information Centres at Kuitpo and Mount Crawford.

ForestrySA is responsible for the management of 17,000 hectares of plantation and native forest in the Kuitpo, Mount Crawford and Second Valley Forest Reserves, known collectively as the Mount Lofty Ranges.

This includes 10,000ha of commercial plantation pine forest for sustainable timber production and 7,000ha of native forest managed and protected for conservation purposes.

ForestrySA Forest Reserves are an important state asset due to their commercial, recreation and environmental values.

Hundreds of thousands of people visit each year for camping and bush hut accommodation, bushwalking, horse riding, mountain biking, fossicking and a range of community and private events.

ForestrySA Recreation and Community Engagement Coordinator Lennan Whiting said 450 annual horse riding and 200 annual fossicking permits were issued by ForestrySA in 2019 alone, with many more day permits also processed.

“Our forests are visited by hundreds of thousands of people annually,” Mr Whiting said.

“Members of the horse riding community who regularly ride in ForestrySA reserves have been requesting the ability to obtain permits online for quite some time.

“We hope this digital transition will provide greater convenience for forest users who were required to travel to the Visitor Information Centre at Kuitpo or Mount Crawford obtain their permit, before they could venture out into the forest.”

Mr Whiting said improved user compliance was a benefit of the convenient new permitting system.

“Horse riders and fossickers will no longer be required to display a physical permit while in the forest. Provision of vehicle registration details at the time of purchase will enable ForestrySA Ranger verification via an online database,” he said.

“Once terms and conditions have been agreed to and payment is received, a confirmation email will be sent. An application will still need to be submitted for large horse riding events.”

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To purchase a fossicking permit visit www.forestrysa.com.au/recreation-mountloftyranges/fossicking/

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Photograph: Horse riders enjoy the Onkeeta Trail, in ForestrySA's popular Kuitpo Forest Reserve. Photograph courtesy of ForestrySA.

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