## **FORESTRYSA**

## Camping and accommodation season delayed in response to COVID-19

ForestrySA's 2020 camping and accommodation season has been delayed by four weeks, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ForestrySA is closely following government direction and advice to protect the health and safety of the community and staff.

As a precaution, the start of the camping season has been delayed until 29 April 2020. Further delays may be implemented if necessary.

ForestrySA Manager Community Services Monique Blason said the move had been made in line with government bans on large, non-essential gatherings.

"Our campgrounds and accommodation venues are very busy during the annual camping season, but this demand increases exponentially during the Easter long weekend," she said.

"There is a health risk associated with welcoming large numbers of people to our forest venues amid the COVID-19 health crisis.

"While we realise our decision will come as a disappointment to the camping community, we are committed to doing all we can to reduce the spread of the virus."

Ms Blason said while overnight stays were not available, people were still free to visit their favourite forest location during the day.

"We will monitor and reassess the situation as it evolves and look forward to opening our camp and accommodation sites as soon as possible," she said.

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