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Fox Creek Bike Park – SA's home of adaptive downhill mountain biking

Fox Creek Bike Park is poised to become the home of adaptive downhill mountain biking in South Australia.

Two new adaptive mountain bike (aMTB) trails will soon be added to the Fox Creek network, significantly expanding the opportunities on offer to riders living with disability.

The new development is being funded through the government's Community Recreation and Sports Facilities Program, following a successful application by long-time resident Fox Creek mountain bike club, The Human Projectiles.

The grant application was supported by ForestrySA and nine other businesses and organisations, including Push Mobility and Bowhead Australia.

ForestrySA established the state's first aMTB bike trail, Allen's Orange Whip, at Fox Creek back in 2021, to popular acclaim. Designed and built to Gravity Quad Spec for riders, the single-track trail is named after SA Paralympian Grant Allen and suited to more experienced riders.

Adaptive mountain bike trails are wider than conventional trails and designed for two, three and four-wheeled cycles, accommodating riders unable to use a standard mountain bike.

The new trails will provide opportunities for novice and intermediate aMTB riders to access the great outdoors, hit the trails with confidence and develop their cycling skills.

They will also provide a venue for adaptive mountain biking competitions and other recreational events, helping people living with disability break through social boundaries and engage with their local community.

ForestrySA Chief Executive Julian Speed said he was proud to see Fox Creek Bike Park re-emerge from the 2019 Cudlee Creek Bushfire as a world class, inclusive mountain biking destination.

"Fox Creek's new aMTB trail network will provide opportunity for riders and their families to engage with the mountain biking community and take part in outdoor activities in the beautiful Cudlee Creek forest environment," he said.

"ForestrySA is pleased to be leading from the front, providing meaningful access and inclusion for people with disability at Fox Creek."

Mr Speed thanked The Human Projectiles and other organisations for their time, dedication and passion over many years.

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“This grant funding adds to the thousands of dollars and volunteer hours poured into Fox Creek by local clubs, individuals and organisations, creating the valued community asset we all enjoy today.”

Human Projectiles president Peter Obradovic said the club was proud to be able to contribute to the park’s ongoing development.

“We have been riding here for over 25 years and are thrilled to be giving back to the MTB community,” he said.

“This achievement would not have been possible without the great work of ForestrySA and all of the clubs and businesses that supported our grant application. Long live Fox Creek Hero Dirt!”

Fox Creek Bike Park is a community bike riding facility owned and managed by ForestrySA. Located at Cudlee Creek within the Mount Crawford Forest Reserve, an hour’s drive from Adelaide, it features 50km of single-track trails across 800ha and is open to riders of all ages and skill levels.

For more information visit www.foxcreekbikepark.com.au

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