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MARYSVILLE WALKING TRACKS REOPENED TO THE PUBLIC

A forest walking track which links the Marysville temporary village to the township was reopened to the public last week.

Following significant post fire recovery works, Kerami Link, Dickinson Track and Michaeldene Walking Track are now reopened to the community.

DSE Marysville Forest Ranger, Peter Cobb, said the seven kilometre walk takes in the remnants of an historic trestle bridge and is a great way for residents and visitors to observe the natural post-fire regeneration of the forest.

“Following the fires, a significant amount of work has been undertaken to reopen this section of the walking track to the community,” Mr Cobb said.

“DSE understands the importance of the Marysville Forest Walks network and is making considerable progress as part of the recovery project.”

Michaeldene Walking Track will only be open as far as Dickinson Track, until such time as hazards are removed from the remainder of the track and a new viewing platform installed at the Taggerty River.

A return journey between the village and the town is about seven kilometres and takes around two hours. Walkers are advised to stay off the tracks on windy and wet days due to the increased risk of falling trees and limbs following the fires.

DSE crews and contractors have made steady progress on works to reopen other walking tracks, despite the welcomed wet conditions over winter and spring.

“Each track has been assessed individually and needs to be cleared of fallen debris to allow access for the removal of dangerous trees, resurfacing, signage and other facilities.

Mr Cobb said works on a separate project to upgrade the Beauty Spot Walk and allow assisted access to disabled visitors have commenced.

“The Beauty Spot Reserve project, which was planned and funded by the ‘Go for Your Life’ program prior to the fires, will upgrade the start of the track and make access easier for people with limited mobility with the construction of a car park and additional boardwalks.”

For further information about recovery works contact Marysville DSE on (03) 5957 7111.