

VICTOR HARBOR MOUNTAIN BIKE STRATEGY SUMMARY



When it comes to mountain biking, South Australia's Fleurieu Peninsula has multiple advantages over other regional areas in the state. This includes close proximity to the Adelaide Metropolitan area and access to a diverse range of connected natural landscapes. The City of Victor Harbor itself has an extensive coastline, ranging escarpments, rolling hills, accessible river corridors, and broad sweeping plains.

Council's Mountain Bike Strategy presents a vision for mountain biking in the region and advocates for enhanced mountain bike experiences. **Nine signature projects** and approximately **85 kilometres of trails** are detailed. Delivery of the projects will rely on further investigations, consultation and approvals.

BENEFITS OF IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGY



22,000 – 33,000 RIDES

The Strategy is expected to attract 22,000 rides in its first year and 33,000 rides in its tenth year.



\$3.3 – \$5.3 MILLION SPENDING

The Strategy is expected to generate between \$3.3 - \$5.3 million in annual spending in the region.



\$23 MILLION IN BENEFITS

The Strategy is expected to generate an estimated \$23 million in benefits over a 10 year period. This includes regional income, health benefits and direct benefits.



15 – 25 JOBS

The Strategy is expected to generate between 15 - 25 employment opportunities in sectors such as accommodation, food service, and mountain biking services.



5.2 BENEFIT COST RATIO (COUNCIL)

The Strategy will yield a positive Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) of 5.2 for the City of Victor Harbor's investment in the project, meaning for every \$1 invested by Council, a \$5 return is made.



3.0 BENEFIT COST RATIO (REGIONAL)

The Strategy will yield a positive Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) of 3.0 for the Fleurieu Peninsula region, meaning for every \$1 spent, there is a benefit of \$3 over a one year period.

SIGNATURE PROJECTS



1. HINDMARSH VALLEY – NEW NATIONAL PARK AND CONNECTING TRAILS

Hindmarsh Valley provides opportunity for a diverse mix of trail experiences, including mountain bike trails, walking trail and shared use trails that suit riders seeking easy to intermediate trail experiences. This is a Department for Environment and Water (DEW) led project as part of SA Government's Parks 2025 Strategy.



2. HINDMARSH FALLS RESERVE

The Hindmarsh Falls Reserve provides an opportunity to link the existing recreation reserve and Falls Lookout Trail to new Hindmarsh Valley trail network via a cable bridge and shared use bench trail. There is also potential in the future for a Heysen Trail connection northwards, via a spur trail north from Hasket Road towards Woodcone Road.



3. HINDMARSH RIVER ADVENTURE TRAIL

The Strategy recommends investigating a signature 14km trail along the Hindmarsh River Corridor, connecting existing Hindmarsh River trails and Victor Harbor township to new National Park in Hindmarsh Valley. Initially this can be provided by access along Kenny Road and Waggon Road. Ultimately it will require community support and access agreements through a range of properties along the river corridor.



4. BROWN HILL – TRAIL NETWORK

The ranges that overlook Victor Harbor's coastal plain could be tailored to suit a range of mountain biking abilities and skill levels. Through altitude and aspect, the area provides an opportunity for a mix of downhill and adventure trails. Trail access would be linked to the coast and supported by the Encounter Bikeway and other existing local trails. All trails within the area could lead to an exceptional lookout at the summit of Brown Hill.



5. HINDMARSH RIVER TRAILS EXTENSION

The extension of the existing Hindmarsh River Trails will be a key contributor to the Victor Harbor mountain biking experience. Connecting Hindmarsh Valley and the Victor Harbor township relies on links established along the river corridor to be negotiated as part of future housing/land developments. This trail connection could provide a high-quality, popular experience for locals and visitors.



6. INMAN RIVER TRAIL EXTENSION (SECTION 696)

This project involves the extension of the Inman River Trails through the Section 696 land to the Victor Harbor Cemetery. It also considers links to Swains Crossing Road and Stock Road along the Inman River.



7. INMAN RIVER / HINDMARSH RIVER CONNECTION

This trail will connect the Inman and Hindmarsh River corridors. It involves a 4km off-road link to the Hindmarsh River trails via Henderson Road, Finnis Road, Fuller West Road and Armstrong Road Road Reserve.



8. VICTOR HARBOR MOUNTAIN BIKE SKILLS PARK & JUNIOR PUMP TRACK

This project involves the construction of an asphalt junior pump track and constructed skills park in the heart of Victor Harbor at the existing Victor Harbor Oval BMX Track. The skill park will cater for first time riders through to more confident young riders, replicating mountain biking conditions and preparing young riders for real trails by introducing them to a range of common trail features.



9. ROSETTA HEAD (THE BLUFF) TRAILS

Currently, there are six unsanctioned trails on the Bluff that are popular with locals and visitors given their proximity to the town. The Strategy recommends considering the future of trails on this site within a holistic masterplan.