



Hall recreational trail FAQ

Who initiated the project and what is the purpose?

A group of several Hall residents approached the ACT Government with a proposal to create a child and family friendly recreation trail in the Hall precinct. The Transport and City Services (TCCS) Directorate manages the public land in Hall and has been assisting these proponents. It is expected that the recreation trail will be used primarily by the local Hall community with children being the main users.

What is the community consultation process and why is TCCS involved?

The primary consultation tool will be an online survey, supported by the provision of background information such as this FAQ document and context for the proposal. This background information will be made available on the TCCS and Hall Progress Association websites and through other appropriate means that are accessible to the community. It is appropriate that TCCS assists in facilitating this consultation process as the land custodian and asset owner.

Where is the trail proposed to be located?

Refer to the map on page 4 of these FAQs. Stage 1 of the proposed trail is on the northern side of Hall Creek, crosses at the western end and continues on the southern side.

There is a separate proposal to construct a multi-use bridge next to the Victoria Street bridge for pedestrians and cyclists. Should this bridge proceed, Stage 2 of the proposed recreation trail would incorporate the bridge to enable the trail to extend to the southern section of Hall Creek. A project plan will be prepared following community consultation, if community views support the project proceeding.

Have alternative possible locations in the Hall precinct been considered?

Yes, TCCS and the proponents have considered two other locations within the precinct and several alternate trail routes within the current proposed area. The selected location and route considered various criteria including impact on adjacent residents, other recreational activities/user groups, public safety, the environment and heritage and cultural values of the area as well as the need to provide a facility that was attractive and suitable for the intended type of use and characteristics of the user group.

What is the budget for the project and where is the money coming from?

The proponent has advised that contributions of up to \$24,000 have been identified for the construction of the proposed trail as outlined below:



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- \$10,000 was raised by the community from the Hall Ball;
- \$12,000 has been contributed by Hall Rotary; and
- \$2,000 is available from TCCS with a further \$3,000 contingency available if required.

Should funding be insufficient the Government will look at alternate funding opportunities with the proponents and the contractor.

Is the trail to be a government asset? Will it be promoted to the wider Canberra community?

The ACT Government will take ownership once all construction is completed. Being a local community-driven and funded project, there is no intention to promote the recreation trail to the wider Canberra community.

What are the expected parking and traffic implications and are these taken fully into account in the project plan?

This proposal is not expected to impact on parking as it is anticipated most users will be local residents. However, should additional parking be required, options can be pursued for the use of existing public car parks (for example car parks adjoining the sportsground).

Are the environmental works along Hall Creek part of the trail project?

No. The drainage and environmental restoration works are separate projects to enhance the local area but will complement the proposed trail. TCCS is working with local residents, the Ginninderra Catchment Group and to clear blocked storm water drains, undertake works to improve water quality, control weeds and restore native plant species in the creek.

How has safety been considered, including risks from resident snakes and kangaroos?

Safety of other park users was a primary consideration in the design process. The proponents designed the recreation trail to be a safe distance (at least 50m) from the playground, while still allowing plenty of space for multiple users in the park at the same time. The proposed location of the trail will enhance play and recreation opportunities for children using the playground and barbecues.

Snakes and kangaroos are part of everyday life in the Bush Capital, especially in rural locations such as Hall. It is the responsibility of parkland users, including parents to be aware of wildlife and to take appropriate action to avoid conflict and ensure the safety of children and wildlife. The safety risks from snakes and kangaroos in the context of the proposed trail are no different from many other open spaces locations around Canberra.



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If a cyclist, runner or walker is injured using the trail or surrounds is the ACT responsible for insurance?

The Territory is self-insured and claims would be dealt with through the ACT Insurance Authority (ACTIA) process, in the same manner as such incidents in public places across the Territory.

Will the trail be lit at night?

No. Lighting is not required nor suitable and there are no plans or funding available to include lighting.

Will the trail impact on cultural heritage values of Halls Creek or Hall Village?

Hall's heritage and cultural values were considered when determining the location, design and construction of the proposed recreation trail. As part of the preliminary investigations, a heritage survey has been undertaken and has not initially identified any impacts from a heritage perspective. The proposed construction technique for the recreation trail involves minimal excavation. Should construction proceed, processes will be put in place to manage unanticipated discoveries of artefacts.

Is an Environmental Impact Statement needed for this project?

No, the scope of the project does not trigger an Environmental Impact Statement.

How will environmental impacts such a tree loss and erosion be managed?

The design of the trail will utilise internationally accepted standards to minimise erosion and maintenance requirements. No trees will be removed as part of this project and the trail route will avoid regrowth areas and the root zone of larger trees. The construction method will not disturb tree roots and will be undertaken with care using appropriate protection measures to minimise any impacts on the environment. The programmed stormwater works and ongoing environmental restoration works in the Hall Creek area will improve water quality and reduce erosion and will be complementary to the proposed recreation trail.

Would the ACT Government be responsible for the upkeep of the track, not only mowing of the surrounds but repair of potholes, water erosion and track deterioration?

The Government would work with the local residents who expressed interest, to maintain the trail. The ultimate responsibility would lie with the ACT Government.



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Who will be responsible for providing security for the site?

It is not anticipated that any additional security will be required. A security contractor currently visits the park nightly.

Is there a concept or other plan that illustrates and details the trail location?

The attached map for the proposed trail is subject to further community input. Minor modifications may be required at the time of construction to allow for the variances in the local environment.

What sort of trail will be constructed and will it be visible from Victoria Street?

The trail typically sits on top of the ground with some minor berm and roller features that may be up to 50cm high. The trail will be up to 1.2m wide and constructed of a mixed natural materials, mostly crushed granite. A small section will be visible from Victoria Street.

When will the trail be constructed?

The results of community consultation will determine if the trail can proceed. If it does, construction timeframes will be determined with reference to further planning requirements and the availability of the construction contractor.



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Location map

Blue line-watercourse

Green line- trail location, stage 1

Red line-future trail location, Stage 2 (if bridge proceeds)

