

# Media Release

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## UPGRADES TO MOUNT COLE STATE FOREST CAMPGROUND COMPLETE

Upgrades to provide additional facilities and improve accessibility are now complete at Mount Cole State Forest's campground.

Funded by the Andrews Labor Government's *Victoria's Great Outdoors*, the popular campground received a \$410,000 upgrade to make the site accessible for everyone.

The new upgrades include accessible car parking, picnic tables and an all abilities concrete path connecting all facilities.

Two new dual toilets have also been installed in the northern and southern sections of the campground.

These important upgrades will make the space the first fully accessible campground in a state forest based in the Grampians region.

With a diverse and growing number of people visiting this popular campsite, these accessible upgrades will provide a unique and enjoyable experience for all.

*Victoria's Great Outdoors* is boosting regional tourism and making it easier for Victorians to access and enjoy nature by investing \$106.6 million in better walking trails, campgrounds, four-wheel drive tracks and visitor facilities.

Find out more about Victoria's Great Outdoors visit [exploreoutdoors.vic.gov.au/investing-in-nature/victorias-great-outdoors-program](https://exploreoutdoors.vic.gov.au/investing-in-nature/victorias-great-outdoors-program).

### Quotes attributable to the Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt

*"Getting out in nature and enjoying the great outdoors is important to people of all abilities which is why we are working to improve accessibility at campgrounds across the state."*

*"These upgrades mean more people will be able to comfortably visit Mount Cole State Forest, helping to meet the increasing demand at this popular location."*

*"Victoria's Great Outdoors will continue improving campgrounds across the state, providing people with better facilities so they can enjoy the health and wellbeing benefits of spending time in nature."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Ripon Martha Haylett

*"Mount Cole State Forest is a much-loved camping spot for locals and tourists, and I'm thrilled we've now made it easier for people of all abilities to enjoy its beauty."*