

LENNARD TRACK MAINTENANCE

Please register by Saturday, 24th February 2024, as places are limited!

Track Care WA (TCWA) has been invited to participate in the Lennard Track Maintenance project by the South West 4WD Club Inc (SW4WDC) on Saturday, 16th March 2024, meeting at Honeymoon Pool, on River Road in the Wellington National Park (west of Collie) at 8:00am. The Lennard Track (LT) trail head to be used is just past the Honeymoon Pool campground and across the bridge.

The Lennard Track is 210km from Perth and is classed as easy-moderate for experienced 4WDers with high clearance and low range gearing. It is not suitable for SUVs or All Wheel Drive vehicles. A few sections of the track can be steep, rutted, rocky and slippery, which is why the LT is closed during the wetter months. The LT has great scenery of the Collie River, granite outcrops and large jarrah trees.

The primary objective of this year's maintenance is to lay ballast at the jump-ups and other eroded sections. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) will close the LT to the public over the weekend of 16-17th March 2024. DBCA will drop off ballast at Honeymoon Pool and a DBCA Ranger will be the Posi-Track driver, loading the ballast onto participants' trailers, which will then be driven up the LT and dumped where needed. Secondary objectives will be to paint the LT trail head gates and fence, and re-oil the picnic table located about halfway along the track.

Graham will be towing one of the TCWA trailers and it is hoped another TCWA Member will be prepared to bring the second TCWA trailer.

It is recommended participants bring their own lunch, carry plenty of water, sunscreen and a hat. A 1st Aid Kit and a Snake Bite Kit would also be good. Solid footwear and workman's gloves will be needed. A shovel and metal-tined rake would be very useful too. It should be noted that on many parts of the LT there may not be any mobile phone coverage. TCWA encourages good 4WD etiquette and safety guidelines:

- ✓ Stick to and preserve the track;
- ✓ Avoid damaging flora and fauna;
- ✓ Leave the area as you found it; and
- ✓ Wash your vehicle, paying attention to underneath to avoid spreading dieback and weed seeds.

Above all, it is hoped everyone enjoys the day: It will be hard work, but you have the chance to meet new people, look at and discuss different vehicles and set-ups, and most importantly, go home with a sense of achievement and recognition of "giving back" both to your fellow 4WDers and the environment.