What is a Field Day?

Each year, we hold six Field Days for sectional maintenance volunteers – one in each of the six DBCA management Districts traversed by the Track (Perth Hills, Wellington, Blackwood, Donnelly, Frankland and Albany).

Maintenance volunteers are invited to the Field Day for the District their section lies within – but you are more than welcome at any of the others if you can't make 'yours'.

You will get many things out of a Field Day:

- Touch base with the BTF Volunteer Manager and Maintenance Manager as well as key organising volunteers
- Meet and get to know the other maintenance volunteers in your 'patch', especially those with sections either side of yours
- Connect with your local Support Volunteers, who can help with outstanding tasks on your section
- It's an opportunity to talk to the DBCA officer for the District, and get their perspective on the management of the Bibbulmun Track
- Get involved with important, strategic maintenance tasks in a group setting. This might include oiling the cladding of a shelter, renovating a table, beautifying tent sites, helping install signage or working on the trail. Make a difference!
- Pick up some new skills in Track and campsite maintenance, and share information
- Have fun!

The format for the day is usually:

- Meet at a predetermined point at about 8.30-9am (sometimes camping overnight at the work site is possible)
- Travel in vehicle convoy or walk in to the work site
- Have morning tea while introductions and briefings are given
- Get stuck into the work, with a break for lunch and any pre-planned training
- We usually wrap up early-mid afternoon; a need to leave earlier can usually be accommodated

Briefings are provided over morning tea

You need to bring:

- Long sleeves and pants; robust enclosed shoes; sun and rain protection as required; protective gloves
- Your own morning tea and lunch supplies
- Any small hand tools as requested specifically for the day (e.g. pruning/gardening)
- A safety mindset
- Good spirits!

There are work tasks for everyone depending on your capabilities – come and join in!

A selection of scenes from recent Field Days