

# Hanmer Springs Mountain Bike Club - NEWSLETTER

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## IT'S MEMBERSHIP TIME AGAIN!!

Time to dust off the old bike & commit to getting on the trails again!! For those that have been enjoying our Hanmer trails in this crazy winter warm weather, it's time to put your hand in your wallet & show us some love!!! Membership runs from August 1 to July 31 each year. Please visit our website & go to 'Membership & Donations' to join the club: [www.hanmermtb.nz](http://www.hanmermtb.nz)

**Membership Tags:** We are now supplying membership tags when you pay for your membership (are not included for donations). These will be posted out so please ensure that you give us your postal details & advise how many tags are required for the family memberships (details are on the website). These tags are a great way to show your support for the Hanmer Springs MTB Club & should be visible when you are riding our trails.

Given the number of riders that utilise our trails the actual number of members is very low. If you enjoy riding our trails & would like to invest in their future, please take the time to join/renew your membership for this year and pay your fee. Even if you don't ride please remember that your business may benefit from having quality trails to ride in Hanmer Springs. All membership fees go directly to paying for track materials and building new tracks. It is an important income stream as we are a volunteer organisation. **Thank you! .... If you can persuade anyone else to join too, that would be great!**

**New On The Trails:** The Mtb club is still developing the proposed skills area around the old DOC Centre on Jollies Pass Rd. The grading trails have been started & we are currently in the process of planning the skills area.

A new uphill to the Addiction Trail has been built off the pylon road (from 4wd Jollies Pass Rd). We have started building a new link from Addiction to the start of Detox, making for one of our longest descent trails. This will be graded as an Expert Trail.

The new advanced trail being hand built between Yankee Zephyr & Big Foot, is now approximately 2.7km long & is due for completion mid 2020 – this will give us a trail that is protected from logging & will mostly be in native bush. It will also give us the opportunity to hopefully create some more downhill trails in the future.

Reminder regarding non Hanmer MTB Clubs trails: It has come to our attention that there have been some illegal trails being built out there. For any trails that have not been mentioned above or already exist under our trail network, the club takes no responsibility for & should you have any questions/concerns you should contact the Landowners directly regarding these trails.

**Trail Closures:** All trails are open.

As previously mentioned, we now have a one-way system in place for most of the intermediate/ advanced trails on the network. They are as follows:

**UPHILL** - Swamp, Uphill Yankees (from the top end off Pawsons Rd to Yankee Zephyr start is both ways but from the intersection is uphill only) & Timberlands

**DOWNHILL** - Swoop, Tank, Yankee Zephyr, Eagles Nest, C-Line, Red Rock, Jolliffe Saddle, Big Foot & Detox

**DUAL DIRECTION** – Flax, Mac 1, Fir, Dog Stream & Camp Track

Please ensure you follow the one-way only system – please also be aware that there may be someone travelling in the wrong direction. There have been a few close calls with people who have not been on the trails before &/or wearing headphones so have not heard the other person approaching. This is dangerous for everybody so please use some common sense out there!! As always, we would like to remind cyclists to ensure care is taken when riding dual use trails & make sure that you give way to walkers & travel at a controlled speed when using these trails. If you see any track issues (trees down/ pig rooting/ slips etc) while out riding please let us know.

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