



## TRAIL FAIRIES' GUIDE

**Roles:** Every month or two (definitely monthly in spring and as soon as possible after storms) walk or ride your chosen track to make sure it is in good condition.

If you spend more than 45 minutes per track in a session you are probably doing too much.

### Work that may need doing includes:

- Raking is a quick job and if required should be done up to 3 times per year, so that riders can always see the track floor.
- Remove any debris from the track e.g. loose rocks, pine cones, sticks, without altering the nature of the track.
- Remove any branches that prevent a clear ride. Always cut them (preferably with a saw) back to tree level so that no-one can be injured by stubs when passing. Branches can dip down considerably after rain spring back quickly when it is dry.
- Blackberries grow quickly and should be cut back strongly if required. If they are overpowering the track you should advise [trails@alpinecyclingclub.com.au](mailto:trails@alpinecyclingclub.com.au) who will arrange for the blackberries to be treated.
- Some corners may need a light rake hoeing if they become rutted. ACC has a number of rake-hoes and other tools available for member use.
- If water collects in low points look at providing a wide drain with a rake hoe. Keep it wide and gentle so that rider flow isn't affected.
- If a problem occurs such as trees fallen over the track, or anything you can't fix yourself contact the [trails@alpinecyclingclub.com.au](mailto:trails@alpinecyclingclub.com.au) who will arrange it to be sorted out as soon as possible

As the track becomes your responsibility feel free to take some ownership and suggest improvements or changes to the MTB committee. Let the MTB committee know of your ideas and work can be planned for a future time.

Please make sure you log the amount of time you spent with the online recording tool as this helps us to track how many volunteer hours we are putting in.