

# Fuel reduction burning and bushwalking

**T**he Fuel Reduction Program conducts fuel reduction burns across Tasmania including in national parks and other areas of recreational bushland. These fuel reduction burns are generally conducted in autumn and spring but can be undertaken at any time throughout the year depending on the site and conditions.

**W**hen planning for a bushwalk or other recreational activity/bush visit, it is essential to know if any fuel reduction burns are planned for your intended route or destination. The Fuel Reduction Program releases information on forthcoming and current burns via the TFS website, social media (<https://www.facebook.com/TasmaniaFireService>) and news media.



*The image above shows a planned fire around a popular Hobart mountain biking track. As well as signage and safety barriers on the day, the track's temporary closure was advertised through the TFS website, the land management agency's website, media releases and via contacts in the mountain biking community.*

## Fuel Reduction Program

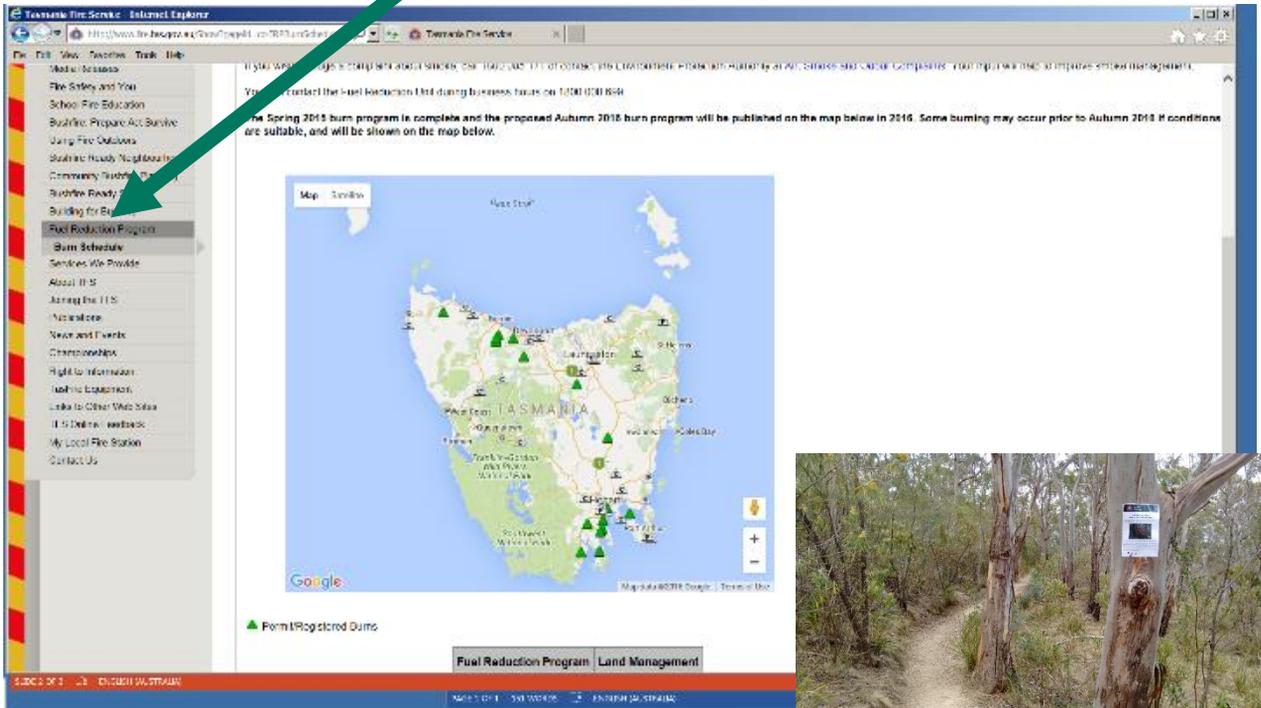
## Things to do:

- Check the TFS website for fires planned for the area you are visiting before setting off- [www.fire.tas.gov.au](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au)

Click on this button on the TFS front page



Select the Fuel Reduction Program menu link for the interactive map that shows current and planned fuel reduction burns



The screenshot shows the Tasmanian Fire Service website. On the left is a navigation menu with 'Fuel Reduction Program' highlighted. The main content area features a map of Tasmania with green triangles indicating burn locations. Below the map are buttons for 'Fuel Reduction Program' and 'Land Management'. A green arrow points from the 'Fuel Reduction Program' button in the menu to the map.



- When out and about, watch for burn warning signage similar to that shown below:
- Keep your eyes (and nose) on the lookout for smoke. When you are at a good vantage point, take a moment to scan the horizon. If you see any signs of burning, consider turning back or finding an alternate route.
- Watch out for increased ground traffic along fire trails, or for aircraft operating in the area.
- More information on particular reserves or tracks is often posted by the management agency for that area- Parks and Wildlife Service, Local Councils etc.

For more information, visit [www.fire.tas.gov.au](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au)

or call the Fuel Reduction Unit on **1800 000 699** or [fru@fire.tas.gov.au](mailto:fru@fire.tas.gov.au)