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Collie's newest mountain bike trail opens

A brand new mountain bike trail that connects Soldier's Park, in Collie's central business district, with surrounding bushland is set to open this Thursday, 25 January 2018.

The new nine-kilometre trail network will attract riders of all levels and abilities, with a series of connected trails built to beginner and intermediate level, including 4.5 kilometres of trails suitable for hand-cycles.

The Trail Head is located at Soldier's Park on Lefroy Street in Collie and has toilets, water and parking, as well as a playground, skate park and barbecue facilities, making the trail a great all-round family experience.

The new trail is just one of many mountain biking trails in the region, including the world-class Munda Biddi Trail, Ray's Trail, Two20 Trail, Dead Cats Trail and the Arklow Trail Network.

"Collie is fast becoming one of Western Australia's premier tracks and trails hub, with a huge variety of experiences just waiting to be explored," said Collie Shire President Sarah Stanley.

"This new trail is perfect to showcase the type and quality of trails available in the region, attracting visitors to stay on and enjoy more trails, or return for another look.

"The increased traffic expected in the central business district will be good for small businesses and consumer confidence."

Community members and cycling enthusiasts are invited to be among the first to ride the trail following an official opening at 3pm, 25 January, at Soldier's Park, where the official name of the trail network and trails will be announced.

Local small business owner and cycling enthusiast Erik Mellegers said he was excited to be involved with the building and naming of the new trail network.

"It's been a very open and time consuming, but necessary, process," Mr Mellegers said.

"The Collie town trails are unique in that there are very few, if any, opportunities in WA to have such quality trails right in the middle of town."

"We're encouraging people to share their experiences of the new trails with the hashtag '#CollieTrails'."

For more information on Collie's trail network, contact the Collie Visitor Centre on 9734 2051 or visit www.collierivervalley.com.au.

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