

• *Enjoying Snow on the Mountain*

A trip to the snow in Wellington Park is a winter highlight. Incidents and accidents can be avoided by following a few simple guidelines.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

- Check road conditions before you leave home on the Hobart City Council Info line: 6278 0200 or at www.hobartcity.com.au. More details are on the electronic sign on Huon Road outside the Council depot.
- Pack warm clothing – conditions are likely to be cold and wet.

DRIVING SAFELY

- When driving leave double the normal distance between your vehicle and the car in front.
- Use steady and even steering movements.
- Remember that braking takes much longer in icy conditions. Do not slam on your brakes but gently pump them to maintain control.
- Ensure clear visibility when driving. Build snowmen on the ground – not on your vehicle's bonnet!
- Be patient on the road as traffic may be slow.

ROAD CLOSURES

- Road closures are only ever implemented for reasons of public safety or for traffic control. Please follow the directions of field staff and do not attempt to drive your vehicle past a closed barrier.
- Closure is often due to ice building up on the road, not just snow cover. Whilst we try to ensure that Pinnacle Road is open at all times, sometimes this is not possible due to localised freezing on the road pavement.
- People and heavy machinery do not mix, so the road is always closed when snow ploughs and de-icing equipment are being used in the area.
- Look for information on the distance to the snow line on any closed road barriers; if the road is closed due to ice formation then there may be a long walk to the snow line.

SHARING THE MOUNTAIN

- If the lowest gate at Bracken Lane is closed, consider returning later. Please do not park across driveways or on residential lawns.
- Layer up and stay warm. Don't forget your hat and gloves.
- Take care throwing snowballs. Absolutely no hidden rocks. Such missiles are dangerous and illegal!
- Don't throw snowballs at vehicles as distracted drivers are more likely to have accidents.
- Take care with children playing close to the road edge; remember that the road may still be slippery even when open to vehicles.

WAGGY TAILS

- Dogs are permitted on a lead in some lower areas of Wellington Park, but are prohibited in picnic areas unless travelling to or from tracks where dog walking is permitted.
- At the Pinnacle dogs are only permitted if confined within a vehicle.
- Dogs must be kept on leads at all times, and faeces must be cleaned up.

These regulations ensure water catchment quality, flora and fauna protection and enjoyment for all Park users. Offenders may attract an on-the-spot fine.

Have a safe and enjoyable time in the snow, and remember to remove all valuables from your vehicle before walking on the Mountain. For further information on the management of Wellington Park contact:

Wellington Park Management Trust : 03 6238 2176
or visit our website: www.wellingtonpark.tas.gov.au