

# BICYCLE RIDING

## VISITOR INFORMATION SHEET

### INTRODUCTION

Forestry Plantations Queensland Pty Ltd (FPQ) is one of Australia's largest privately owned timber plantation companies, managing approximately 345,000 hectares (ha) of land including 210,000 ha of hardwood and softwood plantations located throughout Queensland. The majority of these lands can be found on State plantation forest which is managed by FPQ under a 99 year Plantation Licence granted by the Queensland Government.



Photo courtesy of the Multi-terrain Bicycle Orienteers

State plantation forests comprising the Licence Area, are commercial forests and are primarily managed for the commercial growing, harvesting and protection of FPQ's plantation timber assets. The extensive network of existing roads throughout these forests not only serves a practical purpose, allowing for timber harvesting and fire management, but also provides recreational opportunities for cyclists.

### WHERE TO RIDE

There are few purpose built trails within the State plantation forests, but bicycle riding can be undertaken along the existing forest roads. Care should be taken as these roads are open to vehicle use including harvesting machinery and logging trucks.

FPQ may close roads periodically for operational purposes (e.g. harvesting and establishment of plantations) or during periods of adverse weather conditions. Entry into areas closed for any reason is prohibited.

### PERMITS

Individual riders do not generally need a permit to ride within the State plantation forests of Queensland. Commercial activities, organised group activities (involving 15 or more participants) and competitive events will however require a permit. Commercial and group permit application forms can be found on the FPQ website at [www.fpq.net.au](http://www.fpq.net.au).

*Note Competitive bicycle riding is authorised under a group activity permit.*

### CARE AND SAFETY IN THE FOREST

To ensure safe riding with minimal impact, please observe the following:

- Ride only on formed management roads. Do not take shortcuts or form new trails
- Obey all regulatory notices and signs and respect road closures.
- Obtain a permit before conducting a group ride, competitive events or commercial activities.
- Don't mark trees or place any navigational marks or other signs in the area, unless authorised under a permit
- Prepare for the unexpected. Logging trucks and other traffic also use the roads.
- Don't mark trees or place any navigational marks or other signs in the area, unless authorised under a permit
- Remove all litter brought into the area by the rider.



## Do I need a permit and what permit do I need?

