

Bumps and Berms

FACT SHEET 1 – FINDING A SUITABLE SITE

ABOUT BUMPS AND BERMS

The Bumps and Berms Program adds additional play value to neighbourhood spaces across Canberra by working with volunteers to design and create dirt bike tracks.

Community bike tracks must be completed in collaboration with ACT Government to meet safety and maintenance requirements.

Community-built bike tracks are usually dirt bike tracks, including BMX and pump tracks. Typically, they make use of existing topography like jumps and ramps (bumps) and banked turns (berms).

These tracks are usually quite easy with gentle hills, smooth surfaces, and limited obstacles. This makes them suited for beginner to intermediate riders. The tracks are usually small in size, between 200 and 500 metres in length. This is due to them being located within existing local open spaces.

If you wish to design and build your own public track, you can partner with the ACT Government to make this happen in your chosen space. This partnership ensures that it is safe and built to last.

SITE SELECTION

If you want to design your own track, it's important that you consider the landscape around your proposed location. Your track should be safe, enjoyable, and complement the public space. You'll need to consider the track location and alignment, along with elements like drainage, soil type and any constraints around your chosen location (such as trees or built infrastructure).

Your track might not be suitable if your site is of heritage value, or if it is close to urban infrastructure, private property, or wetlands. It also won't be suitable if it's likely to damage the root systems of nearby trees or endanger local wildlife.

Once you have identified a location you will need to arrange a site visit with the ACT Government to review the location. Please email TCCS.BumpsandBerms@act.gov.au to facilitate this.



ASSESSING YOUR SITE

After you reach out to the ACT Government, we'll do a preliminary site assessment.

When we assess the site, we'll be considering the following:

- the location and size of the proposed track
- how close it is to roads, carparks, footpaths and existing informal walking tracks
- how close it is to similar bike tracks or infrastructure
- the soil type and the capacity for soil compaction and drainage
- risks to tree stability and safety, root systems, and tree protection concerns
- conflicts with historic, natural or cultural heritage on your chosen site
- other potential impacts with existing amenities on your site.

Once this assessment is complete, we'll inform you whether your track is approved to progress to design including any issues you may need to consider.

CONTACT US

For further information please contact TCCS.BumpsandBerms@act.gov.au

