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Track upgrades link Alice Springs to the Telegraph Station

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Minister for Parks and Wildlife Bess Price said track upgrades at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station (ASTS) would form an important link between major visitor destinations in Alice Springs.

“Once complete, there will be a 2.1m wide, sealed path linking the ASTS historic buildings and picnic area with the Alice Springs bike path network,” Mrs Price said.

“These upgrades will encourage more visitors to ASTS and will provide an alternative for young families with tag along bikes and prams and enable better viewing of the iconic Todd River.

“The ASTS is a popular place to visit for both tourists and Territorians, rich in wildlife and local history, and these paths will further enhance the visitor experience.

“The Telegraph Station will still have its iconic short walks but this new initiative combined with the newly constructed mountain bike network provides better access to the reserve than ever before.

“A gravelled lane will be left beside the concreted path for use by runners and walkers who wish to continue using the natural surface.”

The new path will start near St Phillips College and follow the alignment of the existing Riverside Walk to the Alice Springs Telegraph Station.

Major walkways linking the reserve entry station, car parks and the reserve’s main entry path will be upgraded at the same time.

Disruptions are expected to occur between December and February with sections being closed off for works and vehicles and machinery travelling along the track.

Whilst detours around works will be provided, regular reserve users are encouraged to instead use the Spencer Hill Walk on the other side of the river during this period.

Road traffic into the reserve needs to be aware of the reduced speed limit and show extra care during this period.

The works will be carried out by local contractor Patrick Homes Pty Ltd and should be completed by 13 Feb 2015.

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