

**New re-route at Wong Keng Au will be opened on 23 September 2017 and become part of Ho Pui Mountain Bike Trail**

Starting from 23 September 2017, a new re-route of about 790m long at Wong Keng Au will be opened and become part of Ho Pui Mountain Bike Trail. The original trail at Wong Keng Au will no longer be part of designated mountain bike trail. This Department will erect warning sign to remind mountain bikers not to enter the original trail. The alignments of the re-route and original trail are shown in the map below.

The main reason for creating the new re-route at Wong Keng Au is because the original trail on-site has been deteriorating in recent years, increasing the risk of severe injury of mountain bikers passing by (e.g. a mountain biker fell off a nearby cliff in January 2017).

A joint site visit was made with a trail specialist of the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) earlier this year. In view of the steep topography and presence of a cliff nearby, we consider that improvement measures generally applicable to mountain bike trails (e.g. soil refilling and trail widening) can hardly be applied at Wong Keng Au to make the original trail sustainable and safer. To avoid endangering most trail users, creating a new re-route is necessary.

The new re-route is located next to the original trail. It is relatively flat and connects to the exit of the original trail so mountain bikers can continue to use Ho Pui Mountain Bike Trail.

