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Bike plan for stunning SW

MOUNTAIN biking is increasingly popular and we can't think of anywhere more suited to the sport or recreational hobby than the South-West, with its scenic and undulating terrain.

The ambitious plan, revealed in today's newspaper, to establish nearly 500km of trails throughout the region is a match made in heaven. It will pump up tourist numbers for the region and will encourage more city folks to flee to the countryside at weekends.

It also addresses the huge demand for trails and tracks. About 120,000 mountain bikes were bought in WA in the past year alone and a staggering half a million West Australians now own one.

Their popularity is partly explained by people being increasingly fitness conscious and cycling is one of those fun activities families can do together.

The plan, relatively cheap at \$13 million, is a two-wheeled winner.

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