



## **POST TIMBER HARVESTING RE-INSTatement OF CECILIA CAR PARK Cecilia Plantation, Table Mountain National Park**

Following a public and stakeholder consultation process in November/December 2010, SANParks has prepared a landscape plan for the re-instatement of the Cecilia plantation car park off Rhodes Drive. This is necessary as the plantation trees in and around the car park will be harvested in January/February this year as part of the Cecilia Plantation tree felling program being undertaken by the timber company, MTO Forestry.

MTO Forestry has a 20 year 'exit' lease with the Dept. of Water Affairs to harvest the plantation trees of Tokai and Cecilia. Government has assigned the management of Tokai and Cecilia plantations to SANParks to form part of the Table Mountain National Park.

As a result of the tree felling there will be some damage to the existing car park and therefore the need for its re-instatement. During harvesting operations the car park will be closed for a period to ensure public safety. Post-harvesting, the car park will remain closed until the re-instatement of the car park has been completed by late 2011.

SANParks appointed a professional landscape architect to prepare the plan for the re-instatement of the car park.

The proposal includes improved gravel surfacing, clearly demarcated parking bays, appropriate directional signage, upgraded footpaths and a full landscaped planting program with indigenous Afromontane forest trees and fynbos to provide both shade and to rehabilitate the indigenous vegetation.

Signage and notices will be placed in the area to ensure the public is made aware of the tree felling and the implementation of the car park re-instatement. Whilst the car park is closed, alternative access points to Cecilia plantation from Constantia Nek, Kirstenbosch and from Rhodes Drive (opposite Southern Cross Drive) may be used.

The Cecilia car park landscape plan may be viewed on the website [www.tmnp.co.za](http://www.tmnp.co.za).