

The Bicentennial National Trail
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The Bicentennial National Trail is "a living trail" and as such conditions and access details are continually changing. Some of the information in the 'update notes' may have been provided by trekkers and may not have been verified on the ground by the section coordinator or a BNT Board member. Update notes are only a guide and situations can change from day to day therefore, you must try to contact the section coordinator and not rely solely on the guidebook or the update notes. You travel at your own risk as travelling on the BNT is regarded as self-reliant trekking.

Note that these updates are to be used in conjunction with the guidebook identified above.

Could all trekkers please send any information on track changes to the BNT office so the update notes can be as current as possible. Your notes need to be clear and concise.

Please contact your local coordinator prior to trekking to advise of approximate travel dates and to obtain an update on local conditions.

Can you also notify the office or section coordinator of any problems you may encounter, thank you. Happy trekking.

Pre trip:

DO NOT attempt this route after heavy rains as the river crossings are very treacherous when in flood.

Map 1 N-S Glue onto page 28

Updated March 2013

The deviation between Old Barlows Gate and Cullendore Gate in GB 7 Map 1. Roads (shown in yellow) were upgraded or constructed by the council to bypass an area where the previous trail has been closed. Trekkers MUST NOT follow the border as a short-cut in this area. Please follow the Yellow route.

23.8 km the new St Hellens Rd to the right was unsigned in October and there was open road straight ahead at that point, nothing to indicate that road is closed further down.

29.8 km travelling N-S continuing to follow Banberry Rd straight ahead results in being on the wrong side of a fence parallel to the rabbit proof fence.

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29.8 km trekkers are forced on to Banberry Rd by a closed gate and come to a T-intersection at 23.8 km, so both decisions are made for them.



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Updated October 2008

Pre trip: "Grasstree" Rocky River via Tenterfield have new owners. Contact Tony & Janet Daley 07 5559 0756 or 0414 528 620 or Rob Balanda 0402 066 071
Previous details for campsite read

"This campsite is on private property. Camp as directed near the shed, put animals in one of the small paddocks and draw drinking water (only) from the tank by the shed."

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Updated October 2008

The new Boundary Falls BNT Campsite area has been partly cleared, there is more clearing to be done in the centre. Initially there will be a water trough only and a shelter is planned for the future.

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Updated Oct 2011

N-S directions

14.0km Weenies Gap is very eroded and too rough for mountain bikes and animals. Follow the alternate route along the river. It is a bit longer but saves 2 river crossings.

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Updated Oct 2011

S-N directions

7.3km Weenies Gap is very eroded and too rough for mountain bikes and animals. Follow the alternate route along the river. It is a bit longer but saves 2 river crossings.

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Updated Jan 2010

N-S directions

2.5km Red gum tree with BNT marker no longer there.

Campsite at Killarney

The Killarney Show and Rodeo Society Inc grounds are owned by the show society and permission must be obtained for access. Contact: Maurie Thompson on 0459 408 788. Alternatively contact the Vet in the main street if Maurie is unavailable.

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Updated October 2008

Book 7 Section Coordinators:

Maps 1-7 Killarney to Demon Creek: Michael Combe. Phone 02 6586 1048 or mob 0429 907 490

Maps 8-9 Demon Creek to Grasstree: Lesley Oldfield & Philip Willcocks.

Phone 02 6737 6670 or 02 6737 6879 or 02 6736 1070

Maps 10-20 Grasstree to Ebor: Paul Jones & Cherrie Davies. Phone 02 6649 4336

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Trekkers Important Notice: It is your responsibility to be aware of all rules and regulations pertaining to travelling on roads with livestock in each state.

In cases of emergency eg; bushfire, it is your responsibility to notify local authorities as to your whereabouts.

State Forests in NSW have now been opened to hunting (shooting) and additional safety precautions need to be taken when you are in NSW state forests.

TSR permits are required for camping on all TSR's in NSW. A bulk permit is obtainable through the BNT office.

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Please send in stories of your experiences for "Tracks" magazine. Remember it is "your trail" and other people are inspired by your trek. Please support the BNT by retaining your membership.