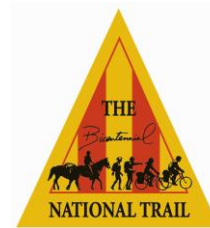


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The Bicentennial National Trail is "a living trail" and as such conditions and access details are continually changing. Some of the information in the 'update notes' may have been provided by trekkers and may not have been verified on the ground by 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.

Map 1 S-N Glue onto page 28 Updated March 2013

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 21/10/2016

Pre Trip: Contact Ranger at NNE RLPB for use of Gilgurry TSR. Ph: 02 6732 8800

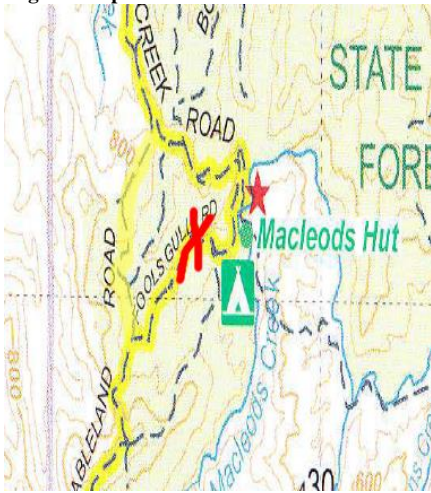
Page 40 – Map 6 Notes

Updated 21/10/2016

Coco's phone number is no longer available

Page 41 Maps 7 & 8 – Trail detour

Updated 21/10/2016



Fools Gully Forest Road has a collapsed bridge that maybe impassable. Detour via Tablelands Road. See note below for changes to map 7 notes on page 42.

Glue onto Page 42 Map 7 Notes

Updated 21/10/2016

North to South - Macleods hut to Demon Creek

Pre Trip: Locked Gate, contact Noel and Felicity Cousins for access at Demon Creek. 02 6736 55500.

- 0.0km Macleods Hut. Retrace route back along Macleods Creek Rd.
- 0.5km SO. Past Fools Gully Forest Rd.
- 1.3km SO. Past Bowerbird Rd.
- 1.5km TL. Onto Tableland Rd
- 2.5km SO. Past Bowerbird Rd.
- 2.8km SO. Past Fools Gully Forest Rd.

Add 1.5km to the rest of the days notes.

Glue into page 42 Map 7 Notes

Updated 21/10/2016

South to North - Demon Creek to Macleods hut

Pre Trip: Locked Gate, contact Noel and Felicity Cousins for access at Demon Creek. 02 6736 55500.

- 16.2km 400m past grid SO. Past Fools Gully Forest Rd
- 16.5km SO. Past Bowerbird Rd.
- 17.5km TR onto Macleods Creek Rd
- 17.7km SO. Past Bowerbird Rd.
- 18km SO. Past Fools Gully Forest Rd.
- 19.3km Macleods Hut. Camp as Directed

Map 8 - Page 44

Updated July 2017

Pre Trip: Gary Holley contact to unlock gates 02 6736 2388

Billyrimba has been sold, don't know the new owners names but the number for homestead is misprinted it should be 026736 2388.

MAP 9 - Glue onto page 46

Updated July 2017

Pre trip: "Grasstree" Rocky River via Tenterfield have new owners. Contact

Ducan Scott-Erwin 0438 023 311

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."

Map 10 - Page 48

Update July 2017

Jim Koch has sold his property.

Terry Sweeney has died, new contact is Alan Sweeny 02 6736 1972. (Contact to unlock a gate)

Jack and John Newsome have sold.

Jacks Hut contact is Mr Arther 0420 971766

Map 11 Page 52-54 Horse Swamp Creek to Leamons Hut Updated Nov 2016**Pre-Trip**

New owner for Leamons Hut – Therese & Craig Klingner - (02) 6734 4125

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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.

Glue onto page 66

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 July 2017

MAP 18 Jordans Yards to Blicks River

Pre-Trip – Red Robin Yards – Please contact manager M. Keisel 0428 105726 or Owner 02 6657 3079 to advise you are passing thru.

North-South directions

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

10.5km Immediately east of the top of the escarpment at McDonald's Spur is a gully running north-south. Continue along the cattle pad which continues up the western side of the gully. A vehicle track appears which can be followed eventually reaching a more cleared area pocked with old gold shafts. Markers will direct you you left down an open flat following vehicle tracks the cleared paddocks of Marengo heights can be seen through the trees. You will come to a "T" intersection.

11.6km GO straight ahead into timber to corner post of fence heading east follow fence to gate keeping fence on the left.

11.9km Gate No.1 – go thru gate and follow fence keeping it on the left and go around a wet gully always coming back to the fence.

12.6km Gate No.2 – continue east thru the gate keeping the fence on left past 2 dams to track to Marengo Heights Gate on left. Turn right and follow track to the Marengo Rd follow to Blicks river(13.5km)

South-North Blicks River to Jordans Yards (pg 72)

9.0km Straight on is Marengo Station Rd. Entrance on right (grid)

9.1km Turn Off Marengo Rd ignore track to left and go down to second entrance steel gate (DO NOT GO THRU). Turn Left and follow fence west past two (2) dams to gate.

9.9km FIRST Gate. GO THRU

Keeping fence on right cross wet gullies always coming back to the fence.

10.5km SECOND Gate. GO THRU

Keeping fence on right to the corner of the fence. GO straight on through TIMBER to "T" intersection cross road and continue straight ahead.

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 Feb 2017

Book 7 Section Coordinators:

Please see the latest BNT newsletter for latest contact details

Maps 1-7 Killarney to Demon Creek: Michael Combe.

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

Maps 10-20 Grasstree to Ebor: Paul Jones & Cherrie Davies.

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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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