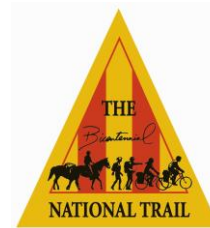


The Bicentennial National Trail
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The Bicentennial National Trail is "a living trail" and as such conditions and access details are continually changing. Some of the information in the 'update notes' may have been provided by trekkers and may not have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

Book 8 Section Coordinators:

Please see the latest BNT newsletter for latest contact details

Leonie Box

Edition 3 Guidebook 8, Maps 1-5 Ebor to Middle Yards

Christopher Hodgson

Edition 3 Guidebook 8, Maps 5-12 Middle Yards to Thunderbolts Way (Nowendoc)

Barrington tops has southern access only. No access through Mrs Sun's property "Karamea"
No access or coverage for Maps 13 -14. Use Nundle Route.

Lydia Stuart-Hill

Edition 3 Guidebook 8, Nundle Route. Thunderbolts Way to Crawney

Sue & Donald Finlay

Edition 3 Guidebook 8, Maps 15-18 Pigna Barnie to Polblue,
Nundle Route Crawney to Aberdeen &
Edition 2 Book 9 Barrington Tops-Polblue to Aberdeen

Camping at Ebor

Camping is free outside the fenced area of the sports ground. Pit toilet, no shower.

Horses to go in the TSR.

Or

To use the facilities of the sportsground.

Please call either Alan Miller on 67759134 a/h or

Don Gerrard on 67759165 or 0447434473 and pre book before arrival to be unlocked.

Fees are as follows:

\$10/night pp for use of facilities, inc hot showers and toilet. If kitchen is used must be left spotless.

Horses in the arena or cattle yards \$10/ night, per horse.

Maximum stay 4 nights if using sportsground.

MAP 1 Page 30 Ebor to Pt Lookout

updated Nov 2016

Pre-Trip

Robert or William Raymond Work hours 02 65624831 and 02 65624028 (A/H 02 65671221)

North to South

MAP 1 Page 30 Ebor to Pt Lookout updated Nov 2016

5.8km - Turn left at Milamba Farm sign, go through 2nd steel gate on left (locked)

Go straight on 150 mt, turn right go through fenced laneway, through yards, old buildings on right.

Veer right to fence and follow old original road through approx 6 gates to Pt Lookout RD.

South to North

MAP 1 Page 30 Pt Lookout to Ebor updated Nov 2016

6.6km - Turn right through locked gate and follow old road past farm buildings, a number of gates and a fenced laneway, turn left after laneway, through locked gate and turn right onto the Armidale –Grafton Rd.

MAP 2 Page 32 Point Lookout to Georges Creek updated Nov 2016**North to South**

15.4 Straight on past Boulder Flat Rd
25.0 Georges Creek. Alt 290m. (Paddock and yards no longer their)

South to North

9.6 Boulder Flat rd go straight on, no water at Turkey ck
20.5 Hardwood Rd on left, 1.5 to Hyatts Flat, good water and grass. Alternative camp.

Map 3. Page 34 George Creek – Mountain Home – Georges Junction Updated Nov 2016**Pre-Trip**

Pre Trip: Please call Paul and Sharon Gilkison at Mountain Home prior to accessing their property. Ph 02 6567 8229.
Email paulg@activ8.net.au
BNT membership cards required for access through “ Mountain Home”.

Neil and Sandy Booth “Clarence” Ph 02 6567 8230 or 0428 678 230.
It is requested by ALL the landholders to be NOTIFIED PRIOR to passing through their land.

At the 11km marker it says the track leaves the creek and heads east. There is a track that follows the river and the owner wants them to stay on the river.
All the guide book have always said leave the creek and head east but no one did they just followed the creek.
But now with GPS and BNT being on Google earth everyone is walking away from the creek.
So if we can just take out the 11km marker and the text to leave the creek I think that will fix the problem.

Map 12. Page 52 Top Station - Nowendoc Updated June 2016**Pre-Trip**

Mr George Spring is the owner of Top Station Phone 0437 335 354 or email george@agicorp.com.au
Access through Top Station will be via phone notification and a Combination Lock on the gate.

He is very supportive, but wants to change condition of entry thru 'Top Station'
He wants to be contacted and maybe add a combination lock. The combination to be held by himself, you as SC and BNT Office.

South to North (page52)

Updated March 2015

3.8 Straight ahead on Walcrow-Mummel Rd, over grid. (There are markers there, but we still missed the turn.....ah, duh)....The road name has changed from Top Station Rd to Walcrow-Mummel Rd.

Nundle Detour page 76 - 77 Nundle Campsite

Updated June 2015

Camping and stock accommodation is no longer available at the Nundle Recreation Reserve as the yards have been removed and camping is not permitted at the site. Alternative arrangements have been secured at the Nundle Pony Club Grounds. Fees apply for camping as well as hot water/toilet. Contact the Nundle Pony Club for rates as these vary depending on the size of the group. Contact Jannine Miles on 0418 492 078 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday) email address jannine.miles@greencrossvet.com.au or tamsec@bigpond.net.au

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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.