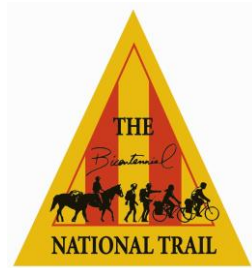


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Book 2 Section Coordinators Updates:

Please see the latest BNT newsletter for latest contact details

**Maps 1-27 Gunnawarra to Collinsville: Tim Daniel
Tim Daniel Wilderness Expeditions**

Warning:

Beware of salt water crocodiles in rivers throughout this book!

Pre Trip Contact:

Note: To all the phone numbers in Book 2 add the number 4 after the 07.

Number updates March 2015

Zig Zag Station	Mr. Brad Howe	07 47 708048
Kangaroo Hills	Melissa Miles	07 4777 5107
Camel Creek	Keith/Alma Atkinson	07 47885985
Rhonella Park	Tom Sheahan Pat Sheahan	07 4777 4176 07 4788 5514
Valley of Lagoons	Pat Sheahan	07 4788 5514
Wairuna	Brock (Caretaker)	0427 736 613
Yammane	Janet and Rob	07 4097 1408 0427 162 204
Minnamoolka	Ann Thomas and Lisa Atkinson	07 4097 1401 0427 733 551
Gunnawarra	Sally Atkinson	07 4097 9105

Contact Aust Army for directions and campsites for **MAPS 13, 14, 15** and **16**. The area now is an active Army exercise area. Latest advice regarding Townsville Field Training Area (TFTA) Range Control Phone: 07 4775 8601 Alternative is the Training Area Co-ordinator:

Current incumbent - Garth Proctor
Training Area Co-ordinator
Training Areas and Ranges NQ
Bldg 403 Lavarack Barracks 4813.
Phone 07 4411 7179
Fax: 07 4411 7932
Email : garth.proctor@defence.gov.au

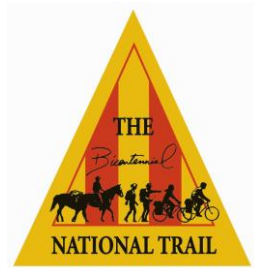
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Trail Updates:

MAP 1

33.7km No water in severe drought 1995 as wind mill not working. Contact Greg & Margie Jenkins.
Phone 07 4097 1404

MAP 2

23.9km Homestead now occupied. Polite to check re use of yards at Campsite.

MAP 3

20.8km at grid

21.9 Take right fork signed to Mt Fox to bypass homestead.

Can camp at Spring Creek with permission from Jim Teitel at Wairuna. Phone 07 4097 1435.

MAP 4

23.9km Lake Lucy may be a better camp check with Valley of Lagoons.

MAP 7

10.1km Please contact Camel Creek Station. Phone 07 4788 5985 for camping permission.

11.8 Take care with navigation new tracks come and go.

13.5km and 13.8km NO CAMPING PERMITTED near dam adjacent to Telstra tower. The holding paddock has been removed.

26.3 Track joins from left-keep right

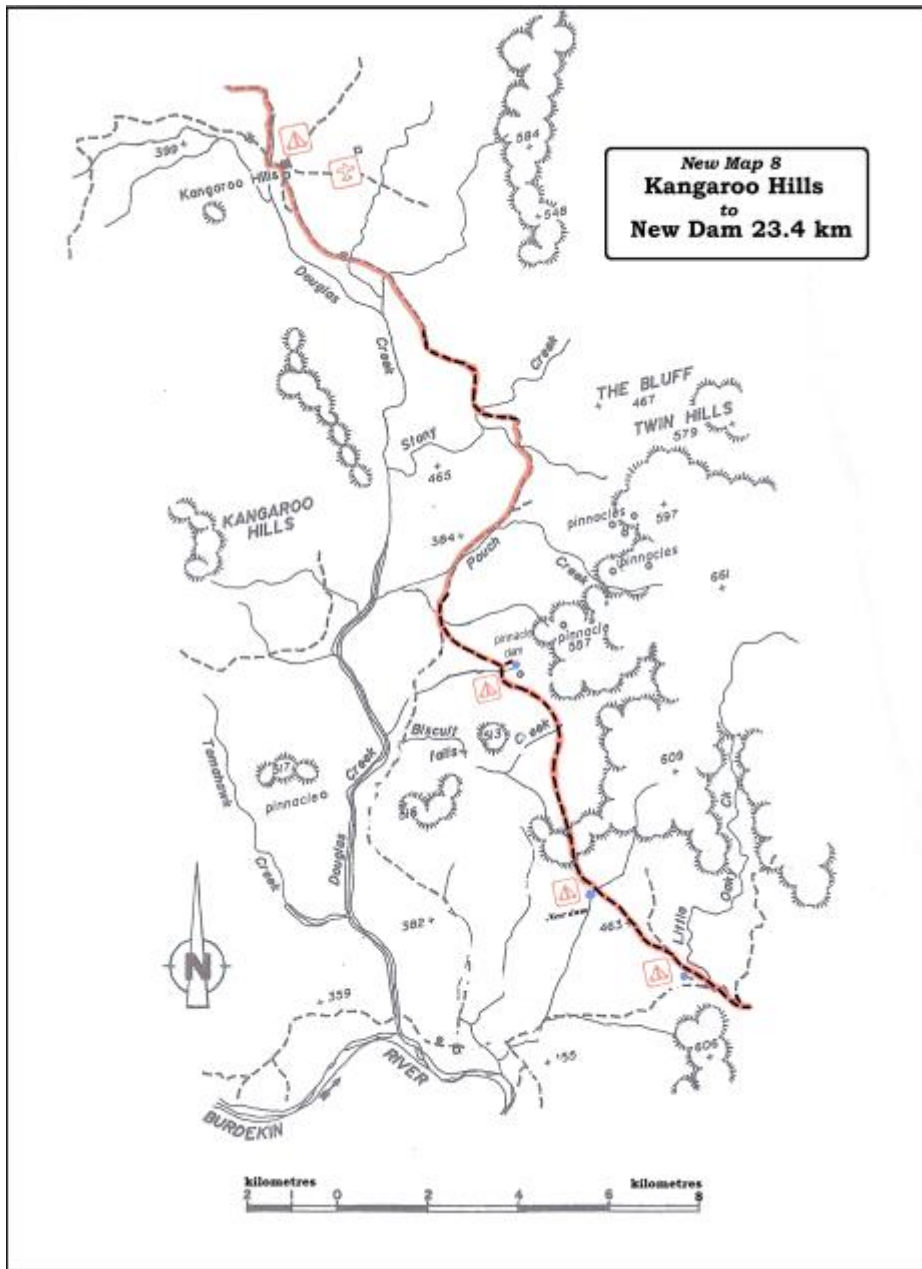
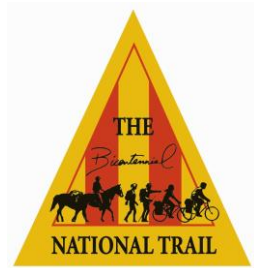
27.7 Should be 28.2km

Map 9 – Burdekin/Douglas Camp to Running River (May2017)

Pre-Trip Updates:

Zig Zag Station has been sold. New owner is Mr. Brad Howe, email howe.aberdeen@bigpond.com.au phone 07 47 708048

Helen Robinson is living near the intersection of the Kangaroo Hills Road and the main formed road, if you require any further info please email h.robinson@antmail.com.au phone 07 47 708040. A two bedroom cottage with power, bathroom, access to phone and parcel drops available to BNT travellers



MAP 8

Local advice available from Robert and Milisa Miles Kangaroo Hills. Phone 07 4777 5107
 This is a dry section, water will only be found in the Dams for most of the year.

**This road (within the last 6 years) has been reformed and realigned, it runs from Kangaroo Hills, over Oaky Creek then another 2km to the intersection of the new public main road (total distance 30km) . There are km marker signs all along this road.*

- 0.0 Leave Kangaroo Hill Homestead GR: 359800 – 7906000 to the South by double iron gate.
- 1.9 Dam on right.
- 2.7 Keep left.
- 3.0 Gate.
- 5.1 Track on left. Go straight on.
- 5.8 Track on left. Go straight on.

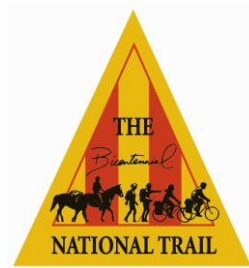
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- 8.2 Cross Stony Creek. GR: 364000 – 7900400
- 8.9 Track on left. Go straight on.
- 9.4 Cross Creek (probably dry)
- 9.9 Cross dry Creek.
- 10.4 Track on left. Go straight on.
- 11.5 Track on left. Go straight on.
- 11.9 Dam on right.
- 12.1 Track on left. Go straight on.
- 13.3 Cross dry Creek. (Pouch Creek)
- 15.0 Double Iron Gate in major wire fence. GR: 363200-7895700 after gate track on right. Go straight on.
- 15.8 Turn left. Marker on tree.
- 16.5 Wire Gate. GR: 363700-7894800.
- 18.0 Cross dry Creek.
Cross dry Creek.
- 18.0 Cross Biscuit Creek. At the three way track junction GR: 364800-7893400. For New dam veer right. For Pinical Dam Camp turn left for 400 meters. Good Camp.
- 21.0 New Dam GR: 367200-7890200. Camp From New Dam continue on the main track South-east.
- 25.0 Track on right leads to dam. (s/n dam cannot be seen from track) Camp

MAP 9 SEE NEW MAP on back page Updated March 2015

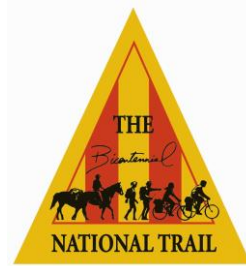
In the dry season there is no water except in dams until Running River (there are water troughs in Zig Zag homestead Paddocks and through the bush gate on the Bitumen Road) Travellers are welcome.

For further information please contact Zig Zag Station on 07 4770 8048 or email Helen:

h.robinson@curtainbros.com.au

- 0.0 From Dam return to the main track and turn right.
- 0.3 Cross Little Oak Creek Note new wire fence on right. This is the first of four crossings in the next 1.5km
- 0.5 Cross Little Oak Creek.
- 0.8 Cross Little Oak Creek.
- 1.4 Cross Little Oak Creek.
- 2.5 Gate in wire fence. Ignore side tracks on right and left. Ignore Private No Trespassing notice going S/north.
- 2.8 Cross Oak Creek at ford. (Water in April '99, dry in June 2004 and Oct.' 07.) above grid bridge.
- 3.1 Fenced area, evidence of buildings .This is old mining camp. Possible camp, if water in Oak Creek. Would need to contact R. & S Jones, Ewan Hills on 07 4770 8095
- 3.6 Gate
- *5.0 Ignore track on left, Turn right at T intersection, new formed main public road. (30km from Kangaroo Hills)
- 6.6 Grid and Gate follow major road.
- 7.7 Turn right off new road and follow original road. (This is Ewan Road)
- 9.3 Grid and Gate. Zig Zag boundary fence.
- 10.4 Straight ahead, do not go to the right (ignore no trespassing signs)
- 11.0 Dam on right. Follow major dirt road.
- 12.8 Zig Zag station homestead on right. Barber Pole with sign. (You are welcome)
- 12.9 Grid and gate
- 13.3 Dam on right
- 14.5 Turn right onto the bitumen road, cross Williams Crossing on the left side. (Plenty of verge to stay away from road)
- 15.0 Through left hand side bush gate, follow road-side fence line for 2km
- 17.0 Exit through silver gate on right and continue on verge of bitumen road
- 19.9 Running River Bridge; cross either the bridge or downstream on right hand side of road. Good camping spot.
- 22.5 Just before grid; up left hand side of hill to bush gate (Zig Zag Boundary) There is a grid in the cutting with no other access
- 22.8 Follow cleared bypass approx. 2.5km parallel to main road (this bypasses Ditch Creek and Spinifex 4 and 3) Much safer!

From the clearing the property is owned by The Australian Wildlife Conservancy, Manager Tim White 07 4770 8025



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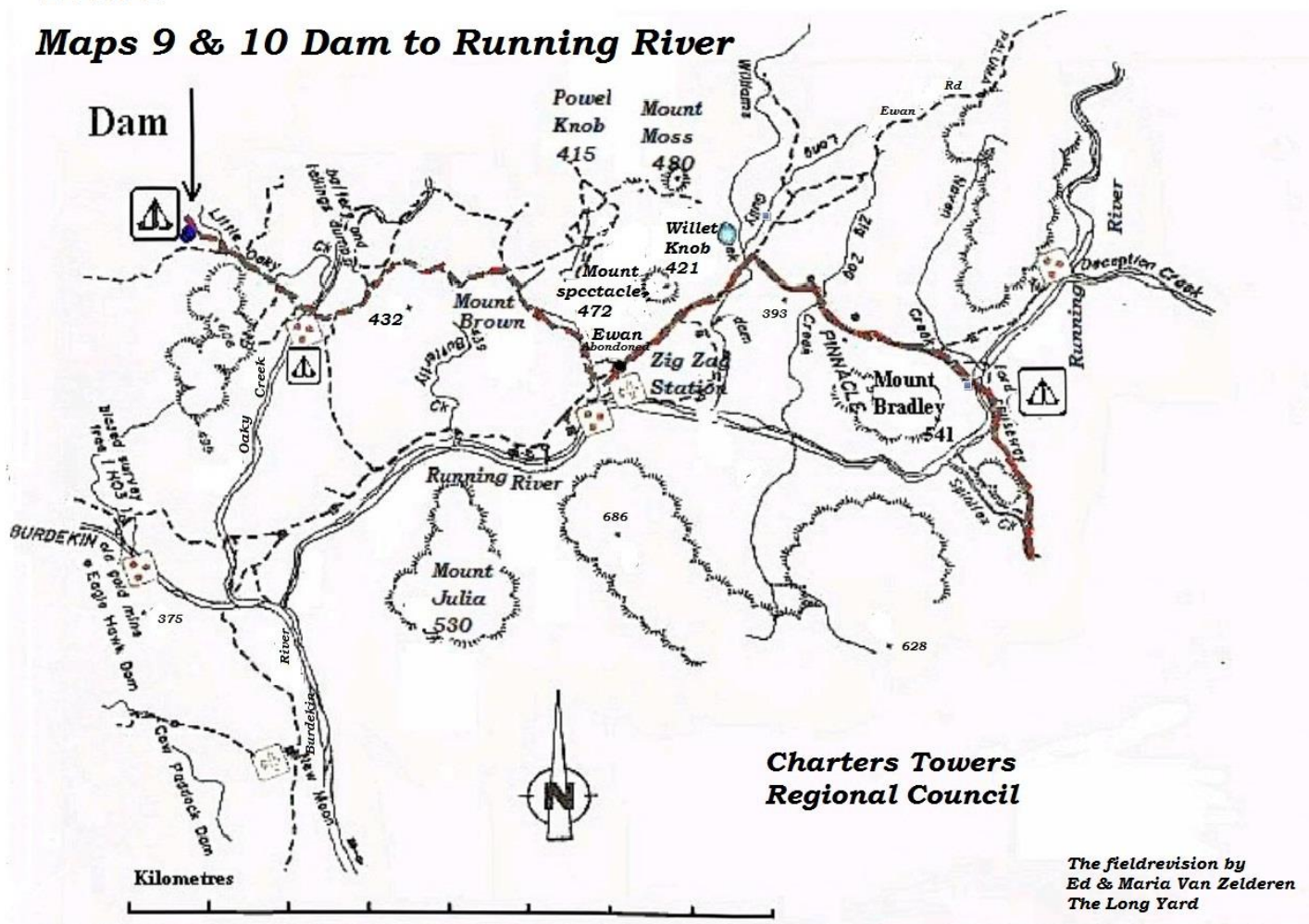
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Larooma station starts about 10 km further on; contact is Peter Glenwright 07 4788 5515 or email; larooma@bigpond.com

Replaces old maps 9 & 10 book 2

Book 2

Maps 9 & 10 Dam to Running River



MAP 10

Updated March 2015

Helen Robinson from Zig Zag station is very supportive of the BNT and will assist and support BNT Trekkers. Also there is a Camp site. Helen would appreciate someone to contact her please to give updates for the BNT as the trail and contact has changed.

MAP 12

- 0.0km Grid at 100m, gate approx. 300m south west of road. Dams can be dry in drought. 11.0km Dam has water in drought.
- 25.8 Gates brown.
- 26.9 Star River on the Main Road is now fenced off.

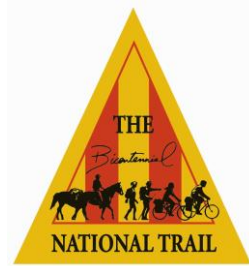
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MAP 13

16.7km Alternate camp with permission Payne's Lagoon David Nicholas. Phone 07 4788 5582 Pall Mall Spring Locked gate. Dotswood, taken over by Army but you can camp at the old yards with Army Permission.

Contact Aust Army for directions and campsites for **MAPS 13, 14, 15 and 16**. The area now is an active Army exercises area. Phone the acting Range Control Officer, Warrant Officer "Blue" Northfield:

- Range Control Operations Desk: 0747758500 (Manned 24 hours/day when range is in use)
- Range Control Officer direct: 07 47758511.

Instructions as supplied by the Army.

For the present stay on the road all the way.

Follow Hervey's Range Development Road from the Western Boundary of TFTA to Mingela Rd intersection. Follow Mingela Road South then South-East until it crosses the TFTA boundary with the Fanning Station. The route is well fenced and safe. Do not enter Defence Dept land. Be aware that the Army will not maintain the Bores at the dams. Water is at Keelbottom Creek and the old Dotswood Homestead yards although it **CAN BE DRY IN DROUGHT** (there was no water from Keelbottom Creek to Fanning river in the recent drought). Army is to section Co-ordinate this area. **Call the Range Control on above numbers before passing through this area.**

MAP 15

11.1km Moody's Dam for water only NO CAMPING Armoured vehicles use area at night.

MAP 16 No Store or Post Office at Mingela.

MAP 17

21.6km Kirk River is often dry in the winter months. Contact Dick Easton Ravenswood/ Kirk River for camp if no water.

MAP 18

It has been suggested to follow old railway line. Road difficult to navigate due to new tracks. 9.3km Locked gate to Mt. Wright. Please send us your notes to update this day.

MAP 20

8.6km No wind mill next water 13.0km

MAP 22

At times of heavy rain and especially in the wet season the Burdekin Dam crossing can often become blocked. The detour around to Ravenswood via Ayr and the old coaching road from Collinsville is about 350km. Point of Contact is Sunwater at Burdekin Dam office: 07 4770 3177.

MAP 24

17.6km No windmill tank etc.

20.0 Water

22.3 Water

MAP 25

Map 25. Mt Constance - Strathbowen Hotel

Another long day that can be split into two or three sections.

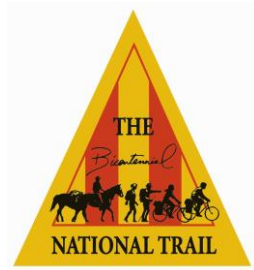
"The Bowen River Saga" by Mr E. Cunningham of Strathmore tells us that Mackinlay, who was commissioned by the South Australian Government to follow the tracks of Burke & Wills, reached the Gulf only to find his relief ship had departed. Without enough food to return to Adelaide he struck south -east, met the Leichhardt Range on the Burdekin, then headed south past where Glendon Station is today. Slaughtering his last camel "Nellie Siva" for food, he then travelled on just ten miles and came upon Mr Sommers' cattle property on the Bowen. The track followed by Mackinlay from Glendon to the Bowen was later gazetted as the stock route and it is this track that is followed by the National Trail today. Early records show the licence for the pub was in existence in 1882, and was subsequently sold lock stock and barrel with one square mile of land for 492 pounds. A subsequent owner Dan Harris relocated the pub and built the race course and the first races were held in 1906. The old Strathbowen Pub was the meeting place for three mail coaches. One operated from Bowen town, the second came down river from Rockhampton through

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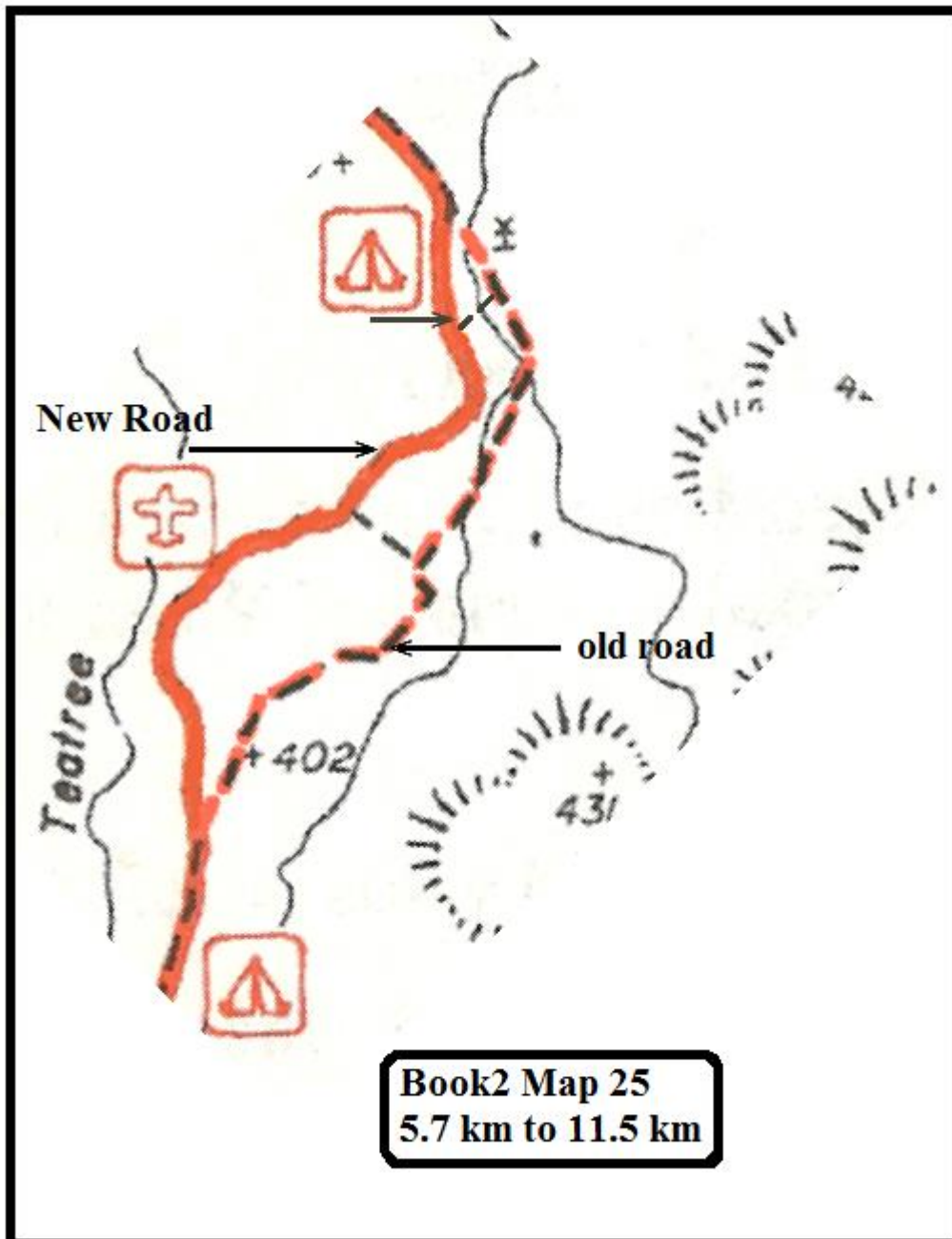
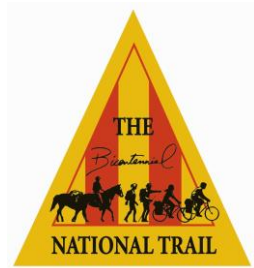
Exmore and Emu Plains, the third was the long staged Clermont Mail. The pub has suffered terribly from vandalism, but it still offers some shelter. Hotel is restored and is now open.

0.0km From Mt Constance dam continue along the road through the stock route.
(S-N: There is a grid about 1 km before the dam.)

- 1.6 Grid & Gate
- 5.7 Turn right just before road sing onto old road. For Alt. Route go strait on.
- 7.2 Sign
- 7.5 Start concrete road
- 7.7 End of concrete road
- 8.1 Start concrete Road
- 8.5 End of concrete Road
- 9.3 Cross dry creek.
- 10.1 Cross mayor creek
- 10.6 Turn left for 400 meters in to Camp or go strait on
- 11.5 Turn right on to main Road. S/N Turn left on to old road
(S/N Atl. Route stay on main Road)

Alternate Route. Not recommended for Horses

- 5.7 Stay on main road

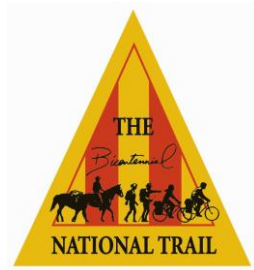


- 6.4 Start of bitumen the steep descent begins off the eastern side of the Leichhardt Range
 - 7.6 End of bitumen
 - 10.2 Windmill, tank and trough make a suitable CAMP
 - 11.5 Old road joints from left. End of Alternate Route
- Note that here the road leaves the surveyed stock route shown in red on the map
- 20.4 Heidelberg Station on right. Ask permission to Camp Phone John 07 4785 5748
 - 21.3 Grid
 - 24.7 Grid
 - 26.7 Causeway. Junction of Moonlight, Brawl, Glenella and Oaky Creeks. CAMP here or continue
 - 30.0 Causeway. Panhandle turnoff on left, go straight on
 - 30.7 Hells Gate sign on stump at track to left. Go straight on
 - 33.4 Grid with boots

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35.1 Cross dry river co straight on, rock formations on both sides
37.0 Road on left signposted to Mt Wickham and Blue Valley. Go straight on
37.4 Bowen River Rodeo and Racecourse, with the old Strathbowen
Strathbowen Hotel now open just 300m further down the road. Excellent CAMP.
To camp at Rodeo grounds contact Eileen and Jim. Phone 07 4785 3430
Fieldrevision updates by Ed & Maria Van Zelderren 15/06/2010

MAP 26 No Zoo at Strathmore. Beware of Crocodiles in the Bowen River. The Bowen river Hotel has been restored.

MAP 27 Phone 07 4786 1866 ask for health dept. Beware of Crocodiles in the Bowen River.
32.4km For permission to camp. Phone 07 4786 5353 or Bowen Shire Offices.



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.

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



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