

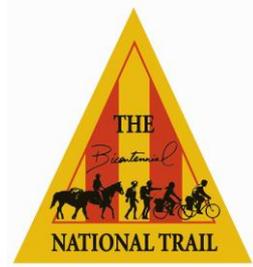
The Bicentennial National Trail (2nd Edition 1991) Guide Book Number 3 Trail Updates

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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.

Cut and paste onto appropriate pages Updated Feb 2017

Book 3 Section Coordinators Updates:

Please see the latest BNT newsletter for latest contact details

Maps 1- 12 Collinsville to R4: **Mike Teuswen**

Maps 13- 22 R4 to Kabra: **Therese & Cedric Creed.**

Pre Trip:

Note: To all the phone numbers in Book 3 add the number 49 after the 07

The old Bowen River Hotel has now been restored.

Warning: Beware of salt water crocodiles in rivers throughout this book! Especially in the Bowen River.

Trail Updates:

MAP 1 Updated Oct 2013

Pre Trip: Gavin Kedar has lucerne for sale 07 4785 5432

No camping at Collinsville show grounds and alternative camp is at the Collinsville Pony Club Grounds on the banks of Pelican Creek which is 3.1km on the southern side of Collinsville. Please contact Kerri McDonald 07 4785 6171 re access to this facility as it is mostly locked.

Water available at pony club grounds but is untreated. The supply tees off the pipe line from Bowen River to Collinsville.

Water is also available in Pelican Creek which is beside the Pony Club Grounds.

Prior to heading to Bowen River weir camp please find out in advance if crossing is passable. Water height and flow may be such as to make the crossing unsafe. If crossing is unpassable please travel on the Bowen Developmental Road to the Emu Plains turn off which is immediately past the Bowen River bridge on the left.

The bridge is very high and long and has become extremely busy with the increased amount of coal mine activity in the area.

Note if a trekker needs to use the bridge please ENSURE that they contact the police at Collinsville for a police escort.

Police Contact at Collinsville Ph 07 4785 5377.

Suggested camp is opposite the weir crossing however permission must be sort from Grant Cox at Gattonvale (see map 2 below).

The open hut at the weir has been flooded in previous years and reconstruction is not on the program any time soon. There still is some cover left from the wooden roof, but not so much that I would use ' facilities ' to describe it.

24.1km Yards. Can camp here with permission from Yvonne Cox, Belmore Station on 07 4785 3447.

Trekker in 2001 found distances didn't make sense but the road easy to follow.

MAP 2 Pre Trip: Please ensure that contact is made with Property Owners of Gattonvale and Emu Plains prior to any travel through these properties. Contact is Grant Cox 07 4785 5018

0.0km Please check water level and flow prior to crossing.

16.7 Left at cross roads to follow the lesser road around the eastern side of Tent Hill. Do not follow the main road through the saddle.

20.0 Trail turns right onto a very minor track.

MAP 3 Updated Oct 2013

5.5km "The track skirts around the northern side of a large grassy clearing then becomes indistinct in the grass where it meets another track at a T-junction". I reached the right turn off leading to the top of the spur, but initially headed on NE because the description confused me slightly despite seeing the marker on the tree to the right. There is no real t-junction, just a right-turn off. I had also expected the track itself to become indistinct in the grass, instead of continuing on an indistinct side track. "Turn right onto a faint car track leading SW." Would have been more accurate in my mind.

MAP 4 Pre Trip: Please contact Gib Turner of Blenheim station prior to travelling through his property, he has many horses running on the property.

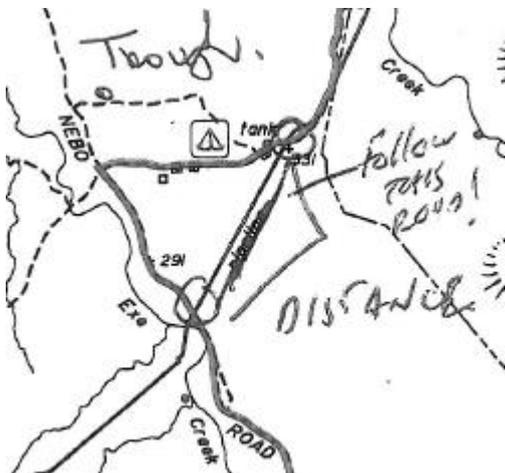
29.7 Blenheim Creek Sept 2001 dry, no grass and wind mill not working

MAP 5 Pre Trip: Updated 11/2/11

3.1km Should be 5.0

3.4 Should be 5.5

Ref attached map and comments at 13.5 mark >note that track goes straight ahead .suggest camp back Lizzie creek and not traverse further along track highlighted in book BUT as suggested follow straight ahead onto 16.9



22.6 Advice from EXEVALE is that this creek is dry. Please call ahead to Exevale on 07 4958 9091.

Eungella Dam good camping area with toilets, shower and running filtered water. Fees apply.

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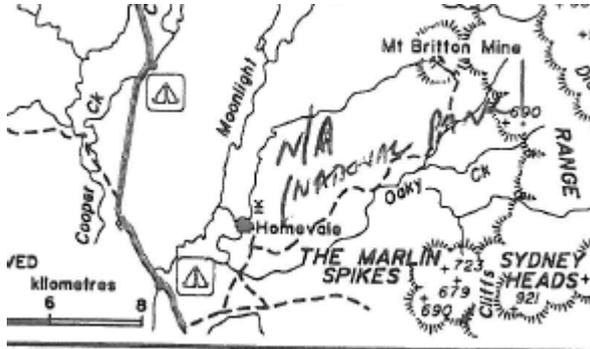
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MAP 6 Updated 11/2/11

Homevale is now a National Park therefore 22.8km is no longer available 30.5km is similar on NP side of road and note that the creek is silted water is questionable. Alternative camps can be advised by contacting Exevale and Carrinyah

2.0km Should read 4.0 Exe Creek. Add 2 km to all distances for rest of the day.

30.6 Frenchmen's Springs Good camp (sign posted).

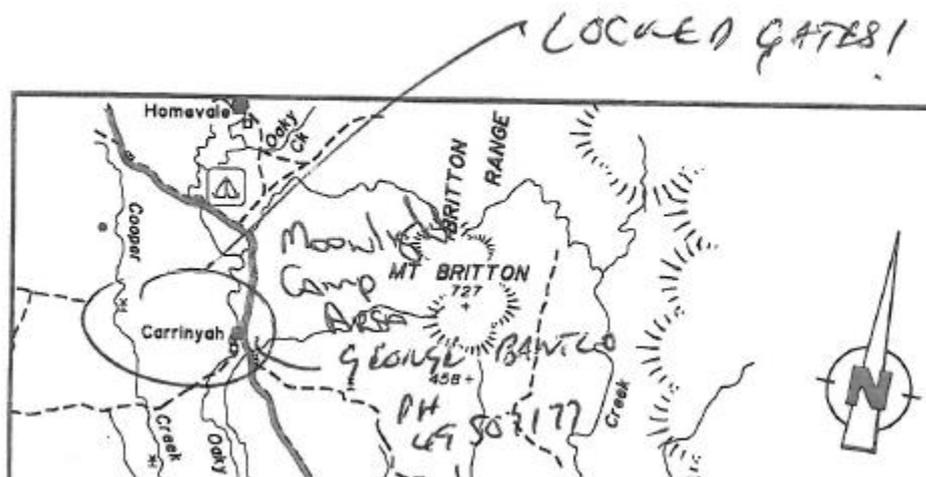


MAP 7 Updated 11/2/11

Carrinyah Park.

Track is locked at both ends : please contact George Bartolo (Carrinyah Park) PH 07 4950 7177 MOB 0427 507 177

Mail : "Carrinyah Park " Nebo Qld 4742



MAP 8

There have been some new fences and roads built in this area.

30.7km The fence meets a dirt road at a double gate. Go through the gate and continue along the road.

(S-N) 2km after coming through the gate turn right onto a track then right along the fenceline. Go through the next gate

MAP 9 Updated Oct 2013

I am not sure if my mind exaggerated the distances here because I was tired, or if the distances given for the 1.0 to 6.8km are not correct. I started worrying that I had turned onto a wrong side track when passing several small turn offs on this stretch. After turning away from the power line the fact that the track bended to the North made me seriously doubt I was still on track. There was no traffic to be heard coming from the main road so at this point I had no way to check if I was going in the right direction. I would have appreciated a few comments on side tracks or even particular trees as markers to show I was still on the trail.

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MAP 11

9.5km No mill and tank, only trough.

MAP 12 Updated Oct 2013

Watch distances given - from 5.2 onwards it may be more accurate to add 6 km to each reading, giving about 31km for the day.

"Marylands" Contact- Judy Day 07 4956 8353.

21.9km Heading 120 degrees across the flat there is no fence left at the end of the gully. I found some old strainer posts lying down and assumed these were the remains of a gate. From here on I could see a faint track leading East, but I could only guess. This was the way to go till the end of the range, ' guess ', until the track completely disappeared.

MAP 13 Updated Oct 2013

"Killarney" Trevor & Heather Bradford 07 4956 9242.

"Ripplebrook" & "Mystery Park" (property at top of range on 'telegraph and old wagon road', about 10km in on map 13 heading North from St Lawrence Rd) - Rob & Ainslee McArthur 07 4956 9204.

Note regarding the section between Ripplebrook and Killarney (R4) Connor's Range, old Telegraph line section of track. Apparently this is overgrown down at the base of the range with lantana.

To bypass this section:

(S-N), trekkers do not go through Ripplebrook, instead, stay on the main road up the range and turn right onto the Colloroy/Killarney Rd which re-joins the trail.

(N-S), they just stay on the Colloroy Rd until they hit the main road to St Lawrence.

* Camping is free at the St Lawrence Recreation grounds, there are horse stalls which are available unless there is a horse event going on, at which times, campers are still welcome, but would need to provide own fence. Hot showers are \$1.

Original trail that is overgrown.

Before walking this stretch I had read the updates online about the track through R4. Despite being aware of possible difficulty to use this part of the trail I wanted to give it a go. Standing on the edge of the range I found no trace of the track leading down to St Lawrence.

I continued along the wire holding yards but could not see the track descending the range from the edge. Later on I met Heather from Killarney station and was told that it must have been years since anyone has used the old wagon track, as every traveller she had met came through the main road.

0.0km Be sure to locate old wagon road, it is up the hill from the yards, and distinguishable by the absence of mature trees. There are the remains of an old fence on each side as you go down the range.

At R4 (N-S) travel between two fences and on past the wire holding yards on the right.

Continue straight ahead across a clearing and through the bush, then after about 30 metres.

Most trekkers go astray here because they do not continue across the cleared area beyond the wire yards, and do not continue further through the bush before turning.

1.3 Turn right to go down a very steep escarpment.

7.3 Track veers to the right around a creek then continues along the telegraph line

7.0 Should be 8.6

9.3 Should be 10.9

11.3 Should be 12.8

MAP 16

17.0km No yards at Kooltandra Siding.

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MAP 22

- Pre Trip Call Stanwell Power Station security on 07 4930 3400 about a locked gate. The gate code is me002
- 6.0km Railway crossing, now crosses Brickworks Road. This area has changed so seek local advice. Rail works at railway undercrossing in progress. Should not affect trekkers.
- 13.0 Turn right onto gravel track.
- Campsite Kabra Sports Ground. Contact Col Pearce 07 4933 3118
- Alternate camp at Kabra Hotel with good treatment for trekkers although there are no facilities for animals.
Contact 07 4933 1207

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