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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.

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TSR campsite at Roslyn at has no water for trekkers.

Alternative water and campsite at Broken Bridge TSR on Wollondilly River which is 6km south of the Roslyn Campsite.

### **ACT PRETRIP and GENERAL INFORMATION**

Namadgi Visitors Centre at Tharwa GB Page 64 Map 14 has opened a shared tent based camp with BNT Outward Bound and Alpine Track walkers behind Visitors Information Centre next to river. Outside water and barbeques available next to Centre. If arriving after hours Visitors Centre has combination lock on gate. See included camp map and camping guidelines. Booking are essential. Phone Namadgi Visitors Centre 0262072900 for camping at Visitors Centre and Mt Clear camp ground and codes to combination locks on horse gates at ACT southern border Namadgi National Park. Other BNT Equestrian trails in Canberra Nature Parks in suburbia are sometimes combination locked for grazing or for restoration of grasses or endangered insects if so the code is 2007 for equestrian access on BNT.

Cuppacomalong Camping area Tharwa is still available for larger independent vehicles or those wishing to camp in floats or with trailers

Hall Showground Toilets to open ring Ranger 0409 791 523 or 02 6207 5141 office hours.

Caloola Farm camp ground caretaker ring 0402778725 Camping open for BNT trekkers only.

Alternatively, grassy area next to Wooden Bridge on river at junction of Boboyan Road and Naas Road to Caloola Farm. Map 14 Page 64 (*not an official campsite has no facilities but good animal or human welfare stop with creek water and grass*)

There is also a suitable alternative overnight camping spot at Horse Gully Hut Page 66 Map 15 old yard west of hut, tank and toilet many trekkers stop here 27km from Wooden Bridge at Boboyan Road and Nass Road junction. 18km from Caloola Farm and 9 km from Guide Book Mt Clear BNT camp. Water your horses before hut at many of creek crossing as there is no creek only a tank at the hut.

### **SHOPS AND BUS STATIONS. CYCLE RACKS ON PUBLIC ACTION BUSES.**

Yarralumla Camp near Cotter Road is centrally located to Coles at Curtin shops and bus services to City and suburbs. Regular ACTION Bus service from McCulloch Street left up road from Equestrian Park entrance. Stock up food supplies in Canberra. Limited items at Tharwa.

Camping supplies are available from Anaconda Fyshwick, boots hats outdoor clothes from SEARS work wear in Barrier Street at Fyshwick. BCF camping at Tuggeranong both have nearby bus services from Curtin or City or Woden/Tuggeranong major shopping routes. The BNT trail is within a 1km of BCF camping, cycle shops and major department stores at Tuggeranong. Horse feed is available from produce at Hall Village.

**Maps 11-16 Gundaroo to Mt Clear: Jenny Costin. Phone 0412 274 810  
or Warren Hudson Phone 0262540295**

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#### Map 11. Gundaroo – Hall

The Gundaroo Community is very welcoming to BNT trekkers camping area at Sports Ground. The development of Canberra's Northern suburbs has made Sutton Road and Mulligans Flat Road (formerly Gundaroo Road) a safety hazard for horses. Section Coordinator does not recommend riding between Gundaroo and ACT Border considers too dangerous. For 10km Sutton Road 100km/hour there is a wide but not mown grass verge with culverts before turn off to Mulligans Flat road formerly Gundaroo Road 9.6km with little or no verge blue metal dusty but less busy. If horse transport required contact HorseTransport Barry Flynn 62270732. Once reaching the ACT border turn right into Dukes Road and cross cavaletti you will be off road all way to Hall. Space for horse truck or float approx. 1km south of ACT border sign at the Mulligans Flat style and horse cavaletti, in Mulligans Flat parking area.

#### North to South – Gundaroo to Hall

##### Alternate route suitable for cyclists

Horses advised not to use this route due to insufficient grass verge and heavy truck and weekend traffic Guide Book mapped route more suited to horses is also a challenge but has grass verge for 10kms until the right turn off into Mulligans Flat Road not as busy where there is little or no verge until the ACT Border at 19.6kms. Once you reach the ACT Border you will be off the road and safer all thru the ACT suburbia.

##### Cycle route is 4.6km longer

4.5km Right onto Murrumbateman Road using bitumen road verge.

7km Left onto Tallaganda Lane a quite picturesque gravel road with plenty of verge thru farmland

19km. Turn right onto Mulligans Flat Road.

##### Cycle Continue rejoining guide book information

15.6 Rejoins guide book Page 52 Map 11. Page 52

The 4km marked route from here to ACT border is now a bitumen road there is little or no verge in some section. The development of Canberra's northern Gungahlin has made this section busier plan your trip in the early afternoon. Once you reach ACT Border you will be off the road and generally following the green spaces between suburbia and the rural fence line.

*Cyclists and walkers can follow cycle paths from ACT Border down Mulligans Flat road turning right into Horse Park Drive turning right into Clarrie Hermes Drive all the way to Hall. Alternatively join up to the Canberra's new Centenary Trail at ACT Border Cavaletti (small blue sign on post) there is a camping area for cyclists and walkers on this northern border centenary route and has extensive views from One tree Hill. Google Canberra Centenary Trail. Centenary Trail in this area is not accessible to horses as there are locked gates at ACT border end and Hall Village end.*

19.6 At the ACT border Mulligans Flat signage turn right into Dukes Road and cross the cavaletti continue SO inside fence line follow trail across next cavaletti.

Once out of the second cavaletti and down the Mulligans Flat Road toward Henry Williams Street on your right follow rural fence behind the Bonner houses to Roden Cutler Drive. There are two dams in this route. It is very scenic. After coming out of green space turn left at Roden Cutler Drive turn right on Horse Park Drive continue on turn right into the green space at a small bridge following the rural fence line on your right behind the houses of Spring Bank Rise Casey turning right into Clarrie Hermes following wide grass verge and cycle path to Victoria Street Hall. Alternatively follow the cycle paths to Hall there is grass verge sufficient for horses

35.9 Pony Club Yards at the Hall Showground and CAMP.

#### Map 11 South to North Hall to Gundaroo.

*NB Alternative for walkers and cyclists use the new Canberra Centenary Trail from Hall Village behind school to Northern ACT Border there is a border camp site. Trail not suited to horses as gates are locked either end.*

*Map and details on website google Canberra Centenary Trail or follow the cycle paths along Clarrie Hermes Drive turning left into Horse Park Drive turning left into Mulligans Flat Road and to the ACT Northern Border.*

0.0km Exit Hall showgrounds via Gladstone St. and turn left heading south on Victoria Street.

Turn left onto Clarrie Hermes Drive. There is plenty of verge and a cycle path. Horses can follow the green space and left rural fence up behind the first houses at Casey after leaving Clarrie Hermes Drive. which comes out onto Horse Park Drive. Turn left and follow Horse Park Drive. Follow cycle turn left

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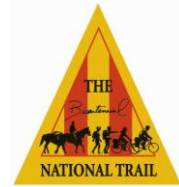
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on Roden Cutler Drive follow rural fence to end (you will pass Jessie Coffey St on right) turn right into green space behind Bonner houses there are two good dams in this area. Continue on until reaching Mulligans Flat Road turn left and cross into Mulligans Flat nature reserve using cavaletti follow right track next to fence and exit second cavaletti onto Dukes Road and out of ACT Northern Border. Alternatively follow cycle paths Clarrie Hermes to Mulligans Flat road.

- 20.3 Alternative route for cyclists at 20.3 km using Tallaganda lane to Murrumbateman Road T section right into Sutton Road and left into Gundaroo. This is a more scenic and safe route as has a cycle verge on Murrumbateman Road. see Map 11



Namadgi Visitor Centre shared camp site on Naas Road Tharwa. One km south of T section of Smiths Road and Naas Road. A good landmark at the T is the Shearing Shed.

**Guidelines for visitors using the BNT campground at NNPVIC**

- \$5 per person per night. Bookings essential. Contact Namadgi Visitor Information Centre 0262072900.
- Max of 3 nights per group and max of 12 people per night.
- Nearest public toilet is at Tharwa.
- Please keep noise to a minimum as there are residents nearby.
- Generators are not permitted.
- Unfiltered rain water is available from a tap in the horse paddock and river water from the Gudgenby River. Please boil our treat all water if for human consumption. Do not use soaps or detergents in the Gudgenby River.
- Combination to lock on front gate to be provided. Enter combination and push down on the lock to open. Note: visitors must never leave this gate open or unlocked.



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- Vehicles can be used to transport camping gear to campground but must be parked at the VIC. Floats/Trailers to be parked at Visitor Information Centre.
- Horses must be left in the horse paddock for the duration of the stay. Note: pack horses can be used to transport camping gear to campground but must then be placed in the horse paddock
- Horses are not to be ridden outside the horse paddock.
  
- Namadgi Camp Guide lines contd.
- Fires only in the fireplace provided.
- Campers must provide their own fire wood and comply with all normal fire restrictions.
- No bins provided. All rubbish must be carried out.
- No dogs or other domestic pets are allowed in any part of the Visitor Information Centre.
- Visitors are to stay out of restricted area shown on map.
- Breach of any of these conditions could result in eviction from the campground.

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### Map 12. Yarralumla to Hall.

#### South to North

**Alternative route if causeway flooded below Equestrian Park Yarralumla camp. Exit Aboretum southern end and follow directions south to Clos Bridge turning left immediately after to cross over small concrete footbridge to cycle path on east side of river to Equestrian Park Yarralumla Camp.**

**North to South if crossing flooded below Yarralumla camp back track to Clos Bridge and cross over small concrete bridge as described above to Yarralumla camp following cycle path.**

**South to North. Yarralumla Camp to Hall** Guide Book Page 56

#### **ROUTE THRU NATIONAL ABORETUM** - Refer to Arboretum map.

(Formerly Stromlo forest) to avoid Zoo.

Actual BNT route thru arboretum is off road through the trees on grass, cyclists can use arboretum road or Canberra's cycle network to re-join BNT. National Arboretum was officially opened on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2013.

0.0 km Exit Yarralumla BNT Camp cross river on concrete causeway.

0.8km Turn left and yes south continues on forest road approx. 1km under very large Tuggeranong Parkway underpass.

Turn right on first forest road and enter Arboretum's most southerly end on second forest track. Sight distant original tall old Cypress Pines at Northern end of Arboretum and Telstra Tower. Follow BNT signs on small posts in the tree alleys.

See attached map for route or make your way on side of roads. Once thru Cypress Pines track down hill and exit at cavaletti or gate. Continue around Dam following boundary of Cork Oak Plantation and exit thru horse gates and under dual expressway underpasses and pick up left BNT trail on cycle path as in Guide Book 5.7 directions Page 56.

**North to South Hall to Yarralumla Camp** Guide Book Page 54

#### **ROUTE THRU NATIONAL ABORETUM** – Refer to Arboretum map.

**30.4** Follow equestrian signs after Cork Oak Plantation and past dam uphill into Cypress Pines trail, cross main entrance road in between road equestrian signs refer to Arboretum map and follow BNT markers generally in the vicinity of the green water tanks.

**Exit the south end of the arboretum take the first forest track left to the Molonglo River turn left at the river and follow alongside the river under the Tuggeranong Parkway until the BNT camp sign crossing the causeway up over the cycle path and BNT camp on your right.**

Toilet, tap fireplace and two paddocks. Yarralumla Camp adjoins Public Equestrian Park on the Cotter Road at Curtin. Excellent Coles at Curtin Shopping Centre and bus stops in McCulloch Street to City.

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Glue onto page 58 **Detour until construction of suburbs Coombs and Wright finished in-between Eucumbene Drive and Yarralumla. Planned BNT will not be completed in this area until mid 2016**

### Map 13. Yarralumla - Kambah

Updated January 2016

Pre Trip: Lions Youth Haven/Westwood Farm closed to BNT alternatively contact Jenny Costin Section Coordinator 0412274810 for alternative overnight stop to break up 43km distance from Yarralumla to Cuppacombalong or Namadgi Visitors Centre Campsite at Tharwa.

#### North to South – Yarralumla to Kambah NB Distances approx.

- 0.0kms Yarralumla Campsite. Return to Molongo River, cross on causeway with care and turn left (south) on track along the Molongo River passing under Tuggeranong Parkway. (*If causeway flooded turn left and follow cycle path and follow detour signs to alternate BNT route under underpass to Dixon Warragamba and Eucumbene Drives Duffy*)
- 2.7 Continue across Clos Bridge not the official BNT route but safer and further away from construction noise in new suburbs. The official route is follow forest trail up hill before large concrete Clos Bridge turning left at next road and cross on low Southwell concrete causeway. Turning left at Southwell concrete causeway will be nearer to construction noise.
- Until the new suburbs and the BNT is complete in this area, follow as described below local new equestrian trail. Do not turn right after crossing Southwell crossing as BNT is not finished in the new suburbs and leads into construction areas. ***If crossing Clos Bridge*** immediately turn left on small concrete foot bridge turn right and follow detour signs around pond under big underpass taking right side of paling divider next to creek to Dixon Drive Warragamba and Eucumbene Drive Duffy. After underpass and community vegetable garden turn right onto Dixon Drive which turns into Warragamba Avenue (wide grassy verge) and re-joins BNT trail at Eucumbene Drive T section, cross road turn left continue on.
- Either enter at Horse Gate and follow dedicated BNT trail inside fence line or follow outside fence until end of Eucumbene Drive. Cattle occasional graze on BNT trail. Outside fence more suited to pack animals.
- 9.2 End of Eucumbene Dr. Exit horse gate or if outside fence cross end of Hindmarsh Drive and follow left at white paling agistment property turning right at Kathner St. following the equestrian trail across cavaletti into Canberra Park BNT trail. You will pass two dams.
- 13.7 Turn right through small gate down laneway to Arawang agistment horse yards. Town water tap at horse yards at cavaletti.
- 14.2 After cavaletti SO 100m to entrance of Milapuru cross cavaletti on left and follow equestrian trail through McQuoids Hill Canberra Nature Park. Along this trail on the right you will pass a fenced disused stock paddock with Dam (rainfall dependent) a quiet shady place with feed if needed to break up journey for animal or human welfare to Cuppacumbalong. ***Not an official BNT campsite.***
- 16.2 Cross cavaletti and turn right down Kambah Pool past Westwood Farm further on crossing ditch and creek and across Kambah Pool Road follow equestrian signs.
- Rejoins MAP 13. Kambah to Cuppacumbalong.

#### South to North: Kambah to Yarralumla. Page 58

Pre trip: Lions Youth Haven/Westwood Farm closed to trekkers if alternative overnight stop if needed when travelling from Cuppacombalong to Yarralumla 43km contact Jenny Costin Section Coordinator 0412274810.

- 0.0 Kambah Pool Road, cross following equestrian signs down and over small creek on left side of road past Westwood Farm and left over cavaletti into McQuoids Hill Nature Park following equestrian trail. You will pass a disused quiet shady stock paddock with dam (unreliable) ***not an official BNT but a shady place with grass for animal and human welfare overnight stop.*** Continue on over cavaletti turn right into Hake Street opposite Milupuru.
- 2.0 Past Arawang Horse Paddock (town water on tap) over cavaletti and up lane way turning left onto equestrian trail into Cooleman Ridge Nature Park past two dams, exiting over cavaletti at Kathner Street.
- 7.0 At the end of Kathner Street follow the left fence around property across end of Hindmarsh Drive at white fence and either enter BNT laneway inside fence exiting at horse gate or follow outside fence line outside fence of Eucumbene Drive until crossing Warragamba Avenue T section. Take wide grassy verge on left which continues downhill onto Dixon Drive.

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**South to North Kambah to Yarralumla contd.**

Turn left after small bridge over creek past community vegetable garden into and under big Cotter Road underpass. This is also a main trunk cycle path to City and Tuggeranong passing Yarralumla camp turn off. Equestrians take left of the paling fence divider. Follow around ponds after approx. 1km crossing small concrete foot bridge. Follow outside construction area fence area to Southwell crossing (or *choose the easier and away from construction noise unofficial route over large concrete bridge immediately after small concrete foot bridge*) following river under Tuggeranong Parkway under pass until causeway crossing over Molongo River to Equestrian Park. If flooded back track to small foot bridge and continue up cycle path to Yarralumla Camp at Equestrian Park.

*Official route* Cross Southwell crossing turn right on next fire trail until meets river follow upstream under Tuggeranong Parkway to Yarralumla Camp site across Molongo causeway at signs and head up the hill across cycle path to City and Tuggeranong to BNT camp site on the right.

- 16.2 Fenced BNT camp site toilet tap and fireplace adjoining Public Equestrian Park on the Cotter Road at Curtin. Curtin shops excellent centre to stock up. Forest Park local riding school helpful to trekkers. NB To continue on into Aboretum after camp recross causeway turning south and take Forest trail to the south entrance of the National Aboretum after the Tuggeranong Parkway Underpass.

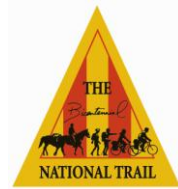
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Refer to Map 12 notes. BNT is the yellow route.

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### Glue to page 60. MAP 13

#### North to South Kambah to Cuppacumalong Tharwa

You are entering Bullen Range Nature Reserve following BNT trail near Murrumbidge River very scenic and shady ride with dam on route. Archery Range in area a new BNT diverts around range for safe passage.

Pine Island picnic area has toilets, electric barbeques and town water but no camping.

Tuggeranong Town centre and excellent shopping and bus service and BCF camping store within 1km of trail to east

5.8 After crossing Tuggeranong Creek turn right follow new well signed BNT Trail.

8.9 Continue as per guide book TR follow fence around the property "Pine Island".

Some trekkers with pack have complained of width of gates in Pine Island area suggest you contact Canberra Connect 132281 and ask for area rangers help to unlock main gates next to horse gates until this problem is solved.

### Glue to page 62. MAP 13

#### South to North Cuppacumalong Tharwa to Kambah

You are entering Bullen Range Nature Reserve following BNT trail near Murrumbidge River. Route very scenic and shady ride with dam on route. Archery Range in area a new BNT diverts around range for safe passage.

Pine Island picnic area has toilets, electric barbeques and town water but no camping.

Tuggeranong Town centre and excellent shipping and BCF camping store within 1km of trail to east.

18.1 Straight on past small gate and turn left at second double gate following BNT signage turn left down hill after dam then right thru horse gate at bottom corner fence. Follow well marked trail thru rock wall. Horses do not go over small concrete sewer bridge this is the Canberra Centenary Trail suited to cyclists and walkers but has gates not suited to horses. Centenary Trail in this area leads to Kambah Pool Road and connects to BNT at 26.1 at cavaletti in Guide Book. Will add few extra kms to your trip.

20.4 Continue as per guide book: BNT further on enter left track at Casuarinas trees to cross Tuggeranong Creek on concrete causeway.

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Updated October 2014

### Map 16.

#### Mt Clear – Yaouk To be read in conjunction with new map 16 at back of these updates.

Following negotiations, with Namadgi National Park the Trail now follows new fire trails along the ACT border to avoid following the unsafe Boboyan Rd. The location is on trial and will be monitored by Park staff. Please do not ride horses off the designated fire trails within the Park and do not camp with horses at any of the historic huts and homesteads. There are three locked gates on this route. The only overnight camping area for horses within Namadgi National Park is at the Mount Clear Pound where yards, a fireplace and toilet are provided. All other camping (without horses) is at Mt Clear Campground. Only light fires in the provided fireplaces. No fires or stoves are permitted on Total Fire Ban days. Bookings are required for both camping areas and can be made through the Namadgi Visitor Centre on 02 6207 2900. Vehicle access to the Pound can also be made through the Visitor Centre if required.

#### North to South – Mt. Clear to Yaouk

Pre trip:

Confirm TSR at Yaouk with Cooma RLPB 02 6452 1122 Prior BNT Application Required.

**Contact Namadgi Visitors Centre on 02 6207 2900 for the combination to the locked gates across Boboyan Road and the ACT border gate into private property. Also contact the Visitors Centre to book camping at the Mt Clear Pound or campground or to arrange support vehicle access to the Mt Clear Pound. Also ask re water availability in Naas Creek. A nearby Webbs Dam south west of camping area.**

0.0kms Mt Clear campground, heading south pick up Long Flat fire trail as signposted

1.8 Turn right on Burnt Hill fire trail leading up to the border fence. Possible mobile reception

3.7 Turn right at border fence, follow the fire trail down to combination locked horse gate on the Boboyan Road

5.6 Cross the road to other combination locked gate. Possible mobile reception in area.



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- 6.3 Take left fork of the Grassy Creek fire trail, right fork takes you to Westermans Homestead (no horses allowed near this area.  
Follow boundary fence, ignore other gates, follow BNT signs
- 11.2 At Namadgi National Park sign turn left through the combination locked gate and follow the fire trail out of the ACT
- 12.9 Turn Left
- 13.2 Turn Right onto Yaouk Rd. Follow this road
- 14.5 Bradleys Creek. Not reliable water
- 25.4 Yaouk Creek. Water
- 26.0 Turn left at Kennedys Rd to campsite
- 27.5 Cross bridge on Murrumbidgee River
- 27.8 Turn left into TSR to Camp

Campsite: Yaouk TSR

Grid Reference at TSR Gate: GDA 55H 0662679 / 6033588

This campsite on the Murrumbidgee River is a bit exposed but there is good feed and water. There are no facilities.

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### Map 16.

#### South to North - Yaouk to Mt Clear.

Pre trip: :

**No to limited mobile reception in area.**

**Contact the Namadgi Visitors Centre for the combination number to the locked gates at the ACT border gate into Namadgi National Park and horse gates across Boboyan Road. Contact the Centre to book camping at the Mt Clear Pound or camp ground or to arrange vehicle access to the Mt Clear Pound. Ph. (02) 6207 2900 and to book camping at Namadgi Visitors Centre.**

**BNT camp site at Caloola Farm is closed.** Refer to pre trip notes page 1 for alternate stops.

- 0.0 kms Head north from gate into the TSR. Cross the Murrumbidgee River on the Yaouk Rd.
- 1.8 Right fork, and stay on Yaouk Rd.
- 13.3 Bradleys Creek. Water.
- 14.6 Turn left off the Yaouk Rd Pacyotl's letter box gate.
- 14.9 Turn right and follow fire trail to ACT Border (Namadgi National Park).
- 16.6 Turn Right after the combination locked gate, and follow the border fence along Grassy Creek fire trail.
- 21.5 Keep on border fence no horses allowed at Westermans Hut.  
Possible mobile reception here.
- 22.2 Cross Boboyan Rd through combination locked horses gates, and continue along border fire trail.
- 24.1 Left onto Burnt Hill Fire Trail. Mobile reception possible up hill.
- 26.0 Straight on at junction with Long Flat Fire Trail.
- 27.8 Mt Clear Camp Ground. Dam nearby approx 500m to SW. Naas Creek in Camp Ground is rainfall dependent. Water tank and toilet.

Campsite: Mt Clear Grid Reference: GDA 55H 0681916 / 6028748

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**Map 15** reference on last page.

Grid Reference for Mt Clear: is GDA 55H 0681916 / 6028748

**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.

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.

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