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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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Map 2.

The section of the trail from Jaunter to Mt. Werong is closed by the Forestry Commission. They mark a detour using large Yellow signs however it is difficult to follow, so head West along Jaunter Road, then South along Mt Werong road which has little traffic on it.

Various Forestry Signs state that the forest between Jaunter Road and Banshea Road will not re-open till mid 2011.

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Map 3.

The Limeburners track is now gated, and locked. A large sign states that access is not allowed except by walkers.

Forestry sign states "Access Is Monitored".

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Updated March 2009

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Map 4. Pre Trip and Campsite details.

Keys for the showground toilet and shower block can be obtained from Post Office during office hours. Contact Alison Menzies 02 4840 2099. Fees apply for camping.

7.4km there is a false ‘T’ intersection. The guidebook says turn right at 7.6km which is the correct ‘T’ intersection

19.0km N-S Street name is Bannaby and not Barnaby

0.0km S-N Street name is Bannaby and not Barnaby

28.8km S-N Street name is Bannaby and not Barnaby. Keys for the showground toilet and shower block can be obtained from Post Office during office hours. Contact Alison Menzies 02 4840 2099. Fees apply for camping.

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Map 6. Crookwell Show Grounds
Secretary Paul Anderson Ph: 04 2711 0637 or 02 4832 0016
JD's Rural Supplies Crookwell Ph: 02 4832 1977 or 0418 416 025

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Map 9.
This section is described in the Guidebook as 'Flat travel all day'. It isn't. There are many climbs and drops.

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Map 10.
Gundaroo Vet Clinic Ph: 02 6236 8222

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Map 11.
4.5km Left on to Sutton Rd." the road has been re-aligned, and there is no turn onto Sutton Road

10.0km N-S Turn right onto Mulligans Flat Rd. (Indistinct small white sign)
Mulligans Flat Road known in the book as Gundaroo Road is also a section from the end of the new suburb of Forde north to the Sutton Road has little or no verge to escape traffic. This road has become busier since the new housing development. Contact Jenny Costin 02 6231 9827 or mobile 0412 274 810 for safety escort with flashing lights. Alternative is to float around this short section. Alert Route passable to Hall but with housing construction activity weekdays. Follow markers.
19.6 ACT Border. To avoid busy road. Shortly after border enter caveletti on right into Mulligans Flat reserve follow track next to fence and exit caveletti at Mulligans Flat Road cross road to wide verge.
33.3 Right into Horse Park Drive.

13.1km S-N Turn left along Mulligans Flat Road and cross road onto wide verge SO then re cross road and enter caveletti on left into Mulligans Flat Reserve (to avoid busy road) follow track to exit caveletti back onto road.
16.3 S-N ACT Border, continue on Mulligans Flat Rd. Refer to above contact details for safety escort with flashing light. Alert Route passable to Hall but with housing construction activity weekdays. Follow markers.

Camp site: Hall Pony Club Glue over existing notes
Your campsite is a part of the showground complex near the Pony Club. You have access to shelter and water at the end of the stalls and the use of showers and toilets by arrangement. Phone Parks ACT on 02 6207 5141 during business hours to arrange for unlocking of the showground gate and facilities.
Hall is a thriving traditional small town surrounded by the developing suburbs of Canberra. The surrounding land provides agistment for many horses belonging to Canberra residents and the town is equine oriented with many equine facilities.
There are all the services you could want in this small village, including good access into Canberra.

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Map 12.

North to South Hall to Yarralumla at 30.4km Pine plantation is now the Canberra Arboretum and can only officially be accessed on a Sunday. For horses follow parallel to the Tuggeranong Parkway until you reach the underpass. This is a temporary situation whilst new landscaping and planting taking place. Alternative route for walkers and cyclists when arboretum closed except Sunday.

27.3 Straight on cycle path under expressway turning right skirting western edge of lake over Scrivener Dam and follow bike signs south to Tuggeranong over Wooden Bridge to Yarralumla Equestrian Park and BNT campsite.

33.0 Turn left and take underpass under Tuggeranong Parkway. Turn right and follow track around new extended zoo fence, then follow road to Molongo River.

34.3 Molongo River concrete crossing to BNT camp below dam. Water level will rise when water released from Dam during heavy rain.

Alternative route above for cyclist and walkers.

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Yarralumla to Hall.

Map 12.

South to North

0.0 km. Except Sunday when Arboretum open. (Alternative route for cyclists and walkers)

Cyclists and walkers turn right onto cycle path over wooden bridge, Scrivener Dam road wall and follow cycle path under expressway turning left and pick up trail on William Hovell Drive where trail exits Cork Plantation.

0.8 Turn right follow river upstream until Zoo fence. Follow left Zoo fence track around until underpass under Tuggeranong Parkway.

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Map 13.

Yarralumla - Kambah at 2.7km to 9.2km going thru Stromlo there will be a temporary diversion thru the new Stromlo Forest Park on the equestrian trails and reclaimed leases on Uriarra Road probably not for 6months whilst development starts on new suburbs of Coombs and Wright.

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Map 16.

Mt Clear – Yaouk To be read in conjunction with new map 16

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 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.

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

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

5.6 Cross the road to other small locked gate

6.3 Take left fork of the Grassy Creek fire trail, right fork takes you to Westermans Homestead (no horses or camping)

Follow boundary fence, ignore other gates, follow BNT signs

11.2 At Namadgi National Park sign turn left through the 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. 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: : Confirm TSR at Yaouk with Cooma RLPB 02 6452 1122

Contact the Namadgi Visitors Centre for the combination number to the locked gates at the ACT border gate into Namadgi National Park and across Boboyan Road. Also 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.

- 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 along Grassy Creek fire trail.
21.5 Straight on at track to Westermans Homestead.
22.2 Cross Boboyan Rd through locked gates, and continue along border fire trail.
24.1 Left onto Burnt Hill Fire Trail.
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.
Campsite: Mt Clear Grid Reference: GDA 55H 0681916 / 6028748

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Map 15 on last page.

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

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Trekking 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.
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