

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.

Book 11 Section Coordinators:

Maps 1-3 Yaouk to Providence: Peter & Judy Cochran. Phone 02 6454 2336

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Maps 9-10 Khancoban to Tom Groggin: Charlie Findlay. Phone 02 6076 9474

Maps 11-18 Tom Groggin to Omeo: John Stubbs Ph: 03 5159 1516 Mob: 0420 101 817

Pre Trip Contact:

Note: All the phone numbers in Victoria for Book 11 the area code is 03 with the exception of phone numbers in the Khancoban, Corryong, Albury and Wodonga areas being 02

Trail Updates:

There is a brand new Edition 3 Guidebook 11 that covers the NSW section of the old Edition 2 Guidebook 11.

When you purchase the new book the old one is sent to you free, to cover the Victoria section only.

NSW Updates

Refer to new guidebook

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Map 7. Jagumba is now owned by Barry & Katherine Paton. Ph 02 6948 4121 Need to contact them as they are planning to install two new locked gates. This section is flat all day.

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Map 8. - Tom Edwards has sold his property to Russell & Catriona Murdoch ph 02 6076 9497. The gate on the alternate route near Bradneys Gap, is now locked, travelers need to ring the Murdoch's to gain entry.

Victoria Updates

Map 10

There is a small area around 'Tom Groggin' (this is where the BNT crosses the Murray River) that was burnt in Jan 2007, but has little impact on the BNT.

If fording the Murray looks too dangerous, BNT trekkers can go to the Tom Groggin Station causeway. N-S backtrack to the road into Tom Groggin. Cross the cause way and follow the road, veering left at homestead intersection. At the Tom Groggin Boundary turn left down to the hut. S-N Back up the BNT and take the gate into Tom Groggin. Follow laneway to causeway and Alpine Way.

Map 11-14

Between 1st December and the end of April the Davies Plain track can be used as an alternate route for the Trail. It is closed during the winter months as the track passes through sub alpine vegetation with high conservation values. This route is a popular 4x4 and horse riding route during the summer months. A horse yard and shelter is available at Davies Plain Hut.

Map 11

15.0km Mt Hope a major road. Now at 16.2km.
20.3 Is now 21.1kms and 21.1kms is now 21.7kms.

Map 13

13.7 - 22.6km. Brumby tracks are now marked.
14.1 Leave vehicle track 400m south of Greenwood Creek. Left onto old jeep track.
15.3 Cross Macs Creek at good camp site. 30m on left look for Brumby Track in Ti-Tree crossing Limestone Creek. Turn right and follow Brumby Track for 3 1/2 km crossing Limestone Creek 4 more times.
18.8 Re-join vehicle track.
S-N Look for trail marker on Tree 100m before vehicle track crosses creek 5 times.
5th crossing is 400m downstream of waterfall. After crossing Limestone Creek, turn right on old jeep track. Cross Macs Creek and rejoin vehicle track 400m south of Greenwood Creek.

Map 15

15.5km No water March or Oct 2001 25.5kms. Turn left onto Nunniong Road came early 22.6km. Note next to distance to be 3kms shorter ie. 29.5 = 26.5, 30.2 = 27.2

Map 16

14.9km Hells Gates campsite is overgrown, no room to camp with horses.

Map 18

There is an alternate route to Bindi in dry, contact John Stubbs.
0.0 Km (S-N) if picking the right route through the paddocks looks a problem, don't worry too much just head to the homestead.

30.6 Left onto Margetts Lane, cross causeway. Continue up hill past tip and cemetery.

31.6 Right into Bilton St, go 200m then left into Parks St.

32.1 The suggested route once entering the outskirts of Omeo is "after meeting Halletts Rd, turn hard right on to McCoy St and follow this (it becomes Sebastopol Hill Rd) to Bilton Street. turn right and follow this (approx 200metres) to the intersection of the Bairnsdale Rd. At this point, either turn left and follow to the Caravan Park, or continue straight ahead and follow round the bend and continue on to the Rodeo Grounds. Horses may be put in the yards but camping is not allowed. Cheap accommodation is available at the adjacent Hilltop Hotel. Contact the Section Co-ordinator for access to the yards, as at times they may be locked. No access will be allowed around the time of the Annual Calf Sales (early-mid March) or 1 week before or after the Omeo Rodeo (Easter Saturdays). This alternate route avoids the problem of taking stock through the main street.

An alternate route to the Bald Hills Rd and Kangaroo Track is available through private property, along the Livingstone Creek. In mid summer water can be difficult to find along this section of the Trail, so the alternate route is a good option and quite pretty. Contact the Section Co-ordinator so that the property owners can be advised.

Omeo township has hotels, motel, caravan park, back packer accommodation (\$15p.p.) with full kitchen facilities next door to horse camp facilities at rodeo grounds and post office.

Bus service to Bairnsdale. Farrier: Ron Conley 03 51591384.

Horse campers are welcome at the Omeo Caravan Park (Easter and Xmas usually booked out). Contact the current owners Lou and Sandy on 03 5159 1351.

Amend "Dalgety store" to "Omeo Rural and Hardware Supplies".

Caution Log Trucks on Map 17, book 12- Notify John Stubbs on your arrival to Omeo as he can notify the trucks you are on the trail.



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.

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. Queensland Legislation permits you to lead only one horse per person when riding. A permit for additional horses is required from each Local Government (Council) locality that you traverse.

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 when camping on all TSR's in NSW. A bulk permit is obtainable through the BNT office.