

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 December 2008

Book 3 Section Coordinators Updates:

Maps 1- 7 Collinsville to Nebo: Mike Teuswen 0408 075 019

Maps 8 – 12 Nebo to R4: Ian Howard 07 4959 7484

Maps 13- 22 R4 to Kabra: Therese & Cedric Creed 07 4934 6190 or 0429 948 198

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 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. Police assistance from Chris Farlow Ph 07 4785 5377 to cross this bridge is highly recommended.

This safety suggestion will necessitate seeking help from the Collinsville police to help you cross the very high and long bridge over the Bowen River. Suggested camp is opposite the weir crossing however permission must be sort from Grant Cox at Gattonvale (see map 2 below).

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 Gatttonvale 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 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:

3.1km Should be 5.0

3.4 Should be 5.5

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

MAP 6

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 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 11

9.5km No mill and tank, only trough.

MAP 12

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.

MAP 13

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

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MAP 16

17.0km No yards at Kooltandra Siding.

MAP 22

Pre Trip Call Stanwell Power Station security on 0749303400 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 left, not right onto gravel track.

Campsite Kabra Sports Ground. Contact Col Pearce 07 4933 3118

Alternate camp at Kabra Hotel Contact 07 4933 1207

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