

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 5 Section Coordinators Updates:**

**Maps 1-7 Biggenden to Wide Bay Creek. No coverage.**

**Maps 8-14 Wide Bay Creek to Pioneers Flat. Graham Knight 07 4168 8195**

**Maps 15 Pioneers Flat to Taromeo. No coverage.**

**Pre Trip Contact:**

**Note. To all phone numbers in Book 5 add the number 5 after the 07.**

**Trail Updates:**

**MAP 1**

- 4.8 Go through wire gate by the windmill.
- 5.3 Left through wire gate onto sealed road (Lower Lakeside Road)
- 12.0 Concrete bridge over Coachhorse Creek
- 17.7 To camp go through the wooden gate on your left before the weldmesh gate. This is Reserve R891.

Biggenden to Golden Fleece 17.7km for the camp is wrong. In the book it states that the reserve is inside the steel gate and go down to the sandy water hole. That is private property and the gates are now locked. The reserve is actually before you go through the steel gate. Peter Warren leases the reserve.

**MAP 2**

- 0.8 Take right fork

**MAP 3**

- 2.0 Steel grid
- 18.0 New Campsite at Musket Flat with shelter, water, table and grassy site.

**MAP 4**

Pre trip; The camp is now run by QLD Department Education, please call Karen Daly 07 4129 6535 for access to campsite as it is locked up. Fees apply.

The Section Coordinator recommends trekkers to use the dotted (alternate) route.

- 7.0km Wire gate.
- 11.2 Ignore track on left, then 100m further turn right through steel gate, about 100m before a set of cattle yards. (water in dam behind yards)
- 12.9 Steel gate  
The camp is now run by QLD Department Education and is locked up. Permanent Water. See above for contact details.

**MAP 5**

- 23.1 Care at approach to crossing – slippery clay when wet.

**MAP 6**

- 1.1 Single weldmesh gate.

- 2.8 Single weldmesh gate
- 8.2 Turn right into Ramsey Road at School Bus Route sign
- 10.4 Weldmesh gate
- 11.5 200m to read 100m
- 12.0 From pole, bear 130° around top of first gully. Then dog-leg over stony rise through open grazing paddock towards blue gum trees on side of gully below the house and wooden stock yards. Go to lower (left) corner, past yards through a mostly dry gully. Past left of the bottom end of yards, now keeping yards on right go straight on to gravel road.
- 12.3 Head south through weldmesh gate, then through pipe gate. Brick house & cattle yards on left on knob above Mary River Flats.
- 23.9 Old shed useful as emergency shelter. Toilets & tank at entrance to Dickabram Bridge.

#### MAP 7

“Mountain View” now “Argentum Charolais Stud Mountain View” Woolooga. Contact Phil Stamford 07 5484 7330 or email stud@argentum.com.au

- 2.1 Turn left into Sexton Road.
- 8.8 Turn sharp right into Ormes Road (signposted)
- 18.3 At cross roads go straight ahead through “Avalon Cattle Company”. Use small horse access wooden gate 20m to left of locked main property gates. Continue across open grazing for approx 400m (**caution bulls in paddock**) and enter laneway through weldmesh gate, homestead on your right, cross creek. Mature row trees indicate old road reserve. Keep to BNT access laneway continue to wire gate on left. Go through the gate, straight ahead keeping fence on right. Cross a dry swamp under the high tension wires then through the weldmesh gate.
- 20.3 Straight ahead to large blue gums, turn right onto gravel road 200m from last mesh gate.

#### MAP 13

**Pre trip:** To arrange access to Nanango Showground, Phone 0428 631 273 or 07 4163 1273 or 07 4171 0494

Support vehicles please note that Mt Stanley Rd is badly washed out in places

- 15.1 CoAratula arantinue straight on along Mt Stanley Rd ignoring roads first on left and then on the right. Do not attempt to go through the forest. The trail skirts around the edge of the East Nanango Forest for approx 12km
- 20.7 Turn left into Calvert Rd 56J 406603 7052644
- 20.0 Trekkers rejoin the original BNT as it emerges from the Forestry on the left- trekkers continue straight ahead (original instructions are *Turn left at T-intersection signposted East Nanango Rd for 200m (end of East Nanango State Forest). 56J 407374 7050586*

Resume original instructions into Nanango allowing an extra 3.5km for the days trek.

#### Map 15

There is no campsite at Taromeo please continue an additional 4.5km along Old Esk Rd to “Jessies Well” a new campsite opposite the Taromeo Sawmill. Water and shelter.

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In cases of emergency eg; bushfire, it is your responsibility to notify local authorities as to your whereabouts.

The old Book 5 used to end at Taromeo. It now continues to Blackbutt. Follow notes below.

**Map 16**

0.0km	Leaving Jessies Well with Taromeo sawmill on left. Follow track east past the front of 3 old sawmill houses ignoring the main sealed road on your right. This is still Old Esk Rd
0.3	Go straight ahead along a narrow track past a couple of houses on the left. This is the original coach road. It has a dogleg to the right then left (through lantana) before emerging onto Round Scrub Rd.
0.8	Cross Round Scrub Rd along old Esk Rd
1.7	Turn right at wooden forestry fire tower. This tower is a three-tier lift of all spliced logs and is an inspiring structure. It is said that the man who put the roof on did so without a safety harness. From the tower continue down the hill along old Esk Rd
1.8	Ignore track on right
2.0	Ignore track on left
2.4	Cross under the Tarong – Wivenhoe transmission line and continue downhill
3.2	Trail joins the D’Aguilar Highway at Blackbutt Creek. Do not go onto the highway but turn hard left around a big old gum tree and cross the creek through the scrub. Watch for BNT markers
3.4	Turn right where the BNT joins the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail and follow the old railway line all the way uphill to Benarkin. Good easy grade all the way
3.6	Cross under the D’Aguilar Highway beside Blackbutt Creek
4.5	Note historic culvert under the rail trail
9.6	Cross under the D’Aguilar Highway
10.1 <b>Campsite</b>	Benarkin Railway Station. Camp with hot showers, toilets, shop and plenty of area for camping. <b>Grid Reference GDA: 56J</b>
14.7 <b>Campsite</b>	Blackbutt Showground just to the north of the old railway station. Full town facilities. <b>Grid Reference GDA: 56J</b>



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.



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