

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.

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Maps 7-13 Withcott to Reynolds Creek: John Dwyer Ph: 07 4635 6863

Maps 11-13 Thornton to Reynolds Creek: Brenda Osborne Ph: 07 5466 7161

Map 13 Cunningham Camp Site – Reynolds Camp Site Reynolds Creek 17.7 kilometres of the track the Ipswich & District Trail Horse Riders Club IncClub maintains: Steve Maroney President Ph: 3276 7979 Mob: 0418 884 089

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Map 1 North to South Blackbutt to Emu Creek

Previously the BNT followed a section of the Emu Creek Gorge which is now closed. Follow the route below and OMIT all book notes for map 1

This new section of the BNT follows the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail (BVRT) to avoid the difficulties we used to face with a section of the Emu Creek gorge that was untrafficable due to infestations of Lantana.

The BNT has established a fine partnership with the BVRT and in altering our trail has complimented the BNT with the two towns of Benarkin and Blackbutt. Both organisations have profited by this amalgamation of the trail. BNT Trekkers have a great starting or ending location in either of these towns.

Dangerous sections of highway have been eliminated by use of the BVRT as there are no crossings to worry about.

After Leaving the BVRT at Nukku Bridge, the BNT picks up its old alternative route to continuing south.

Roy Emerson a world famous tennis player grew up in the Nukku Bridge area. He held the record for the most grand slams until Pete Sampras took it off him.

The Nukku area was once a rich dairying locality but there are sadly none left now.

Pre Trip: Contact Bill Wilson on 07 4163 0154 and ask if he can move his cattle off the BVRT in the vicinity of Nukku Bridge

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| 0.0km | Leave the old Blackbutt Railway Station heading west along the BVRT |
| 4.0 | Cross under Daguilar Highway at Nukku Bridge |
| 4.1 | Leave the BVRT and turn left to follow track back up along top of railway cutting |
| 4.2 | Go through wire gate beside highway and turn right onto South Nukku Rd |
| 5.8 | Turn left onto Haynes Kite Millar Rd |
| 9.0 | Turn right onto Crows Nest Rd |
| 10.5 | Turn left onto Ogilve Rd and “The Valley” |
| 10.8 | Turn right onto Waterhole Gully Rd |
| 11.9 | Cherry Creek Rd on left, go straight on |
| 14.0 | Turn left onto Wilson Rd |
| 15.5 | Turn right onto Waterhole Gully Rd |
| 16.7 | Turn left and cross grid |
| 17.8 Campsite | Slippery Crossing on Emu Creek Grid Reference: GDA 56J 0412324 7018156 This is a water reserve on the north side of Emu Creek. No facilities other than permanent water in the creek. The creek crossing is another 100m past the campsite. |

Map 2

- 0.1km Cross Emu Creek and head up the hill which was once called the Goat Track. It has now been upgraded, and considerable development has occurred along the track towards Nukinenda. Milford Rocks phone disconnected.
- 14.1 "About 50m past that ... taking right forks 400m and 500m further"
- 18.4 The track meets a fence on the way down the hill with a triangle paddock straight ahead. The cutting is to the left. Turn left, south-east, at the fence line and follow the track (which is sometimes only a cattle pad) down the valley towards a large dam.

Map 3

- 1.6km At Middle Creek four strand tight barbed wire fence appears to be blocking trail. Keep to the left of this fence and it will rejoin the BNT after about 1.2km. It never deviates from the original road by more than 150m so there is no reason to attempt to cross it.
- 4.0 Gate, turn left.
- 6.2 Join track at gate, turn right.
- 24.0 Nothing remains of the Cresbrook Creek Campsite R406 since a fire destroyed the improvements. Camp in the vicinity of the bridge.

Map 4

New route now takes you off the Esk to Hampton road completely. Staying on the north side of the road all the way. OMIT all book notes for map 4

The trail now heads up the valley of Little Kipper Creek (seasonal water only) and the road diminishes in places to barely a track. Respect the rights of the landowners by not trespassing on their private land and by not interfering with any stock. Gates should be left exactly as found. Red deer are quite common up this valley and a delight to see.

Pre trip: Call Doug and Felicity Maden on 07 5424 2000 at 'Emervale Station' for permission to camp on property.

- 0.0km At R406 on Cressbrook Creek, heading south.
- 2.2 Turn right at T intersection (Esk is only 13km to the left – all facilities) onto Kipper Creek Rd.
- 6.8 Left at grid and gate onto narrow gravel road before 'Tinton'.
- 8.4 Take left fork continuing along Kipper Creek road.
- 10.7 Grid and gate at Kipper. Continue along the lane between the yards and the house and through the steel gate.
- 11.0 Ignore track to right, go straight ahead.
- 11.9 Pass dam on left.
- 12.0 Ignore crossroads, go straight ahead.
- 12.3 Cross gully.
- 12.4 Ignore track to left, go straight ahead.
- 13.1 The track now veers to the left and heads eastwards away from the creek just before a scrubby gully. At the first opportunity (after about 300m), follow the track south to go around the swamp.
- 13.7 At the next small scrubby gully, again go around the swamp at the head of the gully and leave the track heading west towards the main creek towards a gate.
- 13.9 Go through the gate at GDA 56J 0431348 6985312 on the south side of the swamp in the corner of the paddock near the main creek. Follow the track south along the creek bank. BNT Markers.
- 14.4 Turn right and cross the creek heading south west along a reasonably new dozed track.
- 15.0 Track joins on left, continue south through gate into laneway.
- 15.7 Through gate and continue south down the hill in laneway.
- 16.7 Cross creek before 'Emervale' house.
- 16.8 Follow laneway to the right of machinery shed and left of cattle yards. Call into see Doug and Felicity Maden for directions to hut on private property.
- 16.9 Turn right into another laneway and then directly left up the hill to hut to the New Campsite at 'Emervale Station' Grid Reference: GDA 56J 0430946 6982500. This hut is on private property and permission must be approved before stopping there.
Leaving the hut head southwest up the hill to gate in corner of paddock.
- 17.4 Go through gate and follow fenceline south keeping fence on your right.
- 18.1 Go through gate that enters the Hampton – Esk road. This is a very busy road and you do not have to travel on it. Turn right and keep on the north side of the main road.

Map 4 (cont'd)

- 18.2 The trail now follows the old road which parallels the main road on the north side. This was the main road until about 70 years ago but now it's just a track through the bush. It's a steady climb to the top with an altitude gain of 200m. Keep off the main road under all circumstances as it is very dangerous.
- 18.8 Turn left at top of hill onto Slaughters Road at GDA 56J 0430000 6981575. Keep on north and west side of the main road at all times.
- 21.1 Slaughters Road joins Regents Road. Go straight on following forest boundary road. Where Regents Road meets the Esk – Hampton Road, the trail picks up the narrow firebreak track which parallels the main road, about 50m - 100m into the bush. About 200m after crossing a 4WD track, the firebreak track takes a steep dive into a gully. Avoid this by following another track closer to the main road.
- 24.8 A small dam is available where water can be obtained for the campsite.
- 25.6 Campsite at Amaroo Field Study Site Grid Reference: **GDA 56J**
The Amaroo Forest Centre buildings have been completely removed. There is NO WATER available. All that remains is a tank on a tall tank stand and a small pump house but water cannot be drawn from it. About 100m to the east is a small stand of conifers and a grassy area with some fencing that provides good feed for horses, but no water. At least a support vehicle can meet trekkers here.

Map 5

- 0.0km Amaroo Forest Centre buildings have been completely removed. There is NO WATER for horses or anyone else for that matter. All that remains is a tank on a tall tank stand and a small pump house but water cannot be drawn from it. About 100 mtrs to the east is a small stand of conifers and a grassy area with some fencing that provides good feed for horses, but no water. At least a support vehicle can meet riders here.
- 7.7 Grid and granite marker have gone on main road.
- 8.9 Ravensbourne Dip Rd now sealed at start.

Map 6

Murphy's Creek camp - Dodt's and Fyffe's are no longer there.

24.1km Watts Rd, resident is Lynne Anderson and you should ask to camp there by the creek Ph 07 4630 5142.

Map 7

The previous camp at Echo Valley is now gone. The camp is now at R M Williams Reserve at Preston at Map 8, 2.7km. Recommend camp first at Withcott Hotel which does not have accommodation but does provide meals and showers and a private fenced paddock behind the hotel to camp. Contact publican Neil Simpson -phone 07 4630 3144. There is a shopping centre nearby with a supermarket, also medical centre - phone 07 4630 3677. There is then no further access to food supplies or other services until Killarney approximately **200km** further on, unless with assistance from trail supporters along the way. Meals can be purchased from the Rosevale Hotel while camping there - see Map 11, 27.2 km.

- 7.9km Track on left. (S-N: Take left fork.)
- 8.1 Track on left. (S-N: Take left fork.)
- 13.1 Withcott Hotel
- 14.3 OMIT-REPLACE- Take right hand fork uphill-Dolley Road.
- 16.1 Turn left-Knitters Road.
- 16.9 Blanchview Road is now all sealed road.
- 27.7 Pass Unemployed Road turn-off on the left.
- 28.4 OMIT-REPLACE- Before crossing creek veer left (BNT marker) onto what appears to be a private road signed "Stirling". Just before "Stirling" gate veer left again (BNT marker).
[NO ECHO VALLEY CAMP - CONTINUE ONTO MAP 8 TO PRESTON]

Map 8

Ma Ma Creek section is closed until further notice following severe flooding in Jan 2011. Contact Section Coordinator John Dwyer for alternative route.

Note reference to camp at "Kimilos". This is not now available. The trail route is on the eastern boundary of the cattle tick free area to 15.1km. Trekker's animals should not enter any land to the west of the trail.

Seek permission to use Camps on Map 9 (John Sutton, Brian White, or Reg or Brian Crust).

- 0.0km OMIT
- 1.8 (S-N: Turn right opposite Preston Manor Function Centre.)
- 2.5 Pass entrance to Preston Peak Winery on the left. The Cellar Door has lunches Wed-Sun.
- 2.7 R M Willams Reserve is on the left opposite mailbox # 440-CAMP-(16 ha reserve is overgrown with lantana-no water.)
- 6.0 (S-N: Veer right on Preston Boundary Road.)
- 8.0 Continue straight ahead as Rockmount Road continues down to the left.
- 8.9 No dam.
- 9.4 Road continues as Wilsons Road (Pass Sawpit Road on the right)-now all sealed roads.
- 11.1 Pass Mt Neale Road on the left (BNT Granite Marker No 255 is 1 metre from right hand corner post.)
- 12.0 Turn left on Wilsons Road. (Harrisons Road is straight on.) Wilsons Road is now an unsealed formed road travelling downhill to "Mt Prosper"entrance.
- 13.3,14.3 and 14.8-OMIT
- 15.1 OMIT- REPLACE-Continue through "Mt Prosper"entrance, past cottage on right. Then pass through cattle yards and with fence on the left follow cattle track straight down the ridge to Ma Ma Ck at 17.8 km.
- 21.2 OMIT- REPLACE- PASS THROUGH PIPE GATE AT THE TROUGH and wire gate behind pump. Continue over creek with the fence on the RIGHT.
- 23.0 OMIT-REPLACE-The fence is on the right crossing and re-crossing the creek and one sharp ridge.
- 24.0 The track passes though a wire gate in boundary fence, still with the fence on the right. This gate must be closed.
- 24.3 OMIT- REPLACE-After crossing the creek enter an open area with waterhole accessed through the peach trees-CAMP.

Map 9

The Crust family property is now known as "Mt Sylvia Fresh Vegetables". For permission to access shower facilities while camping there phone Reg -07 5462 9155 or Brian -07 5462 9144.

- 3.6km Wooden gate on left marked "Matilda's Place"-CAMP- There is good grass and water. Call John Sutton for permission -07 5462 6728 .
Note: The microwave oven on the stump on the left of the road contains a log book. Please enter your details and comments.
- 4.0 Junction with Gatton-Clifton Road.Cross highway and turn left along the fence line above the cutting. Then turn to the right on to Razorback Road at 4.6 km.
- 4.6 (S-N: Descending Razorback Road, when highway becomes visible, turn left onto track along fence line above road cutting. Cross highway into Wagners Road.)
- 7.0 OMIT-REPLACE-Pass through gate at sign "Razorback -R J & C Jackson".
- 7.8 Pass house on left (#339).
- 8.4 House on left, sign "Treetop Sanctuary" is home of Brian and Dianne White-CAMP-shelter shed, kitchen, showers-no charge- phone Brian White -0427 709 529.
Continue through gate on road to south-roadside dam adjacent-and continue around left hand side of house (BNT marker on tree near house).
- 8.9 OMIT-REPLACE- Pass through gate behind house (BNT Marker and Epic#25 on tree ahead) and up bulldozed track to the south-west.
- 10.3 OMIT-REPLACE-From the top of the ridge continue south-west down fence line to pipe gate (BNT marker), then down the spur to the south. This is now a bulldozed track to the sheltered area at the creek-CAMP.
- 11.7 Pass through double iron gates and turn left.
[NO CAMP AT WEST HALDON DIP]
- 24.4 Turn right into Litfins Road-sign "Mt Sylvia Fresh Vegetables"- CAMP- along Blackfellow Creek 100 m from corner. The shower block is adjacent to the packing shed.

Map 10

Seek permission to camp at Centenary Park at Thornton from Lockyer Valley Regional Council -1300 005 872.
OMIT ALL ITEMS FROM 0.0 km- 15.9km

- 0.0km From camp on Blackfellow Ck turn right from Litfins Road to continue north along Mt Sylvia-Junction View Road.
- 5.1 Turn right into Left Hand Branch Road at Mt Sylvia State School. This is a sealed road, sometimes narrow, with many concrete causeways, following Tent Hill Creek upstream.
- 6.7 Pass Dallingers Road on the left. Left Hand Branch Rural Fire Brigade shed is on the corner-no access to water.
- 10.7 Pass Reibstein Road on the right. (Adjoins old trail at 6.2 km.)
(S-N:Pass Reibstein Road on the left at 6.2 km in guide book.Continue towards Mt Sylvia.)
- 12.9 The road is now an unsealed formed road. The small rural residential blocks have changed ownership since the guidebook was printed. Then pass though open grazing land.
- 14.5 Pass Cole Gully Road on the right.
- 14.6 Pass house on left.
- 15.0 Pass through pipe gate (Epic#38) and continue uphill.
- 15.9 Pass through wire gate (BNT marker and Epic#39) - sign "Gap Road".
- 17.0 Good opportunity to CAMP at base of ascent to Laidley Gap.
- 26.0 CAMP-Centenary Park-The camp has hot and cold showers in an amenity block. Contact Lockyer Valley Regional Council -1300005872 for permission to camp.

Map 11

Rosevale Hotel provides meals and showers, tent sites and portable yards (which need to be erected). Contact the publican Matt Ryan -07 5464 9258 to arrange.

- 0.0km Depart Centenary Park
- 2.5 Pass Peters Road on the left.
- 3.3 OMIT 3.4 km- Turn right through pipe gate opposite blue mailbox #158, 200 m before right hand bend in the road. Cross open grass land towards the south-west, around the toe of the slope, to the southern side of the next spur. A track ascends the ridge to the north-east back towards Edward's Gap, crossing the old fence line. Continue on the road reserve keeping the fence on the right.
(S-N: After crossing Edward's Gap, follow the bulldozed track down through the fence line on the left. To continue straight on below the old sign on the tree is very difficult. From the toe of the slope turn north-west across open grass land to the pipe gate at 3.3 km.)
- 9.6 (S-N: Turn left on to Hodges Road. There is a cemetery on the corner.)
- 25.3 Rosevale School is now closed.

Map 12

Refer to tick control regulations-see page 13 of guide book-Clumber Dip is on Moogerah Dam Road 4 km to the left at Map 13, 12.0km. The DPI (now DEEDI) Livestock Inspection Centre is further along this road. Contact Robert Pellagreen -07 5463 8368 or 0427 133 388.

- 0.0km Rosevale Hotel
- 0.2 OMIT- REPLACE-Pass Czahnnows Road on the right following the main road, crossing the Bremer River on the bridge.
- 2.2 OMIT-(Note: The grassy laneway and river ford mentioned now lead into a dairy.)
- 1.7 Turn right and continue south (now Tarome Road), on sealed road.
- 3.9 Trail previously emerged from farm gate on right. Continue on.
(S-N: Continue on main road towards Rosevale.)
- 16.0 Turn right into Hinrichsens Road, just over Warrill Creek.
- 17.9 Turn left into Campsite Road.
- 20.7 Cunningham's Campsite No 6 Memorial-CAMP-Water is available from Badcock's Creek adjacent.

Map 13

There is no provision for animals at the Lake Moogerah Cavan Park. Purchase of supplies there is limited to basic items, i.e. canned food - 07 5463 0141. There is no camp at Reynolds Creek bridge. Recommend camp sooner at Coulsen Creek. Phone Keith Abbott 07 5463 5697 or Ian Bond -07 5463 5627 or Munchow's Crossing on Reynold's Creek further on. You cannot pass this area without first having your stock sprayed for ticks at Clumber Dip and it should have been pre arranged back on Map 12.

- 3.8km OMIT-REPLACE-The south bound formed road turns right (BNT marker on tree). Turn left and look for 1.5 m pipe gate on the right BEFORE gate on track ahead.
- 4.0 Pass through 1.5 m pipe gate, and follow fence line to south.
- 5.5 Pass through 1.5 m pipe gate in fence. The only option for walkers/cyclists is to follow the highway on 1m sealed apron until opposite helipad at 6.8km.
(S-N:Walkers/cyclists follow highway downhill from 6.8km until road levels out before turning to the left. Look through the sign- "Overtaking Lane 2km Ahead" to see BNT marker on the tree on the left at 1.5m pipe gate in the fence.)
- 6.8 "Once through the gate follow the fence on your right which goes along a ridge to the east...". THEN-Turn south through the first gate in the fence as the ridge levels out.
- 13.0 Coulsen Creek bridge-CAMP-the area to the left before the bridge on the road reserve has good Rhodes grass. Contact adjacent land holder Keith Abbott -07 5463 5697 or Ian Bond across the bridge. Phone Ian-0754635627 (There is sometimes portable electric fencing in place.)
- 17.4 OMIT-REPLACE-Pass Mt Greville Road on the right (OMIT "Alternative Route" also.)
- 17.7 OMIT-REPLACE- Camping is not allowed at Reynold's Creek bridge and animals are not permitted at Lake Moogerah Caravan Park. Immediately after crossing the bridge -watch for traffic- turn right into Croftby-Lake Moogerah Road (see Map 14), then 2.5 km further on turn right into Munchow's Road. The camp at 21.0 km is 400m down this road-CAMP.
To continue return up this road and turn right.
(S-N:IGNORE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.)

Map 14

Cattle tick arrangements must be in place. Mobile phone coverage is limited from here on. Contact Joanne Ryan at camp at Condamine Gorge to arrange to have gate unlocked to camp -07 4664 1656.

For access to Killarney Show Grounds contact Trevor -0416 215 534.

16.3km Teviot Brook-CAMP-Veer to the right before the crossing to a picnic table 100m further down.

Map 15

16.0km OMIT

16.4 Grid and sign- "Cambanoora Gorge".

16.7 R373 is on the right at the bottom of the descent-still undeveloped.

Map 16

4.6km Entrance to property # 1199 on the right just before the sign "Double Crossing"-CAMP-Access is only through a locked gate- contact Joanne Ryan -07 4664 1656.

13.8 Turn right- now Winterflood Road- travelling west up hill.

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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.

Can you also notify the office or section coordinator of any problems you may encounter, thank you and happy trekking.

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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.

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