
RUSSELL'S TOMAHAWK CREEK TRAMWAY

Location

BEENAK ROAD HODDLES CREEK, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8022-0089

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	Site used for transportation by saw millers in the early 20th century, subsequently abandoned and overgrown.
Archaeological Significance	The features of the tramway may provide some information on early 20th century construction and transport techniques, but beyond this the archaeological significance is low in regards to rarity in a regional context and potential for archaeological deposits.
Historical Significance	Relates to early 20th century saw milling in the region which was a major industry in the 19th and 20th centuries.
Hermes Number	10607
Property Number	

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: Gembrook sawmiller, E.A.C. Russell, extended his tramway into the then remote Upper Tomahawk Creek, Beenak area in 1922 and built a sawmill near the headwaters of the creek. The

mill was destroyed by the 1926 fires and a new mill was built a mile downstream. It operated until the end of 1928. The tramway was operated by horse haulage, with mostly wooden rails with a 3 foot gauge.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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