
BRITANNIA CREEK TRAMWAY SAWMILL SITE 2

Location

BOLIN TRACK BIG PATS CREEK, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8022-0039

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	Site used for a substantial company in the saw milling industry in the region, and central part of a settlement. Now regenerated bushland.
Archaeological Significance	Despite other saw dust heap sites/sawmilling sites in the region, the size of this site was considered quite substantial at the time of recording (1989) and the potential presence of a boiler and other surface and subsurface archaeological features increases the significance of this site (medium).
Historical Significance	Substantial company established early in the century, technologically innovative for the time and the centre of a settlement when in operation. Regional historic significance.
Hermes Number	10586
Property Number	

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: Sawmillers began to move into the area in late 1901, when the railway into the

Upper Yarra Valley opened. W. Richards developed tramways along the Britannia Creek valley in 1902 and built this sawmill in 1905. It was purchased by Cuming, Smith & Co. in 1906 and was one of the largest sawmills operated by this company. It used advanced steam powered drag saws and log slitters and became the centre of a substantial. The company closed the mill around 1920 and was sold to Fred and Victor Yelland in 1924.

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