
CAMP HILL NORTH SHALLOW WORKINGS

Location

CRAB TRACK BEAUFORT, PYRENEES SHIRE

Municipality

PYRENEES SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7523-0098

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1900

Camp Hill Shallow Workings, North, comprises a water race, partially infilled gold prospecting pits, remnants of puddling

machines and dams to feed the puddling machines. These shallow alluvial mining features commence in the west at

elevated portions of Camp Hill, where the race redistributes water to downhill features. The pits, dams and puddling

machines are east of the race, and located in the lower sections of a gully which runs parallel to Slaughterhouse land, and

drains into alluvial plains east of Camp Hill. Additional features are likely to exist, however are obscured by dense vegetation.

This site is unlikely to contain archaeological deposits, and contributes only to the broader landscape of alluvial mining in

Beaufort. The site has local historic significance for its contribution to the gold mining history of Beaufort, but no scientific,

social, aesthetic or archaeological significance, and is not recommended for inclusion on the VHI.

It is a typical example of high intensity shallow working area. No documentary evidence was found to establish who and

when the shallow workings were used by, however based upon the technology utilised at the site, it is estimated to date to

the mid to late 1800s, when such mining practices were typically employed in the region.

Hermes Number 201584

Property Number

History

Gold was discovered in Beaufort in 1854, sparking an intense, but short-lived gold rush which was dissipating by the 1860s. Alluvial workings concentrated on gullies and tributaries to the main waterways in the region; Fiery Creek and Yam Holes Creek. Deep lead mining commenced in the 1860s, producing low yields, and continued until the 1870s, however there was a further revival of deep lead mining around the turn of the century.

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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