
THE GAP CAMPING GROUND

Location

GALE STREET, and FISH CREEK-WARATAH ROAD, WARATAH BAY, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO132

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Gap Camping Ground, at the corner of Gale Street and Fish Creek-Waratah Road, Waratah Bay.

Why is it significant?

The Gap Camping Ground is of historic, social and aesthetic significance to South Gippsland Shire.

Historically, the Gap was the place where access was gained to the beach, which allowed people to travel to the early settlement of Walkerville. It later became one of the first beachside recreation spots in the Shire and demonstrates the importance of the Waratah Bay area as a tourist destination from the 1920s. (AHC criteria A4 and D2)

Socially, it is a well known and much loved holiday spot within the South Gippsland region. (AHC criterion G1)

Aesthetically, the timber shelter pavilion with its rustic chimneys add to the picturesque charm of the area. (AHC criterion E1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
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Physical Description 1

The Gap comprises the camping ground that occupies the area between Gale Street and the beach, and more particularly, the entrance to the beach that is located almost directly opposite the right angle corner where Waratah Road turns into Gale Street. This is believed to be the entrance that was created in the late nineteenth century to allow buggies and horses to gain access to the beach.

Situated within the camping is an interwar or postwar Shelter of vernacular construction with halfheight vertical timber clad walls and a stone fireplace at one end. It has a corrugated iron gable roof.

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