

BRUTHEN TO NOWA NOWA (27km)

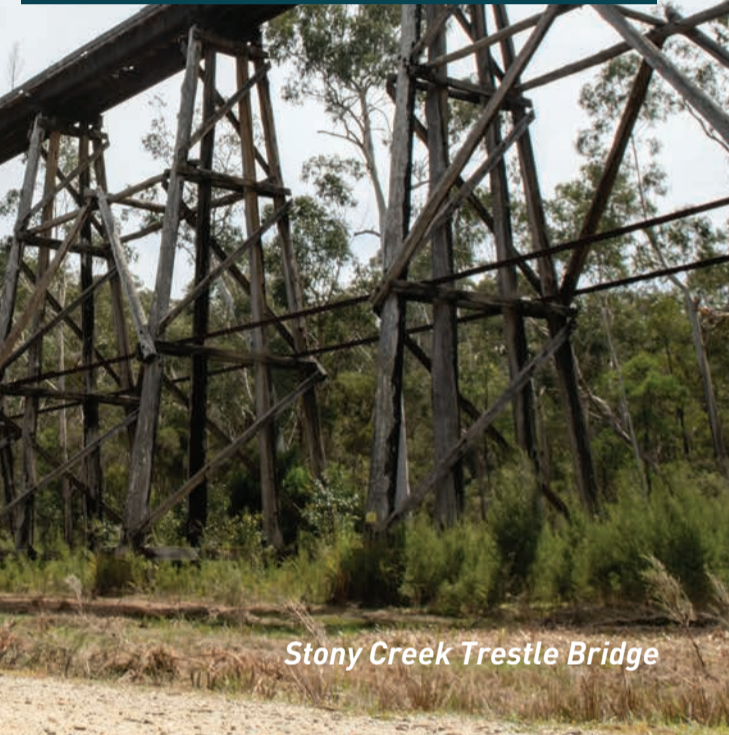
The trail leaves Bruthen and crosses the broad and sandy Tambo River with great views from another historic railway bridge. The trail then enters the Colquhoun State Forest, also home to a popular mountain biking park.

One of the attractions on the rail trail is the Stony Creek trestle bridge, at 276 metres long and 19 metres high, it is a sight to behold. From Stony Creek, it's a relatively short distance to Nowa Nowa.

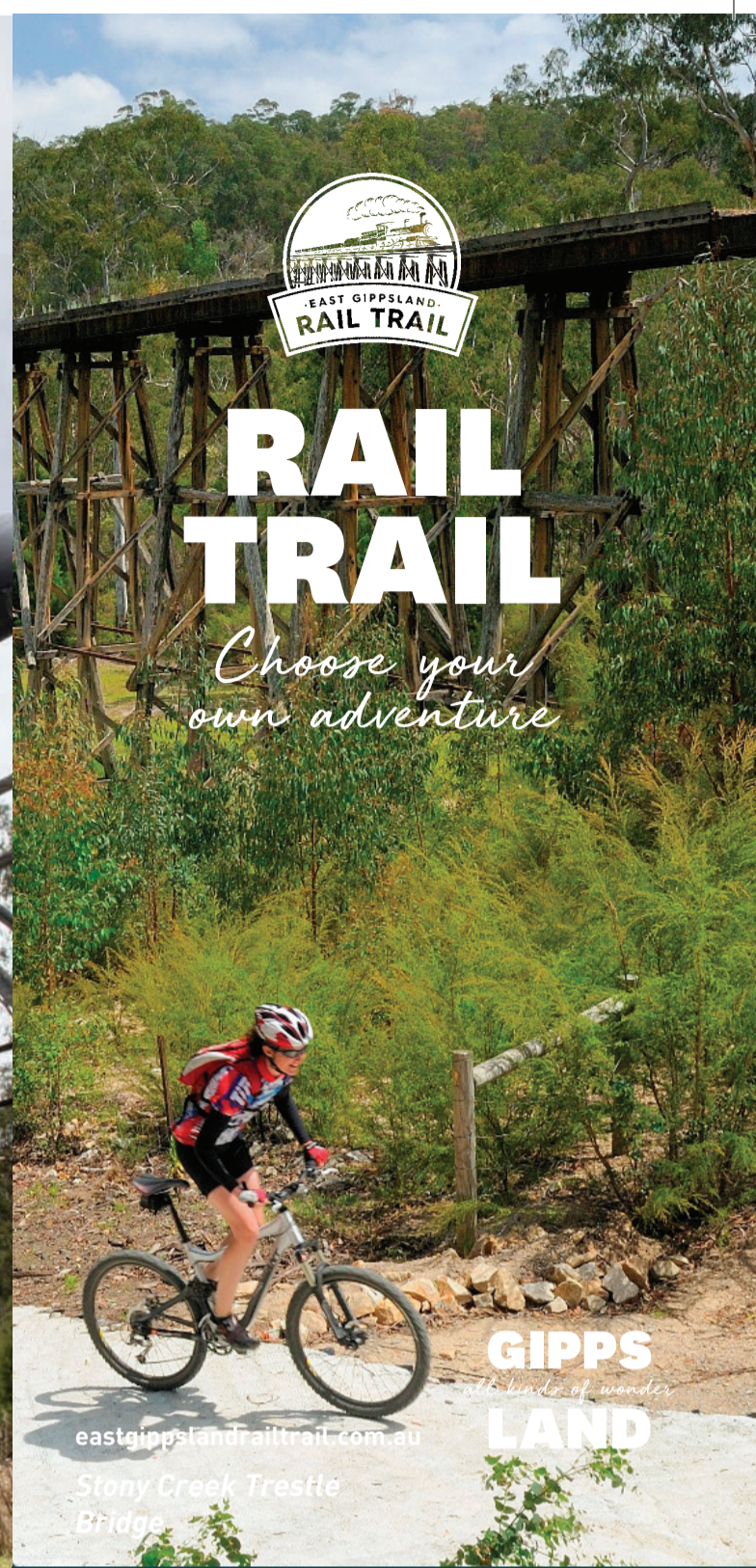
NOWA NOWA TO ORBOST (38km)

Leaving Nowa Nowa, the trail crosses Ironstone Creek (beside an unused timber bridge) before reaching Wairewa where you can view a magnificent curved timber bridge (not in use) and the remains of the Hospital Creek bridge, which was destroyed by fire in 2011. The trail passes cleared grazing land before traversing the Snowy River flats near Newmerella.

A shared pathway takes the trail over the mighty Snowy River and into Forest Park between the river and Orbost township.



Stony Creek Trestle Bridge



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BAIRNSDALE TO NICHOLSON (9km)

The trail commences from Howitt Park on the eastern side of Bairnsdale beyond the Mitchell River Bridge.

The trail is paved all the way to Nicholson and traverses open farmland. Other highlights include Bosses Swamp and the historic Nicholson River Bridge, which the trail passes over.

NICHOLSON TO BRUTHEN (21.5km)

The trail heads east from Nicholson through undulating terrain, crossing Harding Creek and Slaughterhouse Creek, gradually climbing to a remnant grassy woodland reserve at the old Bumberrah station site.

Heading north, trail users can take in picturesque views of the hilly countryside and green pastures, with views of the Tambo River flats and the remnant timber rail bridge at Deep Creek, Wiseleigh.

The trail then edges down into the Bruthen township, the perfect stop for lunch, coffee or a micro-brewed ale.



Nicholson River Bridge

ACCREDITED VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

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2 Marine Parade, Lakes Entrance 3909
Ph. 1800 637 060 www.discovereastgippsland.com.au

Metung Visitor Information Centre

Shop 3, 50 Metung Road, Metung 3904
Ph. 03 5156 2969 www.metungtourism.com.au

INFORMATION CENTRES

Cann River Tourist Information

Cann River Café, Princes Hwy, Cann River 3890
Ph. 03 5158 6255

Bruthen Art & Information Centre

79 Main Street, Bruthen 3885
Ph. 03 5157 5111
www.bruthenartandinformationcentre.org.au

Mallacoota Community Association Visitor Information Shed

Mallacoota Pier, Mallacoota 3892
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Omeo Visitor Information Centre

179 Day Avenue, Omeo 3898
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Orbost Visitor Information Centre at the Slab Hut

31 Nicholson Street, Orbost 3888
Ph. 03 5154 2424



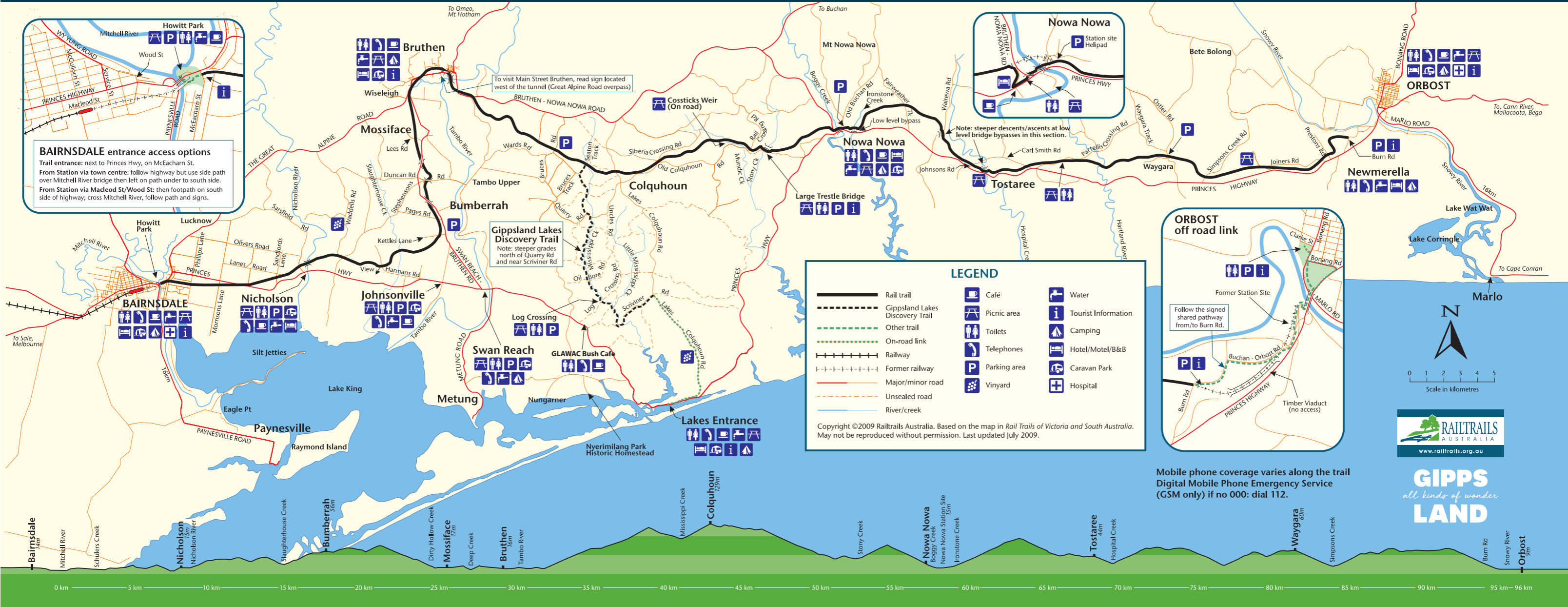
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EAST GIPPSLAND RAIL TRAIL



Side trips RAIL TRAIL

On the East Gippsland Rail Trail you can weave your way from Bairnsdale to Orbost through undulating farmland, temperate rainforests, across historic timber railway bridges and over winding rivers.

One of the longest trails in Victoria, the 97km trail can be tackled in easy sections and is designed for riders from beginner to advanced.

In addition to its breathtaking scenery and diverse natural environment, there are ample opportunities to take a break in the many towns that pass by the trail. Enjoy fresh berries and stone fruit, reward yourself with a micro brewed beer in Bruthen or an award winning Chardonnay in Nicholson; indulge in a Nicholson River pie and savour the flavours of our local produce and home baked bread in Nowa Nowa.

The East Gippsland Rail Trail is the perfect gateway to exploring the naturally magic East Gippsland region.



THE GIPPSLAND LAKES DISCOVERY TRAIL

This trail makes a superb side trip and is part of the route to Lakes Entrance. The Discovery Trail turns off the Rail Trail 11km east of Bruthen. It winds 4km through the forest, past the historic quarry, then follows the tramway alignment along Mississippi Creek for 10km. At Scriveners Road, it's 4km to Lakes Colquhoun Road, then an easy 8km (on road) into Lakes Entrance.



SILT JETTIES AT EAGLE POINT

Just 10 kms from Bairnsdale, the Silt Jetties at the mouth of the Mitchell River are the longest in the world and offer sweeping views of the Gippsland Lakes.



PAYNESVILLE AND RAYMOND ISLAND

The boating and water activities hub on The Lakes, only 16 Kms from Bairnsdale. Raymond Island is home to a wild population of koalas with guaranteed sightings on the koala trail.



MITCHELL RIVER TRAIL

Take an easy ride alongside the beautiful Mitchell River from Bairnsdale to Wy Yung. Continue to Picnic Point Farm for farmgate fresh apples, berries and cherries.



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