About Bruthen

Bruthen is a delightful East Gippsland village situated on the Tambo River 300kms east of Melbourne. With respect, it is acknowledged that the local and indigenous community lived here long before formal settlement began in the late 1890's.

Bruthen was an important trade route with the river accessible to nearby Mossiface. The Bairnsdale to Orbost railway line opened in 1916, closed to passengers in 1935 and now forms the very popular East Gippsland Rail Trail. Agriculture and timber were historical district industries. Today, tourism and cultural attractions add to the local economy.

On your walk look for:

Walk 1: Powerful Owl, Bushy Hedge Grasses
Walk 2: Berry Farm
Walk 3: Explosive Magazine
Walk 4: Plane Crash
Walk 5: Walking Bridge, Police Station, Cemetery, School
Walk 6: Tunnel, Tambo River, Gardens, Skate Park

Flora and Fauna

The most significant vegetation occurs in gullies and in areas dominated by Box/Ironbark forest with a grassy open understorey. The area is home to two endangered species. The Powerful Owl, a large predator of possums and gliders and the Bushy Hedge-Grass, a native tussock which occurs amongst the lilies and orchids north of McLean's Road.

Codes of Practice

1. What you take in, please take out
2. Keep to the sign posted tracks
3. Please don't disturb native plants or animals
4. Respect other user needs i.e. keep to left of track
5. Please keep dogs on a leash
6. Make sure you tell someone of your departure
7. Vehicles, including motorbikes must not be driven off formed roads.All vehicles must be registered and drivers licensed
8. Wear and take appropriate clothing, water bottle and sunscreen

This brochure was produced in partnership with:

A Healthy Tick for Bruthen Steering Committee
(Rose, Sue, Jane, Liz, Andrew, Gus & Bev)
Gippsland Lakes Community Health
Department of Sustainability and Environment
GippSport
Department of Victorian Communities
East Gippsland Rail Trail
Bruthen & District Citizens Association
The Bruthen Community

For advice on disability access please call
Gippsland Lakes Community Health-Bruthen on B/H: 5157 5744

Bruthen Walking Trails

a healthy tick for Bruthen project

Beyond the Rail Trail

Walk - Run - Ride