Scenic Rim Trail—Thornton Trailhead to Canopy Ecocamp

Trail Sections and Classes

Trail and easement lengths

- Class 3 length = 1223.58 m
- Class 4 soil length = 1042.81 m
- Class 4 boulders/scree length = 727.05 m
- Class 5 length = 1926.22 m

Class 3 trails have an easement of 150 m. All other trails have an easement of 30 m. Based on this information, the following easement lengths have been calculated:
  - 150 m easement length = 1223.58 m
  - 30 m easement length = 3078.00 m

Existing QPWS trail length = 23502.36 m

Legend

- Class 3
- Class 4 soil
- Class 4 boulders/scree
- Class 5
- Existing QPWS trail
- Lot number
- Main Range National Park boundary

Scale: 1:50,000

SCENIC RIM TRAIL
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Although the Scenic Rim Trail has been carefully planned to remain within national park and easement boundaries, unavoidable registrations between surveyed routes and existing mapping data have occurred in places.
Map and Elevation Profile of Thornton Trail Section 1

Legend
- Adjoining trail section
- Class 3
- Class 5
- Easement
- Lot number
- Main Range
- National Park
- Boundary

Images
- After leaving the trailhead, the route follows a ridge towards the base of the scarp. A steep country and the only input envisaged would be some initial slashing of grass to mark the route.
- The slope at the base of the escarpment becomes steep and a section of constructed track will be required.
- An eroded break in the cliffs is used for the ascent of scarp.
- A close-up image of the cliffs.

Notes
Total length of section = 3125.45 m
Class 3 length = 328.64 m
Class 5 length = 1848.86 m
Easement 50 m length = 1848.86 m
Easement 150 m length = 328.64 m

Works Required
1. Slash narrow swathe to mark route through open grassy country.
2. Establish narrow track with side cut on steep slope below scarp.
3. Construct enclosed ladder and steps for safe ascent of the top of scarp.

GPS Points
- Marker 1: 563 433333 6920738
- Marker 2: 563 432976 6920680
- Marker 3: 563 432086 6920604
- Marker 4: 563 432526 6920390
Map and Elevation Profile of Thornton Trail Section 2

Legend
- Class 3: Earthworks/construction sites
- Class 5: All other soil conditions
- Easement
- Lot number
- Main Range
- National Park

Class 3: Earthworks/construction sites:
- Easement 30 m

Class 5: All other soil conditions:
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- Easement 30 m

Survey plans have been consulted to ensure that the trail remains located on Guanabide properties and National Park in places where it is located close to property boundaries.

Images
- After climbing the escarpment the route follows the scarp to Mt Melville Farmhouse. All of the route is open country.
- There is an existing cattle pad along the scarp which will provide the basis for the trail.

Notes
- Total length of section = 2068.49 m
- Class 5 length = 2068.49 m
- Easement 30 m length = 2068.49 m

Works Required
1. Some localized removal of Lantana will be required where it has overgrown the cattle pad.
2. The route will be slashed or marked where it briefly detours away from cattle pad or where cattle pad is not obvious.

GPS Points
- Marker 1: 563 432286 6919846
- Marker 2: 563 432276 6919395
- Marker 3: 563 431980 9218976
- Marker 4: 563 432000 6918978
Map and Elevation Profile of Thornton Trail Section 3

Images

1. The trail at 56.3 43214.6 6917340, 375 m north of the Mt Mistake Farmhouse.
2. The trail at 56.3 432148.6917345, 655 m north of the Mt Mistake Farmhouse.
3. The trail at 56.3 432067.691810, 270 m south of the start of Thornton Trail Section 3.

The third section of the Thornton Trail is open and easily traversed.

Notes

- Total length of section = 1508.53 m
- Class 5 length = 1506.53 m
- Easement 30 m length = 1506.53 m

Works Required

1. Some localised removal of Lantana will be required where it has overgrown the cattle pad.
2. The route will be slashed or marked where it briefly detours away from cattle pad or where cattle pad is not obvious.

GPS Points

- Marker 1: 56.3 432063 6918262
- Marker 2: 56.3 432154 6917879
- Marker 3: 56.3 432149 6917478
- Marker 4: 56.3 432142 6917340
Map and Elevation Profile of Sunrise Lookout Walk

Legend
- Adjacent trail section
- Easement
- Existing QPWS trail
- Lot number
- Main Range National Park boundary

Class 4: Softwood/constructed trail; Easement 30 m
Class 5: Will return to pre-ground disturbance, treatment of vegetation to improve access and for visibility; Easement 30 m
Class 6: Forested area; some felled
Class 7: Indicated by untrampled path (not visible on map)

Notes
- Total length of section = 475.88 m
- Class 5 length = 475.88 m
- Easement 30 m length = 475.88 m

Images
- The view at dawn from Sunrise Lookout.
- The Sunrise Lookout Walk route through open, grassy understorey.
- The Sunrise Lookout Walk passes through large numbers of Blair Grass.

Works Required
1. Weeds, primarily Lantana, will be removed from the trail precinct.

GPS Points
- Marker 1: 503 432252 69166937
- Marker 2: 503 432253 69166837
- Marker 3: 503 432260 69166745
- Marker 4: 503 432300 69166657
Map and Elevation Profile of New Walking Trail 1

Images

The route is gently undulating with an open fern understorey below a dense rainforest canopy. It will require little attention apart from a small number of directional markers.

This section detours Eucalyptus forest edges with dense vines and tree colonisers including Giant Stinging Tree.

Notes

This section of walking trail departs the old Winder Road to avoid stinging trees, heavily weed infested areas, a steep climb and a hot exposed area. It climbs 65 m in altitude gradually over 544 m and traverses under a rainforest canopy to rejoin the old road alignment.

Total length of section = 544.43 m
Class 5 length = 544.43 m
Easement 30 m length = 544.43 m

Works Required

1. Direction markers will be established at intersections with other formal or informal tracks.

GPS Points

Marker 1: 563 432999 6915658
Marker 2: 563 433164 6915576
Marker 3: 563 433311 6915465
Map and Elevation Profile of Reopened Winder Road Section 1

Images

After leaving the end of the Northern Fire Trail south of Mount Misable Farmhouse, the route passes through a short section of Escarpia open forest. At this point, the former road is heavily overgrown with weed in places with grades up to 20%.

Notes

This section of the route crosses into the northern-most expanse of rainforest within Main Range National Park. The route follows the crest of the Misable Range which is located to the west of the escarpment. Consequently there are few landmarks along the route and it is easy to take the wrong ridge whilst walking. Between the start and approximately 500m south along the The Reopened Winder Road is ATV track. A proposed deviation (New Walking Trail 1) provides an alternative route for walkers which re-connects with the Reopened Winder Road at the point 500m to the south.

Total length of section = 2210.03 m
Class 5 length = 2210.03 m
Easeement 30 m length = 2210.03 m

Works Required

1. Vegetation will be brush cut and the road surface will be re-profiled.
2. Localised paving will be installed to fix boggy sections including pig walkways.
3. Attention will be directed to drainage on sections of steeper gradient.
4. Direction markers will be established at intersections with other formal or informal tracks.

GPS Points

Marker 1: 563 433500 6915468
Marker 2: 563 433468 6915934
Marker 3: 563 433879 6914763
Marker 4: 563 434166 6914516
Map and Elevation Profile of Reopened Winder Road Section 2

Images

Sections of the route were difficult to re-locate especially where there has been heavy regrowth.

A dense patch of regeneration with Giant Stinging Nettle covering the road surface.

Notes

This section of the route crosses into the northern-most expanse of rainforest within Main Range National Park. The route follows the crest of the Muckle Range which is located to the west of the escarpment. Consequently there are few landmarks along the route and it is easy to take the wrong ridge whilst hiking. Certain sections have had significant disturbance from logging operations or storms resulting in dense low level vine growth.

Total length of section = 2064.39 m
Class 4 soil length = 2064.39 m
Easement 30 m length = 2064.39 m

Works Required

1. Brushing and re-profiling will be required in sections due to a heavy cover of ground vines.
2. Works targeting drainage will be conducted on steeper grades.

GPS Points

Marker 1: 563 434500 9914015
Marker 2: 563 434802 6913635
Marker 3: 563 435230 6913236
Marker 4: 563 435311 6912917
Map and Elevation Profile of Reopened Winder Road Section 3

Images

The route traverses patches of open forest rainforest.

The old road alignment is very distinct and open in certain sections.

A cobble of broken basalt rock covers the road surface in places.

Notes

This section of the route crosses into the northern-most expanse of rainforest within Main Range National Park. The route follows the crest of the Mistake Range which is located to the west of the escarpment. Consequently there are few landmarks along the route and it is easy to take the wrong ridge whilst hiking. The Chute Lookout Deviation Walking Trail leaves the Reopened Winder Road Section 3 at 1250m along the route and rejoins at 1355m.

Total length of section = 2250.95 m
Class 4 soil length = 2250.95 m
Easement 30 m length = 2250.95 m

Works Required

1. Paving and drainage works will be established on long steep grades.

2. Parts of the trail will be re-profiled with attention to drainage.

3. Parts of the trail will be brush cut and re-profiled.

GPS Points

Marker 1: 563 435289 6912793
Marker 2: 563 435494 6912234
Marker 3: 563 435805 6911864
Marker 4: 563 435682 6911415