

# FISH CREEK - LAVER'S HILL - HODDLE RANGE - GSRT A DAY CIRCUIT WALK

Approximately 17 kilometres return. A five to six hour walk.

Walk the GSRT east from Fish Creek 400m to the first picnic-seating area at Battery creek. **1.** Look for the track to cross the main road to the Fish Creek-Quarry Road. **2.** This gravel road changes 800m to a grassy track to the right of a private driveway. Take caution: Can be very wet. Sections are gated. Continue walking out onto the intersection of Quarry and Beards Road. Turn right onto the bitumen. **3.** Walk along this road up to Laver's Hill quarry carpark and entrance. Large quarry trucks use this road section.

Just inside the lower quarry gates on your left you meet the walking trail again as a bush track. NB: Strictly NO ACCESS on the Quarry Site. **4.** The track meanders through regenerating bush of what was once old Fish Creek Gravel Pits. Gentle uphill walking brings you to the upper quarry gravel road access track **5.** and a seat. Here are views across to the Strzelecki Ranges.

Walk the older gravel access road around the northern side of the quarry, down through a lush bush area towards an old woodshed. Take the stile into the South Gippsland Water Catchment area. **6.** Continue to the Battery Creek crossing then make continuous steady uphill progress on the gravel road to a small dry dam and the second stile. **7.** Look for the sign at the fence line.

Follow common sense bush walking protocols.  
Carry water. Be snake aware.  
Respect grazing cattle and sheep. Pass calmly.

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Climb the stile **7.** and walk east up the now grassy old Vic Roads easement towards the Telecommunication Tower. **8.**

At this point you have uninterrupted views south along the Yanakie Isthmus to Wilson's Promontory, east over Corner Inlet to Port Anthony and west over Waratah Bay, Tarwin Valley area and on a clear day Anderson's Inlet, Inverloch.

The trail re-starts from the tower as a gravel road. This leads onto a grassy ridge track (look for red markers) to meet the Loader Track at a group of seats and a table. **9.** The Loader track winds through the Hoddle's diverse indigenous bush flora. There are two seat areas where you can rest and admire the views before reaching the Mt Nicoll Lookout. **10.** and its stunning 360° panorama. A compass trig point indicates key places Gippsland places and their distances.

Continue the walking track down to the Mt Nicoll Road car park **11.** Walk right onto the public gravel road downhill to reconnect with the GSRT. At the final bend before the Foster-Fish Creek Rd look for a walking track at the fenceline and down steeply to the GSRT. **12.** Turn west to return to Fish Creek (approx 6 km).

# Hoddle Mountain Trail

Walk to discover  
South Gippsland's coastal  
Panoramas



Nov 2018 Edition



The Gunai/Kurnai peoples are the traditional custodians of this land. The Bratowaloong occupied approximately 5000sq kms from Cape Liptrap and Tarwin Meadows to Mirboo North, Port Albert and includes Wilson's Promontory. A view over their country shows they were rich in diverse and sustainable resources, including highly valued greenstone and seals.

The area remains seismically active. The sunk-land of Corner Inlet is to the south. The Strzelecki Ranges to the north is an uplifted block formed by crustal compression as continental Australia moves northwards. The rocks of the Strzelecki's formed in Antarctica during the Age of Dinosaurs 120 million years ago. The trail sits on rocks of marine mudstones and sand-stones (400 to 500 million years ago) in places

containing the mineral turquoise. Wilsons Prom is a large granite intrusions. You walk through grass-covered rolling hills, regenerating native vegetation and stands of undisturbed bush remnants. Deep in the Hoddle's gullies are tree ferns and lyrebirds; on its ridges stands of the rarer South Gippsland Mallee. Wedge-tailed eagles frequent this high elevation; eastern grey kangaroos and wallabies are numerous. The panoramic views witness change due to Landcare tree planting practices. The establishment of a green corridor from Cape Liptrap to the Strzelecki is an on-going environmental project sponsored by Greening Australia.

*From an informative book "Prom Country: a History" published by the Foster & District Historical Society. Available from Foster Historical Museum, Foster Newsagency and Gecko Gallery, Fish Creek.*

A walking trail through an area of national geological significance. It is a great opportunity to see our flora and fauna in diverse environments. Rural landscapes, lush fern gullies, and rocky hills reaching heights over 200 meters above sea level.

The Hoddle Mountain Trail is a Grade 3 Walk.


The full trail return circuit is 17kms (approx 6hrs.)

You can do a shorter 11 km walk by parking at the Mt Nicoll Car Park.

**11.** Use a car shuttle to and from Fish Creek.

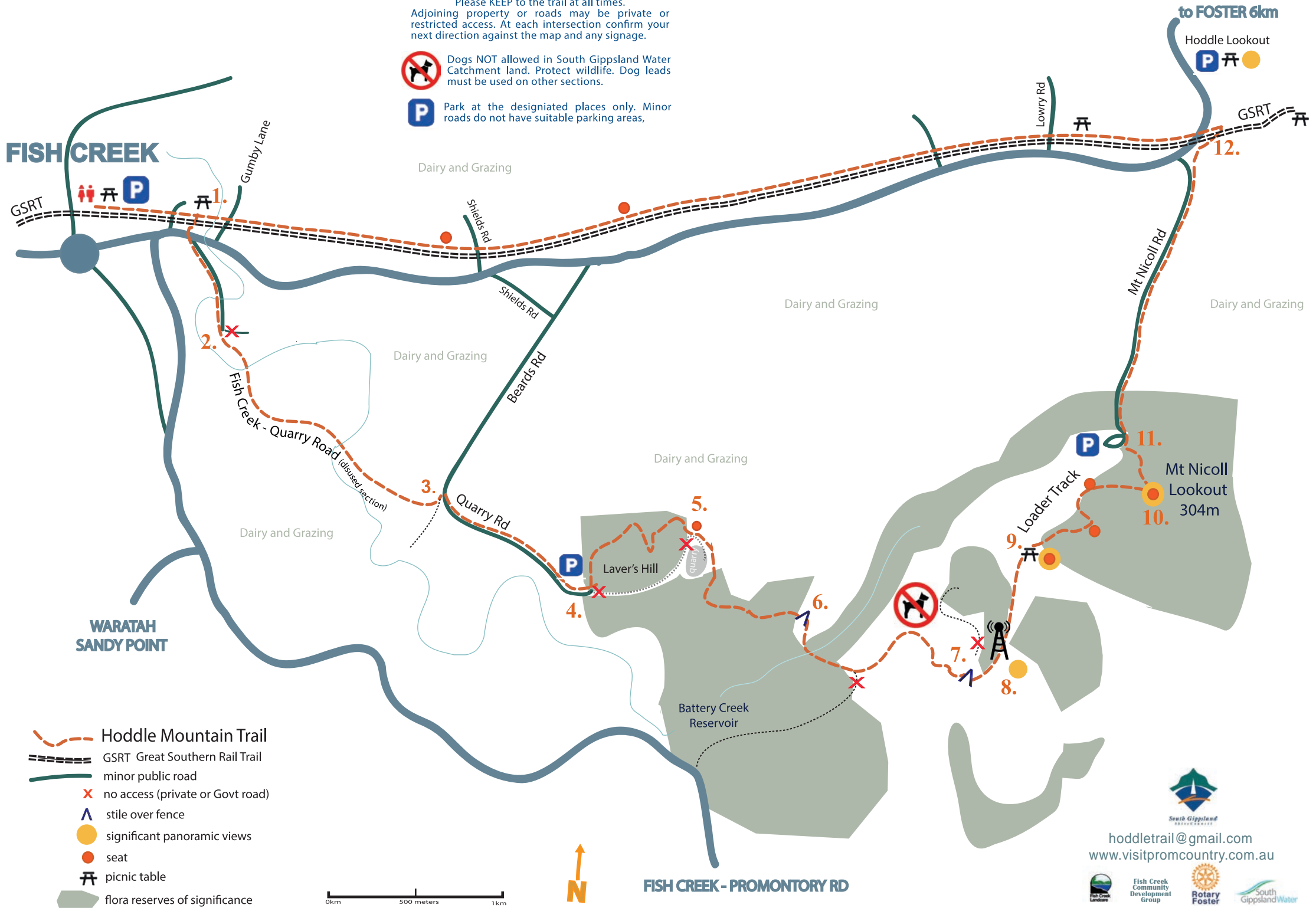
You can also park at either the Mt Nicoll Car Park **11.** or Laver's Hill quarry entrance **4.** and walk short sections and return.










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 Dogs NOT allowed in South Gippsland Water Catchment land. Protect wildlife. Dog leads must be used on other sections.

 Park at the designated places only. Minor roads do not have suitable parking areas,

# FISH CREEK



-  Hoddle Mountain Trail
-  GSRT Great Southern Rail Trail
-  minor public road
-  no access (private or Govt road)
-  stile over fence
-  significant panoramic views
-  seat
-  picnic table
-  flora reserves of significance

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to FOSTER 6km

Hoddle Lookout  
  

Mt Nicoll Lookout  
 304m  
 

FISH CREEK - PROMONTORY RD