

FISH CREEK - LAVER'S HILL - HODDLE RANGE - GSRT

17 kms circuit return walk. Grade 3 walk. 5-6 hours
Parking: Fish Creek Railway Station Site.

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 to a grassy track to the right of a private driveway. Continue walking grassy track out onto the intersection of Quarry and Beards Road. NB: can be very wet. Turn right onto the bitumen. **3.** Walk this road up to Laver's Hill quarry carpark and entrance. Be aware: 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. Walk a little further for panoramic views west to Koonwarra hills and north 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. NB: Look for signs to keep to correct track. Near a small dry dam is the second stile over a fence. **7.**

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 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 meeting the Foster-Fish Creek Rd look for a walking track at the fenceline and follow 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.



The Hoddle Mountain Trail is a Grade 3 Walk.
The trail can be walked as a 17 km circuit
or as a series of short walks



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Telecommunications Tower

Map 7.

Laver's Hill

Map 5.

Fish Creek

The Gunai/Kurnai peoples are the traditional custodians of this land. The Bratowalooing 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. Where as Wilsons Prom is an

area formed by large granite intrusions. On the Hoddle Mountain Trail you will 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 rare stands of the South Gippsland Mallee trees. Wedge-tailed eagles frequent this high elevation; eastern grey kangaroos, wallabies and wombats are numerous. The panoramic views is witness to pioneer land clearing for farms and the newer changes 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 at 300 meters above sea level.

Mt Nicoll Lookout - Loader Track-Telecommunications Tower.
Approx 4km return walk. Grade 3 Walk. 1-2 hours. [Map 11-8](#)

Mt Nicoll Lookout - Laver's Hill.
Approx 8km return walk. Grade 3 Walk. 2-3 hours. [Map 11-5](#)

Lower Quarry Gates - Laver's Hill.
Approx 2km return. Grade 3 Walk. 40 mins. [Map 4-5](#)

FISH CREEK



GSRT

WARATAH SANDY POINT

- 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 on both private and Public lands

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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,

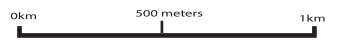
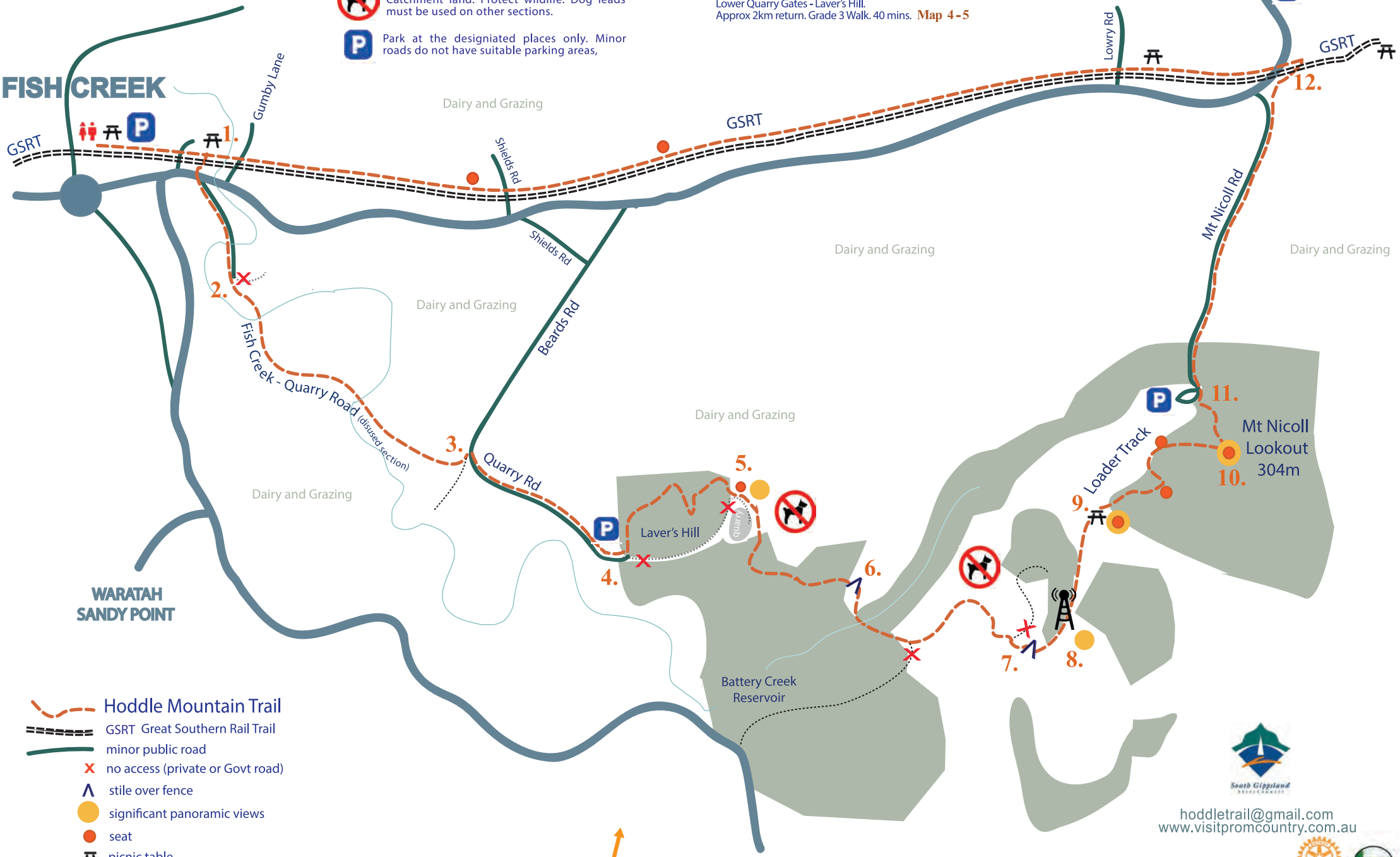
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