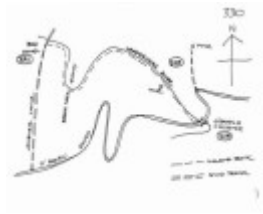

Rock Cut Tunnel, ford and water race (Break Neck Gully, via Ambler Lane Track)



Ambler Lane (FWD), Break Neck Gully (North of O'Brien's Crossing).



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Location

Ambler Lane, MOORABOOL SHIRE

Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO151

Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 1, 1995

A water race in Lerderderg Gorge with sections rock-cut, mortared freestone, earth-walled channel and possibly once on timber races. There is a rock-cut tunnel at Tunnel Point, a ford and hut sites.

This long site is of local historical significance as a representative embodiment of an extractive process for recovery of gold and a way of life in the late nineteenth century. It is of scientific significance for its archaeological research potential.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
Hermes Number	124314
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Physical Description 1

A water race cut in the east bank, running from Graham Dam to the Darley crossing in Lerderderg Gorge has sections of rock cut, mortared freestone and

earth walled channel. Sections with no clear channel may have been constructed with timber races. Off the channel, which now has a walking track following it, are several tunnel entrances, mostly caved in. Elsewhere are test pits and shallow shafts. Hut sites have also been identified and these may provide important archaeological evidence.

A walking track now follows the course of the race which is silted or eroded in several places. Several mine-shafts can be seen along the race. Additional channels can be traced for short distances on both sides of the river and a longer section exists at the end of the Upper Chadwick Track associated with stones from a hut. (Refer : maps).

Historical Australian Themes

Mining

Intactness

Reasonable

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:

ENGINEERING STRUCTURE. MINING FORMATION.

Usage/Formal Usage

USE: Derelict.

PREVIOUS USE: Ford, tunnel, water race and hut sites.

Physical Conditions

CONDITION: Reasonable

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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