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# BARBOUR'S AND CROSSLEY'S TRAMWAYS AND LOG CHUTES

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## Location

CAMERON DRIVE MOUNT MACEDON, MACEDON RANGES SHIRE

## Municipality

MACEDON RANGES SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7823-0048

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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State - the two sites incorporate the oldest known log chute (Barbour's) in Victoria and one of the oldest extant tramway formations in Victoria.

### Interpretation of Site

Barbour's tramway descended west across the slope of Mount Macedon, terminating at the top of a log chute. The chute descended steeply to the west to the site of the mill. The chute today is represented by a surface depression approx 1 metre wide.

Crossley's tramway descended north-west to a log yard and winding engine. At this point, the log chute descended to a mill. Crossley's tramway and log chute formations are extremely overgrown.

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## History

ROBERT BARBOUR'S "BLACK FOREST SAW MILL" WAS ERECTED ON CAZZA IN THE PARISH OF NEWHAM IN 1856. BARBOUR CONSTRUCTED A TRAMWAY ON THE PLATEAU ABOVE THE MILL AND BROUGHT LOGS TO THE HEAD OF A ONE-MILE-LONG CHUTE ABOVE THE MILL. THE DATE OF THE CLOSURE IS NOT KNOWN. WILLIAM CROSSLEY WAS THE PROPRIETOR OF THE "VICTORA STEAM SAW MILLS" ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MT MACEDON BY 1863. CROSSLEY BUILT A SIMILAR LOG CHUTE DELIVERY SYSTEM BUT INCLUDED A WINDING ENGINE AT THE HEAD OF THE CHUTE.

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