
GLUT ESCARPMENT WAGON TRACK AND LOG CHUTE

Location

RAGLAN-ELMHURST ROAD RAGLAN, PYRENEES SHIRE

Municipality

PYRENEES SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7523-0065

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO50

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Glut log chute is a rare surviving example of a log delivery system which operated during the early period of Victorian sawmilling. The chute was constructed by Charles Tunbridge around 1863 to deliver logs to his steam sawmill near Raglan, north of Beaufort. The site features the remains of a 300 metre chute formation descending steeply from the Mount Cole plateau towards Fiery Creek. The chute is 1.5 metres wide and 0.5 metres deep, carefully sited to avoid the large granite outcrops which dot the hillside.

How is it significant?

The Glut log chute is of historical and scientific significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Glut log chute is historically and scientifically significant as an early and well preserved example of a

nineteenth-century log delivery route. Log chutes are rare in Victoria and Tunbridge's is a substantially intact formation of its kind. The remains of the chute demonstrate the engineering required to operate in steeply forested terrain. Sawmilling in the Mount Cole area provided timber products which were crucial to the success of the local gold mining industry.

[Source: Victorian Heritage Register]

Interpretation of Site	TUNBRIDGE'S LOG CHUTE OPERATED FROM THE 1860S TO C.1878. IT WAS USED TO DELIVER LOGS FROM THE MOUNT COLE PLATEAU NORTH-EASTWARD TO THEIR SAWMILL BELOW. DAVID SANDERSON ESTABLISHED A SAWMILL NEARBY ON THE MOUNT COLE PLATEAU IN 1880. HE SENT SAWN TIMBER TO THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN, USING A WAGON TRACK CUT ACROSS THE HILLSIDE.
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History

TURNBRIDGE'S LOG CHUTE OPERATED BETWEEN THE 1860s AND C1878. DAVID SANDERSON OCCUPIED A SAWMILL SITE BESIDE CAVE HILL CREEK IN 1880. HE USED A WAGON TRACK TO DELIVER SAWN TIMBER DOWN THE MOUNTAIN. THE SITE WAS CUT OUT IN 1885

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