

Choof Choof Picnic and Camping Area

Choof Choof Camping and Picnic Area is situated on a backwater of the Cann River, adjacent to Lake Furnell 20km south of the Cann River Township within the Tamboon State Forest, which is managed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE).

Choof Choof Picnic and Camping Area provides an ideal base location to set up camp and then go fishing, swimming, walking, or exploring the Tamboon Inlet, one of the region's beautiful coastal attractions, which can be reached by boat, with a boat ramp located at nearby Furnells Landing.



Getting there

From Melbourne travel east to Cann River via the Princes Highway. Depart Cann River via the southward-bound Tamboon Road. Travel this sealed road for 15km, and a further 10km on the now gravel Tamboon Road. Turn right onto Choof Choof Track and after 450m you will reach the picnic and camping area.

This site is accessible to both 2WD and 4WD vehicles during dry weather, but only 4WD vehicles when wet.

What facilities are provided?

- There is one main campsite which has a composting toilet, two picnic tables, and a central solid fuel fireplace, available for both campers and those visiting for the day. Firewood is supplied to this site.
- Remember **do not light fires on a day of Total Fire Ban**.
- There are no facilities for rubbish collection. Please take your rubbish with you when departing.
- The water in the river is brackish and not suitable for consumption. Please carry drinking water with you.
- Due to limited parking space and track conditions the site is not suited to vehicles towing boats or caravans.

Attractions

Water based activities

The estuary system is great for fishing, canoeing and boating activities. Boats can be launched from Furnell Landing located at the end of Tamboon Road.

Furnells Landing Walking Track

Skill Level: Moderate Fitness Level: Average
2.4 km return (1 hour)

The walking track can be accessed from the picnic and camping area or Furnells Landing. Allow about one hour to complete the return journey. The walk follows the picturesque Cann River and is of medium grade.

Traditional Custodians

The estuarine environment of the Cann River was extremely important to the local indigenous people. It provided them with an extensive source of food and was an area they would visit as they moved between the mountains and the coast. The area around Cann River and Mallacoota was the country of the Bidawal, who had close relations and similarities with the Gunai / Kurnai and Monaro people. It was their land management over thousands of years which helped shape the forest we see in East Gippsland today.

European History

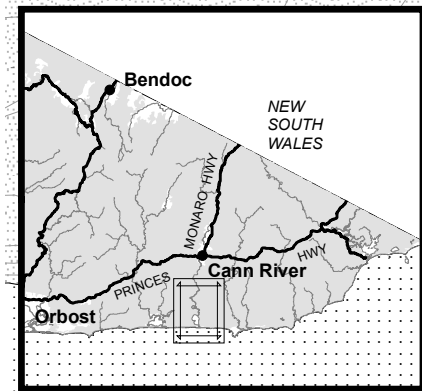
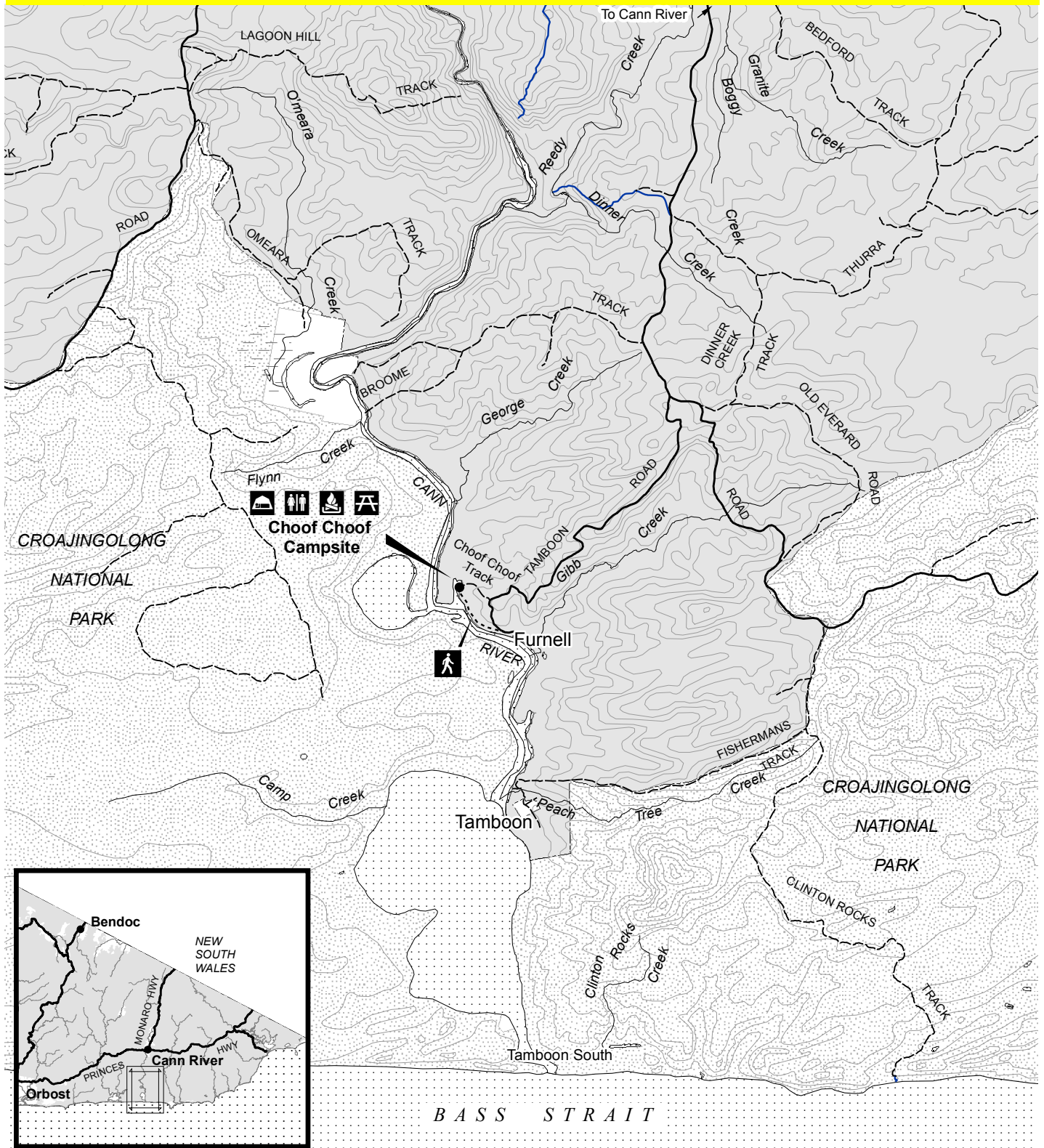
In the 1900's the Tamboon inlet and estuary was home to a number of commercial fishing vessels. The area at Choof Choof Track was where they would moor their vessels with the track being named after the sound of the boats' motors. The last commercial fisherman ceased fishing the lake in 2001. A relic of the old boats can be seen in the water a short distance downriver from the campsite.

For more information

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is responsible for managing Victoria's State Forest. For further information contact the DSE office at Cann River (☎ 5158 2100) or DSE's Customer Service Centre (☎ 136 186). If you are interested in how State Forests are managed, the current East Gippsland Forest Management Plan can be viewed on the Department's website:

<http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/forests>

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	Highway		State Forest		Camping
	Minor road		National Park		Picnic table
	Vehicular Track - 4WD only		Private property		Fireplace
	Walking track		Water areas		Toilet
	Streams				Walking track

Contour interval 20 metres

0 0.5 1 2 3
Kilometers

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