

## Bungendore Riding Club trail ride

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020

10 am to be saddled up and start riding

**Ride Distance:** just under 10 km return on forestry trails. We should take less than 4 hours including time at Sherwood

**Pace:** walking

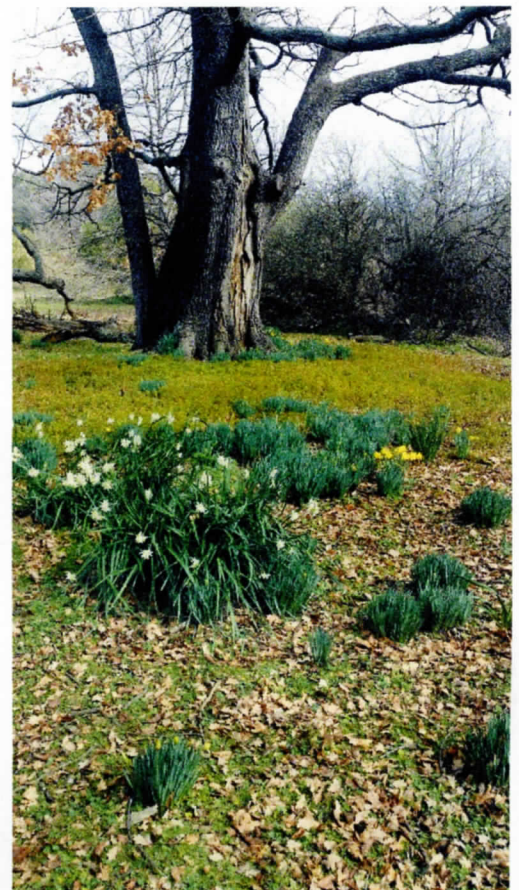
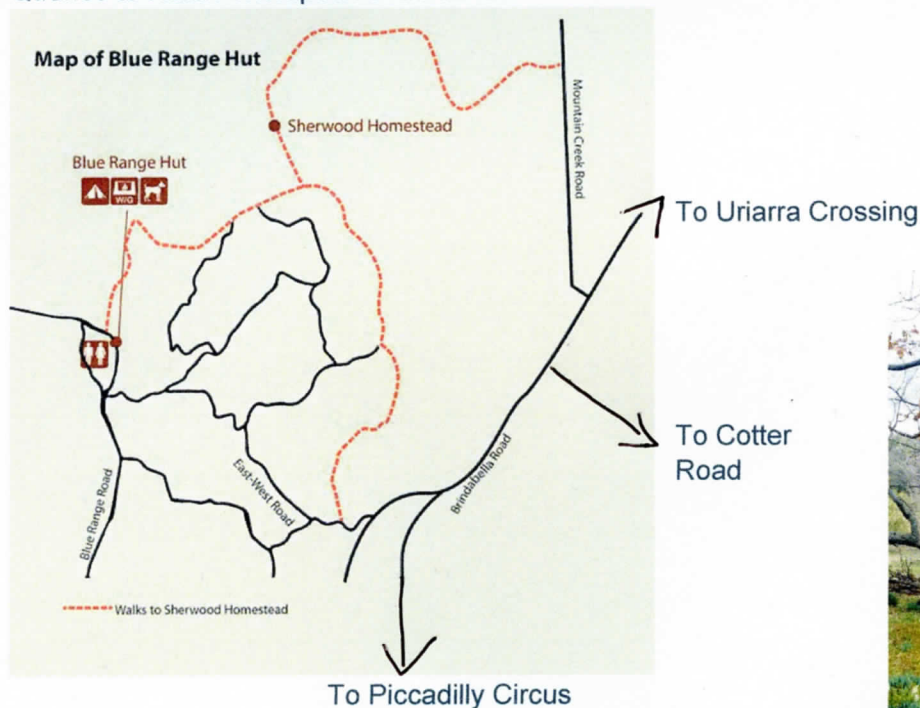
**Directions:** map attached. Go either via Uriarra Crossing or the Cotter River bridge. Drive along Brindabella Road (toward Piccadilly Circus). About 2 km past Uriarra Homestead there is an intersection to the right with East-West Road (not on GPS, but there is a sign on the road). We will park at this intersection. Takes about 40 mins from Civic, so allow enough time for the trip as it is slow through the new Molonglo suburbs.

**Food:** BYO nibbles, but we won't stop for lunch (have food in the car for when we return)

**Parking:** Maximum of 5 floats. Park at the intersection of East-West Rd & Brindabella Rd. There is not a lot of parking space for floats - & less if the motor bike riders get there first, so we can fit in 5 floats.

**Car & bike sensible horses only please.** The parking area is on the edge of the busy Brindabella road. There are motor bikes in the pine forest (they are not meant to be in Sherwood itself, but they can get in by cutting fences & over the horse cavaletti) so horses need to be good with traffic and motor bikes

**Registration:** required, but no charge for the day. Covid Declaration forms (on the BRC website) required. Queries to Helen Thompson 0428 624874



This ride goes to "the remains of the Sherwood Homestead and gardens, first established by Henry & Eliza Phillips in 1863. All that remains of the actual homestead is some stones from the fireplace and a number of exotic trees.

In spring, many daffodils flourish, which likely date back to the time of the Phillips occupation. The garden was once delightful with flowers, cherry trees, apples, walnuts, raspberry bushes and more. On Ropers Hill, overlooking the site, the stump of a once massive oak tree still stands. This is the site where Henry, Eliza and their infant son, Henry now lie. A wooden fence surrounds the stump and a memorial plaque set in stone was put in place in November 2000.