

## MORE PLACES TO VISIT

While in East Gippsland there are a variety of places to visit. Some can be a quick picnic stop, while at others you may wish to stay awhile or return to, because several are sites for seasonal migrant birds.

### Guide

No.	Location
1.	BAIRNSDALE
2.	LINDENOW
3.	MITCHELL RIVER NATIONAL PARK
4.	PAYNESVILLE
5.	NICHOLSON
6.	METUNG
7.	LAKES ENTRANCE
8.	LAKE TYERS
9.	BRUTHEN
10.	BUCHAN
11.	NOWA NOWA
12.	MARLO
13.	OMEO
14.	MALLACOOTA

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## BUCHAN



Hooded Robin - Ron Mackenzie

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## BIRDWATCHING AROUND BUCHAN

Buchan is well known for its underground wonderland of caves. Frank Moon discovered the Fairy Cave in 1907 and three years later in 1910 the Royal Cave was discovered.

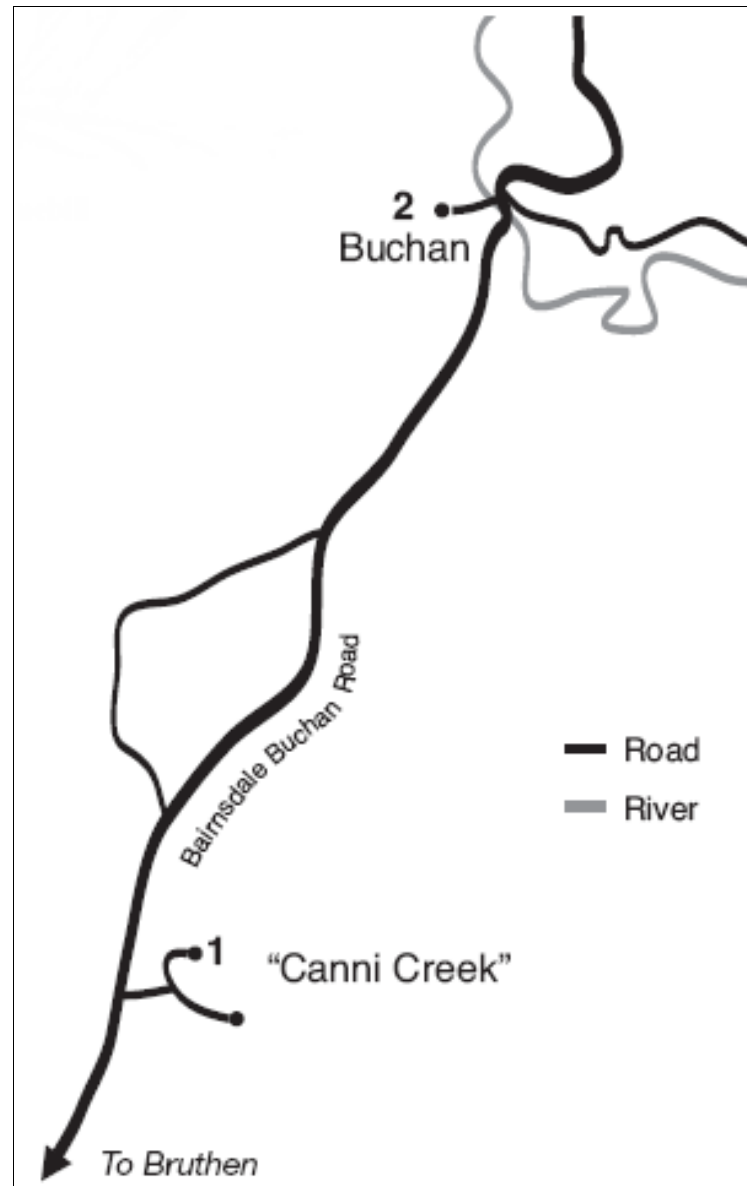
South of the town is the Buchan Racecourse and Golf Course.

**1. “Canni Creek”** is the local name for the Buchan Golf Course and Race Track. Canni Creek is worth a visit for a sighting of the Hooded Robin. It seems to be a year round resident at the golf course.

To get to Canni Creek from the south take the turn off from the Bairnsdale/Buchan Road on the right, just after crossing Canni Creek. The track in is lined with Callistemons so watch for Honeyeaters when the Callistemons flower in spring.

The track forks – the left fork takes you to the race track, while the right leads to the golf course. As golfers may be using the course it is better to park around at the race track. It is, however, worthwhile to take a walk right around the area including the far side near the golf club rooms.

In the past the Southern Emu-wren was seen in the heath in the middle of the course but has not been seen on recent visits. A grass fire went through the area in 2003 after a long period of drought; we are hopeful of the Emu-wren's return when the heath has recovered. The Hooded Robin is easily seen, also the Scarlet and Flame Robin. Jacky Winter are also present. The female Hooded Robin and Jacky Winter can be tricky at first glance, so be careful !



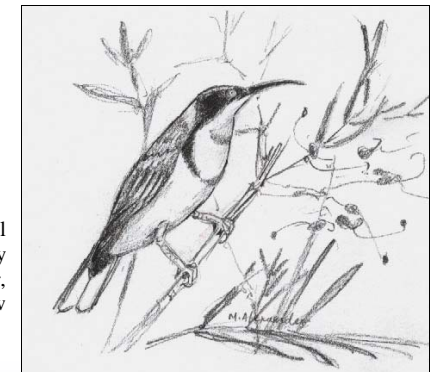
### 1. Canni Creek (continued)

Both the Restless and Leaden Flycatcher inhabit the area near the golf clubhouse. A good variety of Honeyeater, Whistler, Thornbill and Gerygone could also be seen.

### 2. Buchan

The picnic area at The Caves carpark has BBQ, a kiosk and toilet facilities available. A camping ground is adjacent to the picnic area. It is also an excellent place for birds. A number of walks are available including Spring Creek Walk (3km return); Moon Hill Walk (0.5km return); Caves Reserve Track (4km return); and Granite Pools Walk (4km return). The Superb Lyrebird can be sighted along the Spring Creek and Granite Pools Walks. Other species in the area are:-Australian King Parrot, Australian Raven, White-winged Chough, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Yellow-tufted Honeyeater, Golden and Olive Whistler, Eastern Yellow Robin and the Restless Flycatcher.

Park maps are available at the kiosk.



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