

# Timber Tramways in New South Wales

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This listing of timber tramways and reference material is intended to guide interested readers into the literature on timber tramways in NSW. The listing updates that published in April 2000 on the Society website (<http://www.lrrsa.org.au/biblin2.pdf>). There were probably more timber tramways and published material. A few notable internal lines around sawmills are included to demonstrate the type. Readers are invited to add to the list so it may be as complete as possible.

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LOCATION	NOTES	REFERENCES
<b>Far North Coast</b>		
Roseberry, Toonbar State Forest north of Kyogle	Full wagons that were descending drew the empty wagons up the hill above the sawmill.	FC file #8621.
Glen Oxley	Tramline in to a sawmill on the Pacific Highway.	Cowarral 1:63,360 map. 1942. FC file #8621.
Cox's Road, Casino	Ces Graham, ran through virgin rainforest.	FC file #8621.
Cangai	Firewood tramway brought logs in to the copper smelter. One steam locomotive.	Shoebridge J. The Cangai Railway: Grafton Copper Company Firewood Tramway. <i>LR</i> No. 134, October 1996.
Long Creek, Roseberry State Forest north of Casino	Munro & Lever.	Singleton CC. Long Creek Timber Company. <i>ARHS Bn</i> No. 103, May 1946. Rutley. G. Levers Tramway Long Creek, NSW. <i>LR</i> No. 63, January 1979.
Murrayville, Clarence River	Horse drawn trolleys to Murray Brothers mill.	<i>Dalgety's Review</i> , 1 November 1901.

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## North Coast

Wedding Bells State Forest to Mount George railway station	One homemade, one converted steam locomotive, one 'FWD' motor lorry, and rail tractors hauled logs from the forest down hill to a sawmill at the railway station.	Eardley GH. The Rhodes Timber Company's Mount George logging tramway. <i>ARHS Bn</i> No. 282, April 1961.
B.A.T. Co., Woolgoolga	To haul logs from log depots to a sawmill at Woolgoolga jetty.	Editor. 1945. The Tramways of Woolgoolga, The British Australian Timber Company. <i>ARHS Bn</i> No. 94, August. Yeates N. 1982. <i>Woolgoolga - The History of a Village, North Coast, N.S.W.</i> Advocate-Opinion Press, Coffs Harbour. Longworth J. The Jetty and Sawmill Tramways of Woolgoolga. <i>ARHS Bn</i> No.832. February 2007.
G.N.T. Co., Woolgoolga	To haul logs from log depots to a sawmill at Woolgoolga jetty.	Editor. 1945. The tramways of Woolgoolga, The British Australian Timber Company. <i>ARHS Bn</i> No. 94, August. Yeates N. 1982. <i>Woolgoolga - The History of a Village, North Coast, N.S.W.</i> Advocate-Opinion Press, Coffs Harbour. Kramer J. 1982. NSW north coast tramway remains. <i>LRN</i> No. 29, August. Longworth J. The Jetty and Sawmill Tramways of Woolgoolga. <i>ARHS Bn</i> No.832. February 2007.
Bonville	Maharatta sawmill to Bonville Railway Station	Editor. 1945. Coffs Harbour tramways. <i>ARHS Bn</i> No. 91, May. Longworth J. Timber Tramways of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Section. <i>Byways of Steam</i> No.26. In press.
Boambee	Nondaville sawmill to Boambee Railway Station	Editor. 1945. Coffs Harbour tramways. <i>ARHS Bn</i> No. 91, May; Wright H. 1968. Shay locomotives in Australia. <i>LR</i> No. 22, Summer. Longworth J. Timber Tramways of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Section. <i>Byways of Steam</i> No.26. In press.

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B.A.T. Co., Coffs Harbour	Logging lines from forest to depot at Korora to a sawmill at Coffs Harbour	Editor. 1945. Coffs Harbour tramways. <i>ARHS Bn</i> No. 91, May; Kramer J. 1984. Ships and timber: a short history of Coffs Harbour port and associated railways. <i>LR</i> No. 86, October. Longworth J. The Timber Tramways of Coffs Harbour. <i>ARHS Bn</i> No. 824, June 2006.
Langley Bros., Coffs Harbour		Editor. 1945. Coffs Harbour tramways. <i>ARHS Bn</i> No. 91, May; Kramer J. 1984. Ships and timber: a short history of Coffs Harbour port and associated railways. <i>LR</i> No. 86, October. Longworth J. The Timber Tramways of Coffs Harbour. <i>ARHS Bn</i> No. 824, June 2006.
Heweston & Co., Tooloom Lookout, Urbenville	Gravity worked incline.	FC file #8621.
A&E Ellis, Picket Hill scrub, Newry State Forest Urunga	Horse hauled logs from forest to drougher on Picket Hill Creek.	Wright H. Personal notes.
Kennedy's Mt north of Wauchope	An incline powered by a winch on the back of a truck lowered logs down a spur off the mountain to a sawmill at the base.	<i>Hastings Shire Gazette</i> . 7 July 1977.
The Bluff, Telegraph Point.	Incline down a steep bluff	FC file #8621.
Twomey family, Camden Haven	A horse powered tramway to pull logs off Middle Brother Mountain.	Author. Personal collection.
W&D Longworth; Longworth (Laurieton) Ltd., Cataract to Kendall, Camden Haven River		Dewey CF. In the Timber Country, a unique railway trip. <i>The Railway &amp; Tramway Staff</i> . 20 June 1924. Thomas CB. NSW private railways Kendall to Cataract River. <i>ARHS Bn</i> No. 44, June 1941. Editor. The tramways of Kendal Longworth Limited. <i>ARHS Bn</i> No. 95, September 1945. Cooper R. Longworth's Logging Line - an Operational History. <i>LR</i> No. 131, January 1996.

Mr. Temperley's mill on Saville Creek, Lansdowne.		Boyce E. 1986. <i>Timber on the Manning</i> . Manning Valley Historical Society.
W. Langley & Sons, Lansdowne State Forest, Langley Vale, 20km northeast of Taree		<i>Forest Wealth</i> . 1925. [film]. Forestry Commission. 1991. Langley Vale Tramway Relics Survey. File #6883.
George Walters & Co., Lansdowne State Forest south of Langley's to a wharf	Horse powered	Author. Personal collection.
Stratford	From Dog Trap to station yard. Horse hauled, 3ft 6in gauge.	Author. Personal collection.
The Glen, Craven State Forest to Craven railway station	Standard gauge steam locomotives hauled logs into the PWD Craven and Gloucester Sawmills	Anon. The Craven Timber Railway. <i>ARHS Bn</i> No. 143. in. <i>Railways in Australia</i> , September 1949.
Allen Taylor & Co., Wang Wauk State Forest, 30km west of Forster		Ritter J. nd.
PWD, Chichester Dam construction site	Hauled logs from forest to a sawmill at the damsite, and shortwood billets from forest to a power station at the damsite during construction of the dam.	Longworth J. Tramways used in construction of the Chichester River Gravitation Scheme. <i>LRRSA (NSW Division) Research Bulletin</i> No. 7, January 1991.
Simsville to Stroud	Hauled logs from forest to a central sawmill at Simsville, and milled timber out to road transport at Stroud and a wharf at Pumpkin Point	McNeil IJ. Simsville and the Jarrah Mill. <i>LR</i> No. 113, July 1991.
G. Walters & the A.T. Co., Cooperbrook	tramway.	<i>Wingham Chronicle</i> . 20 April 1898(?).
Mitchell's Island, Manning River	Wooden railed tramway from river into forest. Horse hauled.	Boyce E. 1986. <i>Timber on the Manning</i> . Manning Valley Historical Society.
Wallingat State Forest to Tarbuck Point on Smiths Lake	Hauled logs from forest to drougher on the lake.	Longworth J. Hudson Brothers' timber tramways between Tarbuck Brush and Narani. <i>LR</i> No. 155, October 2000.

Tramline Beach on Smiths Lake to Narani sawmill on Myall Lake	Log portage railway between Smiths Lake and Myall Lake.	Madden R. The Narani-Forster-Ulverstone Locomotive Conundrum. <i>LR</i> No. 153, June 2000. Longworth J. Hudson Brothers' timber tramways between Tarbuck Brush and Narani. <i>LR</i> No. 155, October 2000.
Alexander Croll & Son's, western side of Mayers Point on Myall Lake	Hauled logs from forest to lakeside jetty.	Garland HK. & Wheeler J. 1982. <i>Myall Lakes creation to controversy</i> . Palms Press, Australia. Longworth J. Alexander Croll's Timber Tramway: Myall Lake. <i>LR</i> No. 182, April 2005.
Allen Taylor, Wootton to Mayers Point (eastern side) on Myall Lake	Steam hauled line brought logs into a mill on the lakeside.	Wright HJ. Mayers Point - Wootton - Horses Creek timber tramway, Allen Taylor and Co. Ltd. <i>ARHS Bn</i> No. 540, October 1982.
Deep Creek Markwell		McNeil I. The Markwell Timber Tramway. <i>LR</i> No. 132, April 1996.
Port Stephens Hardwood Timber Co., Bulladelah	Operated by a secondhand steam tram motor the line carried logs in to the sawmill, and sawn timber out to the road.	McNeil I. Timber from Purgatory. <i>LR</i> No. 129, July 1995.
Allen Taylor and Co., Crawford Road to Bulahdelah Road	Only earthworks built	Author. Personal collection.
Hat Head.		Author. Personal collection.
Wauchope Bulahdelah	Timber Town logging museum Logging museum.	Various publicity materials. <i>The Star</i> . 23 December 1987.
Coolongolook		<i>Great Lakes Advocate</i> . December 1988.

### **Dorrigo Plateau**

The Syndicate ridge, Glennifer	Single track incline lowered logs down the face of the escarpment to the mill below.	McNeil I. Logging tramways of the Dorrigo Plateaux, New South Wales. <i>LR</i> No. 100, April 1988. <i>N.S.W Railway and Tramway Budget</i> . 2 July 1923.
The Brooklana Timber Co., Kooralbyn Creek to Brooklana	Used horses to haul logs from forest to sawmill	McNeil I. 1988.

GL Briggs & Sons Pty. Ltd., Cedar Road to Briggsvale	Side rod and climax locomotives to haul logs from the forest to the sawmill at Briggsvale Railway Station	McNeil I. 1988.
GL Briggs & Sons Ltd., Slingsbys Road Leigh		McNeil I. 1988
Earp, Woodcock, Beveridge & Co. Ltd., north west of Cascade		McNeil I. 1988.
Walters, Middleton & Eades, Mobong Creek to Cascade		McNeil I. 1988.
Timmsvale Timber Co., Timmsvale		McNeil I. 1988.

### Western Plains

Cobar Copper Mines	A 2ft 6in gauge fuel wood line operated by 6 steam locomotives supplied the copper mine furnaces, pit props, green wood for the roast heaps, and wood for domestic use in the town.	Shoebridge JW. The railways of "The Great Cobar". <i>ARHS Bn</i> No. 383, September 1969. Clelland W. 1984. <i>Cobar Founding Fathers</i> . Macquarie Publications, Dubbo. Madden R. Mort's Dock & John Fowler Locomotives of the Great Cobar Copper Mining Company Firewood Tramway, Cobar. <i>LR</i> No. 146, April 1999. McKillop R. Mining Railways at Cobar, 1. <i>LR</i> No. 149, October 1999.
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### Central Coast; Sydney; Illawarra

Olney State Forest Wyong	Double track incline	Holmes L. & Ritter J. Carson's timber operations in the Olney State Forest, New South Wales. <i>LR</i> No. 98, October 1987.
Avoca to The Haven, Terrigal	Carried logs from Avoca lagoon to the sawmill at The Haven.	Swancott C. 1954. <i>The Brisbane Water Story, Part Three: Erina, Kingcumber, Terrigal, Wamberal, etc.</i> Brisbane Water Historical Society.

Killarney Heights		<i>North Shore Times</i> , 26 February 1986.
Tommy's Gully to Cattai Creek	Incline out of gully, then down ridge to a sawmill on Cattai Creek	Longworth J & Fleming G. Tommy's Gully Timber Tramway. <i>LR</i> No. 127, January 1995.
Anchau, Windsor, Pye & Boxall, Windsor	Two mysterious lines.	Eardley GH. Manuscripts in Mitchell Library.
Hudsons, Castle Hill	Internal sawmill lines	Author. Personal collection.
Sigway, Chullora	Internal sawmill lines	Author. Personal collection.
Hart & Hitchcock, Parramatta River	Wharf – sawmill – storage yard	Kelson M. 1984. <i>Parramatta ... The Early Years</i> . View Productions.
Sydney Harbour-side sawmills	Lines between wharf and sawmill to transport logs and sawn timber	Author. Personal collection.
Sherbrooke to Cataract Dam construction site	[Primarily for hauling basalt] Also carried fuel wood to the construction site power station, and worker's camp; and logs to the damsite sawmill.	Longworth J. "Dam builders at the close of steam", construction railways of the Upper Nepean dams. <i>ARHS Bn</i> , July 1993.
Sassafras, Bulli	3ft 6in gauge from sawmill to top landing of a flying fox.	Hapgood W. 1993. <i>Deep Valleys, Tall Trees, Tough Men and Women</i> . Author.
Shoalhaven River		Mainwaring R. Personal collection.

### **Blue Mountains & Central Western Slopes**

Linden Creek, north of Faulconbridge	Incline up slope from sawmill in valley for exporting milled timber	Bentley SJ. The Faulconbridge Sawmill. <i>Springwood Historical Society Bulletin</i> No. 40, January 1983.
Baxter's, Warromoo		<a href="http://www.infoblueMountains.net.au/rail/cable/Default.htm">http://www.infoblueMountains.net.au/rail/cable/Default.htm</a>
Mt. Victoria	Timber, firewood [and chert] were hauled up an incline from a sawmill [and quarry] in the valley out to a siding on the government mainline.	Reid FJ. 'Chert' Incline Mt. Victoria NSW. <i>LR</i> No. 63, January 1979. Weston AJ. Incline at Mount Victoria (LR63). <i>LR</i> No. 69, July 1980.

Lloyd Copper Co., Burruga	Firewood tramway operated by two Shay locomotives.	Toole KF. 1986. <i>The annals of Burruga</i> . McNeil I. NSW Division's Burruga field trip - 19 November 1988. <i>LRN</i> No. 69, April 1989. Longworth J. & Mainwaring R. Twenty Years too Late: Lloyd's Copper Mine Firewood Tramway, Burruga. <i>LR</i> . No. In preparation.
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## South Coast

Wandandian	Line from mill to wharf.	Longworth J. An Introduction to the Timber Tramways of the NSW Far South Coast - Part 1. <i>LR</i> No. 128, April 1995.
Red Head	Line from beach landing to sawmill.	Longworth. 1995.
Flat Rock	Incline up out of a valley to sawmill on ridge.	Longworth J. An Introduction to the Timber Tramways of the NSW Far South Coast - Part 2. <i>LR</i> No. 151, February 2000.
Pebbly Beach	Line along sand dunes from sawmill to wharf.	Longworth. 2000.
Durrus Lake	Line from sawmill to lakeside.	Longworth. 2000.
Benandra		Longworth. 2000.
East Lynne		Longworth. 2000.
Cullendullah		Longworth. 2000.
Mogo		Longworth. 2000.
Mogo		Longworth. 2000.
Tomakin		Longworth. 2000.
Bodalla	[Mainly to haul dairy products from Bodalla to a wharf] also carried logs and sawn timber around the estate.	Longworth J. A research report on the Bodalla cheese tramway. <i>ARHS Bn</i> , November 1995.
Bawley Point	Brought logs from forest to sawmill located on the headland.	Tracey M. 1997. Archaeological evidence for a horse-drawn tramway at Bawley Point. <i>Australia's ever changing forest II. Proceedings of the Third National Conference on Australian Forest History</i> . Longworth J. An Introduction to the Timber Tramways of the NSW Far South Coast - Part 3. <i>LR</i> No. In preparation.



Kioloa	Brought logs from forest to sawmill located on the headland.	Hammon B. 1994. <i>They came to Murramorang, Kiola, and Bawley Point</i> . ANU, Canberra. Longworth J. An Introduction to the Timber Tramways of the NSW Far South Coast - Part 3. LR No. In preparation.
Wagonga		Longworth. 2000.
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Mt. Darragh		Longworth. 2000.
Timbillica	A lengthy proposed line from Timbillica to a port at Eden, to use war disposal locomotives and materials [not built].	NSW State Archives. Deposit 1/2844.1. Longworth. 2000.

### Southern Tablelands

J&E. Tooth, Bundanoon	Single track incline hauled logs out of the valley to a sawmill on the plateau.	<i>The World's News</i> . 30 September 1905.
PWD, Burrinjuck Dam construction site	Logs to sawmill; firewood to Power Station.	Newland J. 1994. <i>The Goondah – Burrinjuck Railway</i> . ARHS, Sydney.
Murrumburrah	A tramway was used for hauling logs from the railway station to a timber yard.	<i>Murrumburrah Signal</i> . 28 April 1888.
Tumbarumba	Incline brought logs down from the forest on the ridge to a sawmill at the creek.	Madden R. Personal collection.
Champion, Cathcart		<i>The Builder &amp; Contractor's News</i> . 27 August 1887.

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