

ALEXANDRA



CANYON



**HERITAGE  
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# **ALEXANDRA CANYON**

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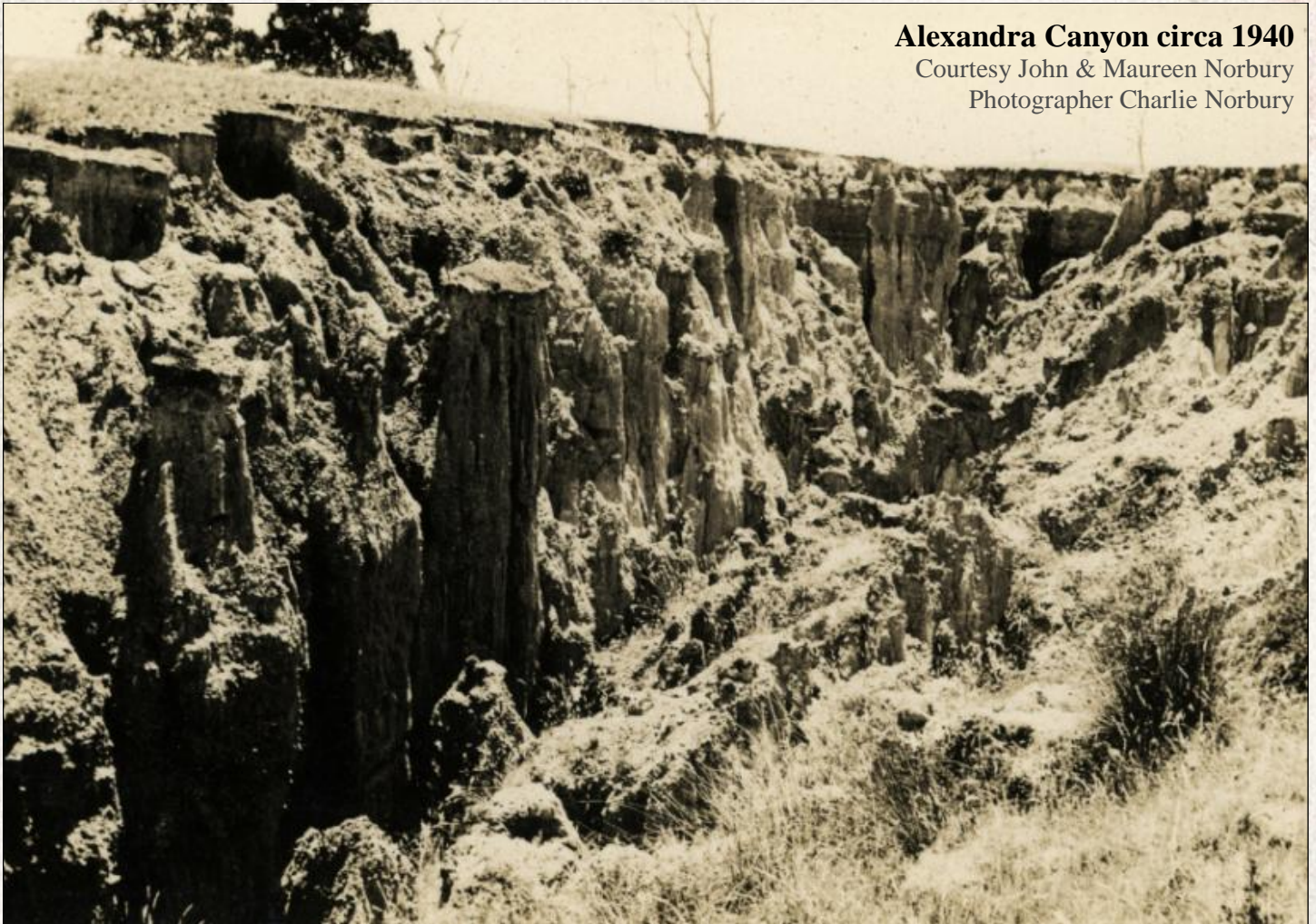
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# HISTORIC FACTSHEET

## INTRODUCTION

**Name:** Alexandra Canyon  
**Area:** Alexandra  
**Location:** Brooks Creek, Binns McCraes Rd  
**Known for:** Area of deep erosion  
**Danger:** High, enter at own risk

The Alexandra Canyon is a deep canyon that has been eroded over time by a constant water flow. It is located on Brooks Creek near the Brooks Reserve Camping Ground.



**Alexandra Canyon circa 1940**

Courtesy John & Maureen Norbury  
Photographer Charlie Norbury

The Alexandra Canyon is a deeply cut area of water erosion cut into the hillside near the Brooks Reserve Camping area (Brooks Cutting Road) at Alexandra. The canyon is located on public property, though is near private property, so please be respectful to local landowners. The canyon has changed shape and size over time, though remains photographic, as you can see from this series of photographs taken in the 1930s as well as more recently. The walls of the canyon can collapse without warning, so enter the area at your own risk and always let someone know of your travel plans.

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## TIMELINE

- Late 1800c** The Alexandra Canyon were likely first discovered.
- 1940c** Alexandra local and avid photographer Charlie Norbury took a series of images of the Alexandra Canyon, which to our knowledge are the only remaining images of them.
- 20 February 2013** A number of photographs of an unidentified area of erosion were discovered by John and Maureen Norbury in their father's photographic collection.
- 25 February 2013** Artworkz were given access to the photographic collection to scan these and other photographs. After close inspection, the erosion photographs were identified by John as possibly being taken near the Goulburn River at Brooks Reserve camping area. Kelly Petersen confirmed this as the likely location.
- 18 February 2014** Olympian Ray Weinberg confirmed the location of the Alexandra Canyon and took two of the Artworkz team members to the spot. He told us how he used to play in and around them and that the openings were large enough to hide in.
- 24 July 2014** Artworkz commenced work on this factsheet.
- 25 July 2014** Artworkz conducted a photoshoot. In attendance was Joshua, Mitchell and David Hibbert.
- 8 August 2014** Artworkz wrote to Tony of the Yea branch of the Goulburn Broken Catchment Authority regarding the concrete poured into the head of the creek from the roadside. We sought to find out if it was an actual soil erosion measure done by the Authority, or illegal dumping. We received no response.
- 1 August 2019** Artworkz conducted a photoshoot.

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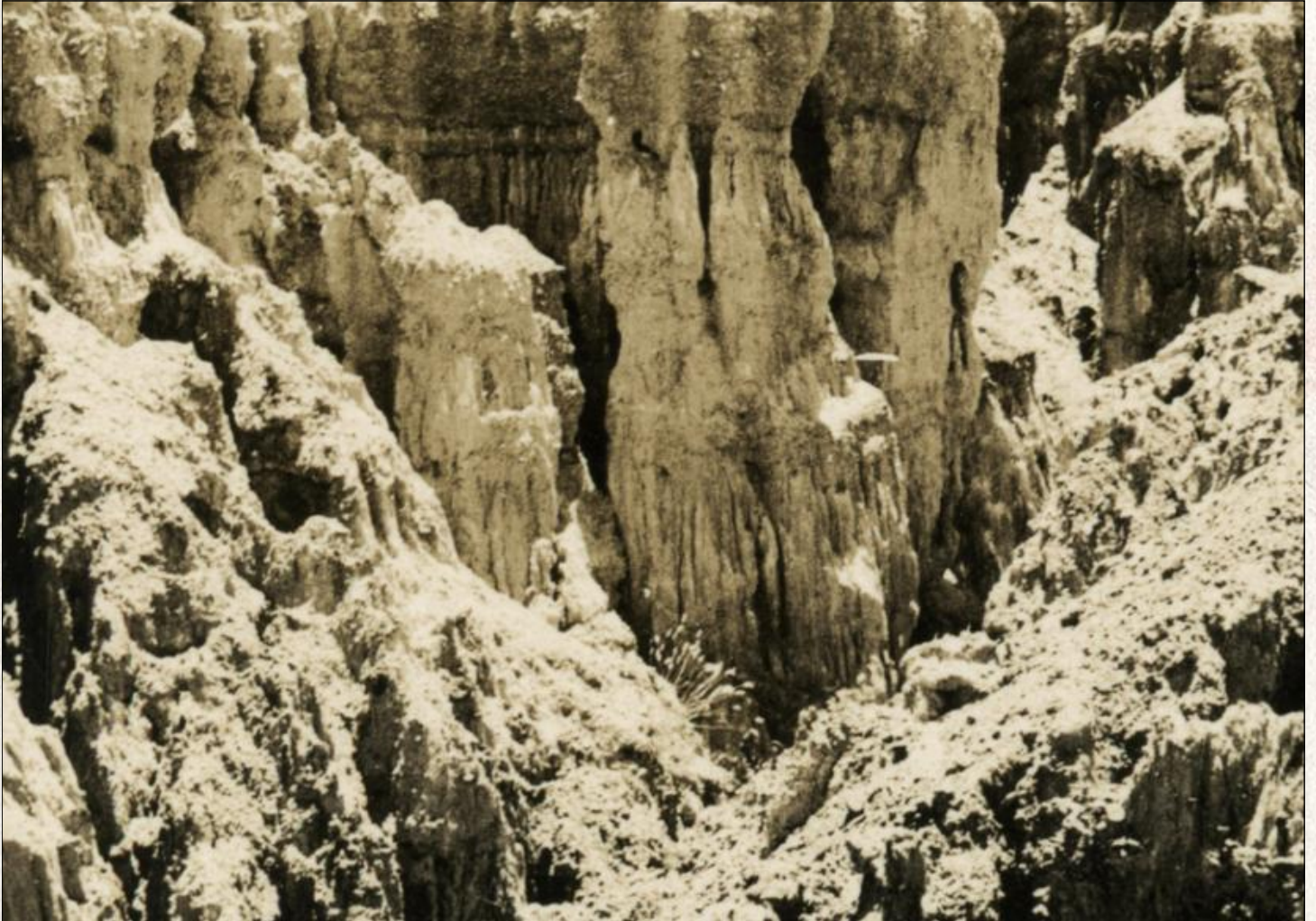


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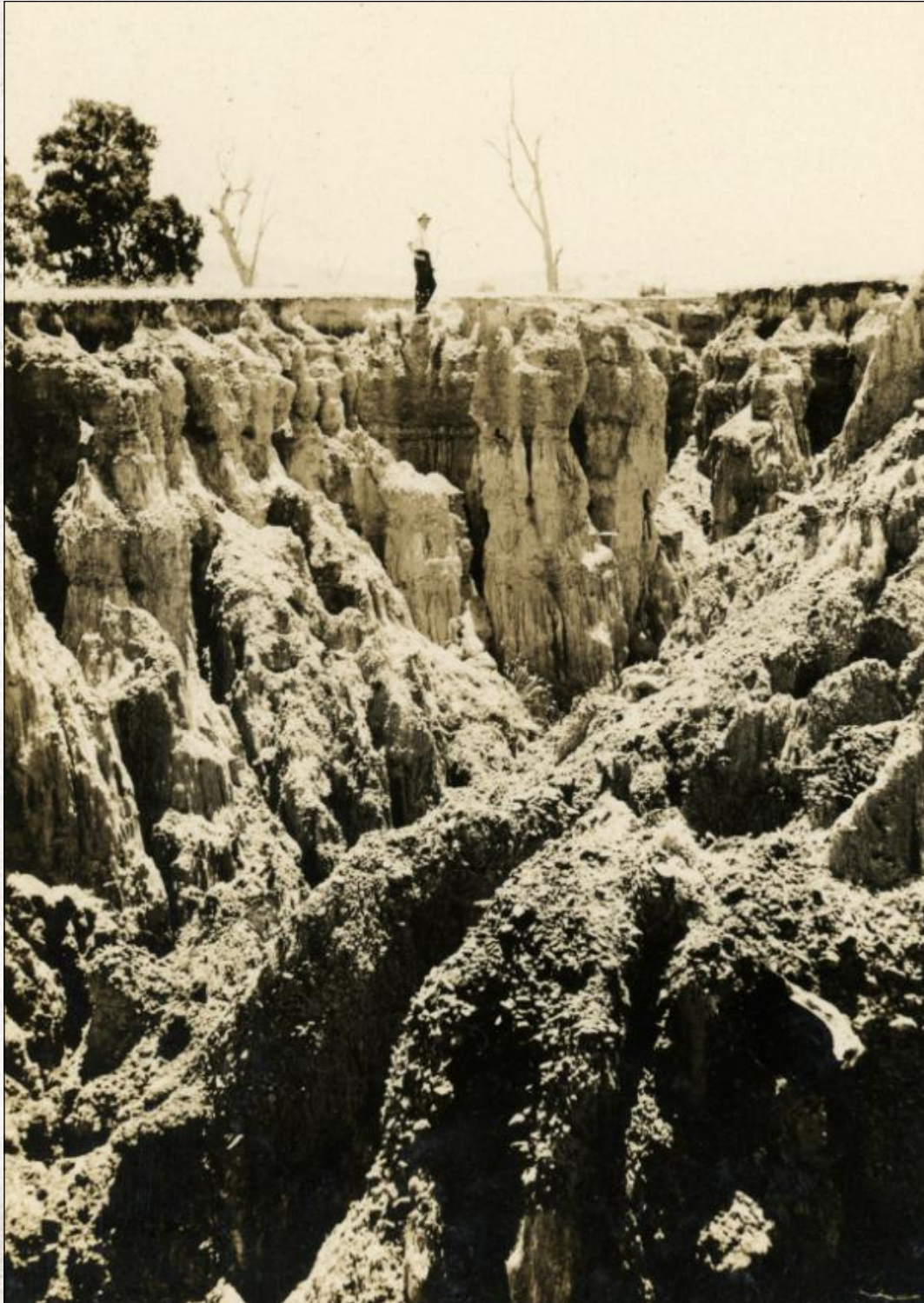


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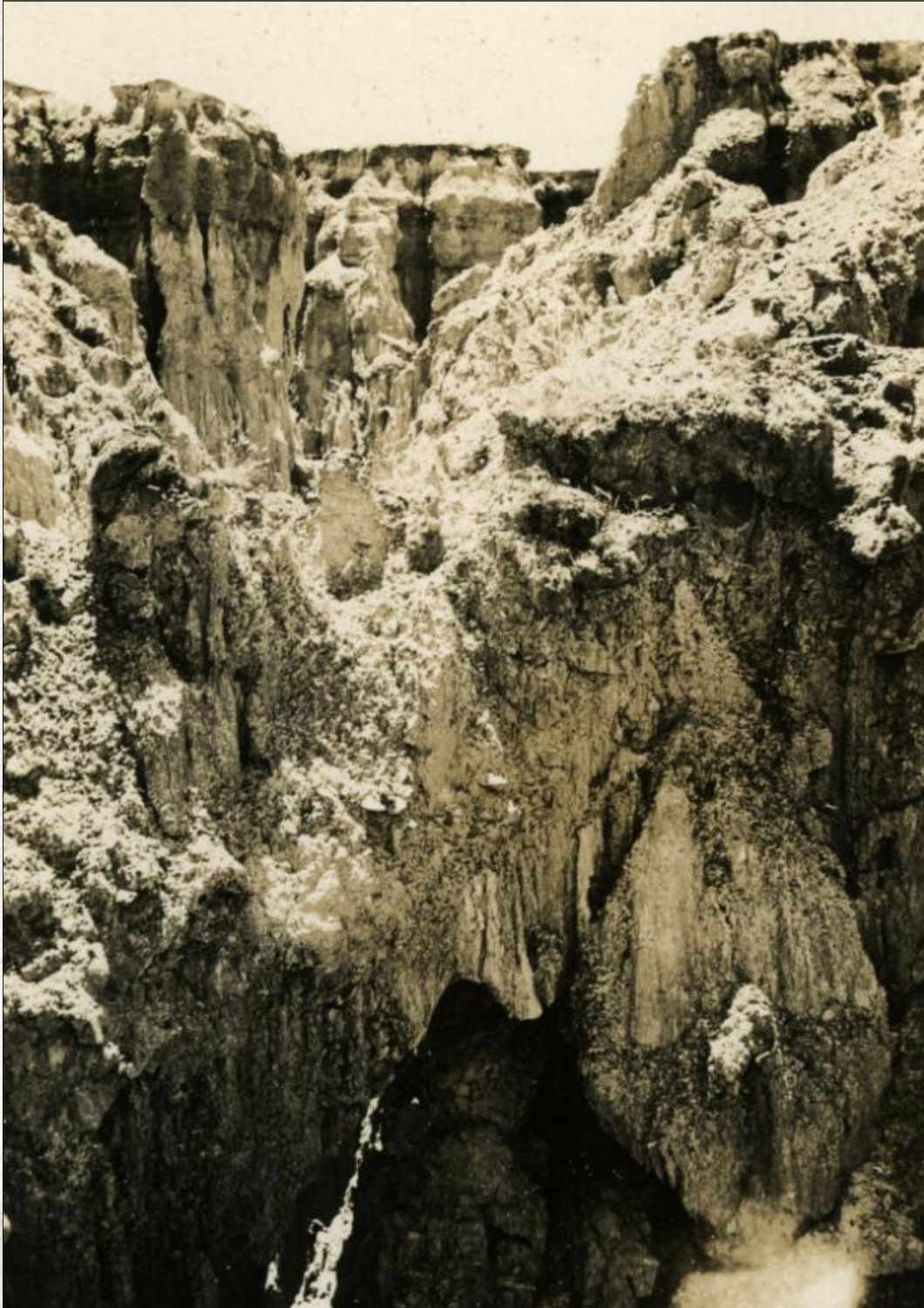


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# ALEXANRA CANYON

BROOKS CREEK, PUBLISHED 8 AUGUST 2014, ESPLASH96



## **An amazing local canyon.**

The Alexandra Canyon is located on public land near the Brooks Camping Area and is a beautiful location, though all care must be taken due to the risk of falling rocks and wall cave-ins.











The first sign of the high banks, where a recent collapse was evident





































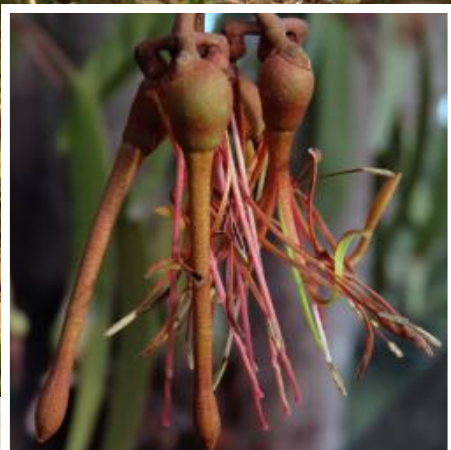


Concrete dumped off the roadway



# ALEXANDRA CANYON

BROOKS CREEK - 1 AUGUST 2019



## Revisiting a favourite natural canyon

It was time to revisit a local Alexandra natural attraction that is a favourite for its spectacular canyon walls and flora and fauna. This day was cooler and a little wet, so I had to be careful not to slip. Thankfully the site lived up to expectations.



The main canyon wall







The walls are impregnated with river rock indicating its past geology



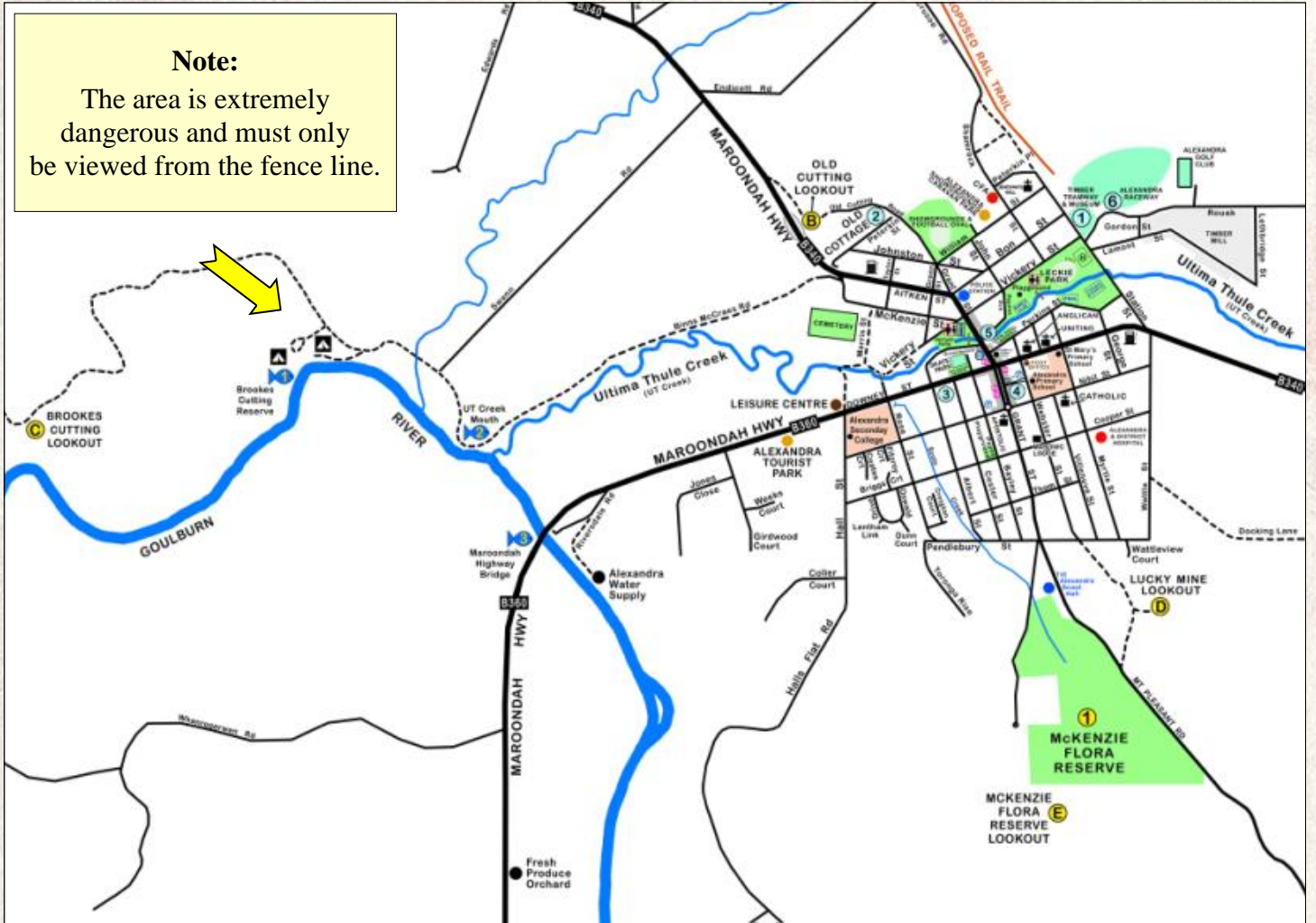




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## MAP

**Note:**  
The area is extremely  
dangerous and must only  
be viewed from the fence line.





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