



Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**Starlings Gap**

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**Location:**

Big Pat's Creek to Powelltown Walk, Powelltown VIC 3797

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Included in Heritage Overlay

**Heritage Inventory (HI) Number: H8022-0006**

**Listing Authority: HI**

**Heritage Overlay Number: HO285**

**Statement of Significance:**

The Starlings Gap winch site is of state significance. The site documents the beginning of a massive post-war change in the operations of the timber industry. It consists of a number of closely related features in excellent condition which are rarely found together. (Supple 1991)

**Description**

An impressive site consisting of a winch and landing platform beside the Big Creek Road. The winch, which measures 3.3m by 2.2m and was manufactured by A Harman of Port Melbourne, is in excellent condition and retains its carefully wound cable. The landing stage is constructed of six levels of cross-laid messmate logs to create a horizontal platform above a sharp slope beside the road. The structure measures 10.7 meters at the road frontage, 10 meters deep and up to 6 meters above the slope at its rear. A large central support log divides the winch and landing stage. A tree encircled by cable stands on the other side of the road opposite this log. (Supple 1991)

A prominent spar tree on this side was burnt in the 1983 bushfire, but the other features were unaffected. (Supple 1991)

Excellent

Minor Modifications

Heritage Study / Consultant	Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000
Construction Date Range	
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	YARRA RANGES SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	115824
Property number	

*This place/object may also be State heritage listed. Check the Victorian Heritage Database. For further details, contact the local Council or go to [Planning Schemes Online](#)*