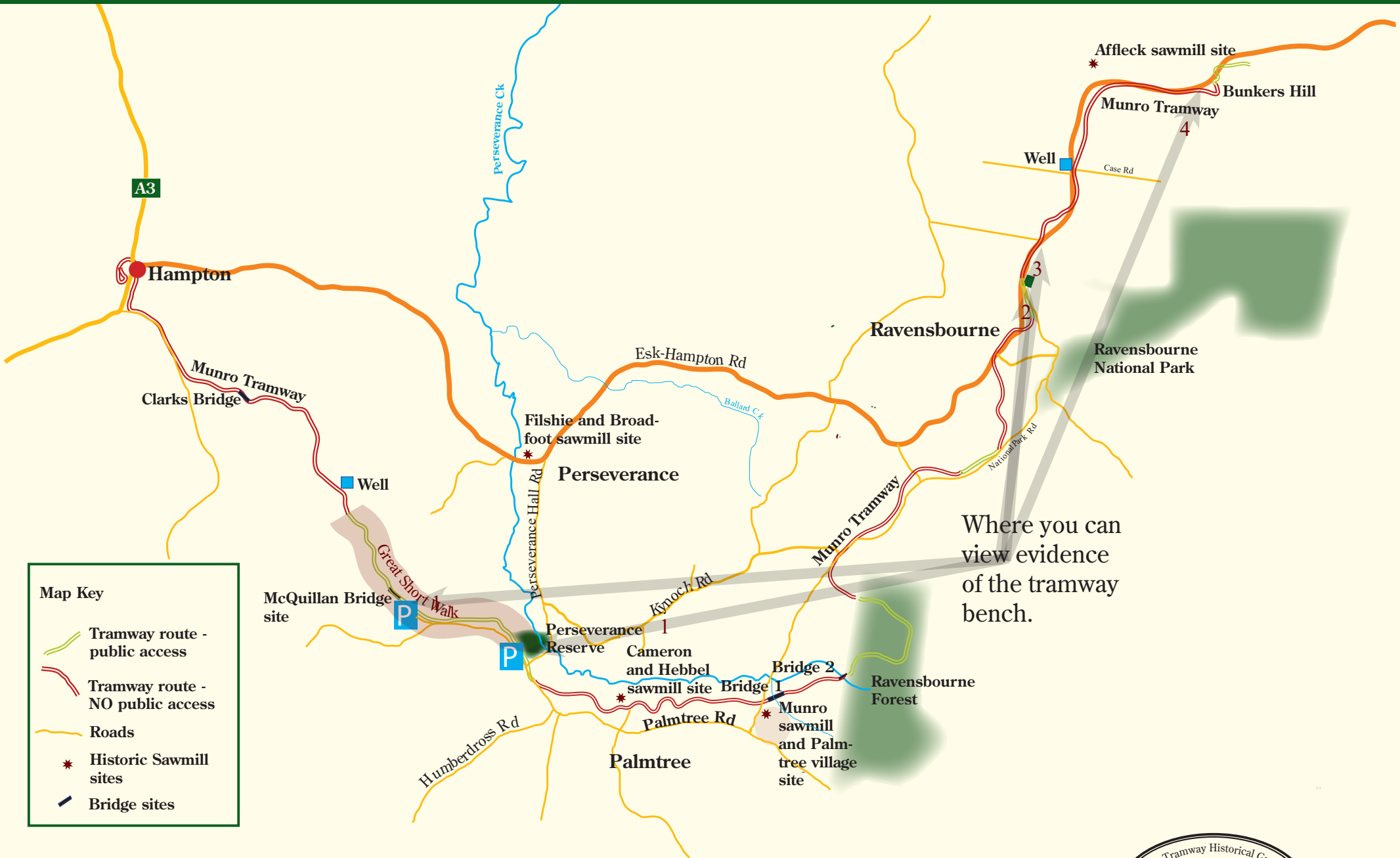


# Historical Route of the Munro Tramway





## Where you can view the tramway

Much of the tramway passes through private property and is inaccessible to the public. There are several places where it can be viewed however.

- 1 The **Great Short Walk** has been extended to a 7.2km return walk. It is an easy grade walk and 8 interpretive signs tell the stories of the Shay locomotive and the timber industry.
- 2 **Sportsground:** A section of tramway bench can be viewed from the corner of Esk-Hampton Rd and National Park Rd, Ravensbourne. Lantana has been cleared for several metres along the bench parallel to the road.
- 3 The bench can be viewed across the road from the Sketches property, near the **Uniting Church**. It is more obvious when the grass is low.
- 4 A section of tramway can be seen at **Bunkers Hill**. There is room to park on the north western side of the road. The site is unmarked but is near the Toowoomba Regional Council sign. The tramway bench is on the southern side of the road. A track marks the spot and lantana has been cleared along the bench.

## Walking on the tramway

Parking for the Great Short Walk can be accessed just past the intersection of Perseverance Hall Rd and Palmtree Rd, or if a shorter walk is preferred, by parking at the end of Palmtree Rd.

The walk can be done in two short sections if desired. In addition, short trails through Perseverance Reserve provide a pleasant place to bird-watch and view the bushland and timber trees of the area. A small arboretum is planned for the northern part of the reserve and a number of timber trees have been labelled.

**Toilets** are available at the Hampton Visitor Information Centre and Ravensbourne Sporting Ground.

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## Experience history

Duncan Munro built 25 km of tramway from Hampton to Palmtree sawmill and then onto Bunkers Hill from 1897 to 1908. Two Shay locomotives were used to haul timber to Hampton and logs to the sawmill.

The sawmill operated for over 40 years, providing work for a number of families. It closed in 1936 and the village and sawmill at Palmtree are now completely gone.

As little evidence is left today, except for the bench, some railway spikes and fish plates, an interpretive walking trail has been constructed along a section of the tramway for your enjoyment.

