

Other Names	N/A	
Street Address	Boat Ramp Road/Coast Road	Baffle Creek
Title Details/ GPS Coordinates	2RP602477	

Historical Context

The Baffle Creek area was settled by German immigrants in 1908. The immigrants were encouraged to immigrate to Australia by the Apostolic Reverend Niemeyer, who managed an Apostolic Church community in Hatton Vale, west of Ipswich. The settlers arrived at Baffle Creek only to find that their land selections had not yet been balloted by the Queensland government. A small camp was established on a hill the settlers named 'Wartburg' and they waited six months before receiving official notification of their respective blocks.

The settlers identified that there was value in the establishment of a sugar mill and they convinced Albert Kleinschmidt, who owned a sugar mill in Bundaberg, to erect a sugar mill at Baffle Creek. The settlers cleared land for the mill on Wartburg Hill and began planting sugar cane on their blocks of land. The mill was completed in 1911 and the site consisted of a sugar mill, barracks, cookhouse, workers' cottages, mill office and weighbridge. Sugar cane was transported to the mill by wagon or sugar punts that plied up and down the creek. The mill produced brown sugar, which was punted to deep water at the mouth of Baffle Creek and transported for refining elsewhere. The mill was not successful and was dismantled in 1919.

Physical Description

The Baffle Creek Sugar Mill site is located on the northern bank of Baffle Creek on slightly sloped terrain and access is via Boat Ramp Road, off Coast Road. The mill and associated buildings have been removed, but structural remains of the mill are still visible, including a number of concrete footings located in the north and east of the site. The area is covered with grass and low shrubs with some native trees along the embankment and some exotic plantings including large Mango and fig trees in the east of the site. Adjacent to the road are two fence posts.

Integrity	Fair	Condition	Poor
Statutory Listings	No statutory listings		
Non-Statutory Listings	No non-statutory listings		
Inspection Date	13/10/2011		

References

Graham, D and Jodvaskis, C, 1996, Parish of Baffle: Gosen 'The Promised Land': Parish of Baffle and Surrounds, Glovers Printing Works, Bundaberg.

Heritage Significance

Criteria	Definition
A	<i>The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history.</i>
Statement	The Baffle Creek Sugar Mill is important in demonstrating the evolution of the region's history, particularly the establishment of a sugar mill, which were uncommon in the region at this time, and the evolution of the settlement of Baffle Creek. The location is also significant for its association with the camp of the first settlers - Wartburg Hill.
B	<i>The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the region's cultural heritage.</i>
Statement	The Baffle Creek Sugar Mill demonstrates a rare and endangered aspect of the region's cultural heritage, particularly as the remnants of sugar mills in the region are rare.
C	<i>The place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the region's history.</i>
Statement	The Baffle Creek Sugar Mill has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the region's history, particularly the existence of the mill and the layout of structures located on the site.

Location Map

