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DATE	LEADER	PLACE	DISTANCE	ESTIMATED TIME	GRADE	COMMENT	BOOK REFERENCE
Feb 10/16 0830	Norma Rantall	Castlemaine	6 kms	2.5 hrs	Easy	Happy Valley to Chewton. Coffee at the garage. Return along the same path.	
March 2/16 0830	Kevin Vallence	Chewton	8 km	2.5 hrs	Medium	Circuit. Departs Chewton Garage. 'Follows' Garfield Track to Llewellyn Road (near Golden Pt Res). Returns along Forest Creek Track.	Welsh Village Walking Tracks map. Available from Market Place Info Centre
March 9/16 0830	Greg Pridmore	Mt Macedon Including, Camels Hump, Sanitorium Lake, Mt Towong	11 km	4 hrs	Medium	Car shuffle may be needed.	Goldfields Walks - Walk #20
March 23/16 0830	Hans Johann Koschak	Kalimna Park	8 km	2.5 hrs		Start and end at Doveton Cafe.	
March 30/16 0830	Margaret Dimsey	Maldon		1 hour 45 mins	Medium	Rock of Ages. Some uphill walking and coffee in Maldon.	
April 13/16 0900	John Butselaar	Daylesford	Between 9-10 Km	3 hrs	Medium	The Blowhole to the Chocolate Factory.	
April 27/16 0900	Margaret Cromb	Daylesford	7 km approx	3 hrs		Starting at Jubilee Lake we walk around the lake then along the old railway line to Cornish Hill. Then through Smith's Gully to the Botanic Gardens. Some steep up and downs. A car shuffle will be required.	www.cornishhilldaylesford.com.au/map/
May 11/16 0900	Kevin Vallence	Castlemaine	5-9 Kms	2 hrs	Easy	Teams of 3-5 of agreed 'speed' visit as many controls as they can within 2 hours. Maps are supplied. Bring a pen.	Book Reference: Pema Chodron: <i>No Time to Lose.</i>
May 25/16 0900	Caroline Bellair	Daylesford	6 km	1.75 hrs	Grade 2 with some sections Grade 3	Starting at the Chocolate Mill and going south along the Goldfields Track, doing a loop part way along Mannings Road and returning along the Goldfields Track. A circuit. No car shuffle required. At the finish walkers might like to join the group for a coffee at the Chocolate Mill.	Goldfields Track page 75
June 8/16 0900	Greg Pridmore	Babbington Hill, Lyonville Includes Bullarto Reservoir and springs.	10 km	4 hrs	Medium	Circuit walk - no car pooling	Goldfields Walks - Walk #6

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June 22 /16 0900	Carol Dorman	Garfield Wheel to Specimen Gully Rd and Blakeley Road	8 kms	3 hrs	Grade 2 and 3 in some sections	Car shuffle.	Goldfields Track Walking Guide p94
June 29 /16 0900	John Butselaar	The Monk, Eureka and Spring Gully Mines	10 kms	3.5 hrs	Grade 2 and 3 in some sections	<p>It is a circuit walk so there will be no car shuffle concerns.</p> <p>The start and finish will be the Spring Gully Mine car park. The first section of 3.3km will take us along the Goldfields Track, past The Monk, to Dingo Park Road.</p> <p>Turn left and follow Dingo Park Road for 600 metres to the Eureka Reef Mine Site. From there we will follow the track to the Joseph Blight Cornish Chimney. We then leave the Heritage Track by climbing up the hill alongside the Cornish Chimney until reaching a small wooden bridge.</p> <p>Turn right and follow the water course (a continuation of the Campbell Creek Channel) for 3.3km to Telecom Track.</p> <p>Turn left and follow track for 300mts to Spring Gully Road. Left and downhill along the latter for 750mts before turning right into Old Coach Road for the last 200mts to the car park and finish.</p> <p>The water race is slippery and I suggest all walking poles might be needed.</p>	<p><u>Day Walks around Victoria.</u></p> <p>Glenn Tempest.</p> <p>Walk 22. p 111</p>
July 13 /16 0900	Caroline Bellair	Glenlyon	11 kms	3 hrs walking. 40 mins car travel.	Generally Grade 3 with some very, very short sections of Grade 4.		

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July 27 /16 0900	Keith Neaves	Mt Macedon. Circuit walk leaving and finishing at Camels Hump car park.	10 kms	3 hrs walking. 45 mins car travel.	Grade 3 plus	<p>Due to current damp conditions some sections may be a bit slippery.</p> <p>Certain sections have some obstructions on track, trees etc</p> <p>The walk includes the Memorial Cross with toilets & café available, about half way in the walk.</p> <p>Some great vistas and walking tracks on this walk.</p> <p>Walk to the lookout on top of Camels Hump, the highest point on the mountain at 1008m.</p>	<p><u>60 walks in Central Victoria's Goldfields & Spa Country</u> Second edition. Tyrone Thomas</p> <p>Including the Camels Hump</p>
Aug 10 /16 0900	Kevin Vallence	Welsh Village	8 kms	2 hrs	Grade 4	<p>Event details: Meet at Church at 9:00. Drive to Quartz Hill on Welsh Village map. Event starts and ends at Quartz Hill. Bring a mobile phone. If you plan to participate, let Kevin know so that enough maps can be printed. \$2.00 donation to cover printing costs.</p> <p>Event description: Small groups select X controls to visit within a 2 hour limit. Distance depends on the number of controls selected. Maximum distance 8 kms Some 'off-road' walking is likely. Surface varies but does have some rough and slippery sections. Graphic evidence of the area's intense mining activities is everywhere.</p>	<p>Welsh Village Walking Tracks Map available at the Market Building. (Tourist Info: \$1.00)</p>

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Aug 24 /16 0900	John Butselaar	Creswick	9 kms		Grade 2 however it is a long walk.	<p>Part of The Creswick Forest Walk. I have eliminated the beginning and end sections and separated the start and finish places.</p> <p>Start at the car park for St Georges Lake outside Creswick. Follow the Goldfields Track just past the W.G. Spence site (about 4.7kms) and then turn left onto East West Road, a narrow gravel forest road. From there 1.2km to Three Way Junction, which is the highest point of the Walk. We climb just on 100 metres in elevation from the lowest to the highest point over the entire journey. Once we reach Three Way Junction we head for Oak Gully Road, a two wheel forest track, which is followed for 1km, before we turn right onto the La Gerche Forest Walk. Follow this track for 1.5km to the Landcare Centre. From there we join the Landcare Trail for 1km, before arriving at the finish point, the car park for the Landcare Trail.</p> <p>There is good parking at both the start and finish points. The tracks are well marked and the La Gerche Walk and Landcare Trails have information boards with interesting facts and history. Glen Tempest grades the walk as Easy. I agree with that assessment. For our purposes it will be considered moderate, principally because of the distance.</p>	<p>Goldfields Walks - Walk#1</p> <p>Part of Creswick Forest Walk in Glenn Tempest book.</p>
Aug 31 /16 0900	Cheryl Taylor & Ron Wescott	Mt Alexander	6 kms	2.5 hrs	Grade 2 with short Grade 3 sections	<p>Meet at the Church at 9am.</p> <p>Start and finish at Leanganook Picnic Ground. A circuit walk with no long climbs or descents. Off track sections are through lovely open bush. Toilets at start/finish.</p>	<p>Reference: Mount Alexander walking tracks map. Available from Market Building information centre.</p>
Sept 14 /16 0900	Greg Pridmore	Two Creeks Walk Via Porcupine Ridge Ruins, chimneys and diggings	9 kms	4 hrs	Medium circuit walk.	<p>Circuit walk - no car shuffle</p> <p>Start/ finish point - Junction Porcupine Ridge Rd & Loop Track</p> <p>Ruins, chimneys and diggings.</p>	<p>Goldfields Walks - Walk #8</p>
Sept 28 0900	Bill & Deb Wigglesworth	Walmer State Forest off the Millard Track			Grade 3		

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Oct 12 /16 0830	Dawn Gilson	Poverty Gully	8+ estimate only	3 hrs	Easy to Medium	Etty St to Chewton along the water race. I am only in the very early stages of planning.	The Dry Diggings book
Oct 26/16 0830	Frances Knight	Rise & Shine Bushland Reserve near Newstead.	3 km plus		Grade 2	A circuit nature walk with numbered posts and an interpretive leaflet and we can add a bit on to this and make the walk longer. It's an interesting area and especially good to visit in the spring because of the varied birdlife. Bring binocs and field guides to spend time investigating what's in the bush at this time of year. It will also be possible to extend the walk by detouring off the circular track and following an old aqueduct that used to bring water from Daylesford to Newstead. Access is from Ramsay's Lane on the Newstead - Daylesford road, about a half-hour drive from Castlemaine.	
Nov 9 /16 0830	Margaret Cromb	Daylesford	7 km approx	3 hrs	Medium	Commencing at Lake Daylesford follow The Great Dividing Trail to Twin Bridges then walk beside Sailors Creek to Tipperary Springs before returning by a track on the opposite side of the creek. Along established tracks including the Great Dividing Trail. Sometimes rough and rocky.	The Great Dividing Trail map, Dry Diggings Track. Goldfields Walks - Walk#3
Nov 23 /16 0830	Norma Rantall	Malmsbury	6 kms		Easy	Carpool to Malmsbury leaving the cars next to hall... opposite Motor which is our coffee spot, then walk up over the bridge and follow the river. It's an easy walk of about 4 kms and back but I intend to add on to it when I find the old mill.	
Nov 30 /16 0830	Frances Knight	The Whipstick Loop at Blackwood		2 hrs	Medium	Approximately one hour's drive from Castlemaine. A very pleasant walk varying from open forest to deep fern gullies, with some interesting remnants of past mining activity. There should be lots of flowers... Afterwards those who want to will have time to visit the Garden of St Erth where the walk begins and ends.	Melbourne's Western Gorges. Glenn Tempest Walk #18

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Dec 14 /16 0830	John Butselaar	Blackhill Reserve	About 6.5kms		Moderate	<p>There are three sections to the walk and I'll comment on each in order.</p> <p>Section 1 - The revegetation walk has the least defined track, although it is well marked. The grass is no more than ankle high in places. Mobs of 'Roos have grazed the area.</p> <p>Section 2 - The base circle track is clear and wide. At the northern end it narrows to single file but is OK, with some calf high grass on the side.</p> <p>Section 3 - The Ridge track has been cleared and slashed. At the lower end it is quite wide until it narrows to single file over the top of the ridge. Track is clear all the way. Stay in the middle of the track and all should be well.</p> <p>Observation - Some questions were asked about grass height etc. I recommend walkers wear decent walking boots/shoes and long walking pants. Avoid shorts, as your legs may come into contact with long grass at times.</p> <p>The walk is. It Includes one solid climb over the top of Blackhill. The rest is flat to undulating. With the climb I think moderate covers it.</p> <p>Drive from Castlemaine towards Kyneton via the Calder. Take the second off ramp for Kyneton, left off the freeway onto Edgecombe Road. Turn left and proceed away from town towards Redesdale/Heathcote. Follow Road for about 6 kms, then turn right into Ennis Road and follow gravel road for half a kilometre to the Blackhill Reserve Car Park.</p>	

