

## 2019

DATE	LEADER	PLACE	DISTANCE	ACTIVITY DURATION ESTIMATE	GRADE AWTGS	COMMENT	BOOK REFERENCE
30 January 0830	Gerry Egan	Castlemaine	7.5 Km	Walking - 2.5 hrs Travel time - 0 Coffee- 1 hr Coffee at the Dove. Castlemaine	2	<p>We begin at the Octopus and end at The Dove for an optional coffee at around 11:00.</p> <p>We will follow Forest Creek and Moonlight Creek upstream for 2 km. Then we take dirt tracks through Kalimna Park, then along the side of the 14th fairway of the golf course, then through Kaweka Reserve to Hargraves St.</p> <p>The walk is not difficult, but there are two creek crossings through long grass and a bit of a climb up through Kalimna.</p>	
13 February 0800	Jules and Rex	Campbells Creek Castlemaine  Car pool to the start required.	6 Km	Walking - 2.5 to 3 hrs Travel time - 15 mins to the start Coffee - 1 hr  Coffee will be in Castlemaine.	3	<p><b>To avoid the heat of the day we will meet at the Octopus at 8am.</b></p> <p>The walk commences and ends at McKendry St, takes in the Ajax Mine site, then south into the gully and a climb back up to Poverty Gully ridge line.</p> <p>Walking on mostly 4WD tracks with some rough / loose stones, occasionally single file, the walk is intended to stretch walkers a bit but to allow for hot weather and new attendees.</p> <p>Do bring plentiful water, walking poles and of course wear a good hat and sturdy shoes.</p>	

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27 February 0800	Alan Roberts	Fryerstown	7 kms	Walking - 2.5hrs  Travel time - 20 minutes each way  Coffee - Coffee and cake in Fryerstown.	3	Historic Fryerstown was the scene of one of the first gold rushes in the Forest Creek (Castlemaine) area, with the township area reaching a peak population of 15,000. There are still many historic buildings, relics, water works, and a cemetery with notable graves. We will explore the Fryerstown area on a circuit walk starting and ending in the township.  The walk will be mostly on tracks in gently undulating spur/gully terrain, but there will also be some cross country walking, so if you usually use walking poles it may pay to bring them.	
13 March 0800	Keith Neaves	Lerderderg River Heritage Walk – Blackwood. Circuit Central Fire District	9.5 kms approx.	Walking - 3 hrs  Travel time - 1 hrs to the start  Coffee - 1 hr Coffee will be in Trentham.	3/4	<b>To avoid the heat of the day we will meet at the Octopus at 8am.</b>  Walking sticks advisable if normally used as there are some narrow and uneven tracks, with obstacles. Some beautiful fern tree filled glens down at river level and lovely mature trees in the higher/drier areas.	Melbourne's Western Gorges  Map #19 Glenn Tempest.
27 March NO WALK						Castlemaine Festival	
10 April 0900	Peter Turner	Red White and Blue Mine area	7.5kms	Walking - 2 to 2.5 hrs  Travel time - 20 mins to the start  Coffee will be in Castlemaine.	3	We'll drive along Pullans Rd and down Red White & Blue Track to park at junction with Water Res Track. Most of the walk is on well graded tracks, with a short steep climb at Dunns Reef Mine. About 1 km off track (some light fallen timber) to Talbot Track, then along Talbot and Bells Lane track to the RW&B mine site - a good spot for morning tea.	Leaflet available at the Information Centre (or <a href="https://maldoncastlemaine.com.au/media/uploads/MucklefordForestRedWhiteBlueMine.pdf">https://maldoncastlemaine.com.au/media/uploads/MucklefordForestRedWhiteBlueMine.pdf</a> ). The CCM Muckleford Forest Walking Tracks maps (North and South) cover the walk.

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24 April 0900	Lorraine and Geoff	Coliban Channel Elphinstone to Taradale  On the day we walked Taradale return.	8km	Walking - 3 hrs  Travel time - 15 mins to start  Coffee will be in Castlemaine.	2	<p>From Wright Street, Elphinstone, the group will be walking south beside the channel.</p> <p>The walk is mostly on the channel access road and suitable for "conversational clusters" as we walk. There are 3 stiles to cross or scramble through gaps in the fence for those who can't use the stiles. There are a couple of relatively steep hills but overall a comfortable walk.</p> <p>A car shuffle will be required from the start of the walk. Most cars will be left at the start with some being driven to the end point.</p> <p>Returning to the Dove Cafe just after 1:00 pm</p>	
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<p>8 May 0900</p>	<p>John Butselaar</p>	<p>Chocolate Mill Daylesford</p>	<p>7.2 kms</p>	<p>Walking - 2.5 to 3 hrs  Coffee - 1 hr  Coffee will be at the Chocolate Mill.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Although parts of the track were closed after the recent Hepburn Springs bushfires. The most obvious bushfire effect is along the first section of the walk between Breakneck Gorge and Golden Springs. The fires crossed over the track in parts and burnt on both sides. In some places there has been track degradation. This section of the track initially follows the northern side of the ridge above Spring Creek and is cut into the hillside. As mentioned there are some signs of erosion, which has partially removed the track shoulder in places, reducing the track width. I urge all walkers to bring their walking sticks as an increased safety measure.</p> <p>The topography is predominantly undulating, with four shortish steeper climbs.</p> <p>We will require a car pool and car shuffle. Plan is to drive to the end point at the Chocolate Mill and drop off a couple of vehicles, then go on to Breakneck Point (10 minutes away) to start the walk.</p> <p>Aim to start walk by 10.00am. Allowing for 45 minutes for chocolate/coffee, after walk, at Chocolate Mill (including ferrying time for drivers to pick up vehicles and return), do not expect to get back to Castlemaine until after 2.00pm.</p>	
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<p>22 May 0900</p>	<p>Kevin Vallence</p>	<p>Chewton. Rogaine permanent course.</p>	<p>Up to 9kms</p>	<p>Walking - 3 hour time limit Travel time - to the start 20 mins Coffee will be in Castlemaine</p>	<p>Walking - 3 hour time limit Travel time - to the start 20 mins Coffee will be in Castlemaine</p>	<p>Off Fryers Ridge Road via Railway Dam Road (4-5 km east of Chewton). Car pooling necessary on well made gravel roads.  This is a 3-hour Rogaine. (See Wikipedia for description of Rogaining.) Teams of 4-5 navigate to marked controls of different point value using a prepared map. The team gathering most points within time limit 'wins'! Bring a compass if you have or can borrow one. Intention to participate requested no later than <b>Sunday 19/5</b>.  Email Kevin: <a href="mailto:vallenceke@gmail.com">vallenceke@gmail.com</a></p>	
<p>29 May 0900</p>	<p>Greg Pridmore</p>	<p>Blue Mountain, Trentham. Cancelled.</p>	<p>11kms</p>	<p>Walking time- Travel time 45 mins to the start. 50kms Coffee - 1 hr Coffee will be in Trentham</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Barrys Reef Blackwood.  <i>Due to very wet conditions this walk was cancelled and the group walked Kalimna Park.</i></p>	

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12 June 0900	Ron and Cheryl	Paddy's Ranges Maryborough  Cancelled.	8kms	Walking - 3 hours.  Travel time 45 mins to the start  Coffee - 1 hr  Coffee will be in Castlemaine	2/3	The walk is in open box ironbark forest showing the remnants of its mining past.  The walk starts and ends at Paddys Ranges State Park picnic ground (no car shuttle is needed).  The picnic ground is on Karri Track which is off Old Avoca Rd, which runs off the main road from Maryborough to Avoca.  The walk is easy nearly all the way and is on a formed walking track. Two short sections are rocky underfoot. Those owning poles may find them useful here.  <i>Due to very wet conditions the group walked north of the Botanical Gardens.</i>	
26 June 0900	Greg Pridmore	Tarilta Gorge	11kms	Walking -  Travel time - to the start  Coffee - 1 hr  Coffee will be in	3	We will drop a couple of cars at Limestone Track where it crosses Tarilta Creek and start the walk from Porcupine Ridge Road near Loop Track. Grade 3, but could be slippery at creek crossings. Walking poles will assist	Glen Tempest, Goldfield Walks. page 39
10 July 0900	Bryan and Tricia	Mt Alexander. the Gold Fields Track	7.7 kms	Walking - 3 hrs  Travel time - to the start 20 mins  Coffee - 1 hr  Coffee will be in Castlemaine	3/4	The walk commences in McQuillans Lane on the southwestern edge of the Park. The first and last kilometre is steep and is a grade 4 incline. Sticks are recommended. The next 5 kms contours around the Mount passing through Dog Rocks on the west and then contouring on the east side of the park. We walk around to Leaganook Picnic area where there are public toilets. We then walk back to the start in McQuillans lane.	

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24 July 0900	Bill and Deb	Babbington Hill Walk  Cancelled. Read the next line.	9-10kms	Walking - Travel time 40 minutes to the start. Coffee - 1 hr Coffee will be in Daylesford or Guildford	3/4	We will travel to Lyonville, between Trentham and Daylesford.  The walk will be 9-10 km, depending if we decide to take in the Lyonville Springs at the northern extremity of the circuit.  Most of the walk is through Wombat Forest, which has beautiful eucalypts, much larger than what we see around Castlemaine.  The final climb up to Babbington Hill is steep and involves some loose rocky pathway. We gain over 100 vertical metres in less than 2 km, so, a reasonable level of fitness is recommended.  Walking poles could be useful.	Glen Tempest's Victoria's Goldfield Walks. #6 page 32
24 July 0900	Bill and Deb	Walmer forest	6 km	Coffee at Bill and Deb's	3	A walk in the Walmer bush.	Deb has maps.
31 July 0900	Keith Neaves	Up & Down Track - Glenlyon Circuit	10 kms	Walking - 3.5 Hours Travel time 40 mins via Back Glenlyon Rd Coffee - 1 hr Coffee will be in Castlemaine	3/4	The walk is a circuit.  Majority of the walk is on vehicular tracks which are in themselves, quite easy walking, but these tracks also include numerous long, quite steep decline & inclines, ie up, over and down hills - hence the name "Up and Down track".	

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14 August 0900	Pam Connell and Brier Johnson	Cobaw Forest	8.6	Walking - 3.5 hours  Travel time - 50 mins to the start  Coffee - 1 hr  Coffee will be in Castlemaine	3/4	We will travel to Ridge Road NW of Lancefield. The walk on part of the Great Dividing Range consists mainly of steady ascents and descents on walking and vehicle tracks through patchily forested hills.  It includes an off track section of approx. 1km along a lightly forested rocky ridgeline strewn with granite boulders and offering good views of surrounding ranges.  Parts of walk are along deeply eroded tracks and some parts have loose gravelly surfaces. Walking poles advised for those that use them.	Glenn Tempest <i>Victoria's Goldfield Walks</i> p. 84
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<p>28 August 0900</p>	<p>Alan Roberts, Jules Hurley and Rex Odgers</p>	<p>Castlemaine (north and west of the Botanical Gardens)</p>	<p>8 kms</p>	<p>Walking - 3 hours  Soup in the Shelter near the Playground in the Botanical Gardens</p>	<p>3/4</p>	<p>A variation on a scratch walk completed earlier in the year by a small group.</p> <p>This is a loop walk starting at the picnic shelter near the playground in the Botanical Gardens. We head north past historic Mine Managers' residences and walled pleasure gardens, then head west past the fantastic Widecombe Lower houses, hand built without power tools by the owner, and continues on tracks and through the bush to finish at the Botanical Gardens. There will be a 30 minute tour and talk with the owner of Widecombe Lower.</p> <p>We finish with a warming cup of soup at the shelter near the Playground where our cars are parked.</p> <p>(NOTE. It will be 9 Kms if members would like to visit the Wattle Flat reserve where a Castlemaine cricket team defeated the All-England 11 for the first time in a cricket match in 1862. Note - the Castlemaine team played with 22 players).</p>	
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11 September 0900	David Turner	Hepburn	9kms	Walking - 2.45 - 3 hours  Travel time - 30 mins to the start  Coffee - 1 hr  Coffee will be in Hepburn Springs	3/4	<p>The walk starts and finishes at The Blowhole carpark, we walk south taking in Bryces Flat on the way to Tipperary Springs following Sailors Creek, with great views of the creek and gorge. The return track follows the creek on the western side so forms a loop back to Bryces Flat.</p> <p>It's a very picturesque walk on well maintained tracks that are for the most part single file; there's a bit of taxing terrain, but it's generally gently paced. The springs are a great spot for play lunch, with tables and toilet, and the creek to paddle in.</p>	
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<p>25 September 0900</p>	<p>Daryl Fleay</p>	<p>Bendigo. Number 7 Reservoir and surrounds, Kangaroo Flat</p>	<p>8 kms</p>	<p>Walking - 3 hours Travel time - to the start 30 mins Coffee - 1 hr Suggestion... Coffee at the Coffee Club in Lansell Plaza Shopping centre.</p>		<p>Beginning at the Number 7 Reservoir carpark our walk will initially involve a moderate climb along forest roads until we reach the (now de-commissioned) Bendigo High Level Reservoir.</p> <p>The next part of the walk is mainly along undulating forest tracks, where we pass through a pleasant open forest environment dominated by large Eucalypts with a clear understory. At one point we will leave the track for a short detour through an area that shows evidence of historic intensive gold-mining activity. We will then gradually descend along forest tracks to Crusoe Reservoir (originally named Robinson Crusoe Reservoir, after the gully of the same name). Crusoe Reservoir was once the main Coliban Water storage in Sandhurst.</p> <p>Our walk then continues along flat public walking paths that skirt Crusoe and Number 7 reservoirs, terminating at the No. 7 carpark.</p> <p>Tracks are generally smooth, with some uneven, rocky sections. Expect to see some interesting birdlife.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.u3acastlemaine.com/groups_news/bushwalking/bushwalking_walkers_leaders_notesADDITIONAL.html">https://www.u3acastlemaine.com/groups_news/bushwalking/bushwalking_walkers_leaders_notesADDITIONAL.html</a></p>
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<p>9 October 0830</p>	<p>Ron and Cheryl</p>	<p>Paddy's Ranges Maryborough</p>	<p>8kms</p>	<p>Walking - 3 hours.  Travel time 45 mins to the start  Coffee - 1 hr  Coffee will be in Castlemaine</p>	<p>2/3</p>	<p>The walk is in open box ironbark forest showing the remnants of its mining past.  The walk starts and ends at Paddys Ranges State Park picnic ground (no car shuttle is needed).  The picnic ground is on Karri Track which is off Old Avoca Rd, which runs off the main road from Maryborough to Avoca.  The walk is easy nearly all the way and is on a formed walking track. Two short sections are rocky underfoot. Those owning poles may find them useful here.  <i>This is the cancelled 12 June 2019 walk.</i></p>	
<p>23 October 0830</p>	<p>Sandra Allender</p>	<p>Vaughan Springs</p>	<p>8kms</p>	<p>Walking - 2.5hrs  Travel time 20 mins to the start</p>	<p>3-4</p>	<p>An undulating walk with some hills. No car shuffle.</p>	<p>The Goldfields Track with an extension.</p>

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<p>29 &amp; 30 October</p>	<p>Bryan Fitzgerald</p>	<p>Grampians Tuesday October 29 at 2pm Chatauqua Peak circuit. Wednesday October 30 at 10am Pinnacle walk from Wonderland Carpark and return.</p>	<p>Tuesday 7.5km  Wednesday 4.8km</p>	<p>Tuesday Walking - 2.5-3hrs  Wednesday Walking - 2.5-3hrs.  Travel time to the Grampians 2.5 to 3 hrs.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Bryan will be leading two walks in the Grampians.  <b>Tuesday. Chatauqua Peak circuit.</b> We will meet outside the main entrance to the Halls Gap Swimming Pool at 2pm on Tuesday October 29. It is 7.5 km, Grade 3 rated and will take about 2.5 to 3 hours. There are some steep sections and some loose rocks on the track in places.  <b>Wednesday. The iconic Pinnacle walk,</b> from Wonderland Carpark and return. We will meet at the swimming pool at 10 am to organise car-pooling as there is limited parking available at Wonderland. Driving time each way is approximately 15 minutes. This walk is also Graded 3, with similar conditions to the Tuesday's walk. It is about 4.8 km and will also take about 2.5 to 3 hours.  October is wild flower season in the Grampians and Accommodation must be booked early.  Car pooling will be organised in advance with John.</p>	<p>For more information you can use the following links.  <a href="https://www.trailhiking.com.au/chatauqua-peak-circuit/">https://www.trailhiking.com.au/chatauqua-peak-circuit/</a>  <a href="https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/victoria/the-pinnacle">https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/victoria/the-pinnacle</a></p>
<p>13 November 0830</p>	<p>Keith Neaves</p>	<p>Fryers Ridge near Taradale</p>	<p>8.5kms</p>	<p>Walking - 3 hrs  Travel time. 20 mins to the start  Coffee - 1 hr Coffee will be in Castlemaine</p>	<p>3-4</p>	<p>The walk is an easy walk predominantly on vehicular tracks, with only relatively gentle accents /decents. Wild flower show should be excellent in certain areas of the walk.  To get to the start. In Taradale turn right off from the Old Calder at Davy St, one of the first streets in Taradale, coming from Castlemaine.</p>	<p><a href="https://cartography.id.au/fryers_ridge/fryers_ridge.htm">https://cartography.id.au/fryers_ridge/fryers_ridge.htm</a></p>

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<p>27 November 0830</p>	<p>Keith Neaves</p>	<p>Mt Macedon – Sanatorium Lake  Car Shuffle  Central Fire District</p>	<p>9.7 kms</p>	<p>Walking - 3.5 hrs  Travel time - 50 mins to the start  Coffee - 1 hr  Coffee will be in Macedon</p>	<p>Most is Grade 3. The 150m decline is 5.</p>	<p>The trees and ferns are great and worth the drive. This is part of a longer 18.3km walk which starts and finishes at the Mt Macedon village. We will have a coffee / lunch break at the Trading Post in the village.  Start walk at Camels Hump car park, walk up the 'Hump', at 1010m is the highest point on the mountain – great views. Then walk via Sanatorium Lake &amp; Mt Towrong, finish at Mt Macedon village.  Coming down from Mt Towrong there are great views of Melbourne and there is a 150m section which is very steep on a rocky 'billy goat track', no constructed steps. Walking sticks, if used, definitely required.</p>	<p>Reference: Victoria's Goldfield Walks by Glenn Tempest.  Walk #20, Pp 88-91. ISBN 978-0-9752333-9-9</p>
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<p>11 December 0830</p>	<p>John Butselaar</p>	<p>Kyneton. Black Hill Reserve</p> <p>Christmas Cheer at John and Robyn's</p>	<p>6.5 Km</p>	<p>Walking - 2 hours</p> <p>Travel time - to the start is 30 mins</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>There are three walks in The Black Hill Reserve. We complete a joined version of all three. A section of the Ridge track is closed for repairs. It will mean a revision of the walk which will be finalised over the next few days</p> <p>Walk 1 – The Revegetation Walk is the flattest and least defined track, although adequately marked. We walk through grassland often with plenty of 'roos for company. In our version of the walk this section is the final one.</p> <p>Walk 2 – The Base Circle Walk track is clear and wide. At the northern end it narrows into a single file track with some undulations. There are many pleasant views of the surrounding country and some spectacular views of the rock formations. This forms the middle section of our walk.</p> <p>Walk 3 – The Ridge Track is part single file and part wider track. It is more strenuous with some steep inclines and many steps. It climbs about 100 metres in elevation from the start. It rewards walkers with spectacular views and the opportunity to climb in amongst the granite boulders that make up the ridge. This represents the start of our walk.</p>	
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