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DATE	LEADER	PLACE	DISTANCE	ACTIVITY DURATION ESTIMATE	GRADE AWTGS	COMMENT	BOOK REFERENCE
31 January 2024 Gingell Street 0830	Deb Shand	Forest Creek and Kalimna Park  Castlemaine	8.6 km	2.5 hours walking followed by coffee	3 Easy/ Medium	This walk will start and finish at our meeting place in Gingell Street. From there we will walk to Kalimna Park via Lyttleton Street and then follow undulating bush tracks, sometimes rough and rocky underfoot. The walk is on streets and tracks and there are some short hills up and down, you may find walking poles useful. We will return via Kaweka Reserve and the Botanic Gardens and can stop for refreshments at Das Kaffeehaus if desired before returning to the cars.	Kalimna Park map. <a href="https://cartography.id.au/kalimna_park/kalimna_park.pdf">https:// cartography.id.au/ kalimna_park/ kalimna_park.pdf</a>
14 February 2024 Gingell Street 0830	Brier Johnson	Garfield Wheel to Welsh Village	6.5 km	2 hours	Easy/ Medium	As there is limited parking at Garfield Wheel, car pooling will be necessary. The walk is rated easy/medium grade due to consistent (although not steep) climbing and single track (which is in good condition). A circuit walk from Garfield Wheel to Welsh Village and return. We leave via water channel and Sailors Gully, which is mainly single walking track, and return via Garfield Track. The tracks are quite clear but can be rough at times, and there can be loose surface closer to Welsh Village. It's a steady, although not steep, climb leaving Garfield Wheel.	<a href="https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/-/media/project/pv/main/parks/documents/visitor-guides-and-publications/castlemaine-diggings-national-heritage-park/castlemaine-diggings-national-heritage-park---garfield-heritage-notes.pdf?rev=9e45b475b8cf41b4822494b70287c2b4">https:// www.parks.vic.gov.au/-/ media/project/pv/main/ parks/documents/visitor- guides-and-publications/ castlemaine-diggings- national-heritage-park/ castlemaine-diggings- national-heritage-park--- garfield-heritage- notes.pdf? rev=9e45b475b8cf41b48 22494b70287c2b4</a>

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14 February 2024  Gingell Street  0830  Rescheduled for 21 February due to Fire Rating	Keith Neaves	Geboor [Mt Macedon]	10 Km	55 Mins to start 2.05 hours walking	Medium / Hard	<p>The walk is rated as medium grade as the Mt Towrong descent is steep rocky, uneven terrain, followed by a continuing a very steep decline section.</p> <p>A lovely circuit walk from Anzac Road Mt Macedon, via Willimigonon Reservoir, Sanatorium Lake and Mt Towrong, with towering trees, tree ferns and other prolific vegetation.</p> <p>As a group we have previously walked sections of this walk, with a new section included to make it a loop walk</p> <p>For those who wish, we will have a light lunch at the 'Trading Post', lovely food and coffee.</p>	

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13 March 2024 Gingell Street 0830	Maurice Ryan	Harcourt area starting at Rodilesa Nursey	9 km	3.5 hours	Grade 2 Easy/ Medium due to distance	From Rodilesa Nursery the walk runs south alongside the railway line, then turns into the Harcourt Bushland Reserve where there is abundant evidence of the hard work undertaken by gold miners many years ago in the turned over ground. Further along, we will walk through the Castlemaine H85 Bushland Reserve. The return journey is alongside the railway line where a number of finely constructed brick and stone culverts under the line can be admired. This is a pleasant walk almost entirely on formed tracks with some gradual undulations.	

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27 March 2024 Gingell Street 0830	Deb Shand	Mt Alexander NE flank & Coliban Channel	7.6 km	20 mins drive to start. 3 hours walking	Grade 3-4 Medium	The walk starts from Harcourt-Sutton Grange Road near the Coliban Channel and follows the Leanganook (Goldfields) Track up the side of the mount. The track undulates and at times climbs steeply but we will stop and enjoy the views from a rocky outcrop. From there we will descend off track through open forest and grassland frequented by kangaroos to find a large old eucalypt. Not long after that, we will cross the Coliban Channel and follow the trail alongside back to our cars. Walkers need to be confident with walking off track over uneven terrain. Walking poles would be useful.	
10 April 2024 Campbells Creek 0900	Ron Wescott and Cheryl Taylor	2nd Annual Kevin Vallance Memorial Rogaine Campbells Creek	About 8-10 kms	2 hours	2-3	Rogaining is similar to orienteering but with one major difference. In orienteering participants must find the checkpoints in a set order and are timed, whereas in Rogaining teams decide how many and which checkpoints they will visit, depending on the position and the points value of the checkpoints, within the allocated time. Teams will be formed at the start of the activity. Bring a pen/pencil for marking the scoresheet and a highlighter is also useful for marking your checkpoints on the map.	

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24 April 2024	Bryan Fitzgerald	Mount Tarrengower	6.7 km	2hr 10 min	3	<p>The walk starts and finishes in Spring Street, Maldon and is a mixture of single file walking tracks, 4 wheel-drive/management tracks and town street/footpath.</p> <p>It is 2.2km from our starting point uphill to the tower on Mount Tarrengower with an altitude gain of 236m. The first 250m is a steep, eroded track with some loose gravel. Walking poles are highly recommended particularly for this section. This brings us to Anzac Hill with the chance to read the information board. The remainder of this section is steadily uphill on a 4 wheel-drive track with a few steeper sections. As we stop for a breather or drink, there are good views back over Maldon.</p> <p>We'll spend some time on the summit to allow walkers to climb the tower if they wish and enjoy the views, and/or read the various information boards at the base of the tower.</p> <p>The downhill section is predominately a single file walking track with mostly gentle grades. There is abundant evidence of gold mining on both sides of the track. The last of the downhill section is on a 4 wheel-drive track until we reach the historic quartz kilns.</p> <p>From there, it is a mostly flat walk back to our starting point.</p>	

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8 May 2024	Peter Turner	North Kalimna	6.5 km	2.5 hours	3 Steep and rough tracks in places.	We will start at the eastern end of Lawson Pde where the Kalimna Tourist Road begins. We will follow part of the Kalimna Circuit Track, then north by Moonlight Creek, and on to the highest part of the Park, before looping back to the Tourist Road. Some parts are steep and the tracks are rough in places, so walking poles are advised if you use them. There will be a stop for morning tea sitting on rocks with good views.	

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22 May 2024	Alan Roberts	Six Springs Circuit Walk	7.9 km	2 hr 40 min walk. 27 min travel time	3-4 a moderately steep section and some uneven terrain	<p>The walk starts and finishes in the first carpark of the Hepburn Springs Mineral Springs Reserve and is a mixture of single file walking tracks, 4 wheel-drive/management tracks, and town streets.</p> <p>This walk passes six mineral springs, all fitted with hand pumps. The springs visited are the Soda, Locarno, Sulphur, Wyuna, Argyle and Golden springs. Each spring has an information board with a description of the history, mineral content, and flavour of the water. After we leave the Mineral Springs Reserve and the first four springs, we reach Argyle Spring in Wild Cat Gully. We then wend our way over a spur into Locarno Gully until we reach Jackson's Lookout where we will stop for a break. Continuing into Woman's Gully we reach Golden Spring. From there, it is a short walk back to our starting point. Walking poles are recommended for those members who use them.</p> <p>Following the walk, those who wish may retire to the Hepburn Pavilion Cafe located within the Mineral Springs Reserve</p>	

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29 May 2024	Sharon Allan & Heather Macdermid	Forest Creek and Expedition Pass Reservoir	7.2 km	2 hr 40 min	2-4 [Mostly level and easy, but with a short section of narrow unstable rocky footfall.]	<p>Starts with 2.5km of easy walking to Expedition Pass Res along the Forest Creek trail made picturesque with extensive revegetation. Passing along the way – a decorative water tank that may have been once inhabited, Barbara’s resting place, the bridge on the ‘1860’s main road’ to the Welsh Village, and sluicing destruction.</p> <p>Once at the Res we cross the spillway and begin our circumnavigation with water views all the way. The first 0.5 km heading around the tail of the Res is very uneven with loose rocks and exposed tree roots. The rest is gentle inclines and declines around to where Forest Creek enters the Res. A bit of ducking and weaving and scrambling takes us up onto Golden Point Rd for a short single file walk to the Res wall. We return to Chinaman’s Point along our previous easy stroll.</p>	



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12 Jun 2024	Sue Goding	Poverty Gully Basin and Eureka Mine	6.5 km	2 hrs 30 mins	3	Two steepish hills on vehicle tracks, otherwise mostly level along water races, the ground is rough in places.	This is a loop walk commencing at the Eureka Mine carpark. After a short walk along Dingo Park Road, we take a foot track to the Poverty Gully Race and walk along the Goldfields Track past the Poverty Gully basin, once a reservoir. The walk continues up Poverty Gully Track until we leave the vehicle track and follow the Campbell's Creek water race through the bush and back to the Eureka Mine car park where we will have morning tea before exploring the historical treats of the Eureka Mine track. There are some lovely stands of iron bark along the way and views to north and south at the high points.	
26 Jun 2024	Sharon Allan & Heather Macdermid	Maldon – Rock of Ages	6 km	2 hrs 30 mins	3	A circular walk beginning at the historic Maldon Cemetery then off-track up along the western side of Mt Moorall, and curving up a steady incline around to Rock of Ages for awesome views and perches for morning tea. We will descend on the eastern side and amble back to the cemetery along a picturesque lane. About half of this walk is planned as off-track with uneven terrain which may have slippery bits after rain so walking poles recommended if usually used.		

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10 Jul 2024	Gerry Egan	Forest Creek, Moonlight Creek and through the southern part of Kalimna Park.	8 km	2.5 hrs walking, plus playlunch, plus 5 mins drive	3	We will start and finish on Montgomery St behind Wesley Hill Bakery. The walk is quite flat along the creeks and then some steepish sections in Kalimna. There are rocky areas and a couple of washouts to navigate, so poles will be useful for those who use them.	
24 Jul 2024	Bill & Deb Wigglesworth	Trentham	8 km	2 hrs walking 45 mins driving	2/3	The walk starts and finishes in Trentham. It's part of the "Wombat Trail" walk, about 8 km on made tracks, starting at Lions Park on Quarry St. The walk is flat but could be muddy/slippery in parts if there's been recent rain so poles could be useful.	

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31 July 2024	Sue Goding	Melville Caves area of Koorooya State Park.  Southern Lookout and McLeods Lookout Loop	7.5 km	3 hrs walking over 1 hour driving	3	The track leaves from the Melville Caves picnic area and meanders through bush and large rocks to two lookouts, both of which give superb views of the surrounding countryside. Some of the rocks are huge and at times the track passes between large boulders, we also walk at times across flat rocks with most attractive moss. The track climbs steeply at times and necessitates walking over rocks and some steps. At other times the path is smooth earth underfoot and gently undulating and as the track heads back towards the carpark the vegetation changes and there are some large eucalypts.	

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14 August 2024	Sue Teltscher	Walmer State Forest (Soup Walk)	5.3 km	1.5 hours	2	<p>The walk begins at the Walmer Visitor Centre.</p> <p>It will be out and back on the same well-formed vehicular track, Ashbys Track. The walk is undulating with a small hill in the middle. We walk until this track meets Woodbrook Road and then retrace our footsteps.</p> <p>Remember – we will be sharing soup, bread and other goodies at the end of the walk. Time for a meal together and a chat around the fire. Bring a cup and spoon and whatever else you have told Heather you will be contributing.</p> <p>Group members who are unable to be active at the moment are most welcome to join us.</p>	
28 August 2024	Sharon Allan & Heather Macdermid	Muckleford Nature Conservation Reserve	9 km	2.5 hours	2/4	<p>Walking within the Muckleford Nature Conservation Reserve on gravel tracks. The reserve features a wonderful array of plants including Ironbarks and many flowering wattles. Prescribed burn sites from earlier this year are interesting/illuminating. One short section of inclines and declines so poles recommended for those who use them.</p>	
11 September 2024	Julie & Bryan Fitzgerald						

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