

14. CENTRAL SPRINGS TO TIPPERARY SPRINGS

Grade: *Easy* | Length: *8.5 km* | Duration: *2.5 hrs*
Style: *circuit* | Total uphill: *<150 m* | Gradient: *10% Gentle Hills*
Path: *generally formed tracks*

Introduction

The walk takes the Tipperary Walking Track from Central Springs, at the picturesque Lake Daylesford, to Tipperary Springs. Lake Daylesford is a man-made lake that covers the site of the Wombat Flat diggings where gold was first officially reported in 1851. The narrow undulating track basically follows the contours of the steep Sailors Creek valley through foothill forest. There are several mineral springs you visit en route to sample the waters. The walk continues back to Central Springs followed by a circuit of the Lake and back to the start of the walk.

Getting there

From the Base, (Hepburn Primary School), turn right on to Main Road. Follow this road, in an Easterly direction, until it turns right, i.e. south, and becomes C138. Continue on Main Road to Daylesford for about 4 km to the second roundabout, near the Information Centre, in Daylesford. Turn right into Central Springs Road and follow this road for about 1 kilometre to Fulcher Street. Turn left and continue down to the car park near Central Springs.

Preparations, Precautions & Hazards

The track from Sutton Spring to Tipperary Springs is single file and rough with occasional steps. The tracks could be slippery in wet weather. Care must be taken when crossing the Midland Highway at Twin Bridges as there is no bridge, tunnel or defined pedestrian crossing. The tracks between Sutton Spring and Central Springs and around Lake Daylesford are sealed or gravel. Boots are recommended if wet weather is forecast.

Facilities

There are toilets and picnic tables at Tipperary Springs, picnic tables at Central Springs and toilets at the Lake Daylesford car park.

Walk Description

Start the walk at Central Springs, (Grid Reference (GR) 462625), near the car park, and head in a north westerly direction along the Tipperary Walking Track. This track follows alongside Wombat Creek and after walking about 500 m along a wide sealed path you arrive at Sutton Spring (GR 459626). Continue past the spring on the track, which becomes a single file unsealed bush track, for nearly a kilometre until it meets the Midland Highway. Cross the highway with care and proceed to the Twin Bridges picnic area and the junction of Wombat Creek with Sailors Creek (GR 454628). Cross over the footbridge and continue along left hand (west) side of the creek in a northerly direction. After 500 m, at an unmarked track junction keep left and do not go down the spur and cross the creek. Follow the track along the hillside to the Tipperary Springs picnic area (GR 449638). This is a good place for break in the walk. Cross over the footbridge and walk a short way up the sealed road and turn right onto the track that is indicated by a sign. Follow this track, on the left hand side of the creek, for a further 2.3 km back to the Twin Bridges picnic area. Cross back over the highway and return along the track to Central Springs. Continue on past the springs until the track arrives at Lake Daylesford. Turn left and complete a clockwise circuit of the lake returning to the start of the walk via the weir, at the south end of the lake, and the car park near the Boathouse Cafe.

Central Springs



Typical single file track

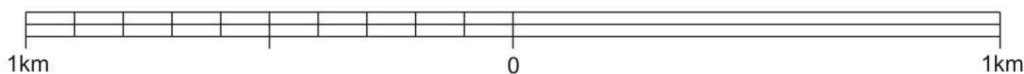
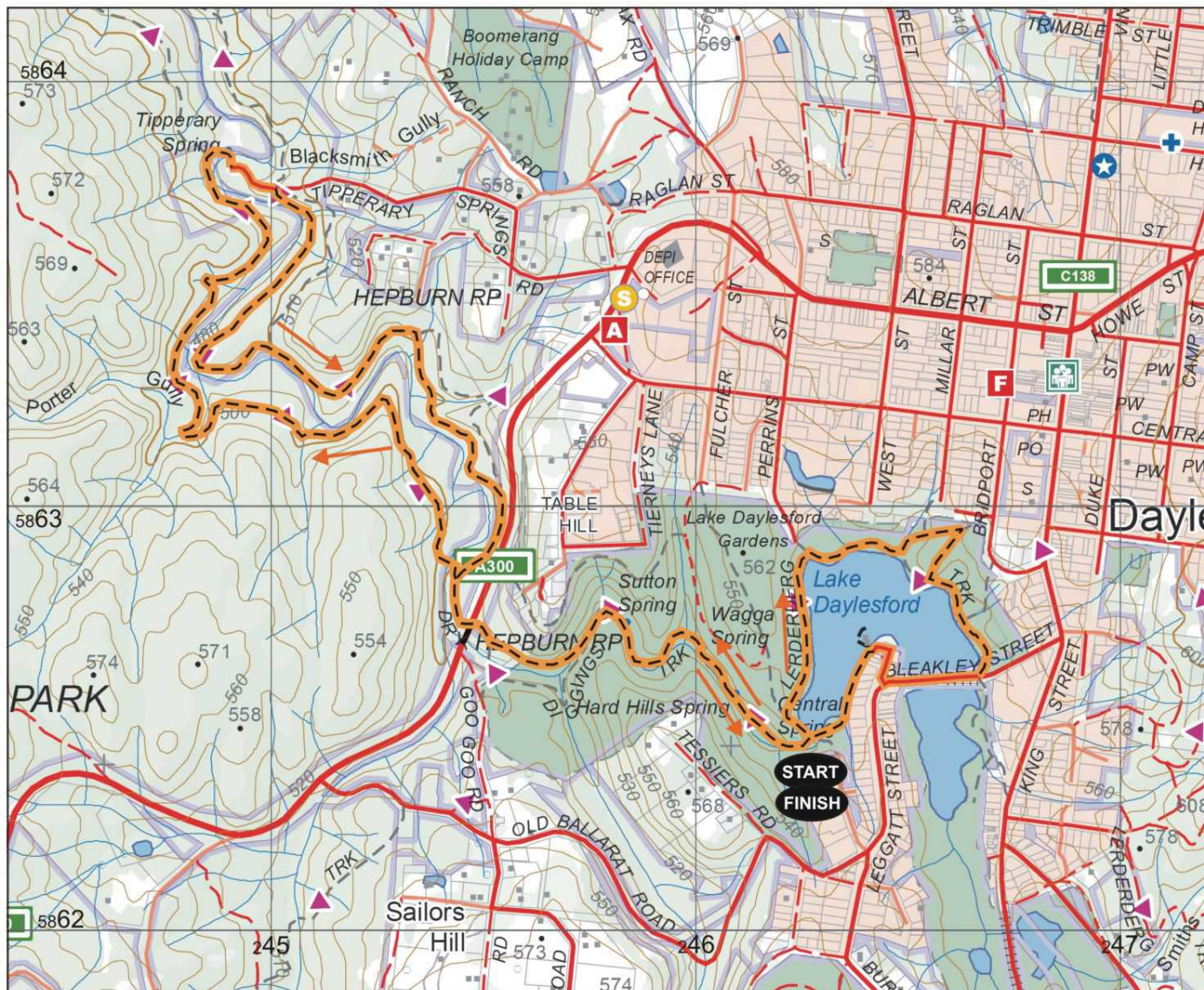


This Walk Sheet describes a bushwalk, part of Bushwalking Victoria's Federation Walks 2015 program in the Daylesford and Hepburn Springs area on 24-25 October 2015. The host clubs for this event are Bayside Bushwalking Club and The Great Dividing Trail Association. Bushwalking Victoria, the host clubs, their members and walk leaders cannot accept any responsibility for errors, omissions or changes to the circumstances on which this information is based, nor can they accept responsibility for any loss or injury sustained by any person using this Walk Sheet.

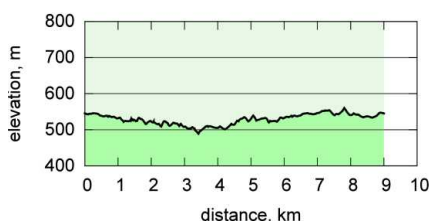
Bushwalking Victoria: www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/

Bayside Bushwalking Club: www.baysidebush.org.au/ Great Dividing Trail Association: gdt.org.au/

14. CENTRAL SPRINGS TO TIPPERARY SPRINGS



- Walk Surfaces**
- Road —
 - Vehicle Track - - -
 - Foot Track - · - · -
 - Off Track · · · · ·
 - Walk Route —



Maps

Vicmap Topo 1:25000 A0
 7723-3-N DAYLESFORD NORTH
 Vicmap Topo 1:30000 A4
 7723-3-1-3
 7723-3-4-2
GDA94 / MGA Zone 55



Map base sourced from Vicmap, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).
 Copyright © The State of Victoria, DELWP, 2015

The State of Victoria and its suppliers do not warrant the accuracy or completeness of information in this publication and any person using or relying upon such information does so on the basis that the State of Victoria shall bear no responsibility or liability whatsoever for any errors, faults, defects or omissions in the information.

This map is provided solely as a guide to the subject walk. The map is not intended to be used as a substitute for the applicable Vicmap Topographic map(s). Vicmap Topographic maps may be purchased in printed form from map shops and digital (PDF) maps may be purchased online at <http://services.land.vic.gov.au/maps/imf/search/Topo30Front.jsp>