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DATE	LEADER	PLACE	DISTANCE	ESTIMATED TIME	GRADE AWTGS	COMMENT	BOOK REFERENCE
23 May 0900	John Butselaar	Creswick Forest Walk from Landcare Centre Saw Pit Road to St. Georges Lake, Creswick	10.2 kms	3 hours walking.  With 1 hour travel to and from Creswick.	3	<p>Do not expect to get back to Castlemaine before 2.30pm. Bring appropriate food and water.</p> <p>The walk takes in bushland hills, pine forests (new and old) and an unusual oak glade. Added to the forest delights we will see an ill-fated koala park and numerous reminders of the regions gold rush past. We will also walk past the site of W.G. Spence's slab hut at Jackass Creek. W.G. Spence, known as the grand old man of the labor movement at Federation, lived in the slab hut with his Scottish emigrant family from the age of 6 after the discovery of gold in Creswick in 1852. Walkers will follow the La Gerche Forest Walk and a section of the Goldfields Track.</p> <p>The first 25% of the walk from the Landcare Centre, along the La Gerche Forest Walk, up Oak Gully Road to Three Way Junction is gently uphill. We climb about 100 metres in 2.3 kms. From there to the finish at St. Georges Lake is downhill. Steepish at first and after that undulating to flat. From the high point to the finish we drop about 120 metres in elevation.</p> <p>The Goldfields Track component has some muddy sections, which will require good boots and care. There is one work-around from the koala park, where the walking track is closed due to bridge damage. The alternative walking/ cycle track is open and fine. They are about equal distance.</p> <p>We will need to organise a car pool for the run from Castlemaine to St. Georges Lake. Anyone planning to meet us at the walk rather than in Castlemaine should go to the car park at St. Georges Lake and be there by 10.00am. We can then include them in the car shuffle. The plan is to leave a minimum number of cars at the finish point and drive everyone to the start point.</p>	<p>Victoria's Goldfield Walks by Glen Tempest Walk#1 page 10.</p> <p>Goldfields Track Walking Guide, W G Spence Walk Pages 48 to 52.</p>

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30 May 0900	Greg Pridmore	Tarilta Gorge	11 kms		4	Grade medium to difficult depending on how much water in creek.  The track along the creek is not well defined and a little off track work may be required.  Start and end on Porcupine Ridge Rd. Car shuffle not required.	Reference: Victoria's Goldfield Walks by Glenn Tempest. Walk #7
13 June 0900	Margaret Cromb	Maldon	9 km	Drive to Maldon 20 minutes.  Walk – 4 hours.	3	A walk at the base of Mt Tarrengower incorporating historic goldfield sites. Commences with a circuit of the North British Mine then follows an old vehicular track up Mt Tarrengower. Surface rough with loose stones (poles recommended). 6km steadily uphill but not steep. More interesting remains from 1850's gold mining to be found on the Mount.	
27 June 0900	Bill & Deb Wigglesworth	Harcourt North to Mandurang	9 km		3/4	Goldfields Track starting at the Harcourt Sutton Grange Road crosses the Coliban Channel, just at the foot of Mt Alexander, ending at the Cuneens Gully Waterfall, accessible by the Springs Road nearby. There are beautiful views along this walk and it is not too demanding, though there are two climbs up fairly rocky tracks---where the channel goes through a tunnel. Each climb results in about 50 vertical metres elevation gained. So the walk is moderately demanding, requiring a decent level of fitness. It's well described in the Goldfields Track book. A car shuttle will be necessary.	GoldFields Track Map 29 and 30
11 July 0900	Peter Turner	Maldon to Muckleford on the Rail trail.				Peter has suggested this as a possibility.	Castlemaine-Maldon Trail brochure available at Information Centre.
25 July 0900	Keith Neaves	Deep Spring – Eganstown Daylesford Region	10.3 km	4hrs walk  ?? mins travel to start	3	Still to be reconnoitred.	60 walks in Central Victoria's Goldfields & Spa Country Second edition. Tyrone Thomas.
8 August 0900	Cheryl Taylor & Ron Wescott						

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22 August 0900	Julie Hurley	Fryers Range			4		
29 August 0900	Bryan & Julie Fitzgerald	West Ridge Mt Alexander			4/5	Gold Fields Track	
12 September 0900	Greg Pridmore	Mt Beckworth			4/5		
26 September 0900	Alan Roberts	Railway Dam to Crocodile Reservoir			3/4		
10 October 0830	Rob Norcott						
24 October 0830	Bryan & Tricia Balmer	North of Mt Alexander on the Gold Fields Track	10 kms		3/4	A continuation of the walk on 27 June. Mandurang to Sandhurst Reservoir	Goldfields Track Map 30 and 31
31 October 0830	Kevin Vallence	Water Race Walk South of Chewton			4/5		
14 November 0830	Frances Knight	Welsh Village			3		
28 November 0830	Keith Neaves	Mt Macedon. Circuit walk leaving and finishing at Camels Hump car park.	10 kms	3.5 hrs walking. 50 mins travel to start.	3/4	The walk includes the Memorial Cross with toilets & café available, about half way in the walk. Some great vistas and walking tracks on this walk. Walk to the lookout on top of Camels Hump, the highest point on the mountain at 1008m	60 walks in Central Victoria's Goldfields & Spa Country Second edition. Tyrone Thomas. Plus the Camels Hump
12 December 0830	John Butselaar	Black Hill Reserve					