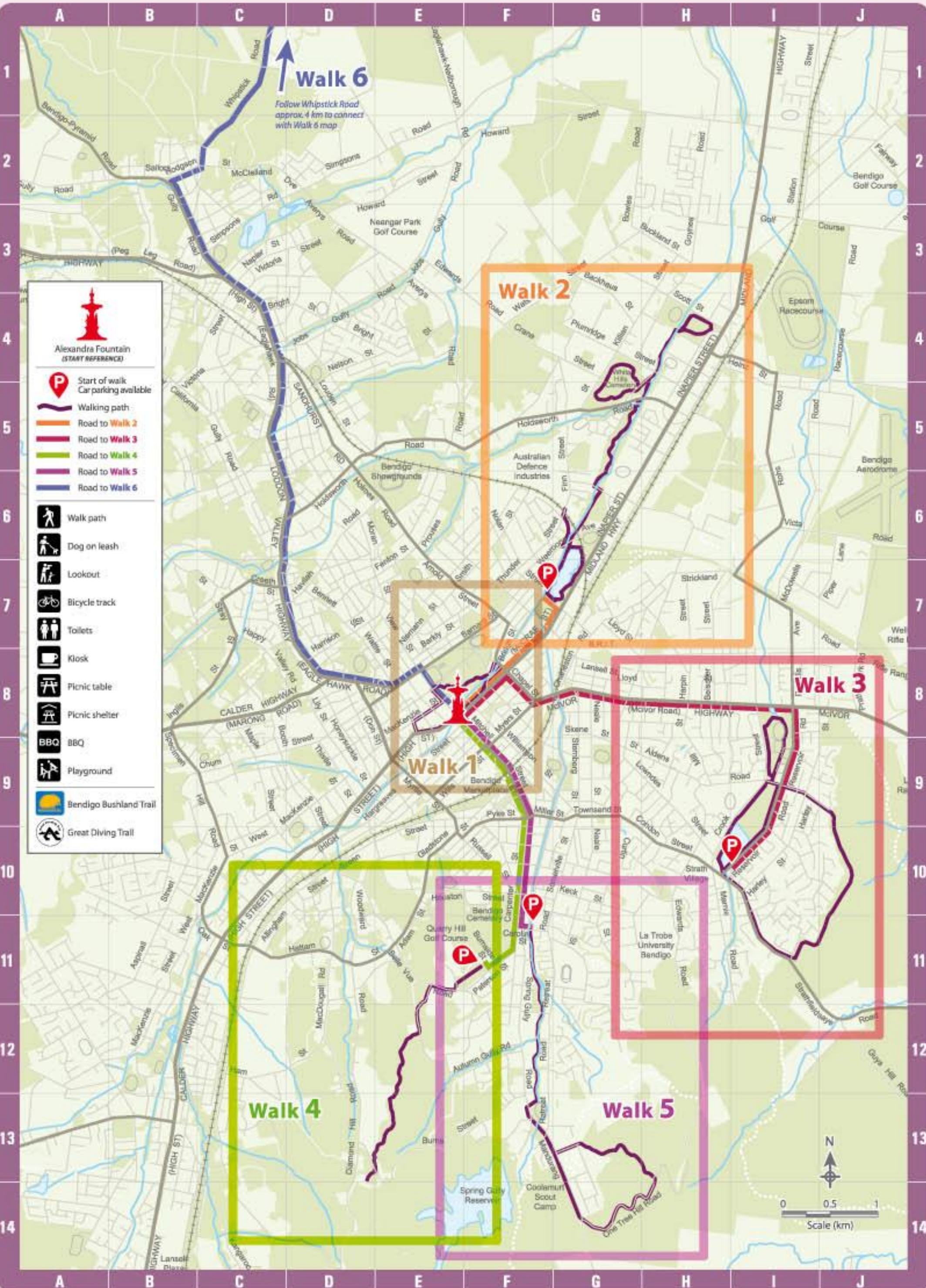


Main Map OVERVIEW



Walk 1 CBD URBAN WALK

3.5 km – Allow 1 ½ hours plus extra time to look inside some of the public buildings
Grade – Easy / Medium (some hills but footpath and bitumen track all the way)



This figure-of-eight shaped walk – with a detour to the Town Hall – should be started from Alexandra Fountain and can be walked in any direction along the marked walking trail.

In and around the city centre, Bendigo's gold rush history is reflected in the beautiful gardens and grand tree-lined streetscapes, which are dominated by opulent examples of 19th Century gold rush architecture.

This is an urban walk which takes in some of Bendigo's finest buildings along the glorious Victorian-era streetscape of Pall Mall, the arts precinct of View Street, through the serene and shady Rosalind Park and past the magnificent Sacred Heart Cathedral.

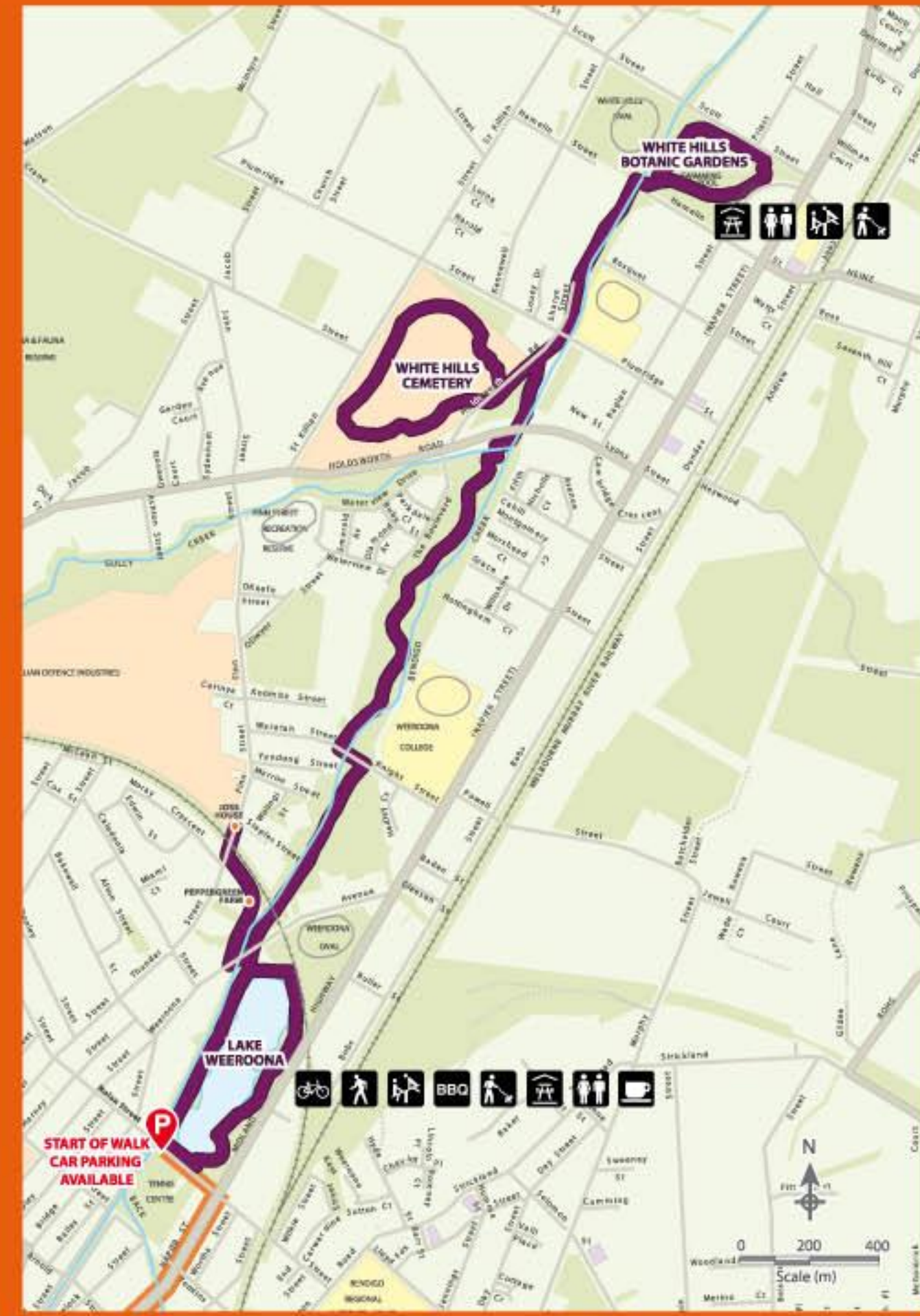
Bendigo's Chinese heritage is retained as a proud part of its identity today, and for a small entry fee, the Chinese Museum and gardens are well worth a visit.

Detailed information about the buildings you will pass in this walk can be found at the Visitor Information Centre in Pall Mall, including the Bendigo Historical Society's booklet 'Self Guided Tours of Historic Bendigo', which is available for purchase.



Walk 2 BENDIGO CREEK LINEAR PATH

7 km return – Allow 2 ½ hours plus extra time to explore places of interest along the way
Grade – Easy (bitumen track all the way)



The Bendigo Creek Linear Path traces its course northeast past a number of points of interest.

Picturesque Lake Weeroona offers picnic and recreation areas for visitors and residents. The Boardwalk Café is situated overlooking the lake, with inside and outside dining looking out across the lake.

A short detour away from the marked walking trail, the PepperGreen Farm is a community environmental and heritage park, providing educational demonstrations of the merits of sustainable living.

The Joss House, further along Thunder Street, was built in the 1860s and is dedicated to Kuan Gung, a Chinese military hero of the third century. It is the oldest Australian Joss House still in use and is classified by the National Trust. It is open Thursday to Monday from 11am to 4pm.

The White Hills Cemetery includes significant features: original entrance pillars and gates, a unique Victorian-style rotunda, Chinese graves of world significance, a Chinese burning tower and the largest monument in the cemetery – Major Robert Moorehead of the Prince of Wales Light Horse.

The White Hills Botanic Gardens were designed in the formal nineteenth century style as a living scientific exhibition, with exotic species arranged according to rigorous principles of classification. Some of the original trees surviving in the gardens are now extremely rare. The gardens feature a small menagerie with wildlife and aviaries.



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Bendigo Walks



Walk 3 KENNINGTON RESERVOIR STRATHDALE PARK GREATER BENDIGO NATIONAL PARK

9 km altogether – Allow at least 3 hours
Grade – Easy / Medium



There are two 'loops' in this urban-meets-bush walk. Take **Loop 1** for an urban walk around Kennington Reservoir and Strathdale Park or take **Loop 2** and join up with a section of the Bendigo Bushland Trail, a 65km trail that encircles the City of Bendigo.

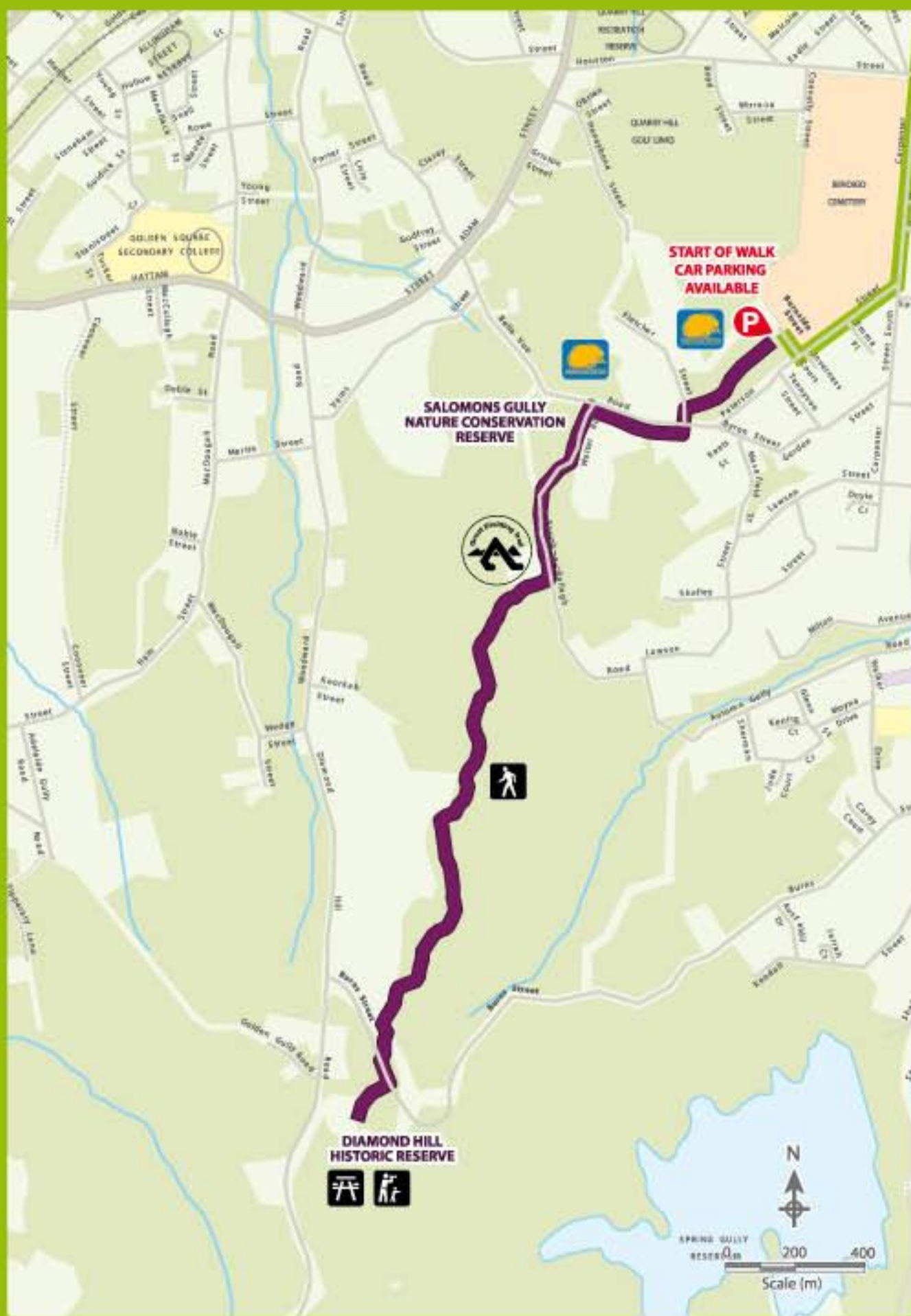
Loop 1
Kennington Reservoir and Strathdale Park
4km – Allow approx 1 hour
Grade – Easy (bitumen track)
Kennington Reservoir was originally constructed for mining and irrigation purposes, but is now a popular area for walking and nature conservation. Strathdale Park is a combination of bushland, sports fields and parkland, which includes a waterwise demonstration garden and Sandakan War Memorial.

Loop 2
Bendigo Bushland Trail - Greater Bendigo National Park
5km - Allow 1 hour and 30 minutes
Grade – Medium (some sections with loose stones)
From Reservoir Road, turn right into Cousins Street. At the end of Cousins Street, cross the water race, turn right and follow the water race south towards Strathfieldsaye Road along the Bendigo Bushland Trail.
The dominant trees here are the dark barked Red Ironbark and Red Box with its distinctive silver/grey bark and almost round leaves. There are many beautiful wildflowers in this area. When the track merges close to the water race, follow the arrows and go over the foot bridge.
Follow the walking track down into a small gully and up to the intersection of Erniold Drive and Strathfieldsaye Road. Follow the sealed walking track northwest along Strathfieldsaye Road until you return to Kennington Reservoir.



Walk 4 SALOMONS GULLY NATURE CONSERVATION RESERVE to DIAMOND HILL HISTORIC RESERVE

5.8 km – Allow 1 hour 45 minutes
Grade – Easy/Medium (there is a short climb to the top of Diamond Hill and there are loose rocks on some sections of the track)



This walk follows sections of both the Great Dividing Trail and Bendigo Bushland Trail. The Great Dividing Trail is a 260km public walking track linking Bendigo, Castlemaine, Ballarat and Bacchus Marsh. The Bendigo Bushland Trail is a 65km trail that encircles the City of Bendigo.

From the car park in Burnside Street, follow the Bendigo Bushland Trail sign to Fletcher Street and then the walking track along Bell Vue Road, turning left into Walter Road. Follow Walter Road, after passing a small dam (Faugh-a-Ballagh Dam), turn right (south) where you see the Great Dividing Trail sign and follow the Red Box Track all the way to Burns Street.

Here you must turn left, walk along Burns Street for 15 metres (note this is a sealed road shared with cars) and then cross over

to the other side of the road in order to pick up the track that leads to the summit of Diamond Hill.

The dominant trees along this walk are Red Ironbark and Red Box. There are also many beautiful wildflowers including fairy wattle, orchids, wattles, egg and bacon flowers, downy grevillea and everlasting daisies.

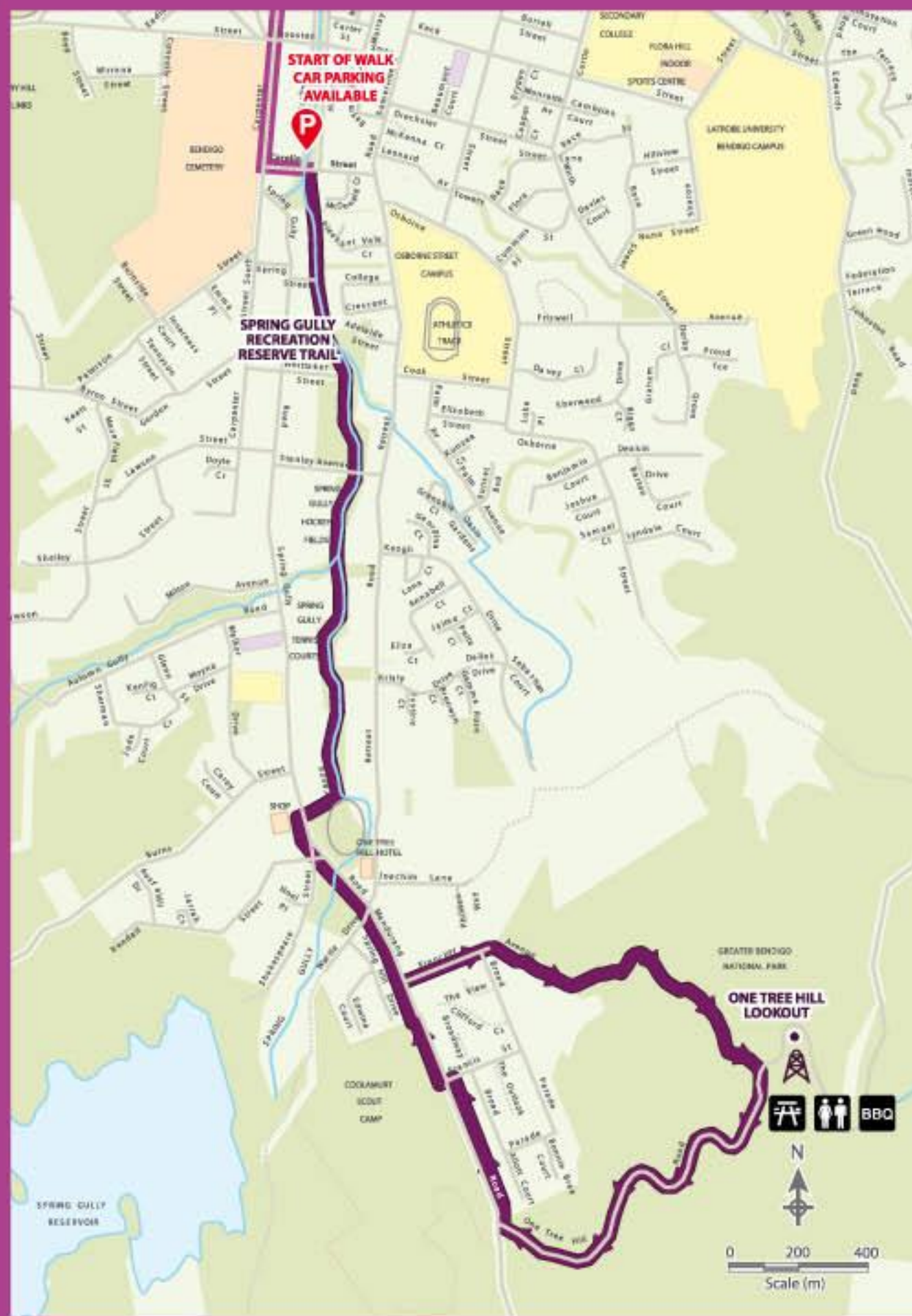
A keen eye and ear will discover Black Wallabies, echidnas, numerous varieties of birds, and if you're very lucky and very quiet, the rare Brush-tailed Phascogale.

This is a rewarding return trip and a linear walk, so you will simply need to retrace your steps to return to your car.



Walk 5 SPRING GULLY RECREATION RESERVE TRAIL to ONE TREE HILL LOOKOUT

8.5 km – Allow approximately 2 hours 45 minutes
(steep climb to One Tree Hill lookout; otherwise generally flat)
Grade – Medium



Follow the Spring Gully linear trail to the Greater Bendigo National Park for a short climb to One Tree Hill, where the poppet head lookout offers a fantastic 360 degree view of Bendigo.

From Carolin Street, follow the sealed walking track south along the Spring Gully Recreation Reserve Trail until you reach the playground and sports oval. The River Red Gum trees here are home to many birds and possums.

Walk through the car park, cross Spring Gully Road and follow the sealed walking track to Franciff Avenue. From the top of Franciff Avenue, stay on the main walking track and follow the blue and yellow arrows, to the lookout at the top of One Tree Hill.

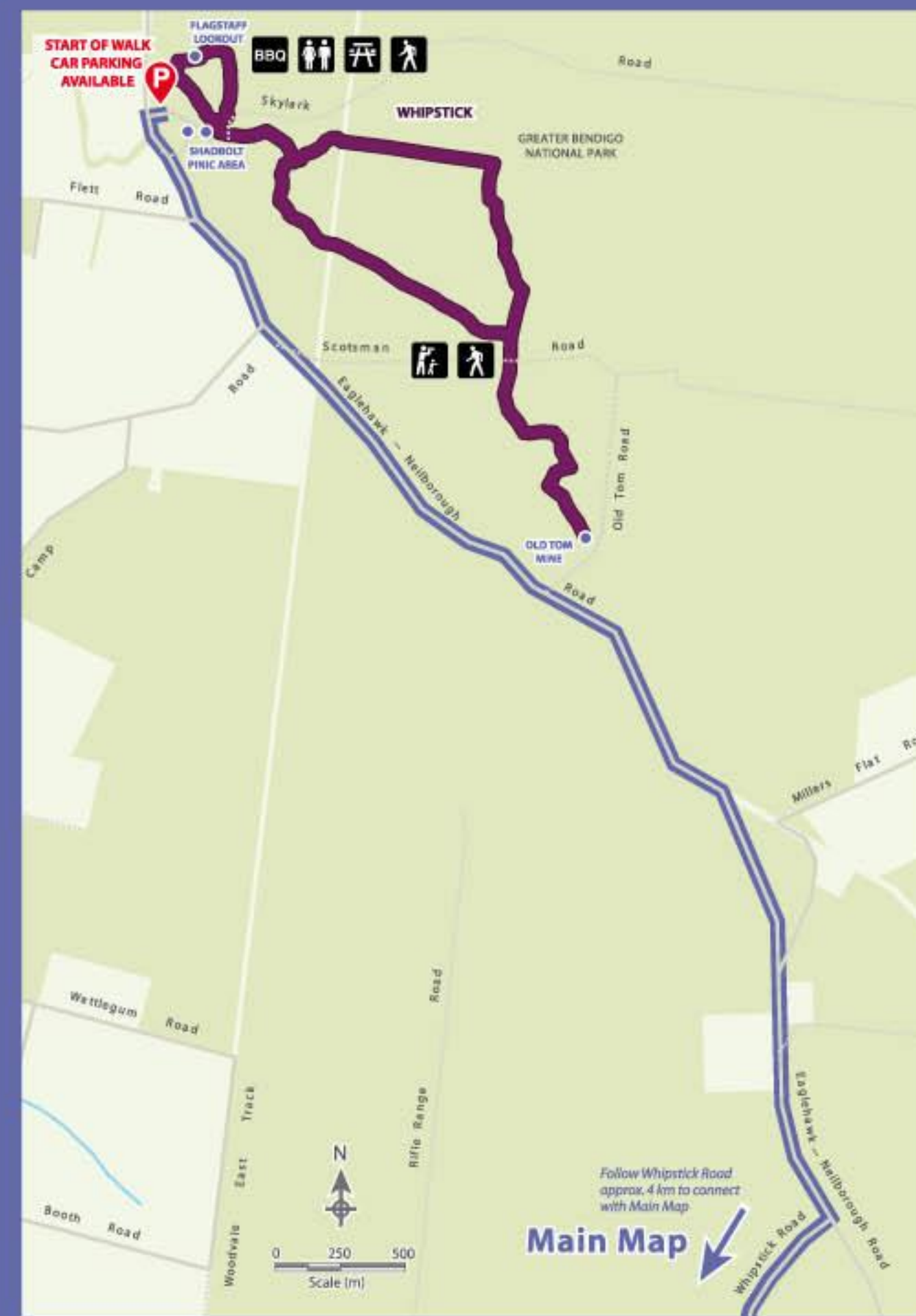
Due to the large demand for timber on the Bendigo goldfields, this forest is the result of 100 years of regrowth. The dominant trees are Red Box and Red Ironbark and there are many beautiful wildflowers and shrubs. The park is rich in birdlife and you are likely to see Black Wallabies and possibly an echidna.

To return, follow the sealed road (shared with cars) back down to Mandurang Road, follow the sealed walking track to Francis Street, cross Mandurang Road and return the way you came.



Walk 6 WHIPSTICK GREATER BENDIGO NATIONAL PARK

6.3 km – Allow approximately 3 hours in total for both walks
Grade – Medium



This area of the Greater Bendigo National Park, locally known as the Whipstick, is reputed to have the greatest concentration of songbirds in Australia, with over 170 species recorded. The beautiful calls of the Grey Shrike-thrush, Crested Bellbird and Gilbert's Whistler can be heard along the forest tracks.

Animals most likely to be seen are the Eastern Grey Kangaroo, Black Wallaby and echidna. Red Ironbark, Grey Box and Yellow Gum trees dominate the area, which is also famous for spectacular wildflower displays from spring to early summer. The brilliantly flowering Whirakee Wattle is unique to the Bendigo area.

Shadbolt's Picnic Area - Flagstaff Hill Lookout
1 km – allow a leisurely 30 minutes
Grade – medium (some loose stones and small hills)

This walk offers beautiful views and is alive with colour, especially in spring. Look out for the magnificent Red Ironbark,

Green Mallee, numerous orchids, Cats Claw and Golden Everlasting on the forest floor.

Shadbolt's Picnic Area - Old Tom Mine
5.3 km (return) – allows at least 2.5 hours
Grade – medium (some loose stones and hills)

Beginning at the rear of the car park, this interesting walk takes you past an old Eucalyptus Distillery site, a water race that was built in the 19th Century to supply water to the many mines in the Whipstick area and the Old Tom Mine. Thousands of tons of rock was taken from the mine, but little gold was extracted, resulting in its reputation as one of the poorest gullies in the Whipstick area.

