

Day 1

(Extract from Guidebook)

| <i>The Great Gold Walk Day 1</i> | | <i>Buninyong to Ballarat 22k</i> |
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| <p><i>Tips</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Easy Day. Start the day early to enjoy the morning light at Mt Buninyong and a lunch stop at Buninyong town.</i> • <i>Ballarat Bird World is only open on weekends, or by booking. If you would like to visit give them a call on 03 53413843. You should pass by early afternoon.</i> • <i>No need to carry lunch. Have lunch in Buninyong, or buy food there to eat later on.</i> • <i>Do not rely on the Great Dividing Trail (GDT) yellow top posts today as, after Buninyong, the trail takes a more interesting route.</i> | | |
| <i>Map 1</i> | | |
| <i>A</i> | <i>Start opposite the small picnic rotunda. Drop downhill veering to the right through magnificent bushland to rejoin the road.</i> | |
| <i>B</i> | <i>Cross over down the steel steps to rejoin the track. Reach a Y junction and turn LEFT onto Wallaby Track. An easy walk ignoring the first track on left to reach Blackberry Lane. Turn LEFT.</i> | |
| <i>C</i> | <i>Continue on until lane veers a little right onto a signed fire track. Continue on down to the crossroads.</i> | |
| <i>D</i> | <i>Turn LEFT south into Granny Whites Lane. Walk along the lane past dry-stone walling and attractive views across the valley. Reach the busy Midland Highway.</i> | |
| <i>E</i> | <i>Turn RIGHT, northwest, walking a short distance alongside the main road passing an early miner's cottage. 100 metres past the cottage swing left across the main road into Ogilvie Lane.</i> | |
| <i>F</i> | <i>Pass drystone walling walking downhill. After 5 minutes the road becomes a two-wheeled track. Continue straight on with attractive farmland views. Track eventually swings hard RIGHT around the corner of a drystone wall; at the crest turn LEFT across the road.</i> | |
| <i>G</i> | <i>Enter Mt Innis Reserve. Climb to the top. The grandly named 'Mt Innis' is actually a small hill with magnificent 360 views. Mt Innis was the gift of George Innis Esq. to the Borough of Buninyong in February 1894. Descend past the stone pillar and GDT post with views of the town. Crossover Lal Lal Street into Yuille Street. Continue on past impressive houses set in bushland, reaching Gong Reservoir. Turn LEFT around the reservoir, crossing a small bridge then swing RIGHT past a magnificent bluestone building, which is the former Buninyong brewery built in 1855. It operated from 1857 until 1873 using waters from the Gong. It is now a private home. At the end of the reservoir cross the road and continue on the dirt track swinging RIGHT over a small bridge across the Gong. Continue on to the end of the park exiting through attractive gates. Cross Inglis Street into Scott Street passing by the historic Uniting Church built in 1860. Turn RIGHT at the Give Way sign to enter the town centre.</i> | |