

## **Bendigo: IVV Permanent Trail, 11km (rated 1B)**

The Bendigo IVV walk will take you through the historic town of Bendigo. Additional information about the places you pass along the route (wherever you see numbers in brackets) is available in the accompanying walk notes. This document can be downloaded separately.

The starting point for this walk is the Bendigo Railway Station (1). Trains from Melbourne leave from the Southern Cross Station and will take approximately 2 hours. If you are driving to the start, there is 3 hour parking at the nearby Bendigo Marketplace (access via Mitchell Street, Edward Street and Arthur Street) and longer parking available NE of the station especially on weekends.

Please note:

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If using an accompanying GPX file, note that the data is derived from a hand-held GPS unit and is therefore NOT accurate enough for navigation, but will provide assistance to walkers to choose the correct path.

### **Walk Route Description**

Across from the main entrance of the station is the Discovery Science and Technology centre (2).

Exit the station and Right on Railway Place. Walk past the bus stops keeping to the right until you almost reach the roundabout. Cross Railway Place at the zebra crossing and continue a short distance and Left into Mitchell Street.

Follow Mitchell Street (carefully crossing Garsed, Wills, King, Queen and Hargreaves Streets).

Left into Bath lane (3). There is a sculpture on the corner.

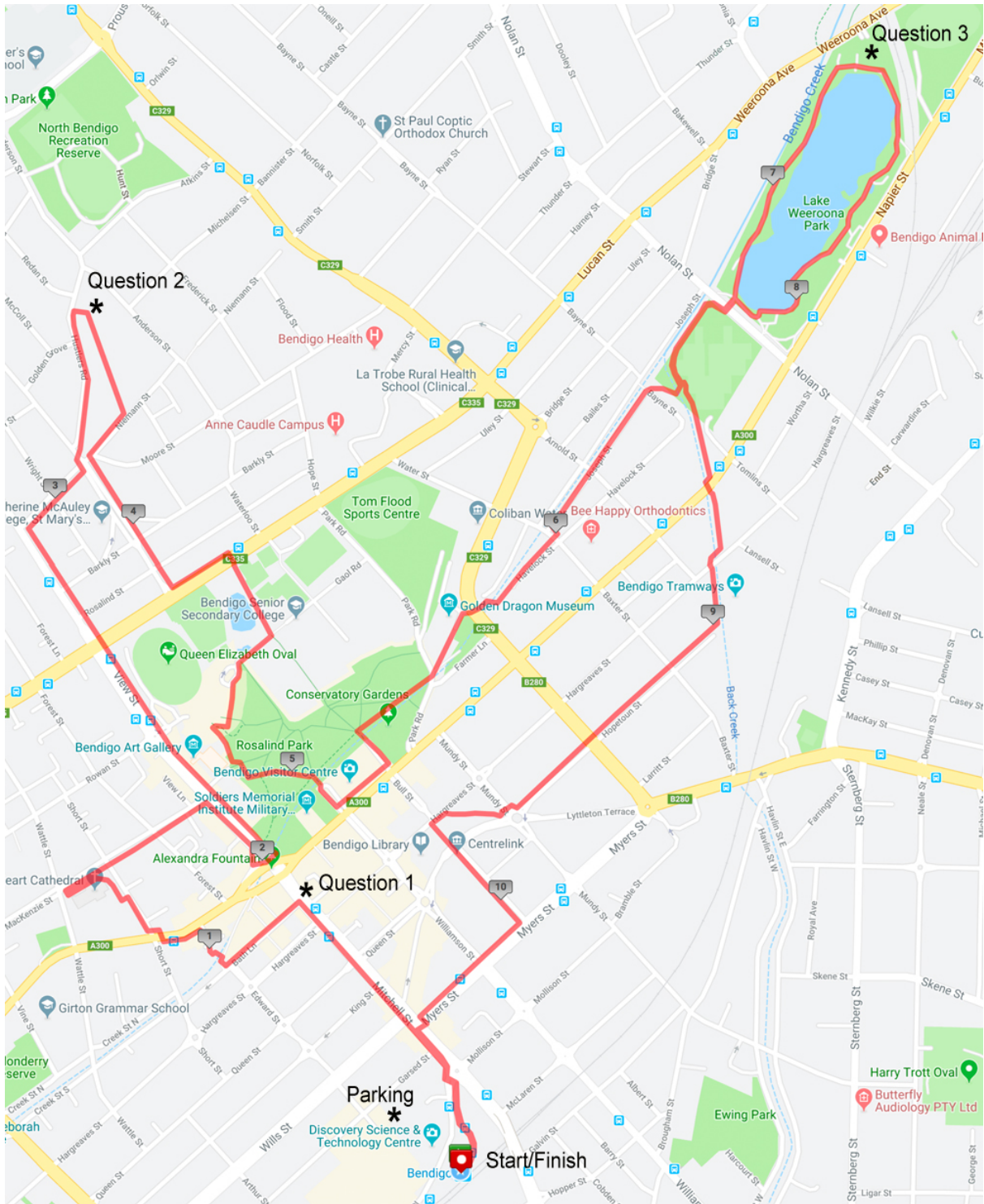
**Question 1:** Who is the sculptor?.....

Continue on Bath Lane. After passing the Bendigo bank building on the right you will see a sculpture of a film roll (4).

Cross Edward Street and Right and over the bridge across creek into the McDonalds carpark. Follow the zebra crossing till you arrive on High Street.

Left on High Street (Midland Hwy) to the traffic lights. Cross High Street at the lights and immediately cross Short Street at the same lights. Then Right into Short Street. Some old cottages will be on on the right.

After a short distance Left and enter the gate into the Sacred Heart Cathedral (5) and follow the driveway around to the Right until you get to the main entrance at the back.



Right onto Wattle Street and then immediately Right again into McKenzie Street going up hill slightly. Cross Short Street, passing St Johns on the left (6). Cross Forrest Street, more old cottages on the right.

Right into View Street (7). Walk to the end, veering Right into View Point. You will see the Fountain (8) and Cenotaph across the street.

Left to cross View Point at zebra crossing then cross View Street at lights to Lansell Park (9).

Retrace your steps on the other side of View Street passing several buildings (10).

Cross Park Lane and Gaol Road. Pass Elizabeth Oval (11) on the right. Cross Barnard, Rosalind and Barkly Streets.

Right into Valentine street. Cross Wright Street.

At next intersection (Milroy Street) Cross to other side of Valentine Street, then immediately Cross Milroy Street to Boundary Hotel (12).

Right into Hustlers Road, next to the pub. The road goes down a little and around a bend where you will see a brown pole fence into the park on right hand side of the road. You follow track up the hill (13).

**Question 2:** When was the Hustlers mine disaster?.....

Right and follow dirt track to Niemann Street.

Right back to Boundary Hotel. Left to cross to other side of Niemann Street and into Barkly Terrace West (low side), school is on the right.

Cross Barkly and continue straight on Bancroft Street past several terraced houses, then cross Rosalind Street.

Left into Barnard Street and continue to the pedestrian crossing to Cross the road at the lights.

Go straight ahead into the lane between swimming pool and bowling club. You walk past an Ibis colony on the right.

Right at the crossing. This is Gaol Road (14). Follow path with green posts past the old Camphill school to the Art Gallery. The Poppet Head lookout tower (15) is on the left - worth a small detour to see the mosaic at the bottom – or feel free to climb up for some great views.

At the Gallery keep the Bunny and Bear on the left and turn Left to follow the path alongside the buildings to granite bench under the palm tree.

Veer Left and keep following the path down. You pass a plaque on the right (16). The old men's club is on the right

Follow path down and straight ahead towards music pavilion on left.

Go over the bridge (17) and down either side of Sidney Myer Place. On the right the RSL Memorial Hall (18). On the left is the old Post Office (19), centre is Boer War Memorial and right is a sculpture of George Lansell (20). This area is also used for the market second Saturday of the month.

Left into Pall Mall (Midland Hwy) which is the main street (21). Across is the Shamrock Hotel (22). Pass the Tourist office in the old post office building and the Court House (23) on your left.

Left into William Vahland Place, after Fountain (24). You are welcome to take a detour into the Conservatory Gardens park on your right to see sculptures of George V, a man fighting animals (25) plus the Conservatory (26).

At end of William Vahland Place, Cross pedestrian bridge back into Rosalind park.

Right and follow Bendigo Creek Trail (27) to the exit. You will pass the Fernery on the left with all the bats hanging in the trees.

Exit gardens at gate and cross Park Road and walk through square with large lotus flower sculpture. Pass between Golden Dragon Museum (28) on left and Temple on right.

Follow Bendigo Creek Trail across road and over the walk bridge, keeping the creek on the left. St Kilians School is on the right (29).

Cross Baxter Street, take immediate Left and Right to continue on trail with creek on left and houses on right. Cross Arnold Street. At Bayne Street the path narrows and continues for pedestrians and bikes only. Cross small bridge, keeping tennis courts on the right.

Right at end of car park to pedestrian crossing lights at Nolan Street. Cross Nolan Street at the lights to enter Weerona Park (30).

Follow trail on left side of the lake. The Rowing Club is at the far end of lake. Note the concrete 2 span bridge over Weerona Road (from 1900s) before you turn right in front of Rowing Club.

**Question 3:** Which other club is located with the Rowing Club? .....

Continue on the path around the lake and boardwalk in front of café. When you return to the pedestrian crossing lights at Nolan Street, retrace your path with tennis courts on you left.

Do NOT go over the bridge again but follow now Back Creek Trail straight ahead.

Cross Napier Street at lights towards Quest Hotel. Continue straight on path by creek to Hargreaves Street where you first cross the creek via a footbridge then immediately Cross the road towards the Tram Museum (31) and Woollen Mill. Continue on path a short distance until you reach the cul-de-sac at the end of Hopetoun Street. (Unnamed, do not continue towards the hardware store.)

Right into Hopetoun street. Cross Baxter and Chapel Streets. At Roundabout Cross Mundy Street carefully and take diagonal path through the park. The Town Hall (32) is in front of you and St Lukes on right.

At end of path (Hargreaves Street) turn Left and Left again to walk around the Town Hall. The library will be on your right and a sculpture of Cornish Miners before crossing the road.

Cross Lyttleton Terrace and continue straight into St Andrews Avenue staying on right side of street.

Right at Myers Street (St Andrews Church (33) is across the road). Cross Williamson Street at lights, then passing St Pauls (34) on left. Left into Mitchell Street, crossing Myer and Mitchell Streets at lights. Then retrace route back to the station (cross Garsed and into Railway Place at roundabout).

We hope you enjoyed the walk.

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