

Living Stories of the Victorian Goldfields

BENDIGO CASTLEMAINE MALDON

POD TOURS

BENDIGO CITY TOUR

Discover the beginnings of this grand city, built and developed on the fortunes of gold



This walking tour covers a distance of two kilometres, with 13 stops, and will take you about two hours to complete. You can take it in stages, over a couple of days if you wish, and you can pause and re-start this podtour anytime you like.

The directions to each stop are at the beginning of the track for that stop. For instance, the directions for stop 2 are at the beginning of stop 2, and so on.

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STOP 1 – OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING/ BENDIGO VISITOR CENTRE

You should be on the steps of the Information Centre in Pall Mall, with a map of the route. If not, pause now, pop inside, and get yourself a copy.

STOP 2 – BENDIGO CREEK

To walk to Bendigo Creek, descend from the high steps of the old Post Office Building (now Visitor Centre), turn right up Pall Mall and a few steps along turn right on the corner of the old Post Office into Williamson Street. Bendigo Creek is fifty metres on across the bridge.

STOP 3 – THE GOLDEN DRAGON MUSEUM

From the bridge, cross into Rosalind Park, and immediately turn right. Follow the path alongside Bendigo Creek, and past the fernery on your left. When you get to the gate at the far end of the park go through the gate, cross Park Street, and in front of the Golden Dragon Museum you'll see two lions. Go to the lion on the left, and pause the pod tour until you get there.

To see the Pomelo tree, walk around the left side of the museum, and out on Park Street. Go up the hill of Park Street, immediately take the right fork into the museum car park. On your left is a row of trees. The Pomelo is the sixth one along.

STOP 4 – THE BENDIGO SUPREME COURT

From the Pomelo Tree go back to Park Street, cross the road (with care) and enter Rosalind Park through the right hand gate where you previously came from. Take the path up to the old Supreme Court, about fifty metres from the gate.

STOP 5 – THE OLD POLICE BARRACKS

To walk to the Police Barracks, from the Supreme Court building – presuming you're facing towards the park – take the straight path down to your right. At the bottom, turn left and go down to the park itself. Then turn right and follow the path along the bottom of the hill.

After 100 metres, at Police Barracks Walk, turn right and walk up about 100 metres to the crest of the hill. The sandstone building on your left is the Police Barracks.

STOP 6 – THE ROSALIND PARK LOOKOUT

From the Police Barracks, continue 50 metres along Police Barracks Walk to the gate, then turn left into Gaol Road. After 100 metres you'll see the lookout. It's the old poppet head from a mine on the hill, about 150 metres across to your left. You can climb the poppet head for fantastic views of the city.

STOP 7 – DUDLEY HOUSE

From the bottom of the poppet head stairs, go 45 degrees left and follow the path through the car park (the Art Gallery & Capital Theatre will be on your left), towards the Queen Elizabeth Oval. After 50 metres, at the far side of car park, turn left up the road alongside the oval, towards a roundabout with a palm tree in the middle. On your left is Dudley House.

STOP 8 – THE CAPITAL THEATRE

The Capital is about 50 metres down View Street on your left, past the old Fire Station. You'll know it by its Roman pillars.

STOP 9 – BENDIGO TRADES HALL

To get to the Trades Hall, head down View Street. It's another 50 metres on your left.

STOP 10 – TEMPERANCE HALL

Just downhill from the Trades Hall, at 30 View Street, is Temperance Hall with large, arched wrought iron gates.

STOP 11 – THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE SANDHURST NORTHERN DISTRICT TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY CO LTD.

Another 50 or so metres down, at number 18 View Street.

STOP 12 – TO CHARING CROSS

You should now be on View Street and passing the Sandhurst Trustees Building. Continue down View Street as you listen to the podtour.

STOP 13 – PALL MALL

It's time now to head back towards the old Post Office building, where you began. You can go along Pall Mall or through Rosalind Park and back across the bridge. Please return the MP3 player if hired from the Visitor Centre.

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This Bendigo City tour is one of a series of tours of the central Victorian goldfields – for driving, walking and on bicycle.

The other tours include Gold Rush to Mount Alexander (The diggings tour), Eureka Reef Heritage Walk, Castlemaine Town Tour and Eagle Eye View of Victoria's Golden Centre – which all link in together to create the goldfields story.

They can all be downloaded at visitgoldfields.com or collected from the Visitor Information Centres in Castlemaine, Maldon or Bendigo. The nearest to you here in Bendigo is the Visitor Centre which is housed in the old Post Office building on the corner of Pall Mall and Williamson Street.

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