

A little piece of orienteering sunshine\* in the middle of winter



*Bird's Reef*

Its mid-winter. Your social media feed is overflowing with stories (AP) or pictures (FB) of other orienteers at major events in the currently warm hemisphere. The crescendo of posts will come to a peak with O-Ringen over the weekend of 21-23 July. If you are starting to feel you are missing out, take the opportunity to spend that weekend in Bendigo sampling gold mining terrain on six maps, all within the urban boundary of Bendigo. Maybe you can even post a picture or two to arouse envy in the hearts of the overseas travelers.





## Day 1 – Return to Birds Reef

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July:

Start times 12:30-2:00pm

Course closure 3pm.

Maps: Royal Birds Reef and Greater Extended South Birds Reef

Assembly: Along Birds Reef Lane (off Chapel St), Kangaroo Flat. Take care on the entry into and exit from Birds Reef onto Chapel St.

Toilets. The nearest public toilet is in the Kangaroo Flat Botanic Gardens

Format: Shorter courses needing a more frantic approach. This is not a Bush series event so if you “fear” it will be something different you are correct. But there is nothing to fear. There will still be the 3 more technical courses but not as long as the usual Bush event but slightly longer than a sprint event. All new comers welcome (with a moderate and easy course also) and members of other orienteering clubs also welcome as we continue to do our best to cater for the enter on day format.

Entree Fees: The usual Bendigo entry fee structure. See Eventor.

PRE PAYMENT is available via Eventor (a payment system not a bagging a map system).



## Day 2- The Grand tour of Bendigo urban gold mining

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Start times 11:00-12:00.

Course closure 2.00pm

Format: The event has an unusual format with up to four maps. Travel between maps is by car. The car legs are “dead legs” (time for those legs does not count in result). The start control will be at the assembly area where you pick up your maps. The next control will be at a distant map reached by car. There is no competition to minimize time between maps. Total driving time is estimated between 35 and 40 minutes. You will need to coordinate with other members of your travelling party.



Course 1: 8 kilometres, 4 maps in order –Map 1 Perfumed Garden, Map 2 White Hill No 4. Map 3 Prince of Wales. Map 4 St Justs Point. Each map has an approximately 2k course. About 45 controls.

Course 2: 6 kilometres, 4 maps as for course 1. Each course has an approximately 1.5 k course. About 35 controls.

Course 3: 4 kilometres, 2 maps in order - Map 1 Prince of Wales. Map 2 St Just’s Point. Each map has an approximately 2k course. About 25 controls.

Course 4: 2.5 kilometres, 2 maps as for course 3. Each course has an approximately 1.3 k course. About 20 controls.

All courses have controls of moderate and hard difficulty.

Assembly for all courses: Bailey St California Gully.

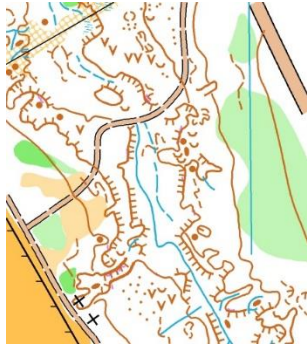
Toilets: There are no toilets at any of the maps. You have ample opportunity in Central Bendigo whilst travelling to the venue, or whilst travelling between maps to find and visit public toilets at Eaglehawk and Epsom.

Scheduling your run: You need to take into account approximately 40 minutes of driving, running up to four 2k courses and some queuing time at the start of each map. The whole experience may take slower orienteers close to 3 hours.

**PRE-ENTRY ONLY.** See Eventor. First deadline at the end of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Hard deadline (with much higher prices) 24 hours later at the end of Thursday.



## The Maps



### **Royal Birds Reef and Greater Extended South Birds Reef:**

Sluice mining terrain in Kangaroo Flat, a short walk from the railway station. Mapped in 2014 at 1:5,000 using a lidar base. Used for a State Series and two local Bendigo events.



### **The Perfumed Garden:**

Surfacing terrain near suburban Epsom. Previously used for the first Ironman 20 years ago, and little used since. Re-mapped in 2016 at 1:5,000 using a lidar base. This will be the first use of the new map.



### **White Hill No 4:**

Surfacing terrain in suburban White Hills. It has the unique feature of complex vegetation with route choice through narrow leads amongst the melaleuca. Mapped in 2016 at 1:5,000 using a lidar base. Updated in 2018 to account for vegetation changes. Used for one Bendigo local event so far.



### **Prince of Wales:**

Sluice, reef and surfacing terrain. This terrain was part of the now outdated Devonshire Reef map. It has been remapped in 2018 at 1:5,000 using a lidar base. First use of the new map.



### **St Just's Point:**

Reef and surfacing terrain in the heart of Long Gully. Some vegetation complexity added by bushfire regrowth. Rumours of the imminent mapping of this terrain circulated within the Bendigo club for over two decades. The rumours eventually became truth in 2016 when it was mapped as part of the much larger Royal George Company map at 1:15,000 using a lidar base. Used for one Bendigo training event. The map has had a 2018 desktop conversion to ISSOM 1:4,000.

## The fine print- disclaimers and warranties

\* “Orienteering Sunshine” is a marketing term. No warranty is expressly or implicitly implied that there will be blue skies at the event, though we will all be hoping for such. For those wishing to post fabulous pictures of the terrain under blue skies for the purpose of sledging Australian orienteers at O-Ringen or the Transylvanian Open, these photographs can be provided by the organiser.



*Perfumed Garden*



*St Justs Point*



*White Hill No 4*



*Prince of Wales*