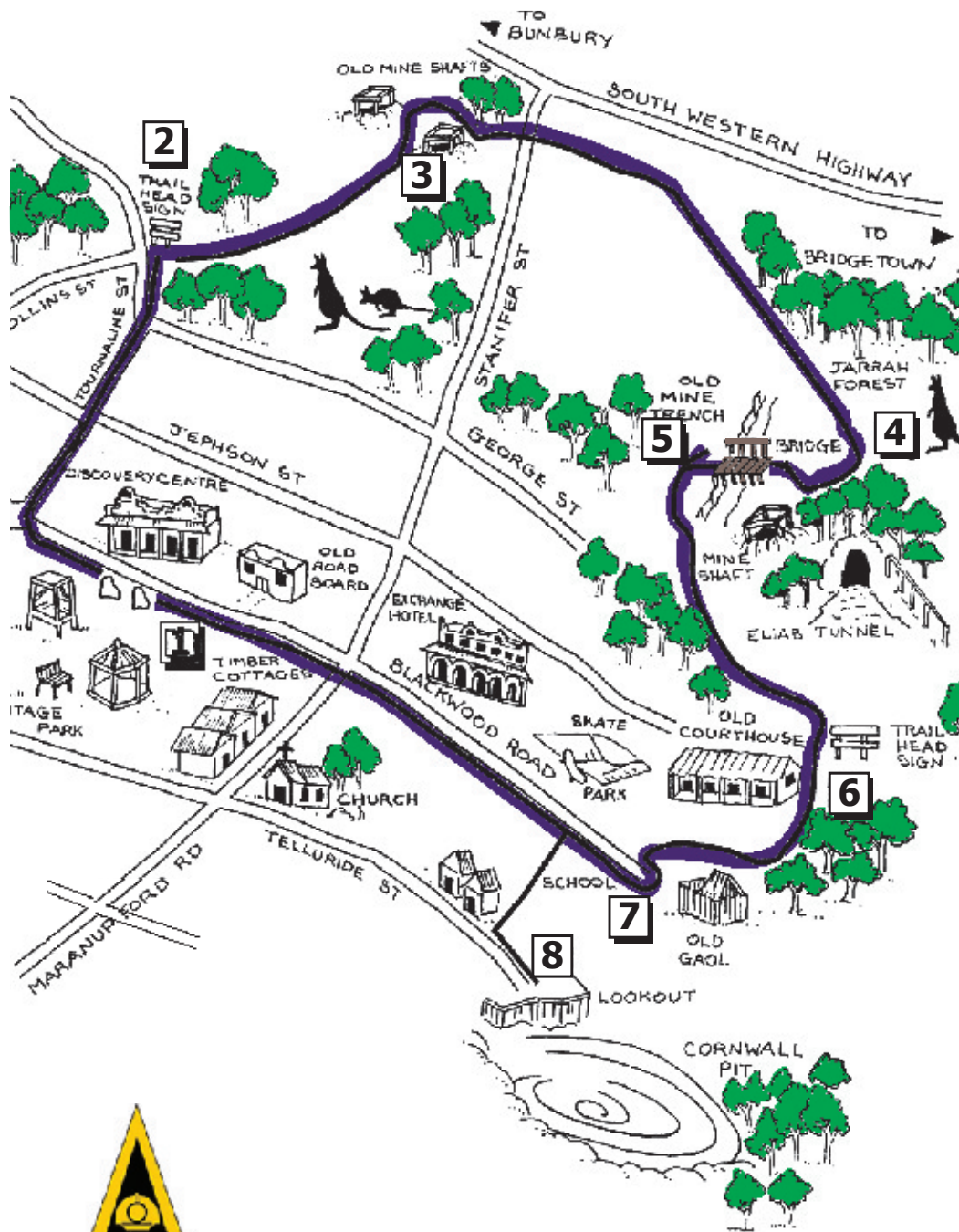


MINING HERITAGE WALK

Length: 3 km return

Walk Time: Approximately 1 hour

Class: 2



500m

This walk begins and ends opposite the Greenbushes Discovery Centre at the Heritage Park on Blackwood Road, Greenbushes. The trail takes in many heritage mining areas and is marked by a triangular badge featuring a miner's safety hard hat and crossed pick and shovel. A selection of interpretive signs are a feature of this walk.

1. From the Heritage Park on Blackwood Road (opposite Discovery Centre) looking North, turn right into Tourmaline Street and follow the markers.
2. Exiting from the road at the trail header leads you to a path through jarrah/mixed forest. Follow the trail deeper into the forest and look out for the trail marker, indicating a left turn at a 4 way fire track intersection.
3. View an array of old mining shafts used to mine tin from the 1900's to 1940's (Tin was first discovered in Greenbushes in 1886). Miners used a variety of winch mechanisms and buckets to haul ore from as deep as 10 metres below the surface cap rock.
4. Leaving the shafts via a forest walk and joining another fire track, you proceed to and cross a sealed road (Stanifer Street – access into Greenbushes).
5. Follow a gravel road, which turns right and soon turns into a track with native forest on the up-hill side and rehabilitation on the other. Where there is a slight deviation into the forest edge, find an old mine tunnel entrance. The Elias Tunnel, also known as the Mile Long Tunnel, was developed to mine tin. Note that shoring up was not required to support the tunnel.
6. Climb the hill, remembering that the tunnel lies beneath you, and continue through the forest following the markers past another shaft and across an old mining trench. Follow the trail markers along a forest track exiting at Jephson Street.
7. You have now entered the historic precinct, which includes the Old Courthouse, Gaol and Police Station/house (now the school library). Cross Blackwood Road to the Greenbushes Primary School side of the street along the sealed pathway.
8. At the Lookout sign (track running west on the boundary of the school), follow the markers to Telluride Street and to the Mine Lookout and view the Talison Minerals Cornwall Pit (open 8am to 5pm daily). Retrace the trail to Blackwood Road, returning through town to the Heritage Park.