Discover Rushworth's Hidden Treasures Walking/Riding Trail

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Approximate Trail Distance 6.5 Km
Some uphill climbing and rough track from sites 17 to 18 and 4 to 7

No Site
1. Shire Hall
2. Court House
3. St Pauls Church
4. Historic Whistle Stop
5. Old Mine Shaft Digging
6. Old Rushworth Cemetery
7. Old Battery Site
8. Ironbark Timber Mill
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1. Shire Hall
   The first council meeting was held in this building in January 1869. It was also used for concerts, balls and films. It continues to be used for social functions and other events.

2. Court House
   This building was constructed in 1877 to replace the original timber building built in 1857. There was also a nearby lockup and the original police station. The court house is the only surviving building on the old police camp site.

3. St Pauls Church
   This church was completed in 1870 to replace a small slab building further down the hill used for religious services.

4. Historic Whistle Stop
   Erected in 1906 it is the site where traction steam engines were required by law to warn horse drawn vehicles of their arrival.

5. Old Mine Shaft Diggings
   See the remnants of reef mining with collapsed mine shafts and large mullock heaps scattered throughout the forest.

6. Old Rushworth Cemetery
   This is the original cemetery used from the start of the gold rush in 1853 until 1881 when the existing cemetery was established. There are no known records of burials in this cemetery.

7. Old Battery Site
   The foundations of the main battery site in Rushworth can still be seen which was used for crushing the ore and extracting gold. Beyond the foundations are the sand hills of the left over crushed one.

8. Ironbark Timber Mill
   One of the last remaining Ironbark timber mills in existence. Ironbark is a highly regarded hardwood known for its termite resistance.

9. Old Alluvial Diggings
   See closely grouped shallow shafts and rounded piles of wash diit and soil, evidence of alluvial gold mining with the use of pan and cradle or sluice boxes.

10 & 16. Rail Trail
    Enjoy this shared use path converted from the old railway line corridor through Rushworth.

11. Old Train Engine Turntable
    The remains of the train engine turntable can still be seen where steam engines were turned around to face the right way for return journeys.

12. Old Railway Sidings
    Explore the old railway sidings from when Rushworth was an important railway junction from 1890, when the line first opened, to the mid 1980s.

13. Mechanics Institute / Museum
    This building was constructed in 1913 replacing the original building erected in 1897. It contained a lending library for miners and tradesman as well as a billiards room. It is now used by the Rushworth Historical Society as a Museum.

14. Cemetery
    The cemetery was established over 150 years ago in 1861. There have been over 3300 internments since then. The cemetery layout has a unique radial design.

15. Masonic Lodge
    The Rushworth Masonic hall was built in 1893 for 300 pounds. Prior to it being built the lodge used to meet in the Criterion Hotel.

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17. Growlers Sanctuary
    This fully fenced sanctuary was set up to protect wildflowers from grazing animals such as rabbits and kangaroos.

18. Growlers Hill (Lookout)
    Climb the CFA tower at the lookout to get excellent views of the surrounding countryside.

19. St Marys Church
    This church was completed in 1897 replacing the original church destroyed by fire.

20. Gayle Park / Reserve
    Relax in this well treed reserve named after one of a Rushworth’s pioneering families.

21. Community Garden
    An initiative of the Community House for members of the community to grow fresh vegetables. Produce can be picked for a gold coin donation.

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Some portions of this track contain uphill ascents and rough terrain so it is not recommended for the elderly, people with health problems or small children.

This track is not signposted so it is recommended a toposcope or other navigation device be used in conjunction with this map.

Please ensure that suitable footwear is worn when attempting these walks.

Adequate water should be taken especially during the summer.

Please note there are many abandoned mine shafts in the forest and care must be taken when venturing off designated tracks.

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