

TRAIL DIRECTIONS

This document provides trail directions for the Southern Charity Challenge from Goolwa to Back Valley via Victor Harbor along the Encounter Bicycle track and Heysen Trail. The maps are not intended to be of "orienteering" standard and although the trail is generally well marked participants should acknowledge that some inconsistencies can only be remedied with good trail knowledge.

Map Ref	Place name	Purpose	Kms	What will be available	Approximate hours
001	Tokuremor Reserve	Start - Registration & data entry	0	On street parking, registration desk, portable toilet, a marquee, maps, water, coffee, tea.	Start at 8.00am
1	Basham Beach	Staffed hydration Station	6.7	Permanent toilets adjacent to car park, water	8.30am – 9.30am
2	Railway Crossing	Check Point & finish of 15km walk	15.0	Marquee, permanent toilet facilities, water, coffee, tea, fruit and biscuits	9.45am – 12noon
3	Yilki	Staffed Check Point	21.0	Registration & data entry for 30km walkers only - water	10.20am – 1.30pm
4	Back Valley corner	Staffed Check Point	35.0	Volunteers, tent, portable toilet, coffee, tea, fruit, water	12noon – 9.00pm
5	Mt Robinson	Unmanned Check Point	45.0	Water, Power drinks, biscuits, chocolates	Unmanned
6	Back Valley corner	Staffed Check Point	60.0	Volunteers, tent, toilet, coffee, tea, fruit, water	12noon – 9.00pm

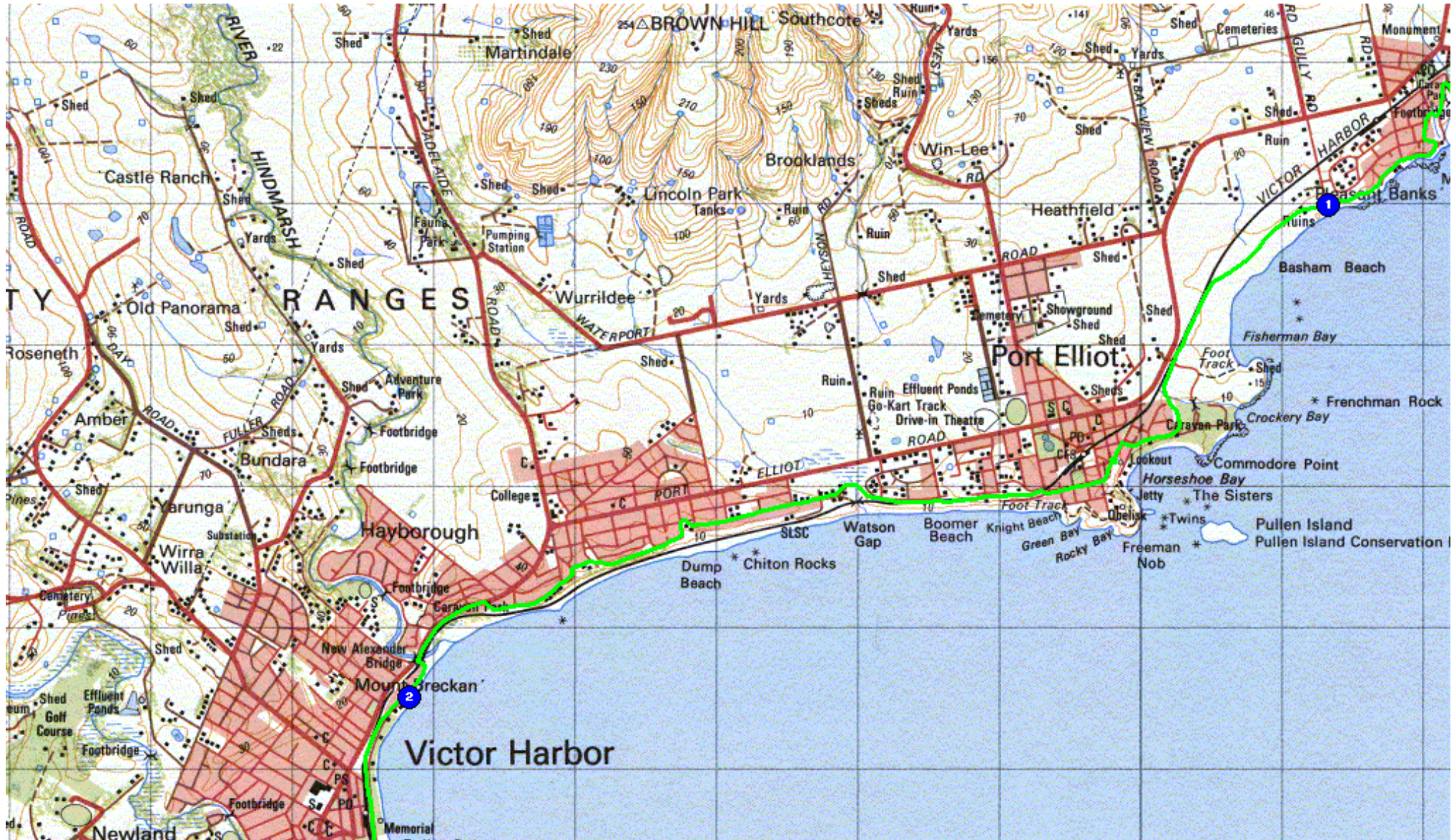
Strip Map 1

The event commences at Tokuremor Reserve, Redcliff St, Goolwa at 8.30am. Registrations close at 8.00am and a compulsory briefing will be held prior to the event. Participants walk along a bicycle track which connects with Newell Ave and the long Surfers Parade before crossing a creek bed onto Mill Tce, Higgins Tce and Ocean Pde. The Basham Beach section is quite open and after passing old farm buildings the trail crosses the Pt Elliot Caravan Park entrance road (8.5km).



Strip Map 2

From the Port Elliot Caravan Park entrance road participants should follow the bike trail which leads above beautiful Horseshoe Bay. Walkers should seek to connect with Barbara St and Railway Tce walking toward Boomer Beach. The trail exits the Port Elliot area via Ocean Rd and crosses Watsons Gap onto Seagull Ave. The entry to Victor Harbor is via Olivers Pde above the Dump beach, Granite Cres, Hayward St and into Victor Harbor proper down Kleinig's Hill via the bike track adjacent to Hindmarsh Rd. Cross the Hindmarsh River at the Bridge Tce rail crossing (15km) and you will immediately see the 15km finish. All participants must confirm their intention to continue or finish at this checkpoint before proceeding.



Continuing participants

From the 15km finish participants continue past the Yacht Club along the Esplanade, Flinders Parade, to the new Inman River foot bridge and through Kent Reserve. The Encounter Bicycle route continues through the reserve toward the bluff, past the Yilki shops and toilet block to the half marathon finish at 21.1km mark.

Again all participants must confirm their intention to continue or finish at this checkpoint before proceeding to the prominent landmark known as Rosetta Head (The Bluff).



Continuing participants should proceed through the boat ramp car park along the road to the Bluff jetty. A sign will direct walkers up a series of steps to the old "Coolanine" Copper mine and then to the Petrel Cove car park. There is a beautiful cliff top and beach walk from Petrel Cove to the Kings Beach car park where signs will direct you Right along the Heysen Trail to the Jagger Rd intersection. Turn Left (West) at Jagger Rd and continue uphill. Shortly after the bitumen stops look for signs to the right (North) directing you into scrub. This 1km walk through bushland toward a marked quarry is very pleasant. Take great care crossing busy Waitpinga Rd onto a dirt fire track again running north.

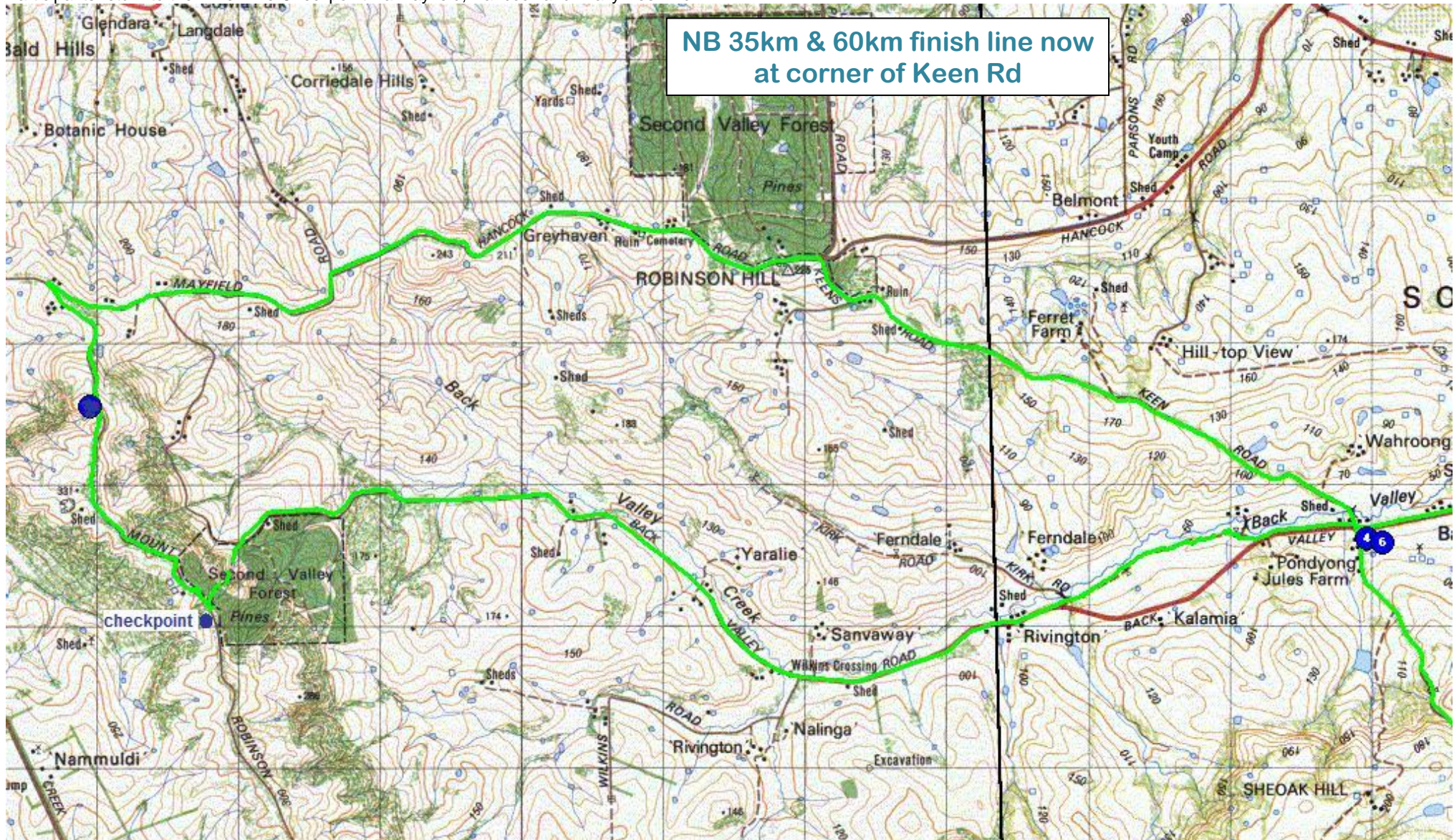
At the end of the Fire Track participants should **not** follow the Heysen Trail but should heed the signs directing them to turn left (West) along Tugwell Road. After less than 1km participants should again heed a sign and veer right at a creek crossing. The trail proceeds uphill toward Sheoak Hill.

Map 3

Once you are on the saddle there are picturesque views to Victor Harbor followed by a steep decline. At the end of Tugwell Road you will come to a major staffed checkpoint with toilet facilities. This Checkpoint at the Back Valley – Keen Rd – Tugwell Rd intersection fulfils a dual role as the Finish line for the 35km & 60km event.

The well manned checkpoint is where 35km walkers finish whereas 60km participants turn Left (West) and complete a 25km circuit to the top of Mt Robinson and back before finishing. 60km walkers should walk along Back Valley Rd to a property entrance on the Right. At this point you walk a 1.7km road reserve section to the Kirk Rd Bridge. At the bridge signs will direct you back onto Back Valley Rd. Remain on Back Valley Road up and down small hills until a SA Forestry gate HU1.

The map below describes the circuit which includes a steep but short walk through a section of Forest. Checkpoint 5 at Mt Robinson is unmanned but will provide shelter, water and snacks. Participants return to the Finish line Checkpoint via Mayfield, Hancock and finally Keen Rd.

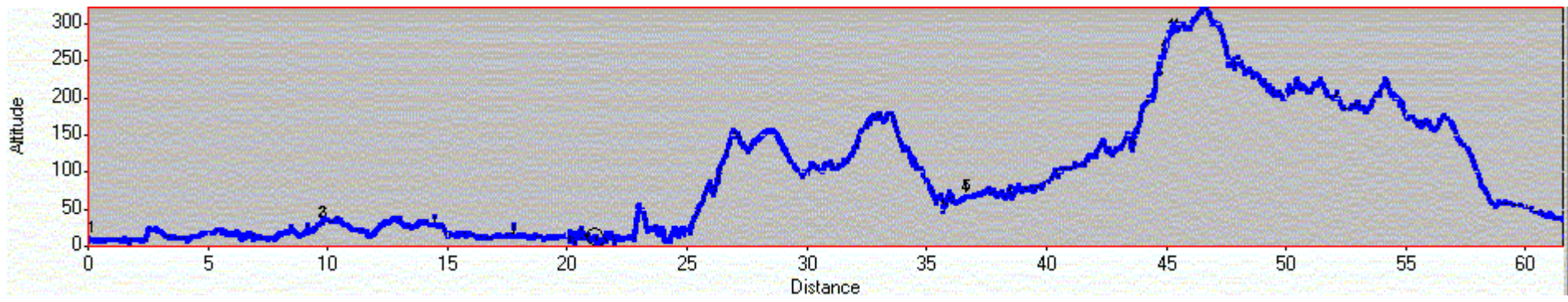


Finish

The finish line is only 5km from Victor Harbor via the Yankalilla Road. The Finish line will communicate with other checkpoints via CB UHF radio – Channel 16.

Profile

The following graph gives participants a linear perspective of the climbs and descents along the entire 60km trail.



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