
MOUNTAINEER MINE SITE

Location

JEFF SPUR TRACK WONGUNGARRA, WELLINGTON SHIRE

Municipality

WELLINGTON SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8323-0006

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 10987

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The Mountaineer Reef was discovered and worked during the Crooked River reefing rush of 1864-5. In 1880, the 'well-known reef' on Good Luck Creek was reworked as the Lone Hand. It was at that time described as a very large reef, which could be worked very cheaply because of its proximity to the creek—meaning that a water-powered battery could be erected close to the mine. A crushing from the mine was recorded in 1882, and the Lone Hand Co. was sufficiently encouraged by the average yield of just over an ounce per ton to make plans for a battery of its own. In December that year, it was reported that 'preparations [were] being made' by the company for the erection of a battery, which (it was speculated) might lead to the opening up of some of the many reefs known to exist in the locality. No further records of the mine were found, but the physical remains suggest that construction of the battery indeed went ahead.

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