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# FAIRLEY'S CREEK MINE & BATTERY SITES

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## Location

OFF BUCKLAND RIVER ROAD BUCKLAND, ALPINE SHIRE

## Municipality

ALPINE SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8224-0069

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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Sites associated with the Fairleys Creek workings located along the lower 1.5km section of Fairleys Creek before its junction with Buckland River.

Interpretation of Site	Quartz goldmining site. The early battery site is difficult to interpret as the later incline tramway has been built over its centre. The most prominent features remaining are believed to relate to the mine's development by the Fairleys Creek GMCo. They include the later battery site, tramways, water races and tunnels.
Other Names	Fairleys Creek Early Battery Site,
Hermes Number	23021

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## History

Mr Frank McGuire discovered quartz reef in September 1885. Quartz prospecting claim registered by Melbourne & Buckland United (1887). Mid 1888 Buffalo Gold Prospecting Co took over. Nov 1888 Fairley's Creek GMCo formed and erected battery. Crushing equipment placed on the site in April 1897 by Fairley's Creek GMCo, a London based company. They developed the reef extensively. A new 30-head battery began operation by June 1898. Two miners were killed December 1898. It appears mining operations ceased about 1901.

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