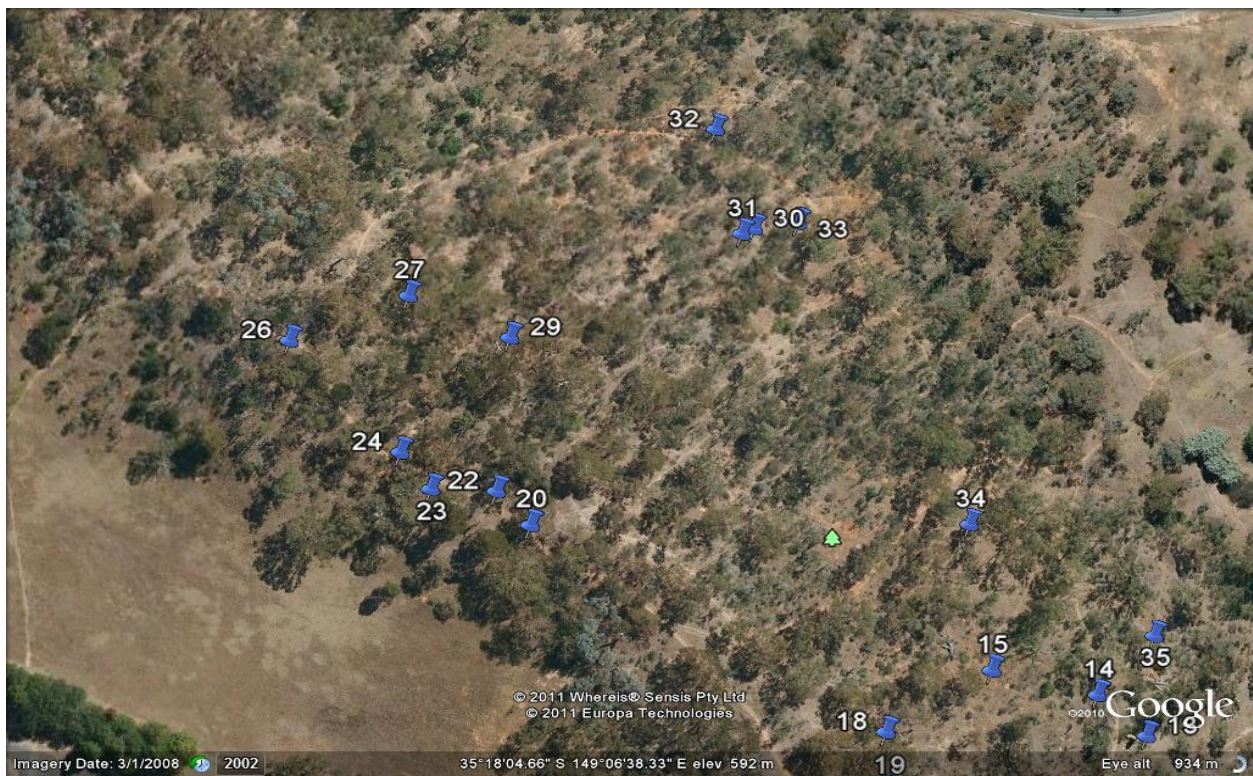
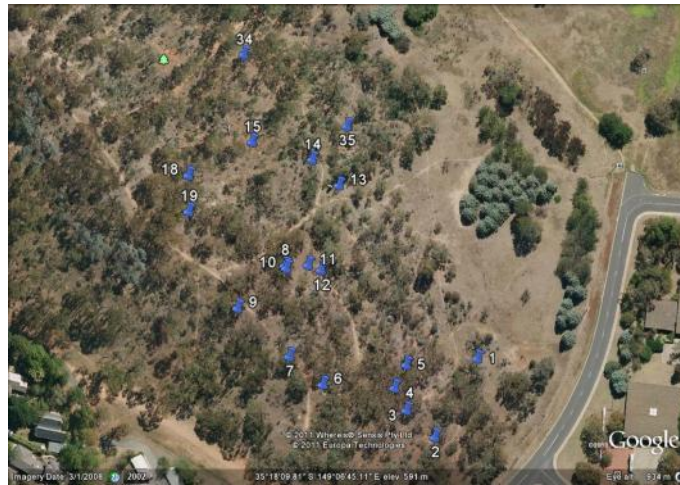


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Areas near the walking path showing regrowth of trees which are probably around 50 years or more old along with the old trees.



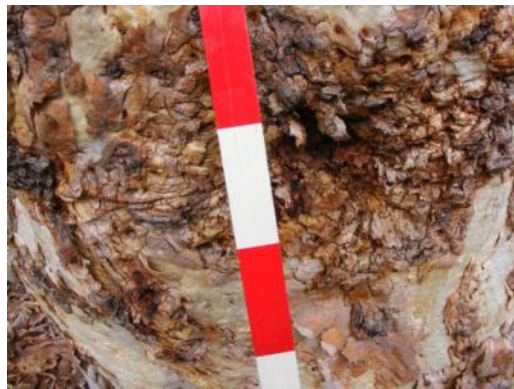
The bent tree top mid centre may be a 'boomerang tree'. There is another on the lower slope of the hill near the old cottages - these trees appear to have been deliberately bent over. John was told this was to provide material for boomerangs. Mr Bell told me that the protruding roots of some of the trees were also used for this purpose. The hollows in the trees are well used by the bird life in the park. The cleared area is the old horse paddock.





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Scarred tree above and details





No 22 - Aboriginal Scarred tree





Above black rock picked up by John and below the water pipe that crossed the hill. Track of the rail line are near this site, but not photographed because of the heavy leaf litter making it hard to refind.



No23 Stone Arrangement with Black & White rocks - parts of the arrangement are in the ant's nest - and other stone arrangements in the area.





No 24 - Aboriginal scarred tree with workbench scares on three protruding roots around base - near to the galvanized iron water pipe that crosses the ridge.





Above left the path and trees and right yellow daisies in bloom. Below: Another scarred tree water pipe in the background.



No 25 - Below is the possum tree with axed toe holds. Scribbly gum



Large piece of shale with interesting layers.

Below one of the stone arrangements just protruding through the leaf litter.



Stone arrangements protruding through leaf litter. A number of these have been examined before. Some of the stones have been moved and now sit on the leaf litter.





No 26 - Scribbly gum with stone circle around it.

No 28 - Scarred gum with Geo-cache stored in it. This tree has a number of scars.







Following are trees in the area of the marked one. Above right coppiced tree and below



Below branch of tree in ground and regrowing.





Above: This plant which has a purple flower is the one I best recall from my time in living at Westlake and my daily walks across the hills.



Above & below - Dump site **No 29**





This dump was used into the 1940s if not later. One bottle found (broken) on this site was a George Morton EW O'Sullivan key stone bottle. From the thickness of the glass and the general shape I believe it to have been part of the rubbish of the early 1920s camps if not earlier. It was probably a cod bottle broken for the marble stopper.





Above: worked glass tool and Cottles Bottle

Following is Dump 2 - No 30







Next photograph No 32



Remains of water tank and concrete that was formed into blocks in the metal tins still in situ.



Below: Button wrinklewort near the dump and on the right

No 34 - Below tall gum tree with metal rods - steel spikes inserted into the trunk. The tree has grown over a number of the rods.



No 35 The bent over tree is another 'boomerang tree' and one that I used to climb as a child.



Below: The tree in the background has a very big scar and was home to a bee colony. Because of the undergrowth near the tree it was too difficult to get any closer on this trip. On the other side of the tree is the remains of a drainage ditch dug across the hill above the site of the tents of No 3 sewer camp. It later marked the line of the fenced backyards of cottages 53-62.

