

No Sweat Diggings

This site is an excellent example of an alluvial sluicing site, where the main features - an open cut and tail race - are still in a relatively stable condition. The site has not been disturbed since mining ceased. Its condition suggests that mining occurred here in the beginning of the twentieth century.

The tail race, up to 2m deep and 1.5m wide with vertical sides leads into the south west corner of a substantial open cut. This would have been used to drain water from the open cut to the Goulburn River. The open cut itself is 10m wide by 15m deep and approximately 150m long with a few open adits cut into its vertical walls. The race that supplied water for washing the gold bearing material through the sluices, is located along the south side of the open cut.

There are three or four house sites near the western end of the open cut. These house sites are distinguished by piles of rubble stone, the remains of chimneys, and scatters of glass and pottery figures.¹



These photos depict how the sluicing and mining was done on gold workings in this area c. late 1800s to early 1900s

¹ The Historic Mining Sites Assessment Project 1999