

SHORT WALKS PROGRAM FOR 2021

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Second Wednesdays.

Start time for all walks: 10:15 am for 10:30 am start

Bring your own picnic lunch, water supply, and hand sanitiser, and wear appropriate footwear (not sandals).

Walks will be automatically cancelled if the 7pm weather forecast for the night before is for temperature of 30 degrees or above, or high winds.

Date	Location of walk	Leader
10 March	<p>Dandenong creek, Wantirna South</p> <p>This walk begins at Nortons Park, Wantirna South. Toilets are available at start of walk and at the lunch spot in Jell's Park. We will walk across the grassy area to the main track, then down a moderately steep section to the main track to Jell's park. We will walk around the Jell's Park Lake, have lunch on the lawn before returning along Dandenong Creek by the same route, except towards the end when we will avoid the steep track and instead wind through the forested area, then back to the carpark across the lawns. This walk is 8 km but flat and takes about 3 hours, not including the lunch stop.</p> <p>Getting there: Meet at Norton's Park, Wantirna South. Take the Monash Freeway, and exit left onto High St. Follow High St (which becomes High St Road) eastwards for 10 Km, then turn right onto Nortons Lane. After about 300 m turn right turn right into the car park. If the car park is full (unlikely) there is a second carpark about 100 m along Nortons Lane.</p> <p><i>Melway reference p72, A2.</i></p>	<p>Marg Deighton 0438 712 311 9818 4933 margdeighton@aapt.net.au</p>
14 April	<p>Maribryngong River, Footscray.</p> <p>This 8 km circuit walk follows the mainly flat and open banks of Melbourne's "second river", the Maribryngong. The track surface is mainly sealed. Features of this route are splendid views of the City, interesting modern housing which has replaced grimy industrial landscapes and plentiful bird life. Our track takes us through wetlands, parks and alongside Flemington Racecourse, while nearby a number of reminders of the area's industrial past have been preserved. Near our turn back point an impressive golden statue of the Heavenly Queen may be observed in the Chinese temple grounds.</p> <p>The walk will commence from Pipemakers Park off Van Ness Avenue. If coming from the east, one possible route follows Brunswick Road, which</p>	<p>Alison Talbot 0419 517 450 alisonatalbot7@gmail.com</p>

	<p>becomes Ormond Road, then Maribryngong Road. Proceeding westward, after crossing the Maribryngong River take a left-hand turn at the lights into Van Ness Avenue. At the roundabout take the first exit into Pipemakers Park and park in the first carpark on the right. Toilets are available at the start of this walk and elsewhere along our route.</p> <p><i>Melway reference: 28, B10</i></p>	
12 May	<p>Abbotsford, Studley Park, Kew -Yarra River circuit 8.5 Km</p> <p>Nice river walk. Bush paths and not much pavement. Views from high points. Slight uphill but mostly flat or downhill. Three river crossings. Lovely old wooden suspension bridge. Wear boots / good grip and stick if needed as first part may be a little bit slippery if it's been wet.</p> <p>Bring lunch. Coffee and food available at Studley Park Boathouse and at Abbotsford Convent precinct at the end.</p> <p>Toilets most likely at Boathouse (I'll do another recce in next few days). Other toilets were closed last time due to COVID. Plenty of Bush toilets!</p> <p>Start at Andrews Reserve beside Collins Bridge, Abbotsford. You can park on East side of Collins Bridge along Yarra Boulevard or West side near Large Salvos Op Shop/ Victoria crescent. There are a few parking spots right next to steps going down to river behind Salvos. We go along the Yarra on one side and come back the other via Dights Falls. Plenty of nice places to eat lunch</p> <p><i>Melway reference 2D, 11A</i></p>	<p>Moira Brown 0411 017 121 9898 6977</p>
9 June	<p>Kooyong, St Kevins, Burnley Gardens, Leonda</p> <p>Approx 8km walk starting at Kooyong Station. An exploration of local mostly green walk trails, flat, apart from one small climb to Heyington Station and then onto the Burnley Gardens. A mini tour of the gardens including a lunch break and a Yarra side walk back to Swan Street and Leonda. Some people may want to peel off here for easier transport home, otherwise we continue through Fairfield Park, Glenferrie Road and back to Kooyong Station. Lots of parking down by the side of Vision Australia or catch the No16 tram or train to Kooyong Station. Meet Kooyong Station near the level crossing gates.</p> <p><i>Melways Ref: 59 C3</i></p>	<p>Clare Carlson 0411 369 816 9882 0791</p>
14 July	<p>Willsmere-Chandler Park and Darebin Parklands</p> <p>An easy walk along the Yarra River and Darebin Creek. I'm estimating the walk and any diversions in</p>	<p>Shirley Wardell 0423 651 353 swardell34@icloud.com</p>

	<p>Willsmere-Chandler Park and Darebin Parklands to be a total of about 8k. The walk is very pleasant and I judged the return back along the outward route preferable to any alternatives I could find. Meet at Willsmere-Chandler Park entrance in Willow Street, East Kew (turn off Belford Road left into Wattle Road, and then left into Willow Grove, where there is parking). There are toilets in Willsmere and Darebin Parks.</p> <p>Melway ref. 45F1.</p>	
11 August	<p>Blackburn lake circuit</p> <p>An easy, approximately 6 km walk along one side of Gardiners Creek to Blackburn lake, where we will have lunch, and then back along the other side of the creek. A connecting street is also involved at one stage.</p> <p>Meet at Kalang Park, where there are only a few parking spaces, but otherwise you can park in nearby streets.</p> <p>Melway ref. 47 H12</p>	<p>Inge Hanke 0422 182 332 9890 5718 ingehanke@gmail.com</p>
8 September	<p>Royal Botanic Cranbourne and surrounds</p> <p>Details to be provided later 8K</p>	<p>Lily Adolphe 0405 435 480 9888 1435</p>
13 October	<p>Details to be provided later</p>	<p>Frank Devlin 0421 008 838</p>
10 November	<p>Seaholm Railway Station to Williamstown Beach Station</p> <p>Meet at Southern Cross Station at 9.15 to catch the 9.24 train to Seaholm (Werribee Line). <i>To be checked later in the year as timetables have changed.</i></p> <p>From Seaholm Station, we will follow the Bay West Trail, starting at Seaholm, passing Cherry Lake, crossing the Kororoit Creek, following the creek to its mouth, then along the bay to Williamstown beach, and on to Williamstown Beach train station. The walk is about 8 Km, easy flat walking.</p> <p>I plan to look for a suitable café near the station for our celebratory end-of-year lunch.</p>	<p>Marg Deighton 9818 4933 0438 712 311</p>