

**July 8<sup>th</sup>. Maribyrnong River, Footscray.**

This 8 km circuit walk follows the mainly flat and open banks of Melbourne's "second river", the Maribyrnong. 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.

**Getting there:**

The walk will commence from Pipemakers Park off Van Ness Avenue. If coming from the east, one possible route follows Brunswick Road, which becomes Ormond Road, then Maribyrnong Road. Proceeding westward, after crossing the Maribyrnong 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.

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