

Maribyrnong River / Essendon West - 8km Loop - Easy/Mod



Start/End: Bus #465 and #903—Prospect St Stop in Essendon West (See Map Guide for me details)

Walk Description: This walk starts in Essendon west and quickly jumps onto the well known and travelled trail called the Maribyrnong River Trail. This trail follows the river for approximately 30km so there is always the opportunity to travel further or shorter depending on your wants and desires. The 8km return walk outlined here is easy to get to by bus and quickly gets into a nice quiet section on the river. There are toilets along the way, places to fill up water and many nice locations to take a break.



1. Looking west along Buckley street towards the trail. This is the Prospect Bus stop.



2. Keep heading west past Lily St (Option to join the trail at the end of Lily Street)



3. Have a read of this sign for more clarity on the area.



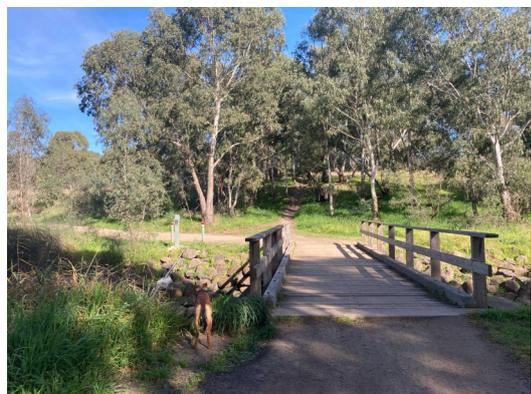
4. Here is the start of the trail. Follow it down the gentle slope.



5. You will come to this crossing in less than 100m, go straight on downhill.



6. The trail turns to gravel from here. Follow this SW down towards the creek.



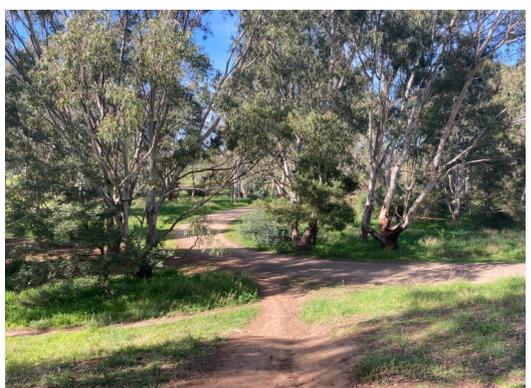
7. Cross the wooden footbridge across Steele Creek. The next track is just after on your left.



8. Take the small dirt trail on the left to take a more forested shortcut. (Can go straight too)



9. An enjoyable part of the trail. Keep left and look right for the main trail.



10. Join back onto the main trail that leads away from the creek to the Maribyrnong River.



11. 100m from the last spot, you come to the river and the main trail.



12. Follow the river up stream for about 800m until the next junction



13. Keep left and continue to follow the river.



14. Great reflections at this point.



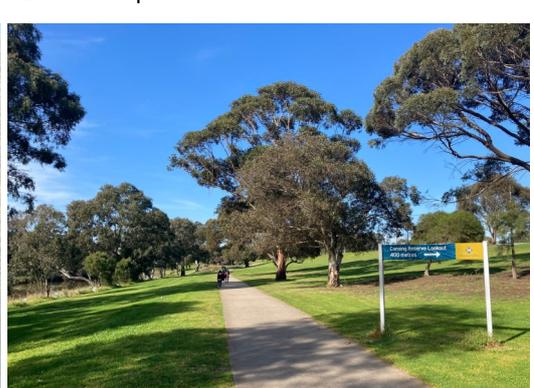
15. Walk up and around this obstacle.



16. Head back to the main river and enjoy this space known as Tea Gardens Reserve.



17. Just exiting the reserve, walking south alongside the river.



18. Walking SE into Canning's Reserve. Toilet blocks are ahead.



19. Great lunch spot, toilets to your right.



20. Keep following the river trail under the bridge.



21. Nice shady spot to rest. Follow the bend in the river.



22. Almost at the 4km mark near the foot bridge.



23. Looking west from the bridge. Best place to turn back unless you want to keep exploring.



24. Looking east on the bridge, enjoy the view then head back to the start of the walk



25. Looking NW in Canning's Reserve, follow the river back to where you begun.



26. Heading North, enjoying the flora!



27. Option to take the same shortcut to the right, or follow the main trail around back



28. Just after the bridge, the trail begins to climb back up.



29. Last bit of forest as you climb back to the road and bus stop.



30. Nice optional view looking back at where you came from. This view is found if you stay on the trail rather than joining the main road