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### Victoria Walks: maps to explore your world on foot

Welcome to Walking Maps by Victoria Walks. Here you will be able to create or discover a range of walking maps for different purposes. Whether you want to explore what is at your own doorstep, take a scenic stroll around Victoria's premier destinations or schedule a 30-minute walking meeting around your workplace, this site will excite and inspire you to explore Victoria on foot.

The website has been created for you by Victoria Walks-Victoria's walking health promotion charity. The organisation is working to get more people walking, every day. Victoria Walks wants to see vibrant, supportive and strong neighbourhoods and communities where people can and do choose to walk wherever possible. Visit [Victoria Walks](#) to find out more.

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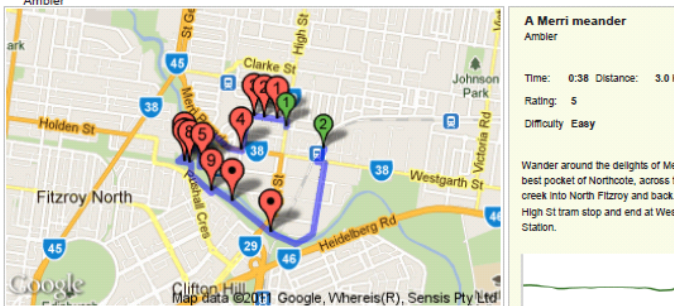


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#### A Merri meander

Ambler



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Time: 0:38 Distance: 3.0 K

Rating: 5

Difficulty: Easy

Wander around the delights of Merri's best pocket of Northcote, across the creek into North Fitzroy and back. High St tram stop and end at West Station.

#### Walk Type

Art and Culture



Park(s)/Garden(s)

Coast/River/Lake

Local Treasures

#### Walk Features

Dog off-leash area

Seating Available

Picnic Spot

Public Transport



Ovens 2 King Walking Group

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#### Description

Organised by Ovens and King Community Health Service. Meets every Tuesday at 10.30am. Corner of Ovens & Faithfull Streets (out the front of Ovens and King Community Health Service).

Social gathering after where you can receive 50c discount off a cup of coffee.

For further information, please contact Jane Harvey (03) 5723 2000.

Please note that during inclement weather, starting time may vary.



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#### Point(s) of Interest



#### Union St pavers

See up to 40 mosaic pavers made by local residents, many of them are set in wonderful nature strips of indigenous plants (some have a few pests like agapanthus).



#### The seahorse

The seahorse paver is a beauty!



#### Bird of Paradise mosaic

Bird of Paradise, there is one in a front yard too.



#### Crossing Westgarth St. Watch out for fast cars!

Cars coming racing around the blind corner from Merri Pde, so watch out! VicRoads puts the speed limit at 60 km/h which is absolutely ridiculous. When will they learn?



#### Dog off-leash area

This big off-leash area is a great walk even if you don't have a dog. You can even walk down to the creek or up along the train line watch out for trains if you have kids.



#### The mural

Love this mural but don't know much about it though.



#### Rushall community garden

Sometimes I sit on the hill among the indigenous grasses and trees and watch the gardeners.



#### Community garden mural

My kids love this wild looking vegetable!



#### Rushall station, no cycling!

Despite the no cycling signs, many cyclists illegally ride in the underpass. Some don't even bother to ring their bell (very inconsiderate!). Makes it hard for kids and elderly.



#### The shared path

They recently widened the path which is great. So many wonderful plants and animals, walkers and riders. It is always interesting, the light changes with the seasons and time of day.



#### The Merri Creek

The joy of the sound of running water. Sometimes I walk along here at night in winter, shut my eyes and think of the bush. A saw a snake here once.



## Promote your walking group

Want to promote your walking group or help inspire more people to get out and about on their own two feet? We've got just the thing for you.

### 1. What is *Walking Maps*?

*Walking Maps* is a new website designed to excite and inspire people to explore Victoria on foot. Each walk features a map route, photos and points of interest (including text and hyperlinks). Walks are visually appealing, rich in content and fully integrated into social media.

### 2. You can help Victorians get back on their feet

You can help inspire more people to get out for a wander. There are hidden gems and local treasures in every suburb and neighbourhood. You know them well - the beautiful front garden, the friendly local café, curious shop window... Next time you're out for a walk, take a camera and a notebook with you. Then upload your photos and descriptions directly onto the website.

### 3. Promote your walking group

When creating a walk, simply include your walking group's information in the 'Description' section (see Step 5). Useful things to include are:

- Name of walking group
- Meeting time and location
- Contact name and phone number / email
- Other information: cost if any, walking pace, duration of walk, coffee afterwards etc

### 4. Who's behind *Walking Maps*?

*Walking Maps* is created by Victoria Walks - Victoria's walking health promotion charity. Our mission is to get more people walking, every day. Victoria Walks is funded and supported by VicHealth.

[www.walkingmaps.com.au](http://www.walkingmaps.com.au)

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# walking maps

Maps to explore your world on foot

## Tips to create a fantastic walking map

### Walk the walk

- Take a camera, pen & notepad on your next walk.
- Draw a rough sketch of your route with key street names. If you're not sure of your route yet, sketch this after you've finished your journey.
- Look out for points of interest (eg. monument, garden, library, lake, cafe etc). Take photos of these and note their approximate location.
- Note amenities (eg. public toilets, drinking fountain, seats, playground etc).

### Tips

- Text fields have character limits - have a think about your text before you jump online.
- If you'd like to include a lot of text, use the description field (see step 5 overleaf).
- Name your photos so you can easily locate them when you're ready to upload them.
- Compress your photos to save loading time.
- Be ready to enter your information from start to finish as you cannot save and come back later.

**Find an easy to use template at [www.victoriawalks.org.au/walkingmaps](http://www.victoriawalks.org.au/walkingmaps)**

Questions? Comments? Contact us - [info@victoriawalks.org.au](mailto:info@victoriawalks.org.au); or (03) 9667 1326.

**1.** Register & Login

**2.** Create Route

**3.** Add Details & Walk Photos

**3. Zoom in and find your area on google maps**

Name of walk:

Time:  Distance:

Rating:  Select Level:

Summary:  Description:

**1.** Create Route

**2.** Add Points of Interest with Photos

**3.** Add Details & Walk Photos

**4. Create your walk route**

**5. Add name, rating, summary and description**

**6. Save & Next**

Route points added: 14 Max: 60

Start again

**1.** Create Route

**2.** Add Points of Interest with Photos

**3.** Add Details & Walk Photos

**7. Add points of interest & photos**

**8. Save & Add another Point of Interest**

**9. Save & Next**

Points of Interest added: 5

Start again

**1.** Create Route

**2.** Add Points of Interest with Photos

**3.** Add Details & Walk Photos

**10.** Walk Features

Show walks with:

- Public Transport
- Playground
- Picnic Spot
- Wheel Chair Friendly
- Drinking Water Available
- Seating Available
- Dog off-leash area
- Public toilets
- Staff Pick
- Pram friendly
- Special Event

Add Images to walk

- Add Picasa stream to walk
- Add Flickr stream to walk
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**11. Publish Walk**

Start again

**12. Share your walk on Facebook, Twitter and email!**