



Suitable for

Active Families	✓
Seniors & Strollers	✓
Pleasure Walkers	✓
Super Striders	✓
Circuit	✓
Seating	✓
Dogs Welcome	✓ (Includes off-lead area)
Trail Type	Natural Heritage



Walk Overview

This is a walk for those that are not used to walking, or who are elderly and want a gentle, easy trail that is simple to follow, beautiful to be on and offers plenty of interest. There is an extension walk to consider if this light and easy walk is not enough.

Time

1 hr – 1.5 hrs

Distance

3.8 kms plus extension walk: 5.4 kms

Difficulty

Easy / (longer) medium

Accessibility

Easy / (longer) unsuitable



Location

Start and finish at Jenkins Park, Shakespeare Drive, Templestowe.

Melway Reference

34 C7

Public Transport

Metlink: t 131 638

www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au

Ventura Buses: t 9488 2100

www.venturabus.com.au

Parking

Jenkins Park, Shakespeare Drive, Templestowe.

A Gentle Green Gully Green Gully to Jenkins Park Walk

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The walk begins at Jenkins Park, a small oval shaped reserve with a slight rise. The walk circles the little hillock then heads through an underpass into a narrow green belt to the first of two street crossings. The next section is past wetlands, with visiting wader-birds and the sounds of frogs into the final stage, which is a wide expanse of open park boasting lorikeets and the occasional galah. The walk then rises and falls to Warrandyte Road where you can collect your breath and return via the same route.

There is an extension walk that loops you through the neighbourhood.



Facilities

Playground, drinking fountain.

Hazards

Extension walk has a steep descent that may be slippery.



Be Prepared

There are no toilets. The nearest facilities available are at Beasley's Nursery or Currawong Bush Park

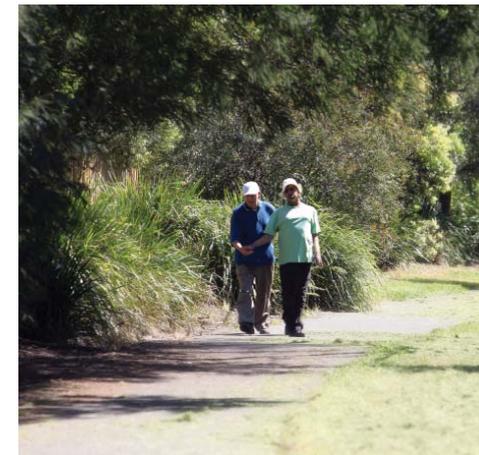
Sun protection recommended

Carry water.

Days of total fire ban

Check the fire risk warning before embarking on this walk:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au



Additional Walks

There are 20 walks in the series to choose from. If you liked this walk, you might like the ones listed below:

All Manna of Gums

Currawong Bush Park to Mullum Mullum Creek Walk

Fauna, Foals and Fruit

Mullum Mullum Creek to White's Orchard Walk.



Wheelchair Access

We have developed three walks specifically for wheelchairs. Look for **A Wheel Pleasure** pamphlet.

P Parking (incl. disabled parking)

 Public toilets

 Picnic area

 Drinking fountain

 Playground

Your walk begins at Jenkins Park. There is a playground here but no toilets, so be prepared. This is a 3.8 km return track that can be shortened depending upon your level of fitness. Simply turn around at any point and return. There are plenty of rest spots so take your time.

Head off to your right to circle the park.

1 The view from the small rise is worth stopping for. Much of Templestowe was cleared for farming or orchards. These practices exposed hillsides and reduced habitat for wildlife. It also provided wonderful views. Orchards were the mainstay of many Templestowe and Doncaster families. Nearby, Petty's Orchard (Homestead Road, open Fridays) and Aumann's Orchard (Harris Gully Road, open every day) offer you fruit from old established fruit trees all year round.

Continue along the track through the underpass under Blackburn Road.

2 There are several trees along this stretch that are a favourite with the Rainbow Lorikeets. Rainbow Lorikeets are noisy parrots with vibrantly coloured plumage. They chatter in small to extremely large groups all vying for native nectar, pollen and flowers that dominate their diet. You will see them in eucalypts, melaleucas and banksias in Green Gully and neighbouring streets—they can't be ignored! They are so attention grabbing that they were the first Australian parrot the early Europeans chose to illustrate in colour in 1774.

Cross Glendarragh Road.

3 This stretch of green can be muddy underfoot. This is associated with naturally occurring wetlands. To your left is a remnant vegetation zone that is connected to the gully's wetlands. There is a little tributary that flows over and under this land and keeps the area seasonally boggy. Wetlands are a critical part of our natural environment and quite common in gullies. They reduce the impact of floods, absorb pollutants and improve overall water quality. They also provide habitat for animals and plants. Here in Green Gully you might see water-birds including native ducks and herons.

4 There is a picnic shelter, drinking fountain and playground if you would like a break. Cross the bridge over the tributary. This is where you might hear the occasional frog, particularly in spring and summer.

At Porter Street cross through post and rail fencing that reminds us of the area's previous farming use.

5 Narrow green belts like these connect wildlife corridors throughout Melbourne. They provide avenues for possums, gliders, koalas, kangaroos and birds to pass without having to navigate overhead powerlines here or housing. Ironically these areas are often preserved because of powerlines. As electrical towers began to connect our suburbs, towns and cities, areas around these large intrusive objects were kept clear of urbanisation. This created kilometres of greenery, which now is being allowed to regenerate back to its native state.

Walk up and over the hill and through the small bushland. At the bottom of the path there is a bus stop if you need to catch your breath before the return.

6 Extension Walk

A loop that takes you through neighbourhood streets and parks to rejoin Green Gully at Porter Street.

This is a medium rated walk and unsuitable for strollers.

Please ensure that you use pedestrian crossings where they are offered.

From the end of your Green Gully walk, cross Templemore Drive and continue on the footpath along Warrandyte Road. Cross Blackburn Road at the designated pedestrian crossing and turn right, then left into Fernlea Crescent (7).

You are looking for an opening to Prowse Reserve (8). It is just before Anderson Creek Road. Turn right and take the little bush track to a wide grassy reserve and turn right. It is now an uphill walk, but with good views from the top.

Take care in crossing Blackburn Road—there are no pedestrian crossings at hand. Walk down Porter Street to Green Gully where you turn left (9) and retrace your steps back to Jenkins Park.

This finishes your walk. Time to relax and plan your next adventure.

